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### UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944

John Freeston (c. 1512–95) of Altofts, Yorkshire, is not known to have been educated at either Oxford or Cambridge, but he was admitted to Grays Inn in 1544. He came to make a lucrative living from property deals, purchasing several lands which came on the market following the dissolution of the monasteries and chantries. He also leased several estates from the Crown, as well as the rights to collect certain taxes and dues. In addition, he evidently lent money. Freeston, however, was possessed of a litigious disposition, and the papers bear witness to some of the disputes he which engendered during this lifetime.

Although Freeston himself had no direct links with University College, he had an indirect one through his cousin John Browne, who was a Fellow there from 1575–1612. Browne, who had already persuaded his uncle Thomas Browne to make a benefaction his College in 1586 (see **UC:E9**), then turned his attentions to his cousin, and successfully persuaded Freeston to remember the College in his will.

As laid out in his last will, drawn up in 1594 shortly before his death, Freeston left various properties in and around Pontefract to University College, but with very precise conditions attached. The College would indeed benefit from the will: Freeston specified that income from his estate should endow a Fellowship and two Scholarships at University College, and he also left money to buy out the lease on the property immediately to the west of the College. However, he also stipulated that the College should use other income from the estate to support various charitable causes in Yorkshire, including building an almshouse in Kirkthorpe and a school in Normanton, and then paying for the support of the almsmen of the former and the Master and Usher of the latter. He also left money to endow a Fellowship and two Scholarships at Emmanuel College Cambridge, although in this case the endowment eventually went to Sidney Sussex College instead.

Unfortunately, but perhaps inevitably, on Freeston's death early in 1595, John Browne found himself engaged in a major dispute with Freeston's family, especially William Freeston, John's brother, in order to win ownership of the property bequeathed to the College. The matter was complicated by the fact that, shortly before his death, Freeston had married one of his servants. Not long after being widowed, Margery Freeston promptly remarried, but her husband, Brian Stapleton, was rumoured to be something of a wastrel, and there were anxieties that he would effectively blow his wife's share of the inheritance. For a while, therefore, there was a three-cornered dispute, with Browne, Margery Stapleton, and the Freeston family, allying with each other at different times in different ways.

Even without such distractions, Freeston's affairs were left in a complicated state. As well as trying to retain his cousin's freehold estates, Browne found himself having to spend time and money renewing some of Freeston's leasehold estates, to help finance his legal costs. Worn out by his efforts, John Browne died in 1613, apparently much in debt (T. D. Whitaker (ed.), *The Life and Original Correspondence of Sir George Radcliffe* (London, 1810), p. 61, and also **UC:E12/1/D8/50**), but not long after his death, the College eventually achieved a

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settlement was reached with Freeston's family, and could begin to administer the land in accordance with their benefactor's wishes.

As matters finally settled, the College was given property in Pontefract itself, but also in the neighbouring towns and villages of Kirk Fenton (later Church Fenton), South Milford, Ferrybridge, Carcroft and Owston, Ackton in Featherstone, Water Fryston, and Darrington.

As far as University College was concerned, there was one substantial modification in Freeston's will: the income from his estate was not large enough to support a Fellow and two Scholars, so that instead it was used to support three Scholars, of whom one, who received a larger stipend, was the Freeston Major Scholar and the others the Freeston Minor Scholars. In accordance with Freeston's wishes, the Freeston Scholars were to be selected from the free schools at Normanton and Wakefield, or, failing that, from the free schools at Pontefract or Swillington.

University College continued to manage the estate over the next three centuries. In the 1870s and 1880s it engaged in a major project of rebuilding some of the urban properties in Pontefract itself, which had fallen into severe decay.

After the First World War, the College decided to sell most of its historical estates, including the Freeston lands. By 1921, therefore, the College owned no more land in this part of Yorkshire (although they did retain some coal mining rights for some years). The Freeston Trust, however, still continues to this day, albeit in a modified form.

All these papers were found in the archives during the stocktaking of 1993, with the exception of **UC:E12/2/N1/1–2** (part of Accession No. 275; transferred in 2001), and **UC:E12/2/M3/8** (part of Accession No. 378, transferred in 2002). In the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, William Smith (Fellow of University College 1675–1705) catalogued all the archives then existing. In some cases the documents he listed are now either damaged or else completely missing, so his transcripts and summaries provide the best or even only evidence for their contents.

The papers relating to the Freeston estate are divided into the following sections:

**UC:E12/1:** Documents about the Freeston properties before and during their transfer to University College

**UC:E12/1/D1** - Medieval Deeds about Pontefract, 1389–1416

**UC:E12/1/D2** - Deeds about the Trinities, also known as Knowles Almshouses, 1576–90

**UC:E12/1/D3** - Deeds about the George at Ferrybridge, 1520–82

**UC:E12/1/D4** - Deeds about a property at Fryston, 1582

**UC:E12/1/D5** - Deeds about lands at Carcroft and Ouston, 1343–1583

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- UC:E12/1/D6** - Papers on land held by the Freestons in Suffolk, 1541–94
- UC:E12/1/D7** - Papers on property in Uttoxeter and Derbyshire, 1576–1613
- UC:E12/1/D8** - Papers, mainly on the Manor of Lound and property in Lancashire, 1575–1615
- UC:E12/1/D9** - Deeds on miscellaneous properties and rights leased to John Freeston, which did not come to University College 1573–90
- UC:E12/1/L1** - John Freeston's Litigations about the Trinities, 1570s–1580s
- UC:E12/1/L2** - The Earl of Shrewsbury's Bonds, 1578–1608
- UC:E12/1/L3** - Papers on a dispute over money supposedly owed by Freeston to Richard Ryther and Richard Tempest, 1582–1607
- UC:E12/1/L4** - Papers on Freeston's Activities as Farmer of the Green Wax of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1571–1606
- UC:E12/1/W1** - Documents concerning Freeston's Will and the Creation of his Trust 1590–4
- UC:E12/1/D10** - Deeds creating Trustees on the Freeston Estate to help convey it to University College, 1595–1612
- UC:E12/1/L5** - Papers concerning University College's Disputes with Freeston's Widow and his Family, 1595–1617
- UC:E12/1/D11** - Deeds concerning University College's dealings with Margery Freeston and Brian Stapleton, 1600–1
- UC:E12/1/L6** - Papers in Chancery concerning John Browne's Disputes with Freeston's Family, 1611–13
- UC:E12/1/L7** - Papers on a Dispute with William Freston for recovering the Trinities, 1617–22
- UC:E12/1/L8** - Bill in Royal Exchequer concerning the Trinities, with copies of earlier documents, 1630
- UC:E12/1/MS1** - Miscellaneous notes and papers, 1602–5
- UC:E12/1/F1** - John Browne's miscellaneous accounts, 1595–1610
- UC:E12/2** - Documents about the Freeston properties as managed by University College
  - UC:E12/2/D1** - Houses in the Trinities, Pontefract, 1606–1802
  - UC:E12/2/D2** - A property in Neet or Naute Market (now Beastfair), 1631–1771
  - UC:E12/2/D3** - House in New Market Street, 1652–1837
  - UC:E12/2/D4** - A House in Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1627–1757
  - UC:E12/2/D5** - House in Micklegate Street, 1659–1739
  - UC:E12/2/D6** - House by Bonegate, Pontefract, 1631–1739
  - UC:E12/2/D7** - House in Micklegate, Pontefract, 1632–1771
  - UC:E12/2/D8** - House on south of Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1631–1756
  - UC:E12/2/D9** - House on north of Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1631–52
  - UC:E12/2/D10** - House in Micklegate Street, Pontefract, 1660–1756
  - UC:E12/2/D11** - House in Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1631–1770
  - UC:E12/2/D12** - House in Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1674–1704
  - UC:E12/2/D13** - House in Shoemarket Street, Pontefract, 1660–1896

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- UC:E12/2/D14 - House in the Leather Market, Pontefract, 1609
- UC:E12/2/D15 - House in Baxtergate, Pontefract, 1663–1921
- UC:E12/2/D16 - House in Bitchill, Pontefract, 1674–1704
- UC:E12/2/D17 - Two cottages in Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1674
- UC:E12/2/D18 - House in Neet Market or Naute Market, Pontefract, 1631–1801
- UC:E12/2/D19 - House in Naut Market, 1704–1776
- UC:E12/2/D20 - Land at Northgate Croft, 1739
- UC:E12/2/D21 - A House and land in and around Pontefract, 1738–1777
- UC:E12/2/D22 - The Dolphin Inn, 1791–1897
- UC:E12/2/D23 - Four Houses in Northgate Street, Pontefract, 1791–1808
- UC:E12/2/D24 - The Remainder of the Trinities, 1825–1921
- UC:E12/2/D25 - House in Pipemakers Garth and Surrounding Properties, 1792–1861
- UC:E12/2/D26 - The National School, Pontefract, 1829–1896
- UC:E12/2/D27 - Property in Beast Fair and Newgate, 1792–3
- UC:E12/2/D28 - Cottages in Newgate, 1808–1821
- UC:E12/2/D29 - House in Beast Fair (or Naut Market), 1808–1819
- UC:E12/2/D30 - The Crown and Anchor Inn, 1808–1921
- UC:E12/2/D31 - Houses in Crown and Anchor Yard, 1822–1921
- UC:E12/2/D32 - House on the West side of Beast Fair, 1808–1905
- UC:E12/2/D33 - A second House on the West side of Beast Fair, 1808–1852
- UC:E12/2/D34 - Property between the Market Place and the Back Lane, Pontefract, 1792–1871
- UC:E12/2/D35 - Houses on the Corner of Gillygate, 1801–1912
- UC:E12/2/D36 - Houses at the Corner of Finkle Street, 1809–1921
- UC:E12/2/D37 - Various Properties in Beast Fair, 1871–1921
- UC:E12/2/D38 - Properties in Northgate, 1878–1921
- UC:E12/2/D39 - The “Black Boy Inn”, Market Place, Pontefract 1897–1921
- UC:E12/2/D40 - Miscellaneous lands in Pontefract, 1903–1921
- UC:E12/2/D41 - Property at Kirk Fenton (later Church Fenton), 1652–1921
- UC:E12/2/D42 - Property in South Milford, 1632–1921
- UC:E12/2/D43 - Property once called the George Inn, Ferrybridge, 1598–1921
- UC:E12/2/D44 - Lands in Carcroft and Owston, 1629–1921
- UC:E12/2/D45 - Property in Ackton in Featherstone, 1651–1740
- UC:E12/2/D46 - Land in Water Fryston, 1598–1704
- UC:E12/2/D47 - Land at Darrington and Ferrybridge, 1705–1740
- UC:E12/2/D48 - Grove Farm and Trinity Farm, Pontefract, 1898
- UC:E12/2/D49 - Miscellaneous lands around Pontefract, 1910–1921
- UC:E12/2/D50 - Lease of mining rights, 1901–1944
- UC:E12/2/E1 - Surveys, Terriers and Valuations of the Freeston Estates, 1674–1882
- UC:E12/2/E2 - Notices to Quit, 1876–7
- UC:E12/2/F1 - Rentals of the Freeston Estates, 1599–1891
- UC:E12/2/F2 - Acquittances on the Freeston Estates, 1595–1660

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- UC:E12/2/F3** - Miscellaneous Bills and Receipts, 1799–1831
- UC:E12/2/F4** - Bills for Repairs to the Freeston Estates, 1877–1897
- UC:E12/2/F5** - Cash Account Book, 1879–1883
- UC:E12/2/C1** - Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1597–1705
- UC:E12/2/C2** - Miscellaneous Correspondence, c. 1730–1868
- UC:E12/2/C3** - Charles Faulkner's Correspondence on the Freeston Estates, 1874–1888
- UC:E12/2/C4** - A. B. Poynton's Correspondence on the Freeston Estates, 1909–1921
- UC:E12/2/L1** - Petition
- UC:E12/2/MS1** - Papers on Enclosure Awards in and around Pontefract
- UC:E12/2/MS2** - Notes on the Administration of the Freeston Estates
- UC:E12/2/N1** - Printed Reports
- UC:E12/2/X1** - Printed Ephemera
- UC:E12/2/AD1** - Architectural Drawings of Properties in the Freeston Estate
- UC:E12/2/M1** - Maps of College Lands and Properties in and around Pontefract
- UC:E12/2/M2** - Maps and Plans concerning Land to be sold off to the Railways
- UC:E12/2/M3** - Maps and Plans concerning Proposals for the Sale or Exchange of Lands
- UC:E12/2/N2** - Sales Catalogues relating to the Sale of the Freeston Estate
- UC:E12/3:** Documents about the administration of the trusts supported by the Freeston estate
  - UC:E12/3/MS1** - Papers concerning Normanton School, 1594–1681
  - UC:E12/3/MS2** - Notes and Papers on Normanton School, 1841–c. 1930
  - UC:E12/3/C1** - Correspondence on Payments made to Kirkthorpe Hospital, 1694–1702
  - UC:E12/3/C2** - General Correspondence on the Freeston Charities, 1731–1887
  - UC:E12/3/C3** - Correspondence with the Charity Commission, 1855–1929
  - UC:E12/3/L1** - Papers about a Lawsuit at Kirkthorpe, 1829–1834
  - UC:E12/3/N1** - Copies of and Extracts from John Freeston's will
  - UC:E12/3/F1** - Freeston Trust Estate Rental and Account Books, 1892–1942
  - UC:E12/3/F2** - Freeston Trust Bank Account Book, 1890–1915
  - UC:FA12/3/F3** - Miscellaneous Bills, 1886–9

#### *A note on spelling*

John Freeston's name is spelled in many different ways in the following papers, including Friston, Fryston, Freiston and Freston (the most common variant). "Freeston", however, is the spelling most commonly used today, and will generally be adopted. The catalogue, however, tries to reproduce the spelling found in each document.

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#### UC:E12/1: DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE FREESTON PROPERTIES BEFORE AND DURING THEIR TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

This section of the catalogue contains material about the history of the Freeston properties before and when John Freeston acquired them. There are also several papers relating to Freeston's financial and legal dealings in general, which somehow came to the College with the estate papers. Finally, there are many papers relating to University College's struggles, after Freeston's death, to win ownership of the properties. Until his death in 1613, the College's cause was led by John Browne (Fellow 1575–1612), and many of the documents here were written to or by him.

#### UC:E12/1/D1 - MEDIEVAL DEEDS ABOUT PONTEFRACT, 1389–1416

**UC:E12/1/D1/1–3** have been tied together. In spite of their age, and the fact that they bear annotations in William Smith's hand, he seems not to have listed them. They bear no Pyx numbers, and they are not mentioned in his catalogue. It is also not possible readily to identify them with the properties given to University College by John Freeston.

#### UC:E12/1/D1/1

4 Apr 12 Rich II (1389)

Grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Thomas Staynton of Wollay.  
(b) Elizabeth, wife of 1a.
2. (a) John Woderone.  
(b) John Bradelay of Crofton.  
(c) John Smyall, Chaplain.

**Property:** 3 messuages, and 4 acres and 3 roods of land in Pontefract, of which messuages lie in the Great Street (*in magno vico*) of the same town, between a messuage of Thomas Whytbekeman to the west and a messuage once of John Haleday to the east, another lies in the same street between a messuage once of Hugh Shapwynd to the east and a messuage occupied by John Lift to the west, and a third in the south street (*in vico austral'*) of the same town called Le Tentyerde [?], situated between a messuage once of John Scrynene to the west and a certain lane to the east; and of the 4 acres and 3 roods, 3 acres of land lie in the field of Pontefract near St. Thomas's Hill, of which 2 acres and 3 roods lie between land of the house of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist to the west, and land once of John of Knottynghay to the east, and 1 rood lies there next to a certain

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pathway between land once of the said John of Knottynghlay to one side and land of John de Skowruk [?] to the other, and one acre and 3 roods lie in Le Flatt atte Whikdike; also a rent of 12 a year to be taken from a messuage in Pontefract lying in the great street there between a messuage once of John Horne to the west and a messuage of Thomas Whitbekeman to the east, at the hands of Adam Power and Joan his wife and their heirs.

**Consideration:** None mentioned.

**Comments:** 1 grant all the above property to 2. Given at Pontefract.

Some of the ink on this deed has faded so that some words are hard to read.

**Witnesses:** [illegible] of Pontefract, William Wakefield of the same, Adam Holinman [?] of the same, Robert Poter of the same, Nicholas [illegible] of the same, and unnamed others.

**Language:** Latin.

**UC:E12/1/D1/2**

**22 Apr 19 Ric II (1396)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. William de Medeley of Pontefract, Skynner,
2. John de Bradley of Crofton.

**Property:** One rood of arable land situated the field of Pontefract between land of 2 to either side and abutting to the north on the Royal Way leading to Feribrige, and on the way leading to Burghbrige to the south, which rood was once held by the gift of Joan de Knottinghlay, widow.

**Consideration:** None mentioned.

**Comments:** 1 gives the above land to 2. Given at Pontefract. The bottom left hand corner of this deed is missing, and some text therefore lost.

**Witnesses:** William Wakefield and Robert Marbery, then bailiffs of Ponterfract, John Chambirlayn, John [lost], Geoffrey Barker, William Costnight, John Soweale, and unnamed others.

**Language:** Latin.

**UC:E12/1/D1/3**

**16 Jan 1415/6**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. John Flemmyng of Crofton.
2. (a) John [name lost on deed; Smith on the back read "Yngland" here]

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(b) Marion, Wife of 2a.

**Property:** A tenement lying in Mekilgate in Pontefract, situated between the land of [name lost] of Pontefract, chaplain, to the west, and land once of Thomas Whitbow to the east.

**Consideration:** A rent of 12s a year.

**Comments:** 1 grants the above land to 2. Given at Pontefract. About one-fifth of the deed, including all the left-hand edge, has been eaten away, presumably by rodents, since Smith examined it.

**Witnesses:** [name lost] of Pontefract, John Halway of the same, Henry Baillis of the same, Nicholas Bales of the same, John Balue [the other names are lost].

**Language:** Latin.

**UC:E12/1/D2 - DEEDS ABOUT THE TRINITIES, ALSO KNOWN AS KNOWLES ALMSHOUSES, 1576–90**

**UC:E12/1/D2/1**

**4 Jun 1576**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Queen Elizabeth I of England.
2. John Freston, gent.

**Property:** (A) Various tenements, formerly of the College called Knowles Almshouse in Pountfret, Yorks., namely:

(i) One tenement in le Market Place then or formerly held by James Berdsey.

(ii) One close called Longeclose and 3 acres of meadow in Pottwells held by James Berdsey.

(iii) One tenement and one acre of land in Bennettings then or formerly held by Thomas Difforth.

(iv) Two tenements in Pountfret, then or formerly held by Ralph Smith and Walter Brigge.

(v) One tenement in the same place, one close of 7 acres, and 1 acre of meadow then or formerly held by William Holdguild.

(vi) One barn near le Quarrel in the same place, then or recently held by William Holdguild.

(vi) Two tenements in the same place then or recently held by the wife of [blank] Loveday and William Jackson.

(vii) One tenement in Northstreate with one close in the same place, then or formerly held by Thomas Cowper.

(viii) "Various" (*diversa*) tenements in separate tenures of various men, namely:

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- (1) One tenement in Baxter gate then or formerly held by Thomas Barneby.
- (2) Another tenement with a close near Percy street (? - *venella p-ci*) in the same place then or formerly held by John Rawlin.
- (3) Another tenement with 1 acre of land in Pottwells aforesaid [*sic*] then or formerly held by Robert Forrest.
- (ix) Another tenement [*sic*] in separate tenures, namely:
  - (1) Two tenements in Northstreat then or formerly held by John Gascoigne.
  - (2) Another tenement in the same place then or formerly held by John Penning.
  - (3) Another tenement in the same place then or formerly held by Robert Turner.
  - (4) Another tenement in the same place then or formerly held by John Spayvold.
- (x) 3 acres of meadow in Pottwells aforesaid then or formerly held by William Adamson.
- (xi) One tenement then or recently held by the wife of Prince.
- (xii) 40 acres of land lying in the fields of Ferrybridge then or formerly held by William Gaier.
- (xiii) One barn in le Northstreete then or formerly held by John Oldfeild.
- (xiv) One orchard (*pomerium*) in the same place then or formerly held by John Oldfeild.
- (xv) Certain lands in the western fields in the same place then or formerly held by Alan Aire.
- (xvi) 1 acre of land then or formerly held by [blank] Hamerton, gent.
- (xvii) One barn in the same place then or formerly held by Edward Graves.
- (xviii) One temement at Bythhill then or formerly held by John Grenewood.
- (xix) One close called Govelyes then or formerly held by Richard Ellys.
- (xx) One temement in Mickelgate then or formerly held by Robert Spencer.
- (xxi) One tenement in the same place then or formerly held by John Houghton.
- (xxii) One shop in the same place then or formerly held by William Willson.

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- (xxiii) One tenement in the same place then or formerly held by Alice Nunnes.
- (xxiv) One free rent of 5s paid by William Grene aforesaid [*sic*].
- (xxv) A chamber (*cubiculum*) near the Hospital of St. Nicholas in the same place then or formerly held by the wife of Bunney.
- (xxvi) 3 and a half acres of land then or formerly held by William Norton.
- (xxvi) One piece of land called Brakhillflate then or formerly held by Robert Foxley.
- (xxvii) One tenement at Bondegate in the same place then or formerly held by George Spofford.
- (xxviii) One close near Hedgewood then or formerly held by William Jackson.
- (xxix) One chamber (*cubiculum*), one shop, and one tenement near the gate of the said College then or formerly held by Richard Weston, clerk.
- (xxx) One tenement then or formerly held by Henry Soweresbie.
- (xxxi) One tenement then or formerly held by [blank] Taylor.
- (xxxii) One tenement then or formerly held by the wife of [blank] Marshall.
- (xxxiii) One inn (*taberna*) in the same place then or formerly held by John Dixson.
- (xxxiv) One tenement then or formerly held by William Jackson.
- (xxxv) One tenement then or formerly held by [blank] Skelton.
- (xxxvi) One tenement then or formerly held by Henry Gibson.
- (xxxvii) One barn then or formerly held by John Brereclif.
- (xxxix) Certain arable lands in the fields of Freiston then or formerly held by Thomas Kyllingbeck.
- (xl) One piece of land called Fullfurthflat then or formerly held by Thomas Frost, gent.
- (xli) One tenement in Fenton then or formerly held by William Thorpp.
- (xlii) One tenement with appurtenances in Southmilford then or formerly held by Thomas Sikes.
- (xlili) One orchard in le Northgate in Pountfret then or formerly held by George Fenton.
- (xliv) One acre of meadow in Benettinge then or formerly held by John Walton.

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(xiv) One close of woodland called Hedgwood containing five acres then or formerly held by the Master and Fellows of the College aforesaid.

(xvli) One acre of meadow then or formerly held by Robert Turner.

Under the Chantries Act all these lands had passed to the hands of 1.

(B) The site of the former College called Trinity College or Knollys Almeshouse in Pountfret, Yorks.

**Consideration:** £28 a year.

**Comments:** By a deed of 7 Dec 4 Eliz I (1561), 1 leased the above properties in section (A) to Anthony Wakefield for 21 years for a rent of £21 18s 6d. Then by another deed of 20 Feb 2 Eliz I (1560), 1 had leased the properties in section (B) to Wakefield for 21 years for a rent of 20s. 2 now has possession of these lands. 2 now surrenders all these lands to 1, who grants him a fresh lease.

**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D2/2****30 Jan 25 Eliz I (1582/3)**

Bargain and Sale

**Parties:**

1. (a) Robert Freake of Iwerne Courtney, Dorset, Gent.  
(b) Robert Pryme of London, gent.  
(c) Edmund Frost of London, Gent.  
(d) John Walker of London, Scrivener.
2. John Brograve, esq., Attorney General of the Duchy of Lancaster.

**Property:** Lands called Hodgewoode containing 5 acres in Darrington, Yorks., now or lately occupied by Robert Constrable, gent., and once belonging to the College of the hollie Trinitie in Pountfret, Yorks., with woodlands attached.

**Consideration:** An unspecified some from 2 to 1 (a)–(d) and 2s a year from 2 to the Queen.

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

**UC:E12/1/D2/3****19 Feb 25 Eliz 1 (1582/3)**

Bargain and Sale.

**Parties:**

1. John Brograve (as in **UC:E12/1/D2/3** above).
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.

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**Property:** The wood called Hodgewood in Daryngton, Yorks., once belonging to the College of the holie Trynitie in Pounfrette, Yorks., and now occupied by 2.

**Consideration:** £50 from 2 to 1, and 2s a year from 2 to the Queen.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 1 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/D2/4****21 Feb 25 Eliz I (1582/3)**

Appointment of attornies

**Parties and Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D2/5** above.

**Comments:** 1 appoints John Dover and Richard Watkyn as his attorneys to grant seisin of the property to 2.

**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D2/5****18 Mar 30 Eliz I (1587/8)**

Copy of Grant

**Parties:**

1. Queen Elizabeth I.
2. (a) Edmund Downynge, gent.  
(b) Miles Dodding, gent.

**Property:** The chantry called Knowles Almeshouse or Trinity College in Pontefract, Yorks; the chantry or free chapel of St. Clement's within the castle of Pontefract; and all lands pertaining to the same places, all of which were leased to John Freston.

**Consideration:** An annual rent of £27 16s 6d.

**Comments:** 1 gives 2 the above property. At the end of the deed are signatures, including one from a Richard Freston, that this copy has been compared against the original.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 1 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/1/D2/6****13 May 30 Eliz I (1588)**

Copy of a Bargain and Sale

**Parties:**

1. (a) Edmund Downyng.  
(b) Miles Dodding, both of London, gents.
2. (a) Humphrey Mildmaye of Danbury, Essex, Esq.  
(b) Thomas Crompton of London, Esq.

**Property:** A Chantry called Thomas Banisters Chantry in the chapel of Rufford in the parish of Crofton, Lancs., a Chantry

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once founded in the Chapel of Bekenshawe in the parish of Crofton, Lancs., and all properties and lands attached; all services [? - *tota servicia*] to St. Katherine in Wragby, Yorks., with all properties and lands attached; a Chantry or College called Knowlesalmeshouse or Trinitie Colledge in Pontefract, Yorks., with chapel attached.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum of money plus annual rents of 4s 8d to the Crown (on Thomas Banisters Chantry), and 42s for the incumbent of the Chapel of Rufford, 6s 1d to the Crown (for the Chantry of Bekenshawe) and 56s 8d for the incumbent at Bekenshawe, £3 13s 4s to the Crown (for the services [?] to St. Katherine), £27 16s 6d to the Crown (for Knowles Almshouses), £20 to the Crown (for the Chantry of St. Clements in the Castle at Pontefract)

**Comments:** 1 sells the above land to 2.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 1 no. 2b]

**UC:E12/1/D2/7****15 Nov 1588**

Articles of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. John Freston of Altoftes, Yorks., Esq.
2. (a) Charles Jackson of Snithell, Yorks., Gent.  
(b) Edward Younge of London, Gent., on behalf of Humfry Mildmay and Thomas Crompton, Esq.

**Property:** Those lands in Yorkshire which belonged to the College called Knowles Almshouse in Pountfract, with some specified exceptions.

**Comments:** 2 have sold the above land for £532, of which £32 was paid to 2 to the use of Humfry Mildmay, in return for which Mildmay and Crompton confirm 1 in his ownership. 1 is to pay Mildmay and Crompton £500 in instalments of £200, £100 and £200 between now and 28 Nov 1589.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 1 no. 8a]

**UC:E12/1/D2/8****5 Jan 31 Eliz I (1588/9)**

Acknowledgment by Charles Jackson of Snithall, Yorks., Gent., that he has been paid £32 by John Freston.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 1 no. 8b]

**UC:E12/1/D2/9****25 Feb 31 Eliz I (1588/9)**

Deed of Recognition

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**Parties:**

1. (a) Richard Freston of Mendham, Norfolk., Esq.  
(b) Edward Heron of Stamforde., Lincs., Esq.  
(c) Charles Jackson of Snythchelle, Yorks., Gent.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** The former Chantry or College called Knowlesalmeshouse or Trynitie Colledge in Pontefract, Yorks.

**Comments:** The above property on 21 Feb 1588/9 had been granted to 1 by Humfrey Myldmay of Danbury, Essex., Esq., and Thomas Crompton of London, esq., to the use of 2 during his lifetime, and then to the use of Margery Shepparde of Altofts, during her life, and then to the use of 1. Now it is explained that that 1 are only to hold the property on condition that it shall fund such schools and almshouses in Warmefield, Yorks., as 2 directs.

There are two notes on the dorse that this deed was exhibited at two lawsuits in 1619 and 1619/20

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

**UC:E12/1/D2/10****4 May 31 Eliz I (1589)**

Bargain and Sale

**Parties:**

1. (a) Humfrey Myldmaye of Danbury, Essex., Esq.  
(b) Thomas Crompton of London, Esq.
2. John Freston of Altoftes, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** Closes or lands known as Greanes Leases or Grenes Leays and Fulforthflat or Fulforth Closes, now occupied by 2 at an annual rent of 53. 4d, and which were part of Knowles Almshouses.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum of money, and an annual rent of 3s 4d to the Crown.

**Comments:**

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 1 no. 8c]

**UC:E12/1/D2/11****7 Mar 32 Eliz I (1589/90)**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. (a) Edward Heron of Stamford, Lincs., Esq.  
(b) Richard Freston of Mendham, Norfolk, Esq.  
(c) Charles Jackson of Snythall, Yorks.
2. (a) John Freston of Altoftes, Yorks., Esq.  
(b) John Savile of Pomfret, Yorks., Gent.

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(c) Lyonell Naylor, Schoolmaster of Pomfret.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D2/7** above.

**Comments:** 1 grant the above property 2 to the use of 2a during his lifetime, and then to the use of Margery Shepard of Altofts, for her life, and then to the use of 2b, Robert Waterhouse of York., esq., 2c, Richard Gargrave, gent., son of Sir Cotton Gargrave, kt., decd., John Thimbleby of Snythall, gent., Edward Mawde, Clerk, Henry Farnell and Richard Thwaites, Alderman of Pomfret. These eight are to use the money from this estate for purposes as specified by 2a in a separate schedule.

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

**UC:E12/1/D2/12****7 Mar 32 Eliz I (1589/90)**

Copy of a Grant of Lands upon Trust.

**Parties:**

1. (a) Edward Heron of Stamford, Lincs., Esq.  
(b) Richard Freiston of Mendham, Norfolk, Esq.  
(c) Charles Jackson of Snythall, Yorks., gent.
2. (a) John Freiston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.  
(b) John Savile of Pontfract, Yorks., gent.  
(c) Lionell Naylor, Scholemaster of Pontfract.

**Property:** The chantry or late college called Knowles Almshouse alias Trinity College, with all lands attached in Pontfract, Yorks.

**Comments:** 1 are trustees of 2a, and now pass on the above properties to 2b and 2c to hold during 2a's lifetime. After his death the land is to go to the use of Margery Shepard of Altofts for life, and then to certain (named) trustees, to spend the income from the estate on such purposes as 2a has set down in another document.

This copy has been extensively annotated, partly in John Browne's hand, partly in other people's hand.

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

**UC:E12/1/D2/13****7 Mar 32 Eliz I (1589/90)**

Another copy of the same document.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 6 no. 7b]

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Lease for 20 Years

**Parties:**

1. Christopher Risshworth, Gent.
2. William Friston.

**Property:** A mease (messuage) with house called the George in Ferrybridge.**Consideration:** An annual rent of 20s.**Comments:**

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/2****6 Nov 2 & 3 Philip and Mary (1555)**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. Robert Risheworthe, son and heir of Christopher Risheworthe of Houghton, Yorks., gent.
2. Christopher Calverley of Feribrige, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D3/1** above.**Consideration:** £100.**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to ensure 2's quiet possession of the above property. The ink has faded on parts of this document.**Language:** English and Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/3****4 May 2 & 3 Philip and Mary (1556)**

Confirmation of Grant

**Parties:**

1. Robert Ryshfurthe of Houghton, Yorks., gent.
2. Christopher Calverley of Ferybryge, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D3/1** above.**Consideration:** 40s.**Comments:** 1's father Christopher Ryshforthe had bargained and sold this property to Thomas Fryston (now decd.), and 2 has now inherited it as Fryston's cousin and heir. 1 now confirms that 2 owns the property.

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/4****4 May 2 & 3 Philip and Mary (1556)**

Bond

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1. Robert Ryshworthe of Houghton, Yorks., gent.
2. Christopher Calverley of Ferybidge, Yorks., gent.

**Consideration:** £40.**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants agreed in a deed of the same date.**Language:** English and Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/5****17 Jun 12 Eliz I (1570)**

Lease for 12 years

**Parties:**

1. (a) Nicholas Hayfurth of Ferybryge, Yorks., yeoman.  
(b) Kateryn, wife of 1a.
2. John Hayfurth of the same.

**Property:** A tenement in Ferybrige called the George, with all lands attached, and a close called Huntergarthes, a close at the Cawsley end, 1 acre of meadow lying in Peare Inge, another acre for the same lying within one mile of Ferybrudge, another acre called the Tongend, one cowgate and one horsegate in the Beck pasture.**Consideration:** An annual rent of 53s 4d.

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/6****16 Jul 21 Eliz I (1579)**

Confirmation of grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Nicholas Hayforth of Ferribridge, Yorks., Gent.  
(b) Katerine, wife of 2a.
2. Richard Calverley, son and heir of Christopher Calverley.

**Property:** A messuage called the George in Ferribridge, with lands attached.**Consideration:** £17.**Comments:** 1 confirm 2 in his ownership of the above property.

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

William Smith (**UC:AR2/MS1/4** p. 78) wrote here: "A deed whereby Rich. Calverley passed the George to Jo. Freestone (as appears by the following attornmt) is missing, dated as I supposed in Sept 21 Eliz 1579."

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Memorandum that John Hafforde, innkeeper, of Ferrye Brigge or Ferrye Freston, current tenant of the George at Ferrye Brigge, gave 4d to John Freston of Altoftes, esq., who has just bought the George from Richard Calverley, and so continues as tenant of the property.

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/8****15 days after Easter 24 Eliz I (29 Apr 1582)**

Final Concord

**Parties:**

1. John Freston, Esq.
2. (a) Richard Calverley, gent.  
(b) Nicholas Heyforthe.  
(c) Katherine, his wife.

**Property:** 2 messuages, one toft, one dovecot, one garden, one orchard, 10 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 20 acres of broom heath (? - *Jamphorum et Bruere*), and commons of pasture, in Ferribrigge also Ferrifreston, Freston, Pountfrett, Knottingley, Brotheron, and Sutton.

**Consideration:** £40.**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D3/9****28 Apr 24 Eliz I (1582)**

Receipt from Richard Calverley that he has received £20 from John Fryston, being the outstanding amount payable on certain lands in Ferybrygge.

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

**UC:E12/1/D4 - DEEDS ABOUT A PROPERTY AT FRYSTON, 1582****UC:E12/1/D4/1****12 Nov 24 Eliz I (1582)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. William Jackson of Pylgrymes Hatche in the parish of Southweild, Essex, Yeoman.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** 3 acres of land, meadow, and pasture, in Freyston on Ayre, in three pieces. The first piece is 1 acre in size, and lies in the field of Freyston next to the water above

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Okynfurlage, between the land of the rector of the church of Freyston to the east and land of [name left blank] to the west, with one head abutting on Eastebirge, and the other abutting on the Oldfield. The second piece of land, measuring 1 acre in size, lies in a field called [name left blank] between land of the rector of the church of Freyston to the north and land of [name left blank] to the south, and abuts on Havercroft to the west. The third piece, measuring 1 acre in size, lies in Sandlond between land of the rector of the church of Freyston to the east and land of [name left blank] to the west, and abuts on Freyston Becke. These premises were originally owned by Robert Jackson.

**Consideration:** None mentioned

**Comments:** In a deed between 1 and 2, 1 had granted 2 the above property. 1 now confirms the grant.

**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5 - DEEDS ABOUT LANDS AT KERCROFT AND OUSTON, 1343–1583****UC:E12/1/D5/1****Sunday in All Souls Day (2 Nov) 1343**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. Walter son of Thomas Frere of Tadecaster.
2. Richard de Hagefeld of Ouston

**Property:** One toft with buildings situated at the head of the vill of Kercroft in Ouston towards Ouston between the field of Hanercroft to one part and the common pasture towards the other, and 2 acres of arable land adjoining the said toft, which were one of Richard son of Adam son of Ralph de Kercroft.

**Consideration:** None mentioned.

**Comments:** 1 grants the above land to 2. Given at Kercroft in Ouston.

The deed is in good condition and part of the seal is preserved.

**Witnesses:** John de Walne, Roger del Holme, John del Grene, John de Neusum, John son of Peter de Kercroft, and others.

**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/2****18 Dec 25 Eliz I (1582)**

Bond

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1. Robert Harryson of Carcroft, Yorks. Yeoman.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks.

**Property:** (A) the timber, wood and stone of a barn standing upon ten posts to the west side of 1's house in Carcroft, and now decayed; (B) a pigsty sometime a tenement, but now decayed, containing 2 cares, in Ouston, Yorks, between Thrushwell Flatt to the north, and northe Croft to the South.

**Consideration:** 20 marks (£13 6s 8d).

**Comments:** 1 has sold to 2 property (A), and leased him rent free property (B) until 1586, and 1 is now bound to 2 to perform these covenants.

**Language:** English and Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/3****16 Jan 25 Eliz I (1582/3)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. Robert Harryson of Carcrofte, Yorks., Yeoman.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** An empty messuage in Owston, Yorks., situated between land of the Queen in the tenure of the Widow Adam to the south, and a messuage of the heirs of Richard Adam former wainwright, to the north, and abutting on the common meadow of Owston to the east and on land partly of the Queen in the tenure of Widow Adam, partly of 1, and partly of the heirs of Richard Adam, to the west, comprising half a rood in extent, which was all inherited by 1 on the death of his father William Harryson.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/4****7 Mar 25 Eliz I (1582/3)**

Bargain and Sale

**Parties:**

1. Robert Harrison of Carcroft, Yorks., yeoman.
2. John Freeston of Altofts, Yorks., esq.

**Property:** A messuage, with three half acres of land lying nearby, situated in Owston, Yorks., and now occupied by 2; also a "mese steade" and one half acre of land lying to the west of the "mese steade" in Owston, now or lately occupied by 1.

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**UC:E12/1/D5/5****7 Mar 25 Eliz I (1582/3)**

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.**Consideration:** 100 marks (£66 13s 4d).**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants in a deed of the same date as this bond.**Language:** English and Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/6****8 Mar 25 Eliz I (1582/3)**

Quitclaim

**Parties & Property:** All as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.**Comments:** 1 quitclaims his rights on the above property to 2.**Language:** Latin.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/7****15 Apr 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Bargain and Sale.

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.**Property:** 10 acres of land now occupied by 1 in the fields of Owston, Yorks., in three several fields, viz.: 4 acres in the Middle Feild, 3 acres in the Moore Feild, and 3 acres in the Wodd Feild.**Consideration:** £30.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/8****15 Apr 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.**Consideration:** 100 marks (£66 13s 4d).**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants in a deed of the same date as this bond.**Language:** English and Latin.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/D5/9****16 Apr 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Appointment of Attorney.

**Parties & Property:** All as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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**Comments:** 1 appoints John Dover as his attorney to grant seisin of the above lands to 2.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 9]

**UC:E12/1/D5/10****28 Jun 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Bargain and Sale.

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.

**Property:** A messuage in Carcroft now occupied by 1, and all 1's other lands in Owston, Adwicke upon the Streate, Skellowe, Burghwallis, Skolbrooke, and Hampole, all in Yorks.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum from 2 to 1, and an annual rent of 2s from 1 to 2 during the lifetime of 1 and his wife.

**Comments:**

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 10]

**UC:E12/1/D5/11****28 Jun 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.

**Consideration:** 200 marks (£133 6s 8d).

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants in a deed of the same date as this bond (i.e. **UC:E12/1/D5/10** above).

**Language:** English and Latin.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 11]

**UC:E12/1/D5/12****28 Jun 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Quitclaim

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D5/7** above.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

**Comments:** 1 quitclaims his rights on the above property to 2.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 12]

**UC:E12/1/D5/13****28 Jun 25 Eliz I (1582)**

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/D5/4** above.

**Consideration:** 200 marks (£133 6s 8d).

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants in a deed of the same date as this bond (i.e. **UC:E12/D5/12** above).

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[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 13]

**UC:E12/1/D5/14****30 Jun 25 Eliz I (1583)**

Quitclaim

**Parties:**

1. Bryan Lassells of Gaiteford, Notts., Esq.
2. Robert Harrison of Carcroft, Yorks., yeoman.

**Consideration:** Unspecified**Comments:** 1 quitclaims 2 against any claims which he might have against him.

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

**UC:E12/1/D5/15****11 Aug 1583**

Detailed particulars of the 10 acres in Owston sold by Robert Harrison to John Freeston.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 3 no. 15]

**UC:E12/1/D6 - PAPERS ON LAND HELD BY THE FREESTONS IN SUFFOLK, 1541–94**

Richard Freeston, a cousin of John Freeston held the manor of Hinton Hall, and the rectory of Thorington, both in Suffolk. It seems that this property never came into John's hands, let alone those of University College.

**UC:E12/1/D6/1****10 Apr 32 Hen VIII (1541)**

Inspeximus of Henry VIII from the Court of Augmentations dated 10 Apr 32 Hen VIII (1541) of the following lease for 99 years which was dated 4 Oct 26 Hen VIII (1534).

**Parties:**

1. John Righton, Prior of the Monastery of Blydeburgh, Suffolk, and the convent of the same.
2. Richard Freston, esq.

**Property:** The manor of Hynton Hall, with two closes called North Close and Bullocks Close, and also the parsonage of Thoryngton, Suffolk.**Consideration:** £11 13s 4d a year.**Comments:****Language:** Latin and English.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 1 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/D6/2****12 Mar 2 Edw VI (1547/8)**

Lease for 40 years.

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1. Richard Frestone of Mondham, Suffolk, Esq.
2. Robert Dun of Eye, Suffolk.

**Property:** The manor of Hynton Hall, Suffolk with Northeclose and Bullocks Close, as leased to 1 by the monastery of Blibourgh.

**Consideration:** £20 19s a year.

**Comments:** A bond of the same date has been bound into this lease, whereby 2 is 1 bound to 1 for £40 to perform the covenants set out in this deed.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 1 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/D6/3**

**18 Apr 1594**

Letter from Richard Freston (no address given, but Smith thought it was from Mondham) to John Freston at Altofts. Richard Freston signs off as John's "cousin". Richard has received the court rolls of Hynton Manor and other papers from Mr. Donne's executors, and discusses with John what to do next. Both "Mr. Attorney" (Edward Coke) and Mr. Wentworth are interested in treating with John over the land.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 1 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/D7 - PAPERS ON PROPERTY IN UTTOXETER AND DERBYSHIRE, 1576–1613**

John Freeston held leases on part of the manor of Uttoxeter, Staffs., and also a water mill called Hayfield Mill in Derbyshire. Neither of these properties came to University College.

**UC:E12/1/D7/1**

**4 Jun 18 Eliz I (1576)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Charles Paget of Weston, Derbs., esq.
2. Thomas Bullock of London, gent.

**Property:** The soil and pasture of one old pool, parcel of the Manor of Uttoxather, Staffs., one water mill called Heifield Mill in Derbs., being a parcel of the lands of the Duchy of Lancaster in the counties of Staffs. and Derbs.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

**Comments:** 1 is the current lessee of the above property from the Crown by a lease dated 8 May 18 Eliz I (1576) for 21 years at a rent of £3 a year. He now assigns his lease to 2.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 8]

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**16 Jul 18 Eliz I (1576)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Bullock of London, gent.
2. Richard Thornton, Yeoman.

**Property:** A water mill called Heifield Mill, in Derbs., being a parcel of the lands of the Duchy of Lancaster in the county of Derbs.

**Consideration:** £30.

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

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 9]

**UC:E12/1/D7/3**

**29 May 20 Eliz I (1578)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Bullock of London, gent.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** The soil and pasture of an old pool, parcel of the manor of Uttoxather, Staffs.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

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

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 10]

**UC:E12/1/D7/4**

**10 Jun 31 Eliz I (1589)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. John Layton of London, gent.
2. John Friston of Altofts, Yorks, esq.

**Property:** An old pond in Uttoxater and the soil ground and pasture of the same, in the Duchy of Lancaster, formerly held by William Blunt.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property (originally granted by the Crown) to 2. This seems to be different from the “old pool” mentioned in the above deeds.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 11]

**UC:E12/1/D7/5**

**n.d. (after 4 Feb 31 Eliz I [1588/9])**

Note of the income from an old pond (*vetus stagnum*) in Uttoxeter, once held by William Blunt,

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 12a]

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**UC:E12/1/D7/6** **after 23 Oct 12 Ja I (1613)**  
 Receipt for payment of rent of 14s on a pool and meadow [i.e. in Uttoxeter]  
[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 12b]

**UC:E12/1/D7/7** **n.d. (after 1595)**  
 Note, presumably made after John Freeston's death, about the leases of property at Uttoxeter, and whether they have expired or not.  
[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 12c]

**UC:E12/1/D8 - PAPERS, MAINLY ON THE MANOR OF LOUND, NOTTS., AND PROPERTY IN LANCASHIRE, 1575–1615**

John Freeston purchased leases from the Crown on a moiety of the Manor of Lound, Notts., a wood in Mattersey, Notts., as well as a coal mine at Colne and part of the Manor of Colne, Lancashire, and a coal mine in the Forest of Trawden, Lancashire. In 1605, John Browne and Freeston's other executors renewed the lease on this estates, to help them pay for the costs involved in putting Freeston's will into effect. Unfortunately, some of Freeston's relatives created difficulties for Browne and his colleagues, in particular prevent them from collecting rent money from Lound. These difficulties were only exacerbated by Browne's death in 1613. None of these properties ever came to University College.

William Smith inscribed on **UC:E12/1/D8/1** "Papers relating to the moiety of the manor of Lound & a suit between Dr. Browne et al. plaintiffs and the Freestons defendants, in the Duchy Court: afterwards continued by Mr. H Tilson Dr. Browns administrator".

**UC:E12/1/D8/1** **n.d. (after 1576)**  
 Petition to the Queen containing a transcript of a lease of 14 July 19 Eliz I (1576) from the Queen to Justice Greame. This document has been eaten by rodents and the bottom third at least of each page is now lost, and it is therefore not clear which properties are involved. It is not clear from Smith's transcripts whether it had been damaged when he examined it.  
[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 1a]

**UC:E12/1/D8/2** **n.d. (after 1576)**  
 Collection of transcripts of deeds, as follows. The document has likewise been nibbled by rodents, but not so extensively, so that less text has been lost.

(1) **14 Sep 17 Eliz I (1575)**  
 Assignment of Lease  
**Parties:**

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1. Robert Holmes of Bestingethorp, Essex, one of the Gentlemen Ushers of the Queen's Chamber.
  2. John Bernarde of London, Gent.
- Property:** A coal mine in the Forest of Trowden, which is part of the manor of Clytherowe, Lancs.  
**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.  
**Comments:** 1 was been leased the above mine for 20 years by the Queen on 11 Aug 17 Eliz I (1575). He now assigns his lease to 2.

(2) 14 Jul 18 Eliz I (1576)

Assignment of lease

**Parties:**

1. John Bernarde of London, get.
2. John Freston of Altoftes, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** As in (1) above.**Consideration:** £100.**Comments:** 1 now assigns the lease on the above mine to 2.

(3) 14 Jul 1576

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in (2) above.**Consideration:** £100.**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants set out in deed (2) above.**Language:** English and Latin.

(4) 19 Nov 19 Eliz I (1576)

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Justice Greame, one of the Riders of the Queen's horses.
2. John Bernarde of London, Gent.

**Property:** A coal mine within the manor of Colne.**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above mine to 2.

(5) 10 Jan 19 Eliz I (1576/7)

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. John Bernarde of London, Gent.
2. John Freston of Altoftes, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** As in (4) above.**Consideration:** £5.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above mine to 2.

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Queen.
2. Richard Archer.

**Property:** The prebend of Pitterton or Potterton inside the church of St. Clements inside Pontefract Castle, and all lands attached; the corn tithes of Campsell in the tenure of Robert Middleton, Edmund Wright and Richard Hudson; the corn tithes of Altoftes and Snyderall in the tenure of Francis Frobyssher, the corn tithes of Parlington and Barwyck in Elmet in the tenure of John Gascoigne, Esq; the corn tithes of Thorpe Awdelyn in the tenure of the Rector of Baddesworthy; the corn tithes of Preston Jacklyn and Stugges, and Homesworth, in the tenure of the Rector of Wortley; the corn tithes from the mills at Knottingley, and Fleet, paid through the bailiff of Rothwell; and a garden in the tenure of John Oldefield.

**Consideration:** £15 10s a year.**Language:** Latin.(7) **30 Nov 19 Eliz I (1576)**

Assignment of Lease.

**Parties:**

1. Richard Archer of the Strand, Middx., Cook.
2. John Freston of Altoftes, Gent.

**Property:** As in (6) above.**Consideration:** [the total is missing due to a gap in the text]**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.(8) **30 Nov 19 Eliz I (1576)**

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in (7) above.**Consideration:** £30.**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to perform the covenants agreed in deed (7) above.**Language:** Latin and English.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 1b]

**UC:E12/1/D8/3****12 Feb 22 Eliz I (1579/80)**

Lease for 31 Years.

**Parties:**

1. Queen Elizabeth I.
2. Richard Barnard, gent.

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**Property:** A moiety of the manor of Lounde, Notts.; and a moiety of two messages and 80 acres of land in Lounde and Sutton; a moiety of herbage of a parcel of land called Sturleywood at Mathersley alias Mersey, Notts; a tenement of the honour of Tickhill in the Duchy of Lancaster in the counties of Yorks. and Notts.

**Consideration:** £6 a year.

**Comments:** 1 had leased the above lands to 2 on 15 Jun 17 Eliz I (1575) for 21 years, and now issues 2 with a fresh lease.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 2 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/D8/4****18 Mar 22 Eliz I (1579/80)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Richarde Barnard of London, gent.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D8/2** above.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

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

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 2 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/D8/5****8 Jul 34 Eliz I (1592)**

Inspeximus of a document written in the court of the Duchy of Lancaster dated 9 Jun 1592, reporting on a dispute between John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., esq., complainant, and Thomas Stirropp, Robert Harwood, Richard Proctor, and others, defendants. There has been a dispute about whether the manor of Lounds is indeed a manor or not, and Freston has exhibited some court rolls of the manor, and other (specified) documents. It is agreed that the Lounds is indeed a manor, and the court finds in favour of the plaintiff.

**Language:** Latin and English.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 2 no. 5]

**UC:E12/1/D8/6****27 Apr 1605**

Petition to the King from Sir William Waad, Sir Edward Heron, and John Browne, the executors of John Freston, that the coal mines of Colne and Trowden, within the Duchy of Lancaster, and half the manor called Sirlow Lands in Lound upon Stutton and Mattersy, Notts., which Freston had leased from the

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Crown, may be leased to Freeston's executors for 30 years more to perform the uses set out under Freeston's will. There is a note at the bottom of this document that the King has granted the petition, but at such time as the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster shall think fit.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/1/D8/7**

**4 Oct 1605**

Accounts kept by John Browne for costs incurred getting a lease in reversion of various parcels of land (presumably the ones specified above).

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 2b]

**UC:E12/1/D8/8**

**25 Sep 3 Ja I (1605)**

This document was missing as of 1993. According to Smith's transcript (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 185–90), it is as follows:  
Lease for 30 Years

**Parties:**

1. King James I.
2. (a) John Browne, BD, one of the executors of John Freeston, decd.  
(b) Joshua Wakefield, former Mayor of Pontefract.  
(c) Oswald Laburne, one of the feoffees of the free school of Wakefield.

**Property:** A moiety of the manor of Lounds, Notts., and a moiety of the herbage of a parcel of land called Sturley Wood in the town of Mathersey or Marsey, Notts.; also a coal mine at Colne and part of the manor of Colne; and a coal mine in the forest of Trowden;

**Consideration:** £19 13s as entry fine; and an annual rent of £6 13s.

**Comments:** 1 leases the above properties to 2 once the current leases on them have expired.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. no. 2c]

**UC:E12/1/D8/9**

**n.d. (dated by Smith to Dec 1609)**

Draft letter to Sir George Chaworth in Nottinghamshire from the Privy Council asking him to sequester John Freeston's lands in Lownd, Mattersley, and Matersley Thorpe on behalf of John Browne.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 32]

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Letter from Sir George Chaworth to the Privy Council in response to the preceding. Not without difficulty he has started to persuade tenants to pay their rents to him for safekeeping until the dispute about who should receive them has been settled.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 33]

**UC:E12/1/D8/11****3 Apr (year not given; almost certainly 1610)**

Draft letter from the Privy Council to Sir John Bland and Mr. Cartwright concerning the rents which are to be paid to Sir George Chaworth. The same letter is copied out on both sides of the same piece of paper.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 34]

**UC:E12/1/D8/12****17 Apr 1610**

Letter from Sir George Chaworth to Sir William Waad on his attempts to collect rents from the manor of Lownd.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 35]

**UC:E12/1/D8/13****7 Jul 1610**

Copy of a letter from the Privy Council to Sir George Chaworth and Sir William Gee on the same subject.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 36]

**UC:E12/1/D8/14****27 Jul 1610**

Letter from Sir George Chaworth to John Browne (then staying at Wakefield) which is actually a copy of a letter from Chaworth to Nicholas Hamond on the problem of tenants at Lownd refusing to pay their rents.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 37]

**UC:E12/1/D8/15****3 Oct 1610**

Petition to the Privy Council against the contempt shown by Thomas Freston and Alexander Stowe for the letters from the Council asking them to pay rent on lands in the manor of Lownd

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 38]

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Letter from Sir George Chaworth to the lord of the Privy Council concerning his troubles with Thomas Freston, Alexander Stowe and other tenants in the manor of Lownd.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 39]

**UC:E12/1/D8/17****n.d. (Dated by Smith to in or about Nov 1610)**

Petition from Sir William Waad and John Browne to the Privy Council against Thomas Freston.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 40]

**UC:E12/1/D8/18****19 Jan 8 Ja I (1610/11)**

Underlease for 15 Years

**Parties:**

1. John Browne, DD, and Senior Fellow of University College.
2. Nycholas Hamond of Lound, Notts., Gent.

**Property:** A moiety of the manor of Lound, Notts., and a moiety of Styrclair Woods in Mathesaie or Mathersaiethorpe, Notts.

**Consideration:** £20 a year.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 2d]

**UC:E12/1/D8/19****22 Jan 1611 [sic; probably 22 Jan 1611 rather than 22 Jan 1611/12]**

Letter from John Browne (address, University College) to Sir William Waad concerning the manor of Lownd.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 41]

**UC:E12/1/D8/20****26 Jan 1610/11**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in a dispute between John Browne and Thomas Freeston asking the defendants why an injunction should not be issued in Browne's favour granting him possession of some lands.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 15]

**UC:E12/1/D8/21****30 Jan 1610/11**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case giving the defendants more time to defend themselves.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 16]

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- UC:E12/1/D8/22** **9 Feb 1610/11**  
 Court Order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case. Thomas Freeston undertakes that all other debts which are to be bound by any order shall pass against him, and to pay a deposit of £30 for this.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 17a]
- UC:E12/1/D8/23** **9 Feb 1610/11**  
 Another copy of the preceding order.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 17b]
- UC:E12/1/D8/24** **n.d. (early 1611? See UC:E12/1/D8/25 below)**  
 Draft petition from John Browne to the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster against Thomas Freeston, William Radsham and Alexander Stowe, who are occupying the lands in Lound and have been receiving the rents payable on it, and will not hand them over.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/D8/25** **16 Apr 1611**  
 Reply of Thomas Freeston to John Browne's petition (**D8/24** above). Freeston claims that these lands lie outside the Duchy of Lancaster and so are not liable to the court's jurisdiction.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 4a]
- UC:E12/1/D8/26** **n.d. (after Apr 1611)**  
 John Browne's answer to the previous reply (**D8/25** above), with Freeston's response, and Browne's own rejoinder.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 4b]
- UC:E12/1/D8/27** **n.d. (1611?)**  
 Bill of Complaint from Thomas Freeston to the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster against John Browne for renewing the lease on Lound in his own person for his own uses.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 5]
- UC:E12/1/D8/28** **30 Apr 1611**  
 Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case ordering Thomas Freeston to pay a deposit of £30 before 6 May.  
 [Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 18]

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Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case. Thomas Freeston is ordered once again to pay the court £30.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 19a]

**UC:E12/1/D8/30****6 May 1611**

Another copy of the preceding order.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 19b]

**UC:E12/1/D8/31****29 May 1611**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case. The defendants have put a bill in the Court of Chancery demanding that he should not have to plead both there and in the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster. Therefore Richard Freeston is to be in court to explain why Browne should not be spared from answering the case in the Duchy Court, and why Thomas Freeston should not be committed for failing to pay his £30.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 20]

**UC:E12/1/D8/32****1 Jun 1611**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case demanding that Thomas Freeston be committed to the Fleet for contempt of court in not paying his £30.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 21]

**UC:E12/1/D8/33****12 Feb 1611/12**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case ordering the creation of a commission to investigate the division of the two moieties of the manor of Lound, Notts.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 22]

**UC:E12/1/D8/34****20 Feb 9 Ja I (1611/12)**

Document recording the creation of a Commission by the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster to investigate the manor of Lounds.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 2 no. 6]

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Agreement between John Browne and Thomas Freeston concerning the manor of Lound. The existing new commission investigating the manor is to be replaced by a new one, at the joint charge of both parties.

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 23]

**UC:E12/1/D8/36****2 Jul 10 Ja I (1612)**

Document recording the creation of a second Commission by the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster to investigate the manor of Lounds.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 2 no. 7]

**UC:E12/1/D8/37****27 Oct 1613**

Letter to John Bancroft, Master of University College, from Nicholas Hamond (address, Lound). After John Browne's death, Hamond has had trouble collecting rents. Some tenants from Browne's moiety of the manor are paying their rent to Thomas Freeston, owner of the other moiety.

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 24]

**UC:E12/1/D8/38****8 Feb 1613/4 & 10 May 1614**

Complaint to the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster submitted by the attorney of Richard Freeston and his sons Thomas Freeston and Anthony Freeston, concerning the moiety of the manor of Lounds. Browne and Laburne are now dead, and Wakefield is the only one of the original lessees still alive, and he is accused of having assigned the lease to someone else. The petitioners now ask that the lease is now assigned to them. They also protest that one Nicholas Hamond and others have entered upon the property. At the end of the document is a comment by Wakefield answering some of the charges, not least that he had not assigned the lease.

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 6]

**UC:E12/1/D8/39****12 Feb 1613/4**

Reply of Nicholas Hamond to the above complaint. He says that rents from the manor of Lounds should now be paid to him, as the assignee of Henry Tylson, the administrator of the late John Browne.

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 7]

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Court order in a dispute between Richard Freston, Thomas Freston, and Antony Freston, and Nicholas Hamond. Hamond needs more time to assemble evidence to answer the charges put to him. Furthermore, Thomas Freeston and the others who were asked to pay their rents to John Browne, are now ordered to pay them to Hamond instead as the assignee of Henry Tilson, Browne's administrator.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 25a]

**UC:E12/1/D8/41****12 Feb 1613/14**

Copy of the preceding order.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 25b]

**UC:E12/1/D8/42****21 May 1614**

A second answer of Nicholas Hammond to the complaints of Richard, Thomas, and Anthony Freston. He thinks that Margery Freeston and her second husband Bryan Stapleton wasted and sold many of John Freeston's goods and chattels to the sum of 2000 marks (£1333 6s 8d), and that John Browne tried to sequester this land. Browne spent a great deal of his own money in these efforts, and at the time of his death was greatly indebted both to University College and to Hammond himself.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/D8/43****25 May 1614**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case asking that cause be shown why a commission should be awarded for dividing the manor of Lownd, that Thomas Freeston pay his £30 deposit, and that the defendant should be paid the rent arrears owing since John Browne's death.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 26]

**UC:E12/1/D8/44****3 Jun 1614**

Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case giving the Freestons more time to comply with the orders made in the last document.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 27]

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- UC:E12/1/D8/45** **6 Jun 1614**  
 Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case demanding that Thomas Freston brings £30 into court, unless proof can be offered that the money had been paid to John Browne.  
[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 28a]
- UC:E12/1/D8/46** **6 Jun 1614**  
 Copy of the preceding order.  
[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 28b]
- UC:E12/1/D8/47** **7 Jul 1614**  
 Court order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case agreeing that the depositions of witnesses taken for John Browne can be used as testimony in the current dispute.  
[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 29]
- UC:E12/1/D8/48** **13 Jul 1614**  
 Court Order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster in the same case that an affidavit has been made that Hamond has demanded Alexander Stowe, William Redgrave, William Flint, and George Hartshorne, various undertenants of the manor of Lownd to pay their rent arrears.  
[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 30]
- UC:E12/1/D8/49** **21 Oct 1614**  
 Court order in the same case that a charge of contempt of court is to be argued against Stowe, Redgrave, Flint, and Hartshorne when the court meets the following Monday.  
[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 31]
- UC:E12/1/D8/50** **25 Oct 1614**  
 Bill presented by Henry Tilson to the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster, once again in relation to the moiety of the manor of Lounds. He puts Browne's debt to University College at about £500. On Browne's death, because he died intestate, Tilson was made administrator of his goods, with the agreement of the College. Meanwhile Joshua Wakefield has conspired with the Freestons to defeat the College's attempts to get their money back and to prevent John Freeston's will from coming into effect.  
[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 9]

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Order of the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster concerning the moiety of the manor of Lounds. The manor is to be divided between Thomas Freeston and Nicholas Hammond, and arrangements made for repaying debts on both sides.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 10]

**UC:E12/1/D8/52****29 Oct 1614**

The answer of Thomas Freeston to the complaint of Henry Tilson. He says that John Freeston bequeathed to his brothers and sisters £80 and the residue of the rest of his estate after the main bequests had been paid out. He claims that the family only got £30 on John Freeston's death. There were also certain objects supposedly bequeathed to individual family members which none of them have yet received. Thomas Freeston also claims that Browne took out the lease on the moiety of the manor of Lounds contrary to the intentions expressed in John Freeston's will. He also claims that Browne did not die intestate, and is suspicious of the claim that Browne died £500 in debt to the College. Someone has added in the margin that he received £450 from the Earl of Shrewsbury, and William Smith made a couple of marginal notes, dated 20 and 22 June 1705, at this point of this document concerning Browne's alleged debts to the College.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 11]

**UC:E12/1/D8/53****7 Jan 12 Ja I (1614/5)**

Joshua Wakefield's answer to Henry Tilson. He says that he has assigned his rights to the moiety of the manor of Lounds to Thomas Freeston, Richard Freeston, and Anthony Freeston.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 16 no. 12]

**UC:E12/1/D8/54****10 Feb 1614/5–28 Apr 1615**

A group of documents tied together (evidently around the time of their creation, rather than by William Smith, because they have been given a continuous pagination) comprising the following:

- (a) List of questions to be put to Nicholas Hamond on behalf of Henry Tilson against Thomas Freeston and others. Undated.
- (b) Hamond's replies to the same. Dated 10 Feb 1604, but this must be a clerical error for 10 Feb 1614.

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(c) Deposition made on behalf of Thomas Freston, 14 Feb 1614/5.

(d) Examination of John Wright on behalf of the Freestons and Josua Wakefield, 28 Apr 1615.

(e) List of questions put to Hamond on behalf of the Freestons and Josua Wakefield. Undated.

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 13]

**UC:E12/1/D8/55****n.d. (1614/5?)**

Bill of Henry Tilson against Henry Routh, a servant of John Browne. He claims that, after Browne's death, Routh took possession of most of Browne's goods, and apparently broke into Browne's study and took away many things of value.

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 16 no. 14]

**UC:E12/1/D9: DEEDS ON MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS LEASED TO JOHN FREESTON, WHICH DID NOT COME TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE 1573–90****UC:E12/1/D9/1****23 Jan 15 Eliz I (1572/3)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. Humfrey Babington of Cosington, Leics., gent.
2. Zacharie Babington, brother of 1, of Alborne Hall, Oxford, gent.

**Property:** A watermill called Silbe Mylne in Leicestershire.

**Consideration:** £10.

**Comments:** 2 sells all his rights in the above property to 1. Smith wrote of this deed (UC:AR2/MA1/4 p. 335) "I have not yet discovered to what estate or person this deed belong[s] or how it came into our treasury."

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

**UC:E12/1/D9/2****24 Nov 18 Eliz I (1575)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Queen Elizabeth I.
2. Nicholas Boweles.

**Property:** Various houses and lands (specified in detail) in Pontefract, Southhindley, Rile, Burnstone, Cloughton, Billingley, Houghton, Roustone, and Braywell, all in Yorkshire. These lands had been used to support specified chantries and other charities in the region.

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

**UC:E12/1/D9/3****24 Feb 18 Eliz I (1575/6)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Nicholas Boweles of London, gent., servant to Sir Raph Sadler.
2. John Freston of Altofts, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/1/D9/2** above.**Consideration:** £30.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.

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

**UC:E12/1/D9/4****10 Feb 21 Eliz I (1578/9)**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. William Cade of Romforde, Essex, esq., executor of William Cade, esq., Receiver-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, decd.
2. John Freston of Altoftes, Yorks., esq.

**Property:** The office of the keeper of the Queen's park at Ackworthe, Yorks., and the lodge standing on it; also the herbage and pannage of the park; and a fee of 30s a year.**Consideration:** £140.**Comments:** The Queen leased the above land to 1's father on 2 May 15 Eliz I (1573) for 49 years. Now 1 assigns this lease to 2.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 13]

**UC:E12/1/D9/5****19 Sep 17 Eliz I (1575) & 15 Jan 20 Eliz I (1577/8)**

Mortgage by way of Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. Gregory Frobisher of Altoftes, Yorks., gent.
2. John Freston of Alltoftes, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** The tithes of corn and hay growing on all the lands which 2 now has or will have within the parish of Altoftes.**Consideration:** £20 10s.**Comments:** 1 leases the above tithes to 2 with effect from 9 October 1577, unless he repays the above sum by 7 May 1576.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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On the dorse of this deed is a declaration from 1 that the money had not been paid back to 2, and that the lease will therefore take full effect.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 5 pt. 3 no. 14]

**UC:E12/1/D9/6****7 Mar 28 Eliz I (1586)**

Bargain and Sale

**Parties:**

1. (a) John Freiston otherwise called John Richardson of Pontfret, Yorks., gent.  
(b) Thomas Harryson of Stuton, Notts., Labourer.
2. Gervis Anne of Frickley, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** Various lands (unspecified) in Egburgh, Yorks., now or lately occupied by Thomas Fisher, John Caweverde, and William Dawnaye and John White; also three cottages and 5 acres of arable land in the several fields of Ferifrieston, Yorks.; all with properties were once the inheritance of Christopher Frieston, alias Richardson, decd.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum of money.

**Comments:** 1 sell the above properties to 2. In a note on the back of this deed dated 12 July 1705, William Smith wrote "I do not find that the lands here mentioned were ever conveyed to University College".

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

**UC:E12/1/L1 - JOHN FREESTON'S LITIGATIONS ABOUT THE TRINITIES, 1570s–1580s****UC:E12/1/L1/1****n.d. (1577/8?)**

Petition from the tenants of the properties owned by the former almshouse of the Trinities to the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster, protesting that John Freeston wishes to evict them from their homes.

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

**UC:E12/1/L1/2****n.d. (1577/8?)**

John Freeston's official answer to the charges made against him.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/1/L1/3****n.d. (1577/8?)**

Rough copy (draft?) of **UC:E12/1/L1/2** above.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 2b]

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- UC:E12/1/L1/4** **9 Feb 1577/8**  
 Petition to Sir Francis Knowles from Robert Forrest and Edward Clarkson, two of the bedesmen of the Hospital of the Trinities protesting against their treatment by John Freeston.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 3a]
- UC:E12/1/L1/5** **n.d. (1577/8?)**  
 Petition to the Queen from Forrest and Clarkson, on the same matter.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 3b]
- UC:E12/1/L1/6** **n.d. (1577/8?)**  
 Another version of **UC:E12/1/L1/5** above.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 3c]
- UC:E12/1/L1/7** **14 Feb 20 Eliz I (1577/8)**  
 Decree of the court of the Duchy of Lancaster on the above dispute. Freeston is to pay the brothers and sisters of the Trinities 20s a year, in return for which they will trouble him no longer.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 4a]
- UC:E12/1/L1/8** **n.d. (Feb 1577/8?)**  
 Draft decree of the court, with different wording from **UC:E12/1/L1/7** above.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 4b]
- UC:E12/1/L1/9** **14 Feb 20 Eliz I (1577/8)**  
 Draft of **UC:E12/1/L1/7** above.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 4c]
- UC:E12/1/L1/10** **14 Feb 20 Eliz I (1577/8)**  
 Copy of **UC:E12/1/L1/7** above.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 4d]
- UC:E12/1/L1/11** **n.d. (1578?)**  
 List of questions to be put to the brothers and sisters of the Trinities on the way that they run their lives.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 5a]
- UC:E12/1/L1/12** **n.d. (1578?)**  
 Draft of **UC:E12/1/L1/11** above

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[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 6 no. 5b]

**UC:E12/1/L1/13** **n.d. (none is suggested by William Smith)**

Copies of notes on the annual sums due to the Crown from the Chapel of St. Clement inside Pontefract Castle, and Knowles Almshouse.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 1 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L1/14** **1587**

Note of the moneys which should be paid from the Chapel of St. Clement and Knowles Almshouse for the maintenance of 7 bedesmen and 6 bedeswomen and 2 women to look after them.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 1 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/L1/15** **n.d.**

Copy of extracts from the Chantries Act of 1547.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 1 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/L2 - THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY'S BONDS, 1578–1608****UC:E12/1/L2/1** **10 May 1578**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) Gilbert Talbot., Esq., one of the sons of George, Earl of Shrewsbury.  
(b) Lewes Gronowaie of Furnyvalls Inne, Middx., gent.
2. John Freston, gent.

**Consideration:** £400.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for the above sum to repay 2 a sum of £200 on 15 May 1580 at the house of Anthony Higgons in the parish of St. Gregory, London.

**Language:** Latin and English.

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

**UC:E12/1/L2/2** **10 May 1578**

Bond

**Parties:** Both as in **UC:E12/1/L2/1** above.

**Consideration:** 100 marks (£66 13s 4d).

**Comments:** 1 are bound to pay 2 £40 in four instalments of £10 between 15 Nov 1578 and 15 May 1580, delivering the

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money to the house of Anthony Higgons in the parish of St. Gregory, London

**Language:** Latin and English.

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

**UC:E12/1/L2/3****7 Jun 1581**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. Francis Talbot, Lord Talbot.
2. Richard Biggs, gent.

**Consideration:** £400.

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to repay the sum of £200 on 29 September 1581 at the house of Anthony Higgons in the parish of St. Gregory, London

**Language:** Latin and English.

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

**UC:E12/1/L2/4****21 Aug 1605**

Copy of an assurance from John Browne, Fellow of University College, that he holds two bonds from Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, for £200 and £40, originally made out to John Freeston. Browne promises to send the Earl copies of these bonds, and to keep the originals safe. The money, when repaid, will be used to enlarge the buildings of University College.

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

**UC:E12/1/L2/5****21 Aug 1605**

Assurance from Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, for the repayment of the bonds of £240. He claims that he had only taken out the bonds at his brother's request, and did not expect to pay them back. However, he now agrees that this money can be used to enlarge the buildings of University College, and that he now promises to pay the College £500.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 7 no. 5 (a)]

**UC:E12/1/L2/6****21 Aug 1605**

A copy of **UC:E12/1/L2/5** above.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 7 no. 5 (b)]

**UC:E12/1/L2/7****21 Aug 1605**

A second copy of **UC:E12/1/L2/5** above.

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[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 7 no. 5 (c)]

**UC:E12/1/L2/8****6 Jun 1606**

Letter from Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, to his servant James Bacon ordering him to arrange the payment of £500 to University College in instalments of £50.

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

**UC:E12/1/L2/9****6 Jun 1606**

Receipt signed by George Abbot, Master, and Henry Tilson, Bursar of University College for the payment of £50 from the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 7 no. 7]

**UC:E12/1/L2/10****1 Dec 1606**

Receipt signed by George Abbot and Henry Tilson for a further payment of £50 from the Earl of Shrewsbury.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 7 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/L2/11****2 Apr 1607**

Receipt signed by George Abbot, John Browne, and Henry Tilson, for the payment of £50 by the Earl of Shrewsbury.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 7 no. 9]

**UC:E12/1/L2/12****Apr 1608 (day left blank)**

Receipt signed by George Abbot, John Browne, and Henry Tilson, for the payment of £50 by the Earl of Shrewsbury.

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

**UC:E12/1/L3 - PAPERS ON A DISPUTE OVER MONEY SUPPOSEDLY OWED BY FREESTON TO RICHARD RYTHIER AND RICHARD TEMPEST, 1582–1607****UC:E12/1/L3/1****31 May 24 Eliz I (1582)**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) James Rither of Harwood, Yorks.  
(b) John Freiston of Altofts, Yorks, Esq.
2. Richard Tempest of Esthaghe [*sic*], Yorks., Esq.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 for £200 for 1a to pay 2 £100 by 12 June 1583.

**Language:** Latin and English.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 1]

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Petition to Sir John Puckering, Keeper of the Great Seal, from Robert Ryther of London, gent., son and heir of James Ryther. He claims that James Ryther and John Freeston were friends, and that Freeston, then being unmarried, vowed to make James Ryther his sole heir. Freeston had lent Bryan Stapleton, esq., and James Ryther £200, but the money was repaid and the bond made void. Freeston's executors, however, would not hand over the discharged bond, despite many promises made by then and by Freeston himself. In addition, Freeston was bound with James Ryther to one John Ballett, Goldsmith, of London for 1000 marks (£666 13s 4d), and to give Freeston surety, Ryther did acknowledge to Freeston a statute [*sic*] of £1000. The bond to Ballett was discharged, but the statute has not been returned to the Rythers. Robert Ryther has asked the executors to cancel the various bonds and statutes, or hand them over,

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/L3/3****1595**

Draft reply of John Browne, BD and Margery Freston to the charges made by Robert Ryther. They try to refute his claims; they say that his father is probably alive, and Ryther is outlawed by indictment of a riot in Yorkshire.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/L3/4****before 16 Aug 1597**

Petition from Serjeant Heron, William Wadd, John Browne, and John Freeston's other executors to the Privy Council on the dispute. They say that Tempest was James Rither's brother-in-law, and that it has been claimed that the debt of £100 has been repaid by the Earl of Huntingdon. Now Tempest has begun a suit against Bryan Stapleton, who has married Freeston's widow. The petitioners ask the Council to intervene.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/L3/5****16 Aug 1597**

Copy of letter from the Privy Council to the Archbishop of York and his Council asking them to summon Richard Tempest and Robert Rither to interview them on the matter of John Freeston's will.

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**UC:E12/1/L3/6****n.d. (dated by Smith to 1599 or 1600)**

Bill of Edward Heron and John Brown against Richard Tempest and Cotton Tempest. Richard Tempest is alleged to have taken Margery Freeston to court over the bond for £200 (even after the debt in it was repaid)

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 6a]

**UC:E12/1/L3/7****7 Nov 1599**

Bill of Edward Heron, William Wade, and John Browne. They claim that Richard Tempest's estate was poor, while Freeston's was large, and that Tempest might have tried to cause trouble anyway, but after Freeston's death, his widow Margery meddled with Freeston's goods, although she was ignorant of his plans, and negligent in looking after his affairs, and so Tempest was able to sue Margery for the £200, and was trying to seize more. Heron managed to stop this, but Tempest is still trying to collect rents which he claims are his due.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 6b]

**UC:E12/1/L3/8****n.d. (Nov 1599?)**

Richard Tempest's answer to the preceding, defending himself against the charges.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 7]

[Note: Smith seems not to have created a Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 8 in his catalogue]

**UC:E12/1/L3/9****28 Apr 42 Eliz I (1600)**

Order referring the dispute between Freeston's executors and Richard Tempest to Matthew Carew, one of the Masters in the Court of Chancery, to decide if Tempest's answer is sufficient or not.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 9a]

**UC:E12/1/L3/10****1 Jun 1600**

Order from Matthew Carew ordering Tempest to supply a second answer as to why he sued Margery Freeston.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 9b]

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- UC:E12/1/L3/11** **2 Dec 1600**  
 A second answer of Richard Tempest defending himself against the charges made against him by John Freeston's executors. He claimed that Margery Freeston alone was administering Freeston's goods and meddling in his affairs, and that Ryther and Freeston had still not settled his bond.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 10]
- UC:E12/1/L3/12** **Easter Term 1601**  
 The "replication" of John Freeston's executors against Richard Tempest.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 11]
- UC:E12/1/L3/13** **Michaelmas 1602**  
 List of questions to be put on behalf of John Browne and Freeston's other executors to Richard Tempest.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 12]
- UC:E12/1/L3/14** **n.d. (Smith suggests c. 1600)**  
 Bill of Richard Tempest, Anthony Maude and Thomas Grastock against the executors of John Freeston, concerning the dispute over Tempest's bonds.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 13]
- UC:E12/1/L3/15** **Dec 1601**  
 Memorandum that the estreat of green wax was extended to Richard Tempest for the debt supposedly owed him by John Freeston.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 14]
- UC:E12/1/L3/16** **Hilary Term 1601**  
 Bill from Edward Heron and John Browne setting out their side of the story about Tempest's bond for £200.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 15]
- UC:E12/1/L3/17** **n.d. (Smith suggests c. 1600)**  
 Answer of Robert Ryther against Edward Heron and John Browne, claiming that the money was never repaid.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 16]

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- UC:E12/1/L3/18** **n.d. (Smith suggests c. 1600)**  
 Answer from William Wentworth, esq., against Edward Heron and John Browne. Wentworth is acting alongside Robert Ryther in this case.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 17]
- UC:E12/1/L3/19–20** **16 Feb 1 Ja 1 (1603/4)**  
 Two copies of an Order in Council concerning Heron and Browne v Wentworth and Rither. The plaintiffs are given more time to submit evidence, because they only received news of this a few days previously.  
[Original references Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 18b & 18b {sic}]
- UC:E12/1/L3/21** **1602**  
 Reply from Edward Heron and John Browne to Robert Ryther.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 18c]
- UC:E12/1/L3/22** **Michaelmas 1602**  
 Reply from Edward Heron and John Brown to William Wentworth.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 19]
- UC:E12/1/L3/23** **n.d. (c. 1602?)**  
 List of questions to be put to witnesses on behalf of Edward Heron and John Browne.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 20a]
- UC:E12/1/L3/24–25** **n.d. (c. 1602?)**  
 Two rough drafts of the preceding.  
[Original references Pyx β fasc. 13 nos. 20b–20c]
- UC:E12/1/L3/26** **18 May 1604**  
 Order from Council refusing the plaintiffs' request to examine Lancelot Jackson, who is the defendants' solicitor.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 21]
- UC:E12/1/L3/27** **27 Nov 1605**  
 Letter from John Brown to Sir Robert Stapleton, on the bottom of which Stapleton has written his reply. Browne asked Stapleton to reply to questions put him about the statute for £4000, which it was supposed was in his possession. Stapleton replies that he did have custody of the statute, but

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that he since gave it to his cousin Bryan Stapleton, and he does not know where it now is.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 22 & 23; Smith assigned two numbers to this one document]

#### UC:E12/1/L3/28

n.d. (after 1600?)

Note (now largely illegible because William Smith daubed it in gall) about William Wentworth's refusal to pay any money to Robert Ryther because of dispute about who owes whom what.

To interpret this document, it is easier to use Smith's transcript (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 153) than the original.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 24]

#### UC:E12/1/L3/29

n.d. (after 1602)

Deposition of an anonymous witness in the dispute.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 25]

#### UC:E12/1/L3/30

1 Jun 1607

Petition from Edward Heron, William Wade, and John Browne to the Lord Chancellor asking that Lancelot Jackson may be examined at a witness. The petition is granted.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 13 no. 26]

### UC:E12/1/L4: PAPERS ON FREESTON'S ACTIVITIES AS FARMER OF THE GREEN WAX OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER, 1571–1606

The "Green Wax" originally referred a seal of green wax, of a kind regularly attached to documents delivered by the Exchequer to sheriffs. The word was then used with reference to an estreat or other document which bore bearing such a seal, and finally came to be used to describe the fines which were exacted in accordance with such a document. It is this final sense of the words which is generally meant in this particular section.

As is clear from what follows, at some point in the 1570s John Freeston was leased the rights to farm the Green Wax of the Duchy of Lancaster, and a great many documents survive relating to his activities. Unfortunately there are hints that Elizabeth I was unhappy at some of Freeston's financial activities.

As with some of Freeston's other leases and tax farms, John Browne evidently tried to renew Freeston's farm of the Green Wax of the Duchy of Lancaster to help fund the settlement of Freeston's estate, although yet again Browne found the process a troublesome one.

Of the documents in this section, **UC:E12/1/L4/4–16** were originally described by Smith merely as "Several books of estreaths etc.". They clearly relate to John Freeston's activities

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as Farmer of the Green Wax for the Duchy of Lancaster. **UC:E12/1/L4/19–25, 27, 30–39 and 41–42** were found bundled together and described by Smith simply as “A Bundle of Mr Ig. Marton’s accounts letters & complaints against Mr. Browne & Mr Browne’s replys all relating to the estreats of green wax from the year 1596 to 1602.”

**UC:E12/1/L4/1** **dated by Smith to 14 & 15 Eliz I (1571–3)**

List of answers to questions asked of the Exchequer and the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster concerning estreats of the Duchy of Lancaster.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 1a]

**UC:E12/1/L4/2** **18 Nov 1574–7 Jul 1590**

Three documents bound together, as follows:

**(1)** **18 Nov 1574**

Order of the Court of Exchequer asking that the farmers of the issues, fines, and amercements belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster should put in a claim to the Court of the Exchequer for the titles granted to them.

**(2)** **after Michaelmas Term 27 Eliz I (1585)**

Notes concerning complaints made against John Freeston, Farmer of the Green Wax of the Duchy of Lancaster, for receiving moneys which were not rightfully his. Freeston is ordered to bring into the court all relevant papers concerning the affair.

**(3)** **7 Jul 1590 32 Eliz I (1590)**

An order out of the Court of Exchequer concerning a dispute between the Queen and John Freeston, farmer of the Green Wax belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster beyond Trent for levying and designing sundry fines, issues and amercements. Freeston is accused of using delaying tactics in preventing the case from being heard, and is ordered to bring all his accounts to court now.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 1b]

**UC:E12/1/L4/3** **n.d. (late 16<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Note of arguments produced to decide whether certain fines and issues should be allowed in the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster rather than to the Crown in the Exchequer.

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

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- UC:E12/1/L4/4** **Trinity Term 12 Eliz I (1570)**  
 Sheet of paper with accounts relating to property in Yorkshire occupied by one William Jackson.  
 [Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/5** **17–18 Eliz I (1575–6)**  
 List, set out as in **UC:E12/1/L4/6** below, of places in Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire, arranged alphabetically by county and by dates of law term, listing the fines due from each property. The law terms are dates from "Trinity 17" to "Trinity 18", which presumably refers to the relevant regnal years of Elizabeth I.  
 [Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/6** **17–18 Eliz I (1575–6)**  
 Booklet containing a list of places in Yorkshire, set out as in **UC:E12/1/L4/5** above. On the back cover is a note "Homagers Fyrmirs with Mr. Osborne".  
 [Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/7** **after Michaelmas 17 Eliz I (29 Sep 1575)**  
 Three thin membranes of parchment, sewn together at one end, and set out as in **UC:E12/1/L4/8** below, giving a set of accounts apparently related to disputes over various properties in Derbyshire.  
 [Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/8** **after Michaelmas 21 Eliz I (1579)**  
 Six thin membranes of parchment, set out as in **UC:E12/1/L4/7** above, in this case relating to accounts from Staffordshire. The ink on the sixth (and outermost) membrane is now somewhat faded.  
 [Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/9** **18–23 Eliz I (1576–81)**  
 Three sheets of paper, all in the same hand, and presumably once bound together, giving list of moneys from properties in Nottinghamshire paid between 17 and 23 Eliz I, mainly on lands leased to John Freeston.  
 [Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]

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- UC:E12/1/L4/10** **n.d. ( 1570s–1580s?)**  
 Sheet of paper listing place names in Yorkshire with numbers alongside them. This is presumably an index for an otherwise lost booklet.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/11** **n.d. (1570s–1580s?)**  
 Paper booklet titled “The names of everye weapentake within the counties of Notts Stafford and Derby and all the townes in this booke in Alphabet within every the said Shires”. The contents match the title.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/12** **n.d. (1570s–1580s?)**  
 List of liberties of pasturage within an illegible wapentake in Yorkshire.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/13** **n.d. (1570s–1580s?)**  
 Bundle of sheets of paper tied together in the top left-hand corner. They comprise lists of acquittances issued to people who presumably were expected to pay rents or quit rents to the Duchy of Lancaster.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/14** **n.d. (1590s?)**  
 Rough list of what appear to be surnames, arranged alphabetically from A to G and O to T. Parts of it might be in John Browne’s hand.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/15** **1600**  
 Booklet titled “The names of the townes of the liberties of the duchie in Com. Ebor. according to the Book of survey A. D. 1600.” This contains several lists of names of towns, written in several hands (one of which is probably John Browne’s).  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]
- UC:E12/1/L4/16** **43 Eliz I (1601)**  
 Sheet of paper containing three sets of accounts with a note on the back reading “The Copy of Names crossd in the Estreet of Cur’ 40 41 42 Eliz.”

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[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/L4/17****n.d. (late 1590s?)**

Bill submitted by the Queen's Attorney General of the Duchy Lancaster at the request of John Browne, one of the executors of John Freeston asking for help in collecting some arrears of rent.

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

**UC:E12/1/L4/18****2 Jul 38 Eliz I (1596)**

Covenant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Ingram Marton of London, gent.  
(b) Robert Marshall of Pomfrett, Yorks., gent.
2. (a) Edward Heron, Sergeant at Law.  
(b) William Waad of Belsir in the parish of Hampstead, Middx., one of the clerks of the Privy Chamber.  
(c) John Browne, DD and Fellow of University College, all executors of John Freeston.

**Comments:** 1 has received various documents from 2 relating to John Freeston and to the collection of rents from his estates. 1 now agrees to furnish 2 with accounts of their actions.

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

**UC:E12/1/L4/19****1597**

Accounts submitted by Ingram Marton for his receipts and expenditure relating to the estreats of green wax for 1596–7.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/20****17 Jun 1597**

Accounts submitted by Ingram Marton to John Brown for work carried out on his behalf.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/21****26 Jun 1597**

Two bonds (both written on the same sheet of paper). Ingram Marton is bound to Edward Heron, William Wade and John Browne for £120 and £400 respectively, in the first case for the payment of £74 before the last day of Easter term next, and in the second for the payment of £200 in certain agreed instalments.

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Pair of bonds, as in **UC:E12/1/L4/21** above, although in this case some of the paper has rotted away on the right-hand margin, with a significant loss of text. In them, Ingram Marton is bound to Edward Heron, William Wade, and John Browne for £200 and an unknown sum respectively, for the payment of £126 and £100.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/23****1597**

Account from Ingram Marton of various sums due to him.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/24****1598**

Ingram Marton's accounts for 1597 and 1598.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/25****28 Nov 1598**

Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne apologising for missing a meeting due to illness, enclosing some accounts, and describing his difficulties in collecting estreats.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/26****15 Feb 41 Eliz I (1598/9)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Edward Heron, Serjeant at Law.  
(b) John Browne, BD and Fellow of University College, two of the executors of John Freeston.
2. (a) Ingram Marton of London.  
(b) Thomas Thompson of Warmefield, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** One whole year of estreats and books of green wax of the counties of Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster; and also such moneys coming from the esteats, all limited to the uses appointed under the will of John Freston.

**Consideration:** £223 6s 8d.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 7]

**UC:E12/1/L4/27****17 Feb 41 Eliz I (1598/9)**

Memorandum that Ingram Marton has promised to John Browne that he will be bound to pay him £223 6s 8d.

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**UC:E12/1/L4/28****5 Nov 1599**

Note by Thomas Marshall of abatements made to several persons in their estreats, with explanations of why he has done this.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/L4/29****n.d. (c. 1598–1600?)**

Copy (possibly in John Browne's hand) of a commission from the Crown to John Browne to collect the arrears of the fines and issues known as green wax.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 9]

**UC:E12/1/L4/30****14 Jun 1600**

Receipt of Ingram Marton for a payment of 24s from Richard Proctor, Mason, for rents payable on various quarries to the executors of John Freeeston.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/31****Sep 1600**

List of estreats collected by Ingram Marton between April and August 1600.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/32****28 Sep 1600**

Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne concerning security for collecting the estreats, and complaining about his difficulties in getting the money.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/33****c. 1600**

Accounts compiled by Ingram Marton for his work on Browne's behalf. Browne, evidently unimpressed, has written on the outside "Mr. Marton's false Reckoning".

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

**UC:E12/1/L4/34****n.d. (c. 1600?)**

Note by Ingram Marton of executions and causes set up against him in Yorkshire.

[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

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- UC:E12/1/L4/35** **28 Jan 1600/1**  
 Copy of covenant whereby Ingram Marton undertakes to submit regular accounts of his financial activities on John Browne's behalf.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]
- UC:E12/1/L4/36** **29 Jan 1600/1**  
 Letter from Ingram Marton to John Savile complaining that he has not been assisted in his financial affairs as he promised.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]
- UC:E12/1/L4/37** **3 Feb 1600/1**  
 Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne complaining that he has not received a promised message from Browne, and discussing his financial troubles once again.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]
- UC:E12/1/L4/38** **8 May 1601**  
 Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne worrying about his debts, and hoping that Browne can help.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]
- UC:E12/1/L4/39** **24 Aug 1601**  
 Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne (address, Wakefield) complaining about his money troubles.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]
- UC:E12/1/L4/40** **17 May 1602**  
 Order of the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster that Henry Shorcliffe, the deputy bailiff of Stafford, should act as deputy for the executors of John Freestone.  
[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 5]
- UC:E12/1/L4/41** **22 Aug 1602**  
 Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne (address, Oxford), pleading for help in settling his debts incurred on Browne's behalf.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]
- UC:E12/1/L4/42** **1602**  
 List of complaints made by Ingram Marton against John Browne, and John Browne's replies. This is written out in two hands, neither of them Marton's or Browne's.  
[Original reference from Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 16]

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- UC:E12/1/L4/43** **13 Feb 1 Ja I (1603/4)**  
 Draft of commission from James I to Edward Heron and John Browne, executors of John Freston, John Carewell, Thomas Wright, Esq., John Batty, Oswald Laverne, and Henry Jackson, being persons nominated by Sir John Savile, granting them the rights to collect various sums of money known as the green wax of the Exchequer which had been leased to John Freston.  
 [Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 10a]
- UC:E12/1/L4/44** **8 Dec 2 Ja I (1604)**  
 Commission from James I to the same people as in **UC:E12/1/L4/43** above, once again permitting them to collect the money known as green wax for the purposes set out in the will of John Freeston.  
 [Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 10b]
- UC:E12/1/L4/45** **n.d. (1603/4?)**  
 Petition from the executors of John Freeston to have the estreats of Green wax for the current year, because their current lease expired on the death of Elizabeth I. Presumably this petition was answered by either **UC:E12/1/L4/43** or **UC:E12/1/L4/44** above.  
 [Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 11]
- UC:E12/1/L4/46** **n.d. (early 17<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**  
 Document titled “reasons that the Extreats called Greenewax of the Duchy of Lancaster North on the river of Trent can not now be of any such great valew”.  
 [Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 12]
- UC:E12/1/L4/47** **24 & 27 Dec 1604**  
 Petition from William Wade, Edward Heron and John Browne to the Crowne, for a new lease of estreats of the green wax of the Duchy of Lancaster, so the income can be used for the uses under John Freston’s will. At the bottom of the petition is a note that the petition should be referred to Sir Roger Ashton for consideration.  
 [Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 13]
- UC:E12/1/L4/48** **n.d. (1604/5?)**  
 Memorandum to Sir Roger Ashton concerning the estreats of the green wax.

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[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 14]

**UC:E12/1/L4/49****3 Nov 1606**

Articles of Agreement between John Browne on the one side, and Edward Pewtinger of Tickhill and Fancis Kytchen of Sherbruke, Derbs., on the other. Browne appoints Pewtinger and Kytchen as collectors of the estreats of green wax, as listed in a detailed schedule bound in with the document.

[Original reference Pyx ζ fasc. 7 no. 15]

**UC:E12/1/W1 - DOCUMENTS CONCERNING FREESTON'S WILL AND THE CREATION OF HIS TRUST 1590–4****UC:E12/1/W1/1****8 Mar 32 Eliz I (1589/90)**

Copy of Revocation of Lease

**Parties:**

1. John Freeston of Altofts, Yorks., esq.

**Property:** A lease on the manor of Owston, Yorks., and all properties attached; and leases on unspecified properties in London, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Suffolk, Staffordshire, and Lancashire.

**Comments:** Following a deed of 20 Feb 23 Eliz I (1580/1), in which 1 assigned his leases on these lands to various (named) trustees, revokable on the payment of 20s to any one of them. 1 now revokes this assignment with a payment of 20s, and declares his intent to surrender and renew his leases on the above properties.

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

**UC:E12/1/W1/2–4** are all bound in together.**UC:E12/1/W1/2****13 Sep 34 Eliz I (1592)**

Declaration of revocation of trust

**Parties:**

1. John Freeston of Altoftes, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** The capital messuage or late chantry or College known as Knowlles Almeshouse or the Trinities of Pountfrett, in Pountfrett, Yorks, and all lands attached in the parishes of Kirk Fenton, Milford, or elsewhere in Yorkshire; also 1's lands in Owston, and in Water Freeston, Ferriebridge, and Pountfrett; also the wood called Hodgewood bought by 1 from John Brograve, Esq.

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**Comments:** 1 revokes all previous trusts and uses proposed for these lands in any earlier documents, and declares that they are now to be for the use of 1 and his heirs.  
There is a note on the dorse that this deed was officially examined on 10 January 1619/20.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 4 no. 1 (part)]

**UC:E12/1/W1/3****17 Sep 34 Eliz I (1592)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. John Freeston (as in **UC:E12/1/W1/2** above).
2. (a) Anthonie Gate, Master of the Colledge of the great hall commonly called the Universitie Colledge in Oxford.  
(b) John Browne and Robert Batt, Fellows of the same.
3. (a) John Brograve, Esq., Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster.  
(b) William Wade, Esq., one of the clerks of the Privy Council.  
(c) Richard Wortley of Wortley, esq.  
(d) John Savile of Methley, esq.  
(e) Robert Waterhouse of the city of York., esq.  
(f) Richard Gargrave of the Inner Temple, gent.  
(g) William West of Rotherham, gent.  
(h) William Cartwright, gent.  
(i) Nicholas Ibbotson, gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/1/W1/2** above.

**Consideration:** None.

**Comments:** 1 gives the above properties to 2 and 3 for the purposes set down in a schedule attached to this document (**UC:E12/1/W1/4** below), so long as 1 can lease them out during his lifetime for 21 years or three lives, so long as the annual rent is at least £63 6s 8d, to be used for the purposes set out in the schedule.

There is a note on the dorse that this deed was officially examined on 10 January 1619/20.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 4 no. 1 (part)]

**UC:E12/1/W1/4****17 Sep 34 Eliz I (1592)**

Schedule by John Freeston setting out his intentions for the use of the properties given away in **UC:E12/1/W1/3** above, to

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be rented out for £63 6s 8d, in addition to the rent due to the Crown. The income is to be divided up as follows:

(1) £20 16s a year will be paid to the charitable relief and maintenance of seven poor men and one poor woman who can look after the men. They are all to remain unmarried, and to receive 12d a week, and will live in the almshouse Freeston is currently building at Kirkethorpe in the parish of Warmefield, Yorks, provided that the almshouse is governed by such statutes as Freeston will provide.

(2) £10 a year is to be given to an “honest and learned gramarian” to teach grammar and Latin as the Schoolmaster at Normanton, Yorks.

(3) £3 6s 8d a year is to be given to employ an Usher at the same school.

(4) £20 a year is to be given to support one Fellow and two Scholars at University College. The Fellow is to get £10 a year, of which £6 13s 4d is to be paid for his commons only when he is present, and £3 6s 8d is to be spent on his livery. The Fellow is to take holy orders within seven years of “stand[ing] in the Act”, or else his stipend will be reduced to 40s. Each Scholar is to receive £5 a year, of which £3s 8d is to be paid for his commons only when he is present, and 33s 4d for his livery and wages. The Fellow and Scholars are to have been educated at the Grammar School at Normanton, or the Free School at Wakefield, or, if there are no suitable candidates, from the free schools at Pontefract or Swillington, or, if there are again no suitable candidates, from and of the free scholars of the West Riding of Yorkshire, or, failing that, from anywhere within the county of Yorkshire. Freeston’s kinsman Launcelot Grym is to be first chosen for one of these positions, and then one of the sons of Anthony Gate. The Scholars are to be administered according to the statutes of Corpus Christi College.

(5) £5 a year is to be given to University College, of which 40s is to go to the reader in Divinity or Catechist (to double his stipend), 20s to the Master, and 40s to go to the public use of the College.

(6) £4 a year is to be paid to the Schoolmaster of the Grammar School at Wakefelde, on condition that the next occupant of Freeston’s house in Altoftes can nominate two of the scholars to be educated there.

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The Trustees are instructed to procure a licence in mortmain within two years after their receive the lands, and to ensure that the poor people for Freeston's almshouse are to come from the parishes of Warmefield and Normanton. The Schoolmaster, Usher, and poor people are to be nominated by Richard Wortley, John Savile, Robert Waterhouse, Richard Gargrave, William West, and John Browne, during their lifetimes, and then by the Master of University College, the oldest Fellow at the College from Yorkshire, and the Freeston Fellow.

Freeston's cousin John Browne is permitted to add anything to strengthen these regulations.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 4 no. 1 (part)]

**UC:E12/1/W1/5–7****13 & 17 Sep 34 Eliz I (1592)**

One of the sets of counterparts to the preceding three deeds, bearing the seals and signatures of Parties (2) and (3) in the grant.

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

**UC:E12/1/W1/8****26 Jan 1592/3**

Will of John Freeston of Altoftes, Yorks., esq., who has signed each page. Among other bequests, he leaves the properties which used to belong to the Trinities in Pontefract to a group of trustees specified elsewhere who are to raise £63 6s 8d for these purposes: to maintain: 1 Fellow and 2 scholars at University College, Oxford; to support 8 poor persons at his almshouse at Kirkthorpe; to pay the stipend of the schoolmaster of Normanton; and £5 a year to the free school at Wakefield.

He also leaves £100 to University College, of which £60 is to be used to buy up the lease on the house to the west side of the College so that it can become part of the College, and £40 is to go towards building repairs and the purchasing of a silver tun, a silver salt, and six silver spoons, for the use of the College, and to buy three or four books a year for their Library. Furthermore his cousin John Browne, Fellow of University College, is to have two of the best chambers in the College reserved for him for free.

He also leaves £40 to build an almshouse at Kirkthorpe, and 200 marks (£133 6s 8d) to purchase a plot of land at Normanton and build a school on it large enough to

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accommodate 30 scholars. He also leaves £500 to Emmanuel College or another College in Cambridge to purchase lands to support 1 Fellow and 2 Scholars, to come from the West Riding of Yorkshire, with preference given to pupils from the school at Normanton, or else the schools at Wakefield, Pontefract, or Leeds, in that order.

He also gives his almshouse at Kirkthorpe to the Master and Fellows of University College on conditions set down elsewhere.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 5 no. 1a]

**UC:E12/1/W1/9****26 Jan 35 Eliz I (1592/3)**

Schedule prepared by John Freeston (every page of which is once again signed by him) making provision for his brother William Freston. He also gives more details of his plans for the construction and running of his school at Normanton and his almshouse at Kirkthorpe.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 5 no. 1b]

**UC:E12/1/W1/10****26 Nov 37 Eliz I (1594)**

Copy of a further will of John Freeston of Altofts, Yorks., Esq. Among other bequests, he makes the following:  
He confirms the grant made in **UC:E12/1/W1/4** to the Master and Fellows of University College.

£100 to the Master and Fellows of University College, of which £60 is to be used to buy up the lease on the house to the west side of the College so that it can become part of the College (so long as Freeston's Fellow and Scholars can have the best chambers there), and £40 is to go towards repairing the High Street frontage of the College, and the purchasing of a silver salt, and six silver spoons, for the use of the College, and to buy two or three "good bookes" for their Library. He asks that this gift be recorded in the Register of the College, that the new lodgings be called "Frestons Lodgings", and that his cousin John Browne should have the best chambers free of any rent.

£40 is to go towards the building of his almshouse at Kirkthorpe.

Lancelott Gryme, his current scholar in Oxford, is to have the profits from the lease of one of his properties in Utoxe (Uttoxeter?), Staffs., for three years, after which they are to go to one of his scholars.

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£500 to be invested in lands to yield an income of £25 to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to support 1 Fellow and 2 scholars, to come from the West Riding of Yorkshire, with preference given to pupils from the school at Normanton, or else the schools at Wakefield, Pontefract Leeds, or Rotherham, in that order.

200 marks (£133 6s 8d) to purchase a plot of land at Normanton and build a school on it large enough to accommodate 30 scholars.

The nomination and ordering of the Schoolmaster, usher and scholars of Normanton, and of his almshouse at Kirkthorpe, are to be given to the Master of University College, the Master of Emmanuel College, the Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, the Fellows of University and Emmanuel who come from Yorkshire, the vicars of Wakefield, Poyntefract, Leeds, Normanton, and Kirkthorpe.

The Chauntry known as the Trintyties at Pountefract is to remain with his wife Margery for life, so long as she does not remarry.

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

**UC:E12/1/W1/11****n.d. (after 1594)**

Extracts from the 1594 will of John Freeston relating to the bequests made to or involving University College.

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

**UC:E12/1/W1/12****20 Jan 1598/9**

A list of John Freeston's estates and other effects, with their valuations, which are supposedly in the hands of Freeston's widow and her new husband Bryan Stapleton.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 8 no. 1 (a)]

**UC:E12/1/W1/13****n.d. (1598/9?)**

A conjectural account of John Freeston's effects.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 8 no. 1 (b)]

**UC:E12/1/W1/14****after 1595**

Summary list of the legacies made by John Freeston in his will (Freeston is called "deceased" on this document).

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

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**UC:E12/1/W1/15** **n.d. (dated by Smith to c. 1603/4)**  
 Lists of which bequests from John Freeston's will have now been settled, and of what is preventing the rest of the will from being performed.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 8 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/W1/16** **n.d. (c. 1603/4?)**  
 Another list of the gifts and legacies made by John Freeston, slightly different from the preceding.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 8 no. 3b]

**UC:E12/1/W1/17** **n.d. (after 1595)**  
 A summary list of the bequests made under John Freeston's will.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 8 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/W1/18** **n.d. (after 1595)**  
 Another list of John Freeston's legacies.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 8 no. 5]

**UC:E12/1/D10 - DEEDS CREATING TRUSTEES ON THE FREESTON ESTATE TO HELP CONVEY IT TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 1595–1612**

**UC:E12/1/D10/1** **23 Apr 37 Eliz I (1595)**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. (a) William Wade, Esq., one of the clerks to the Privy Counsel.  
 (b) John Browne, BD, and Fellow of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) John Savile, Esq., serjeant at the law.  
 (b) William West of Firbecke, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** The leases, goods, and chattels, owned by John Freeston at the time of his death, except for such items as were given to his widow Margerie.

**Comments:** In order to ensure that the charitable uses set out in John Freeston's will are properly performed, and in the light of some obstructive behaviour by some of the other executors, fearing for further hindrances, 1 give the above property to 2, so that they may help them in putting Freeston's will into effect.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 9 no. 1]

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Lease for 40 years

**Parties:**

1.
  - (a) John Browne.
  - (b) Robert Batt.
  - (c) John Savile.
  - (d) John Brograve, esq., Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster.
  - (e) William Wade, esq., one of the clerks of the Privy Council.
  - (f) Richard Wortley, esq.
  - (g) Robert Waterhouse, esq.
  - (h) Richard Gargrave, esq.
  - (i) William West of Rotheram, gent.
  - (j) William Cartwright, gent.
  - (k) Nicholas Ibbotson, gent.
2. John Carville of the Middle Temple, London, gent.

**Property:** Knowles Almshouse or the Trinities of Pountfret, Pountfret, Yorks., and all lands belonging; 1's lands in Owston, Yorks, and in Waterfreston, Ferribridge, and Pountfret; the wood called Hodgewood.

**Rent:** £63 6s 8d.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/3****15 Oct 39 Eliz I (1597)**

Letter of Attorney

**Parties & Property:** All as in **UC:E12/1/D10/2** above.

**Comments:** 1 appoint Henry Shyrclife, Matthew Mawes, and William Hudwell as their attorneys to deliver seisin of the property to 2.

[Original reference Pyx α fasc. 4 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/D10/4****17 Oct 39 Eliz I (1597)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1.
  - (a) John Savile, Serjeant at Law.
  - (b) John Brograve, Esq., Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster.
  - (c) William Wade, Esq., one of the clerks of the Privy Council.
  - (d) Richard Wortley, esq.
  - (e) Robert Waterhouse, esq.
  - (f) Richard Gargrave esq,

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- (g) William West of Rotheram, gent.
  - (h) William Cartwright, gent.
  - (i) Nicholas Ibbotson, gent.
  - (j) John Browne, BD and Fellow of University College.
  - (k) Robert Batt, late Fellow of the same.
  - 2. The Master and Fellows of University College.
- Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D10/2** above, given on the conditions set out in **UC:E12/1/W1/4** above, and as leased out in **UC:E12/1/D10/2** above.
- Comments:** Because John Freeston had ordained that most of the profits from this property should go to 2, 1 give the reversion on the above property to 2.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/5****4 Nov 39 Eliz I (1597)**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

- 1. (a) Edward Herne, Serjeant at Law.
- (b) William Wade (as in **UC:E12/1/D10/1** above).
- (c) John Browne (as in **UC:E12/1/D10/1** above).
- 2. (a) John Savile, Serjeant at Law.
- (b) Thomas Wentworth of Lincolns Inn.
- (c) John Carville of the Middle Temple, Esq.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D10/1** above.**Comments:** 1 now revoke the conveyance in **UC:E12/1/D10/1** above, and now give the property to 2, to hold for the same purposes.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/6****4 Nov 39 Eliz I (1597)**

This appears to be a counterpart to **UC:E12/1/D10/5** above, except that Party 1 only includes 1 (b) and 1 (c), and not 1(a).

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 9 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/D10/7****4 Dec 40 Eliz I (1597)**

Letter of Attorney

**Parties:**

- 1. George Abbot, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.
- 2. (a) George Spirie of Wakefeild, Merchant.
- (b) Richard Malson of Altoftes, gent.
- (c) Thomas Arnold of Pomfrett, yeoman.

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(d) Richard Hatton of Pomfrett, Yoeman.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D10/2** above.

**Comments:** 1 make 2 their attorneys to receive seisin of the above property.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/8****12 May 5 Ja I (1607)**

Copy of Agreement to collect Rents

**Parties:**

1. Sir Edward Heron, Kt., serjeant at law.
2. (a) Richard Frieston of Mondham, Suffolk, esq.  
(b) William Frieston.  
(c) Richard Frieston of the Middle Temple, London, gent.  
(d) Thomas Freston of Mendham (2b–d are all sons of 2a).

**Property:** Unspecified leasehold lands in Altofts, Warmefield, Kirkethorpe Heath, Charleston, Houghton, Ouston, Wakefeild, Standley, Sandall, Pomfract, Fetherstone, Acton, Meathley, Ferryfreston, Brotherton, Darrington, Knottingly, and Ferribridge, Yorks., of late the inheritance of John Frieston, decd.; unspecified copyhold lands in the same county.

**Comments:** 2a and 2b agree to receive all the rents from the above properties for the next four years, and also to let such premises as were occupied by Thomas Thompson, late of Castleford, Yorks., gent., or were occupied by any tenant which refused to pay rent 2a or 2b, or were in the tenure of Bryan Stapleton or Margerye his wife, and to hand the rents over to 1.

It is also agreed that rents of £25 yearly which were to be assured to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and which have now been refused by them, are to go to the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Sidney Sussex, College.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/9****24 Oct 7 Ja I (1609)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Richard Gargrave, Kt., of Babstell, Yorks.  
(b) John Thimblebye of Snythall, Yorks., Esq.  
(c) Henry Farnell and Rychard Thwaites of Pountefracte, Yorks., Alderman of the same.

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2. (a) Lyonell Nailor of Pontefract.
- (b) Henry Roothe of University College, Oxford, Clerk.

**Property:** A leasehold in the manor of Owston, Yorks, as leased by the Queen to William Cade; also various lands leased by the Queen to Nicholas Bowls; various lands leased to William Cade; a moiety of the manor of Lounds, Notts; the manor of Hinton, Suffolk; a messuage in Stonley, Yorks., called Bothomes.

**Comments:** By a deed of 30 May 32 Eliz I (1590) (now lost) by which John Freeston assigned to various trustees his rights in the above properties for certain specified uses. Now 1 pass them on to 2 to hold for the remaining period of years for the same uses.

Henry Routh took his BA from University College in 1611.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/10****26 Oct 7 Ja I (1609)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Lyonell Nailor of Pontefract.
- (b) Henry Roothe of University College, Oxford, Clerk.
2. (a) Richard Gargrave, Kt., of Babstell, Yorks.
- (b) John Thimblebye of Snythall, Yorks., Esq.
- (c) Henry Farnell and Rychard Thwaites of Pountefracte, Yorks., Alderman of the same.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/1/D10/9** above.

**Comments:** 1 convey the above lands back to 1, but also to John Batty, MA and Fellow of University College, and Robert Waterhouse of Wakefeild, Yorks., Minister, for the same uses as set out by John Freeston.

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

**UC:E12/1/D10/11****13 Jul 10 Ja I (1612)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. Thomas, Earl of Suffolk, Lord Chamberlain.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** as in **UC:E12/1/D2/5** (i.e. the chantry called Knowles Almshouse or Trinity College in Pontefract, Yorks; the chantry or free chapel of St. Clement's within the castle of Pontefract; and all lands pertaining to the same places, all of which were leased to John Freston.).

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

**UC:E12/1/L5 - PAPERS CONCERNING UNIVERSITY COLLEGE'S DISPUTES WITH FREESTON'S WIDOW AND HIS FAMILY, 1595–1617****UC:E12/1/L5/1****22 Mar 1594/5**

Order from the Council of York on dispute between John Brograve and others, plaintiffs, and William Freeston, defendant. Freeston, as an heir of John Freeston, claims ownership of his brother's properties. The Council decrees that the land is to be sequestered into the hands of a third party while the case is being judged.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L5/2****8 May 1595**

Order from the Council of York on the same case. William Freeston has sent two men onto one of the disputed lands, and they are now ordered to leave.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/1/L5/3****n.d. (1595?)**

Petition submitted by William Freston, brother of John Freeston, against his sister-in-law Margery. It claims that John died on about 20 January last (i.e. 1594/5), and that William was in theory John's heir, but instead John's widow Margery forced her way into the lands herself.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L5/4****n.d. (1595?)**

Rough notes concerning a plea that William Freeston and Thomson [first name not given] keep off John Freeston's estates while they are still under jurisdiction.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/L5/5****3 Nov 37 Eliz I (1595)**

Order from the Court of Wards dissolving an injunction against Margery Preston and John Browne granted the previous July if William Freeston can show no cause to the contrary.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 3]

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- UC:E12/1/L5/6** **10 Nov 37 Eliz I (1595)**  
 Order from the Court of Wards dissolving the above injunction because William Freeston has shown no cause to the contrary.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 4]
- UC:E12/1/L5/7** **9 Dec 1595**  
 Letter from Ingram Marton to John Browne (address, the Golden Unicorn's Head, Fleet Street, London). Marton asks Browne to come to London and travel up to Yorkshire with his cousin William Wade to help sort out the Freeston lands, and procure a sequestration on them against Brian Stapylton.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 2b]
- UC:E12/1/L5/8** **n.d. (c. 1595)**  
 Copy of a letter from John Whitgift, Archbishop of Canterbury, addressed, according to William Smith, to Archbishop of York. Whitgift orders that, since the case of John Freeston's will has been referred to himself, York is not to admit any pleas from Brian Stapylton in the affair until he hears from Whitgift.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no.3]
- UC:E12/1/L5/9** **n.d. (c. 1595)**  
 Letter from members of the Privy Council to a "Mr. Cardinal" (apparently a member of the Council at York). They alert Cardinal to see to the safety of the lands and produce of property at Lounde, in Nottinghamshire, which was owned by John Freeston, and which might be in danger of occupation by those contesting Freeston's will.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 4a]
- UC:E12/1/L5/10** **26 Jan 1596 [*sic*; recte 1596/7]**  
 Copy of letter from members of the Privy Council to the Archbishop of York and his Council on the Freeston affair. The Council gathered that Freeston, when aged about 90 years old [*sic*], and having been a bachelor, married "one of meane calling" who had been a servant in his house for many years. Within a few months of joining her in the execution of his will, he died, and shortly afterwards his widow married Brian Stapleton, whom the Council understands to have been greatly in debt. To defraud Freeston's will, his widow took letters of administration so that Stapleton has taken in many chattels of the estate, and sold some leases, to pay his debts. The

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remaining executors refuse to prove Freeston's will, until Stapleton has been dealt with, because they are liable to pay the debts and legacies under it, while Stapleton continues to enjoy the profits of the estate, because no one wishes to take Stapleton to court, as he is so much in debt. Although the executors were willing to give Stapleton the legacies owing to his wife, yet he is trying to take everything, and frustrate Freeston's will. The Council therefore ask that Freeston's lands be sequestrated until the matter may be heard properly before the Archbishop of Canterbury.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 4b]

**UC:E12/1/L5/11**

**8 March 1596 and 39 Eliz I [i.e. 1596/7]**

Order from the Queen to Brian Stapleton and others demanding that they hand over to John Savile, Serjeant at Law, Thomas Reresby, Robert Swift, esqs., Ingram Marton, and Richard Sproxtton, all leases, bonds, "books of green wax" and other documents and moneys from the estate of John Freeston and recently sequestrated.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/12**

**5 Apr 1597**

Copy of letter from the sequestrators of John Freeston's estate to the tenants of John Freeston's lands that they are to pay all their rents to Ingram Marton.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/13**

**8 Sep 39 Eliz I (1597)**

Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) William Freeston of Castleforth, Yorks, gent.  
(b) Thomas Thomson of the same, gent.
2. Edward Hearon, Serjeant at Law.

**Consideration:** £100.

**Comments:** 1 are bound to 2 to perform the covenants agreed in a deed of the same date.

**Language:** Latin and English.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 5]

**UC:E12/1/L5/14**

**n.d. (1597?; dated 1598 by Smith)**

Copy of memorandum listing what a Commission set up to investigate abuses of charitable trusts in York.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/15****n.d. (dated c. 1597–1604 by Smith)**

Copy of order from the Queen merely giving a list of names. William Smith thought that these were the commissioners appointed to investigate Freeston's will. (Smith dated this document to c. 1597–1604, because Richard Vaughan, one of the names given, was Bishop of Chester at that time).

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/16****n.d. (late 1590s?)**

Draft assent by Richard Freston of Mendam, Norfolk, and William Freston of Warmefield, Yorks., heirs of John Freston, that Edward Heron, Serjeant at Law, and John Browne, Bachelor of Divinity, are to take into their hands various papers relating to those lands which will fund John Freston's benefaction to the College and other charities.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 6]

**UC:E12/1/L5/17****25 Mar 1598**

Copy of order from the Court at York in the Freeston case. It seems that Brian Stapleton is now in prison in London, and so cannot come to court, and there are concerns that Margerie his wife is trying to defraud Freeston's will. The Court now orders that John Savile, Robert Bradford, Thomas Savil and Nicholas Sproxton are authorised to summon Margerie Stapleton to hand over all relevant papers in the case.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/18****27 Oct 1599**

Order of the Court at York. Brian Stapleton is now back in Yorkshire, and the court orders a commission to summon him before them and to collect all relevant papers in the case.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/19****Martinmas (c. 10 Nov) 1599**

Account kept by William Freston of the lands in Warmfylde, Hethe, and Altoftes, late of John Freston.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 12 no. 7]

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- UC:E12/1/L5/20** **11 Dec 1600**  
 Order of the Court at York. On John Freeston's death, some of his properties were in the hands of his near kinsman Richard Friston and his brother William Friston, and so the documents relating to the case were brought into the court for safe custody. John Browne, Fellow of University College, and one of Freeston's executors, now asks that the documents relating to lands bequeathed to University College may be delivered to him. The Court demands that this be done.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 10]
- UC:E12/1/L5/21** **21 Mar 1600/1**  
 Order of the Court at York, repeating the order made on 11 December 1600.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 10b]
- UC:E12/1/L5/22** **21 Mar 1600/1**  
 Order of the Court of York appointing new sequestrators for John Freeston's properties.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 11a]
- UC:E12/1/L5/23** **1601 (day and month left blank)**  
 Copy of letter from the Commissioners to Brian Stapleton forbidding him from selling any timber on land in Kirk Fenton which is part of the estate bequeathed to University College.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 11b]
- UC:E12/1/L5/24** **2 Apr 1601**  
 Order of the Court at York giving notice to Brian and Margery Stapleton that they are to deliver various papers on the Freeston estate to John Browne.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 12a]
- UC:E12/1/L5/25** **11 Apr 1601**  
 Order of the Court at York that the documents in their possession relating to John Freeston's lands are to be handed over to John Browne.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 12b]
- UC:E12/1/L5/26** **27 Apr–18 Dec 1604**  
 Copies of various documents, as follows:  
 (1) **27 Apr 1604**

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Articles of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. John Browne, BD, one of the executors of John Freeston's will.
2. Alexander Stowe of Lownd, in the parish of Sutton, Notts., gent.

**Comments:** 1 and 2 agree that 2 is to collect various specified sums of money for 1. 2 is to get a fourth part of what he gathers for his pains.

(2) **3 Nov 2 Ja I (1604)**

Articles of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. John Browne (as above).
2. (a) Robert Browne of Ordsall, Notts., gent.  
(b) Alexander Stowe (as above).

**Comments:** 2 agrees to collect some more monies for 1, this time receiving one third of what they gather for their pains.

(3) **18 Dec 2 Ja I (1604)**

Commission from the King appointing commissioners to investigate claims made by the Master and Fellows of University College that about 130 trees were felled in Hodgwood without their permission.

(4) **n.d. (1604?)**

Extract from an Act of Parliament for the sending of two burgesses from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge to Parliament.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/27** **n.d. (1604?)**

Answer of Symon Beckwith, gent., to the information of Sir John Brograve, Attorney General of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the case of the Master and Fellows of University College. He claims to have bought timber rights over Hodgwood from Brian Stapleton during the latter's wife's lifetime.

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

**UC:E12/1/L5/28** **n.d. (1604?)**

Draft list of questions to be put to Symon Beckwith over the timber rights at Hodgwood.

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

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- UC:E12/1/L5/29** **12 Feb 1605/6**  
 Court order that, since Simon Beckwith has confessed that he cut down 130 trees in Hodgwood, he is compensate John Browne on behalf of University College.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 4a]
- UC:E12/1/L5/30** **12 Feb 1605/6**  
 A copy of the preceding.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 4b]
- UC:E12/1/L5/31** **19 Jun 1605**  
 Court order that, because Brian Stapleton is £40 in arrears to the Crown on various quit rents from Knowles Almeshouse, arrangements are now made for him to pay his debt off in stages over four years.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 5a]
- UC:E12/1/L5/32** **19 Jun 1605**  
 A copy of the preceding.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 5b]
- UC:E12/1/L5/33** **n.d. (1606?)**  
 Petition from the Master and Fellows of University College to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster protesting that Brian Stapleton has still not paid the quit rents owing to the Crown on the Freeston lands, and expressing concern that they might be liable for his debts. They have tried to make a seisure of some of Stapleton's cattle to pay off the debt, but only £10 of the arrears have actually been paid.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 6]
- UC:E12/1/L5/34** **28 Jun 1606**  
 Order from the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster that Thomas Pierson, who is currently looking after the cattle distrained to pay Stapleton's debt, should pay the arrears.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 7a]
- UC:E12/1/L5/35** **28 Jun 1606**  
 A copy of the preceding.  
 [Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 7b]

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Court order against Edward Talbot demanding moneys owed by him to the Crown from Knowles Almshouse. William Smith wrote on the back of this document “uncertain whether [the debt is] due from the sd Talbot or Brian Stapylton”.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/L5/37****Michaelmas Term 5 Ja I (1607)**

Report of a case heard in the King’s Bench, Westminster, about a case of a dispute between William Ive and Henry Colborne, and Gervase Hunter, over a house of Ive and Colborne, in the Fishmarket, Pontefract, which they claim that Hunter forcibly broke into and seized.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 2 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L5/38****Easter Term 6 Ja I (1608)**

Report on the same case, between Ive and Colborne, and Hunter.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 2 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/L5/39****n.d. (probably c. 1608 - see below)**

Notes concerning whether the grant of Knowles Almshouse to Edward Downing and Miles Doddington was valid, because it was made under the Great Seal, and not under the seal of the Duchy of Lancaster. The answer is that it was.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 1 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/L5/40****2 Mar 1607/8**

Copy of letter from John Brograve (address “my chamber in Grayes Inne”) concerning the same issue, of the use of the wrong seal in the grant of 1588.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 15 pt. 1 no. 5]

**UC:E12/1/L5/41****14 Nov 1609**

Copy of letter from William Cartwright to John Browne reporting that, when he and Thomas Bland tried to get the tenants on the Freeston estates to pay him rents for University College, the tenants claimed that they were bound to pay rents to Mr. Friston, and Mr. Thompson.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 12c]

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Note (presumably sent with the preceding) prepared by Cartwright and Bland summoning various tenants to attend them to pay their rents. All the tenants are named, with the rents due from them.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 13]

**UC:E12/1/L5/43****9 Apr 1610**

Letter from Thomas Thomson (nephew of John Freeston) to William Cartwright assuring him that he will release any of his tenants from any bonds which hinder them from paying their rents.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 10 no. 14]

**UC:E12/1/L5/44****16 Oct 1617**

Order from the court of the Duchy of Lancaster on a debt of £42 11s owed to the Crown on Knowles Almshouse. The Crown is asking the College to find the money, and the College protests that it has to evidence that it is liable for this debt.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 14 no. 9]

**UC:E12/1/D11 - DEEDS CONCERNING UNIVERSITY COLLEGE'S DEALINGS WITH MARGERY FREESTON AND BRIAN STAPLETON, 1600–1****UC:E12/1/D11/1****21 Dec 43 Eliz I (1600)**

Grant

**Parties:**

1. (a) Brian Stapleton of Altoftes, Yorks., Esq.  
(b) Margery his wife.
2. George Abbott, DD, Master of University College, and the Fellows of the same.

**Property:** An annual rent of £6 13s 4d, coming from a messuage and 80 acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture, and all other lands in Milforth, Yorkshire, which are now occupied by James Woodrove.

**Comments:** This money is to be used to endow a Fellowship at University College, and is to be paid yearly during the lifetime of 1b.

**Language:** Latin.

[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 11 no. 1a]

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**UC:E12/1/D11/2** **22–3 Dec 43 Eliz I (1600)**  
 Draft of **UC:E12/1/D11/1** above, bearing a different date, and  
 also of **UC:E12/1/D11/3** below.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 11 no. 1b]

**UC:E12/1/D11/3** **22 Dec 1600**  
 Copy of the second portion of a bond  
 1. George Spuvie of Wakefield, Yorks, Chapman.  
 2. (a) Brian Stapleton of Altoftes, Yorks., Esq.  
     (b) Margery his wife.  
**Comments:** 2 have promised to pay a rent of £6 13s 4d to University College, Oxford, during the lifetime of 2b. 1 now agrees to make sure that this money is paid. This document itself is undated, but the copy in **UC:E12/1/D11/2** above is dated 22 December 1600.  
**Language:** English.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 11 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/1/D11/4** **7 Feb 1600/1**  
 Copy of Bond  
**Parties:**  
 1. John Browne of Oxford, gent.  
 2. George Spyvie of Wakefield, Yorks, Chapman.  
**Consideration:** 100 marks.  
**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to indemnify him against the preceding bond.  
**Language:** Latin and English.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 11 no. 2b]

**UC:E12/1/D11/5** **16 Mar 43 Eliz I (1600/1)**  
 Copy of Bond  
**Parties:**  
 1. John Browne, BD, of Oxford.  
 2. George Abbot, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same.  
**Consideration:** £20.  
**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 to ensure that the College received an annual payment of 10 marks (£6 13s 4d) during the lifetime of Margery Stapleton.  
**Language:** Latin and English.  
[Original reference Pyx β fasc. 11 no. 3]

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NOTE: Several of these documents are in a poor state, evidently having been damaged by damp at an unknown period before the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**UC:E12/1/L6/1****25 Apr 1611**

Bill submitted in Chancery by Thomas, William, Richard, and Anthony Freston, the sons of Richard Freston of Mendham, Norfolk, Esq., against John Browne, Richard Browne and Henry Routh. They claim that John Freston owned properties with a value of £150 a year from his properties in Pountfret, Ferrybigge, and Ouston, in Yorks., and Sutton upon Lownd, Mattersey and Retford, Notts., as well as various (itemised) leasehold properties, chattels, and debts owed to him, and attempt to give a value to his properties, and died in January 1594/5. They claim that John Browne (whom they call 'a man of a verie couetous mynde and desiorous to inrych humselfe by the losse and hinderaunce of others') has defrauded members of the Freston family of legacies which they were owed under John Freston's will. So Browne did not get probate on the will, but got letters of sequestration on John Freston's goods and entered onto his lands to take the rents from them. The plaintiffs accuse Browne of receiving £20,000 in this way, but of having drawn up no accounts of his activities. He has also renewed Freston's leases in his own name and the names of his friends, and not of Freston's family.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L6/2****4 May 1611**

John Browne's answer to the above charges. He declares that much of John Freston's estate was to be given to charitable causes, not least the maintenance of scholarships at Oxford and Cambridge. Browne was in Oxford when John Freston died, and came up to Yorkshire to oversee his funeral. He then returned to Oxford, and left Freston's widow in her house. Mrs. Freston shortly afterwards married Bryan Stapleton. Browne claims that Stapleton wasted a great part of Freston's estate, and sold off several of Freston's leases. Browne asked his other co-executors to help him put Freston's will into action, but they refused to help, and Browne feeling that he had to act to salvage Freston's intentions, decided to act on his own. This

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is why he obtained the sequestration order. In the meantime, Browne has performed the charitable uses set out under the will, in spite of Margery and Bryan Stapleton, and the complainants taking some of the Freston inheritance which should have been employed to charitable uses. Browne also protests that he himself has spend almost £750 in this affair, both in travelling between Oxford and the north (where he has had regularly to stay for over a month) and to London (where he has been almost every term since 1595), and has had to try to recoup this from receiving income from taking out leases on the Freston estates. Browne calls Richard Freston John Freston's cousin.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/1/L6/3**

**4 May 1611**

A rougher copy of the preceding.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 2b]

**UC:E12/1/L6/4**

**n.d. (May 1611)**

Another version of the preceding. William Smith noted on the document that he thought it was a first draft of John Browne's response, and the state of the document, with many crossings out and amendments, some in Browne's own hand, suggests this.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 2c]

**UC:E12/1/L6/5**

**n.d. (1611?)**

Answer of Richard Browne and Henry Routh to the charges of the Frestons. Richard Browne claims that he has no papers relating to the affair except for some which his brother John Browne deposited with him for safe keeping at his house in Northbury, Derbyshire, and he has done nothing else with them. Henry Routh claims that he has for the last three or four years looked after some documents for John Browne. This document is incomplete, breaking off after the third page. Smith's summary of it (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 211) shows that it was also incomplete when he examined it.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/L6/6**

**15 Feb 1611/12**

List of commissioners agreed on as arbitrators by the parties in Thomas Freeston and others v. John Browne and others.

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[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 3b]

**UC:E12/1/L6/7****2 Apr 1612**

Warrant from the above commissioners summoning a list of witnesses to be questioned at Wakefield on 6 April in relation to the above case.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 3c]

**UC:E12/1/L6/8****n.d. (Apr 1612)**

A draft of **UC:E12/1/L6/9** below.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 4a]

**UC:E12/1/L6/9****n.d. (Apr 1612)**

List of questions to be put before witnesses on behalf of John Browne in April 1612.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 4b]

**UC:E12/1/L6/10****27 Mar–6 Apr 1612**

Depositions of witnesses taken at Doncaster on 27 March 1612, at York on 1 Apr 1612, and at Wakefield on 6 Apr 1612. The original document is now fragile, and it is better to work with Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 211–13). Most of the witnesses report that they had paid rent money to John Browne. Others report on the value of the various properties in dispute.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 5]

**UC:E12/1/L6/11****5 May 1612**

More depositions of witnesses, these ones taken in Chancery. This document is in very poor condition, and once again it is best to use Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 213–14). Someone in what appears to be a 19<sup>th</sup> century hand has added the word "mutilated and illegible", which suggests that the damage is of long standing.

Once again the witnesses provide details on the values of John Freeston's lands and the amounts of money they paid John Browne.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 6]

**UC:E12/1/L6/12****27 Mar–1 Apr 1612**

More depositions of witnesses, these ones taken in Doncaster on 27 Mar 1612 and 1 Apr 1612 at Wakefield. Once again, this

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document is in very poor condition and Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 214–15) should be used. The same 19<sup>th</sup> century hand in **UC:E12/1/L6/11** above has written alongside this summary "No. 7–12 mutilated", so it is clear that all these documents were damaged many years ago.

These witnesses confirm the payment of legacies under John Freeston's will (including the payments of some stipends to schoolmasters), and how Margery Freeston tried to use some of the Freeston money intended for charitable ends for her own purposes.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 7]

**UC:E12/1/L6/13****16 Oct 1612**

The original document is now badly faded, and Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 215) is the best source for its contents. On the condition of these documents, see **UC:E12/1/L6/12** above.

Described by Smith as "An order of Chancery to Dr. Browne to show cause why he confessing the Trust in renewing the lease of Lounde the same should not be awarded to Frestons [a few illegible words here] This information given by Richard Freston of Counsel for Tho: Freston".

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/L6/14****16 Oct 10 Ja I (1612)**

This document was missing in 2011, and the only evidence for it is in Smith's notes (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 183 and 215). Subpoena to John Browne to appear before the court of Chancery to answer charges laid against him, especially with regard to the manor of Lound.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 8b]

**UC:E12/1/L6/15****23 & 27 Oct 1612**

The original document is now badly faded, and Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 215) is the best source for its contents. On the condition of these documents, see **UC:E12/1/L6/12** above.

This document records a hearing on 23 Oct 1612 at which Mr. Tildesley agreed that the lease on Lounds had been renewed for the use of the will, but said that the will had not been performed wholly. The Court ordered that the Master of the Rolls should examine the will. On 27 Oct 1612, the Master of

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the Rolls did examine the will and the answer of Dr. Browne, and declared that the answers in the defendant's (i.e. Browne's) answer were true, and therefore there was no cause for an injunction, but the cost of £5 for slander.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 9]

**UC:E12/1/L6/16****28 Oct 1612**

The original document is now badly faded, and Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 215) is the best source for its contents. On the condition of these documents, see **UC:E12/1/L6/12** above.

Described by Smith thus: "28 Oct 1612 recites the substance of the former order and that paying 5li Cost if the information proved false - the Mr of the Rolls having found he information untrue It is therefore ordered upon the humble petition of the defendant that the granting of the injunction be stayed and that the said plaintiffs for such a false & untrue surmise shall pay to the defendant but 40s costs."

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 10]

**UC:E12/1/L6/17****n.d. (thought by Smith to date from early 1613)**

The original document is now badly damaged by damp, and Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 216) is the best source for its contents. On the condition of these documents, see **UC:E12/1/L6/12** above.

Described by Smith thus: "Reasons assigned in Chancery why Dr. Brownes witnesses were not examined in the long vacation". The reasons given were that it was hard to bring together witnesses coming from several counties; that Dr. Browne had important business relating to his Fellowship, and in effecting a benefaction by the Earl of Leicester for University College, all of this in addition to the Freeston affair.

[Original reference Pyx y fasc. 17 no. 11]

**UC:E12/1/L6/18****28 Apr 1613**

The original document is now badly damaged by damp and Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 216) is the best source for its contents. On the condition of these documents, see **UC:E12/1/L6/12** above.

According to Smith's description, this is a record of an agreement between the parties \*that publication of the judgement in the case between them be postponed until 12

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May. Part of this is in Browne's handwriting, which Smith thought was the last known example of his hand—almost certainly correctly because Browne died on 8 May 1613 "miserable and fearefullye upon a dead palsey" (T. D. Whitaker, *The life and original correspondence of Sir George Radcliffe* (London, 1810), pp. 93–4).

[Original reference Pyx γ fasc. 17 no. 12]

**UC:E12/1/L7 - PAPERS ON A DISPUTE WITH WILLIAM FRESTON FOR RECOVERING THE TRINITIES, 1617–22****UC:E12/1/L7/1 after 26 Apr 15 Ja I (1617)**

Declaration in a suit between Henry Linley and Walter Waddington that on 26 Apr 1617 Richard Freston leased to Linley a messuage, 10 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 14 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of woodland, in Pomfret for 5 years, but Waddington ejected him from this property.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 18 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L7/2 n.d. (suggested 1617 or 1618 by Smith)**

Declaration in the same suit between Linley and Waddington, on the same matter.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 18 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/L7/3 5 Jun 1618**

Draft petition to Sir Francis Bacon from John Bancroft, Master of University and the Fellows of the same, and Walter Waddington, gent., on the lands bequeathed to University College by John Freston. They claim that William Freston of the Middle Temple has obtained various deeds about this property, and is laying claim to them. He even leased some of the land to Henry Lindley, who has begun an action against Waddington for ejecting him from the lands.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 18 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/L7/4 25 Jun 1618**

Answer of William Freston to the above charges. He looks to a deed of 20 Feb 31 Eliz I (1588/9) (now lost) from John Freston to Richard Freston (his father), Edward Heron and Charles Jackson, in which he gave this land first to himself for life; then to Margery Sheppard for life, and then to the use of the purchasers or grantees. Freston died in January 1594/5, and

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Margery about 13 years later. Edward Heron died shortly after that, and Charles Jackson was already dead. Richard Freston died on 26 November 1616, and the land descended to William.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 4]

**UC:E12/1/L7/5****1 Jul 1618**

A wrapper for these deeds in Charles Faulkner's hand shows that this document was missing in his time. Smith's summary of it (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 177) shows that it was an order from the Master of the Rolls that if Freston's answer is deemed insufficient then a subpoena is to be issued against him and Henry Linley to attend in court.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 5]

**UC:E12/1/L7/6****24 Nov 1618**

A second answer of William Freston. He denies that the 1588/9 deed was ever revoked, or that John Freston made any other settlement before his death.

What Smith called Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 7a was written on the back of two of the pages of this document. It is another copy of Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 7b below.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 6]

**UC:E12/1/L7/7****n.d. (Dec 1618 or slightly later?)**

Reply of John Bancroft, the Fellows of University College and Walter Waddington to William Freston's answer. They do not acknowledge this answer, affirming that they have deeds sufficient to prove their own claim to the property, which they are ready to produce.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 7b]

**UC:E12/1/L7/8****n.d. (early 1619?)**

Rejoinder of William Freston to the above. He refuses to acknowledge the claims of the plaintiffs, and he is likewise ready to produce deeds to this effect.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 8]

**UC:E12/1/L7/9****n.d. (early 1619?)**

A summary of **UC:E12/1/L7/3–8** above.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 9]

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- UC:E12/1/L7/10** **9–14 Jun 1619**  
Copy (dated 4 Oct 1622) of depositions of witnesses taken on behalf of the defendant on 9, 11 and 14 Jun 1619.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 10]
- UC:E12/1/L7/11** **Jan 1619/20**  
Copy (dated 3 Jul 1622) of more depositions of witnesses taken on behalf of the defendant.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 11]
- UC:E12/1/L7/12** **10 Jan 1619/20**  
Copy (dated 3 Jul 1622) of depositions of witnesses taken at Wakefield on behalf of the plaintiffs.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 12]
- UC:E12/1/L7/13** **n.d. (c. 1620?)**  
List of the questions to be put to witnesses on behalf of the plaintiffs.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 13]
- UC:E12/1/L7/14** **n.d. (late 1619 or early 1620?)**  
Copy (dated 4 Oct 1622) of depositions made on behalf of the plaintiffs.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 14]
- UC:E12/1/L7/15** **19 Oct 1622**  
Court order finding for the plaintiffs (i.e. University College) . It is agreed that the deed of 1588/9 only placed the land in trust for John Freston, and so the plaintiffs are allowed to hold onto the land. This document has been somewhat ruthlessly conserved.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 18 no. 15]
- UC:E12/1/L8 - BILL IN ROYAL EXCHEQUER CONCERNING THE TRINITIES, WITH COPIES OF EARLIER DOCUMENTS, 1630**
- All these documents have been badly damaged by damp at some time.
- UC:E12/1/L8/1** **n.d. (dated by Smith to c. 1609)**  
About one-third of this document has been lost, but it is transcribed in full by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 220)

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Summary of the line of ownership of Knolles almshouse from Elizabeth I, and of the size of the quit rent payable to the Crown.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 19 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/L8/2****before July 1612**

This document has been damaged by damp, and is both fragile and hard to read, but it is clearly a draft of **UC:E12/1/L8/3** below.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 19 no. 2]

**UC:E12/1/L8/3****13 Jul 10 Ja I (1612)**

This document has been damaged by damp, and much of the text is now hard to read, but, as Smith notes on the document, this is a copy of the grant at **UC:E12/1/D10/11** above.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 19 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/L8/4****Michaelmas Term 6 Cha I (1630)**

This document has been damaged by damp, and much of the text is now hard to read, but it is clearly another version of **UC:E12/1/L8/5** below.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 19 no. 4a]

**UC:E12/1/L8/5****Michaelmas Term 6 Cha I (1630)**

This document has been particularly badly damaged by damp, and is largely illegible. Smith's summary (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 217–18) is therefore the only real guide to its contents. Copy of a bill in the Royal Exchequer concerning Knowles Almshouses. It was claimed that, under an act of 43 Eliz I (1600/1) for the confirmation of letters patent or grants made since 8 Feb 25 Eliz I (1582/3), that, if any lands acquired this way were to be sold off within a certain period of time, then the vendor should pay the Crown at the rate of 60 years purchase for so much as the lands were worth. Under this act, the Crown was owed £2649 for Knowles Almshouses by Edward Downing and Miles Doddington, who had been granted the lands by the Crown. It is now claimed that the Master and Fellows of University College have inherited this debt. They are now summoned to court to defend themselves.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 19 no. 4b]

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List of deeds and related documents on John Freeston's estate delivered to John Browne at York. Much of the list is in Browne's own hand. Smith wrote on the back of this document "Severall of these writings are now in the Colledge at least all those that relate to the Trinitys & Mr. Frestones purchases in Carcroft Ferry Bridge and Water Freston - which were part of the Estate given with the Trinitys to University College by Mr. Frestone."

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

**UC:E12/1/MS1/2****18 May 1604**

Note signed by James Mountagu (Master of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge), John Browne, and James Risley, that the bequest of £25 a year to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, from the estate of John Freeston, was refused by the College. It was then offered to Sidney Sussex College, who accepted it. Mountagu confirms this acceptance, and agrees to follow the conditions laid down in Freeston's will.

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

**UC:E12/1/MS1/3****8 Feb 1604/5**

Letter from John Williams, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, to Sir Thomas Laake, asking him to help ensure in an unspecified way that John Freeston's will is put into effect, especially with regard to the benefactions to University College. The document once bore the Vice-Chancellor's seal, but that is now lost.

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

**UC:E12/1/F1 - JOHN BROWNE'S MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS, 1595–1610**

These documents were missing in March 2011, and appear to have been missing at least since before the stocktaking of 1993. The only source for the contents therefore comes from Smith's summaries. In his lists, Smith appears to have assigned no documents the references Pyx δ fasc. 23 nos. 2 or 4.

**UC:E12/1/F1/1****1595**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 273) as set of accounts kept by John Browne from 11 Feb 1594/5 to Ascension Day

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1595 [29 May] for various expenses, including legal expenses, and obtaining exemplifications of legal documents.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 23 no. 1]

**UC:E12/1/F1/2****1595–7**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 273) as a “brief of expenses” kept by John Browne from 11 Feb 1594/5 for about two and a half years. These costs include travel expenses to Yorkshire and to London, and payments to the first Freeston Scholars.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 23 no. 3]

**UC:E12/1/F1/3****1595–1610**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 273) as “accounts from Mr. Freestons death to the year 1610 in which as far as my haste will allow me to peruse them they seem to agree with this answer returned about this time to the bill of the Freestons.”

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 23 nos. 5a–5c]

**UC:E12/1/F1/4****7 Mar 1599/1600**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 273) as a goldsmith’s note, recording the sale to John Browne of a “fayre double gilt standing cupp being graven & imbossed with flowers”, which Browne, in a note on the back, says was given for a legacy.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 23 no. 6]

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#### **UC:E12/2: DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE FREESTON PROPERTIES AS MANAGED BY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

This section of the catalogue relates to the history of the Freeston properties in and around Pontefract from the time when they were finally acquired by University College until their sale in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. As well as many leases, this material includes accounts, correspondence, and also several architectural drawings and maps.

The history of the Freeston properties, especially in Pontefract, is a complex one, certainly after the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. In the 1790s, the College encouraged a major rebuilding of many of their properties there, through the use of building leases, so that the traditional property boundaries were completely revised. It also seems that, from the later 19<sup>th</sup> century, the College ceased to issue normal leases, or at least record them in its registers of leases.

It is therefore not always possible to record the exact histories of each house in Pontefract with the same exactness that it proved possible to do so with the College's properties in Oxford.

In the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, William Smith divided up the then extant leases relating to these properties into two sets of bundles, one set of 19 bundles for properties within Pontefract itself, the other for properties in the surrounding countryside. These deeds have been arranged in the order Smith set out for them. Of the "Pontefract" bundles, Bundle no. 16 appears to be lost.

Of the leases in this section, **UC:E12/2/D1–D40** related to properties within Pontefract itself, while **UC:E12/2/D41–D50** relate to properties in the surrounding parishes.

#### **UC:E12/2/D1: HOUSES IN THE TRINITIES, PONTEFRACT, 1606–1802**

These deeds also includes references to a house in Baxtergate, as well as several pieces of land in and around Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/D1/1–9 & 11** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title "Pontefract Bundle 1<sup>st</sup>"

**UC:E12/2/C1** includes correspondence with several generations of the Shillito family, who rented this property in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and also collected rents for the College for many years.

#### **UC:E12/2/D1/1**

Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**

**27 May 10 Cha I (1634)**

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Gervase Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks, Yeoman.

**Property:** A messuage in Pontefract lying between a street called Micklegate to the south, and a street called Northgate on the north, commonly called the Trinities, that is to say the mansion house with the housing within the court and one little house adjoining to the Trinity Church on the south side of the same, with one little garden thereto belonging on the east side of the house; also a house at the north gate of the Trinities with the kiln and other houses belonging to it, and one garden or garth adjoining the same house; one dovecot with a dovecot yard adjoining the east end of the same messuage; certain houses adjoining the mansion house commonly known as the Row rents, seven in number; and various pieces of land around Pontefract and Darrington described in great detail.

**Rent:** £28 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/2****29 Apr 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D1/1** above.

**Rent:** £33 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/3****6 Jun 1662**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Shillitoe, as in **UC:E12/2/D1/2** above.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D1/4****20 Oct 1676**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Shillitoe, as in **UC:E12/2/D1/2** above.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D1/5****29 Oct 4 Ja I (1606)**

Lease for 7 Years

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1. John Browne, Senior Fellow of University College, Oxford, one of the Executors of John Freston, late of Altoftes, esq.
2. Roberte Solloby of Darrington, Yorks., gent. (although he signs himself "Sotheby" at the bottom of this deed).

**Property:** One of a pair of closes called Greaves Leazes or Trinitie Closes, situated in Darrington, and are now occupied by (2). This is later listed among the fields leased in

**UC:E12/2/D1/1** above.

**Rent:** £5 a year, payable to 1 or to the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**UC:E12/2/D1/6****29 Apr 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Wrench of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** One house and one yard in Pontefract, bordering on the house of Mr. Lund to the south, to the north upon the cottage of Thomas Hide, to the east on Backstergate, and to the west on Pinfold Lane; also a garth or garden commonly called Beare Garden, formerly occupied by Gervase Shillitoe, abutting on Pinfold Lane to the east, to the south on a back lane over against Mr. Tatam's barn, to the west upon Mr. Foxcroft's garden, and to the north upon the barn and garden of Peter Swift, which garden is divided by a quarry, the upper part of which was lately occupied by the widow Turner, the lower part lately occupied by William Lorriman; also one house bordering on the east upon Northgate Street, on the north on the house of John Roper, on the west upon the house of one Hardwicke, and to the south upon the house of Marke Goodale, together with a backside belonging, which house is now occupied by Elizabeth Lorriman and Samuel Scholar; also various pieces of land around Ferrybridge Pontefract, and Darrington, including a wood called Hodgewood.

**Rent:** £6 8s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/7****7 Jun 1662**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

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**Property:** A wood called Hodgewood in the parish of Darrington, Yorks., abutting on the south Darrington Field, on the west on Hodgewood lane, and upon the east on Darrington Common; also a garth or garden called Beare Garden (as in **UC:E12/2/D1/6** above); and other pieces of land as in **UC:E12/2/D1/6** above.  
**Rent:** £5 6s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/8** **20 Oct 1676**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Shillitoe (as in **UC:E12/2/D1/7** above).

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/7** above.

**Rent:** £5 6s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/9** **4 Jun 1682**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) George Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.  
(b) Richard Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks, Yeoman.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D1/1** and **UC:E12/2/D1/7** above, all combined.

**Rent:** £38 6s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/10** **4 Jun 1682**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D1/9** above.

**UC:E12/2/D1/11** **18 Mar 1698/9**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Elizabeth Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property & Rent** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/9** above.

**UC:E12/2/D1/12** **18 Mar 1698/9**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D1/11** above.

There is a lost lease for 21 years, dated 10 Feb 1706/7, of the Trinities to John Crosley of Pontefract, Yorks., husbandman, and Joseph Diamond of Breerly, Yorks., Yeoman, on **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 81–5. The rent is the same as in previous leases.

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- UC:E12/2/D1/13** 27 Apr 1709  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Joseph Diamond of Breerly, Yorks., Yeoman.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/9** above.
- UC:E12/2/D1/14** 17 Sep 1716  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Joseph Diamond of Breerly, Yorks., Yeoman.  
**Property:** as in **UC:E12/2/D1/9** above, with the addition of a little garth containing about 1 rood of meadow in Northgate Street, with the street to the west, and land of the Widow Medly to the east.  
**Rent:** £38 10s a year.
- UC:E12/2/D1/15** 23 May 1729  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Joseph Dymond of Breerly, Yorks., Yeoman.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/14** above.
- UC:E12/2/D1/16** 19 Jun 1735  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. William Rhodes of Chevet, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/14** above.
- UC:E12/2/D1/17** 19 Jun 1735  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D1/16** above.
- UC:E12/2/D1/18** 28 Sep 1742  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. William Rhodes of Selby, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property:** Those several messuages or tenements called the Trinities and Bowrents, with a garth and garden adjoining called Trinity Garth and Trinity Garden, all situated in

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Pontefract, Yorks., between Micklegate to the south and Northgate to the north, and containing in front to each street about 60 yards; also a little garden called Swiney Garden containing 5 perches; one little garden adjoining St. Nicholas's Hospital containing 1 perch; another little garden called Bear Garden lying in Pontefract back lane, and divided into three parts containing 22 perches; one close of meadow or pasture called Thorps Northfield Close, containing 1 acre 2 roods and 37 perches (boundaries given); Another close called Westfield Close containing 5 acres 3 roods and 20 perches (boundaries given); a garth in Northgate called Pipemaker Garth, containing 2 roods, and one perch, bounded by land of Richard Dunhill to the west, Joseph Cross to the west, butting on Paradise Lane to the north and Northgate to the south; a close of arable land lately enclosed called Brackenhill Flatt containing 8 acres 2 roods and 20 perches (boundaries given); a close in Purston Jacklin containing 1 acre 3 roods and 14 perches (boundaries given); also a close in Darrington called Spittle Gap Close containing 4 acres 3 roods and 30 perches (boundaries given); two other closes in Darrington called Hodgwood Closes, containing 26 acres (boundaries given); two other closes in Darrington called Trinity Closes containing 39 acres (boundaries given); 3 acres of meadow ground in Bennet Inggs; one flatt of arable land in Pontefract Greave Field called Trinity Flatt, containing 6 acres and 6 perches (boundaries given); also several parcels of arable land in Ferrybridge field (described in detail); also two lands in Harrow Styes containing 3 roods and 8 perches (boundaries given); a parcel of land in Ferrybridge Old Field containing 1 acre and 27 perches (boundaries given).

**Rent:** £38 16s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/19****9 Jul 1756**

Lease for 21 Years (with effect from 5 Apr 1753)

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Rhodes of Wakefield, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** (1) Those several messuages or tenements called the Trinities and Bowrents, with a garth and garden adjoining called Trinity Garth and Trinity Garden, all situated in Pontefract, Yorks., between Micklegate to the south and Northgate to the north, and containing in front to Micklegate

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about 60 yards and to Northgate at about 80 yards; also a little garden called Swiney Garden containing 5 perches, lying between Bitchill and High Balygate to the west, west, and north; one small piece of ground in High Balygate adjoining St. Nicholas's Hospital containing 1 perch; another little piece of ground in Castle Lane in the possession of Thomas Pickering, bounded by Mr. Stansfield to the east, St. Nicholas Hospital to the west, Mr. Stansfield to the north, and Castle lane to the south; one garden called Bear Garden lying in the Back Lane, and divided into three parts containing 22 perches, and bounded by Gillygate to the east, Mr. Fisher to the west, Sir Rowland Winn to the north, and Backlane to the south; one close of meadow or pasture called Northfield Close, containing 1 acre 2 roods and 37 perches (boundaries given); Another close called Westfield Close containing 5 acres 3 roods and 20 perches (boundaries given); one little house and garth called Pipemakers Garth, containing 2 roods, and one perch, bounded by land of Richard Dunhill to the west, John Kitchingman to the west, butting on Paradise Lane to the north and Northgate to the south; a close of arable land lately enclosed called Brackenhill Flatt containing 8 acres 2 roods and 20 perches (boundaries given); a close in Purston Jacklin containing 1 acre 3 roods and 14 perches (boundaries given); also a close in Darrington called Spittlegap Close containing 4 acres 3 roods and 30 perches (boundaries given); two other closes in Darrington containing 26 acres (boundaries given); two other closes in Darrington called Trinity Closes containing 39 acres (boundaries given); 3 acres and 16 perches of meadow ground in Bennet Inggs (boundaries given); several parcels of arable land in the common fields of Pontefract and Ferrybridge, namely one parcel of arable land in Greave Field called Trinity Flat, containing 6 acres and 6 perches (boundaries given); one land in Ferrybridge field near Stump Cross containing 1 rood and 9 perches (boundaries given); two other lands there containing 1 acre and 5 perches (boundaries given); one land in the Low Taythes containing 1 rood and 20 perches (boundaries given); one land there containing 1 rood and 14 perches (boundaries given); one other land there containing 2 roods and 26 perches (boundaries given); two other lands containing 2 acres 3 roods and 24 perches (boundaries given); also two lands in Harrow Styes containing 3 roods and 8 perches (boundaries given); one other land

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containing 2 roods and 19 perches (boundaries given): a parcel of land in Ferrybridge Old Field containing 1 acre and 27 perches (boundaries given).

(2) A house and fold in Micklegate Street, Pontefract, containing 4 perches, and bounded by Widow Hessletine to the east, Trinity Houses to the east, Trinity Garth to the north, and Micklegate to the south, and two lands of arable land in the Middleshutt in Pontefract Northfield, containing 3 roods and 37 perches (boundaries given), which house and lands were lately occupied by Stephen Tempest, decd. (this was as in **UC:E12/2/D10/1–4** below).

(3) One piece of ground in Northgate in Pontefract known as the Brickgarth, with a stable thereon, and containing 1 rood and 26 perches, bounded by Mrs. Pit to the east, Mrs. Metcalf to the west, Northgate to the north, and James Foster and Robert Townsend to the south, which was formerly in the possession of Rev. Francis Lascelles, decd. (this was as in **UC:E12/2/D20/1–2** below).

(4) A house and garth in Northgate, Pontefract at a place called Saffron Garth Stile, containing 30 perches, which garth is divided by a footway and bounded by Sir Hungerford Bland to the east, Sir Rowland Winn to the west, Paradise Lane to the north, and Northgate to the south, and two lands in Ferrybridge Old Field containing 2 acres 1 rood and 11 perches (boundaries given), which had been in the possession of Anne English (this was as in **UC:E12/2/D8/1–11** below).

**Rent:** £42 11s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/20****10 Jul 1760**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Rhodes of Wakefield, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/19** above.

**Rent:** £50 6s 2d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D1/21****10 Jul 1760**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D1/20** above.

**UC:E12/2/D1/22****28 Sep 1767**

Lease for 21 Years

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Sarah Rhodes of York, Widow.  
(b) Daniel Richardson of London, Gent.  
(c) Alicia, wife of 2b.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D1/20** above.

In 1791 these properties were split up once again. See further **UC:E12/2/D22–D25**.

The Saffron Garth, however, was sold in 1802 in exchange for some other land in the area, as is shown by these two deeds, one of which is lost.

**UC:E12/2/D1/23****1 Sep 1802**

Exchange of lands

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Taylor of Pontefract, Yorks., gent.
2. (a) Richard Clark, now or late of Rothwell Haigh, Yorks., Gent.  
(b) Jonathan Teale of Leeds, Yorks., gent., both commissioners appointed for enclosing land in Pontefract.
3. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** A close of land lying in Pontefract near Bennet Ings, adjoining Ackworth Land to the north, measuring 4 acres and 2 roods and 24 perches; also a close of ground in Monkhill Lane in Pontefract, containing 3 acres; also one acre of ground in a close called Potwells in Pontefract.

**Comments:** 1 gives 3 the above land in exchange for the land granted him in the previous deed.

At **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp. 363–4, is a lost deed, dated 1 Sep 1802, which is another exchange of land, as follows:

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Richard Clark, now or late of Rothwell Haigh, Yorks., Gent.  
(b) Jonathan Teale of Leeds, Yorks., gent., both commissioners appointed for enclosing land in Pontefract.
3. Thomas Taylor of Pontefract, Yorks., gent.

**Property:** A cottage or tenement in two dwellings lately erected in Pontefract at the north end of Saffron Garth, together with ten yards in width to be measured from the south

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side of these cottages; also a close of meadow in Pontefract adjoining a road leading from Skinner Lane to Monkhill Lane to the south, and Skinner Lane to the west, measuring 3 acres; also a close measuring 1 acre adjoining the road from Skinner Lane to Monkhill lane to the north, and Skinner lane to the west; also a small close adjoining Monkhill Lane to the west, measuring 36 perches; and a small close adjoining Ackworth's Lane; and a class at the bottom of the same comprising 2 acres; also a parcel of ground containing 1 acre and 28 perches in a close adjoining some land of 3 in the west field of Pontefract; also a piece of liquorice ground near the back of the castle containing about 27 perches; and a small piece of land called Furney Garden containing about 5 perches.

**Consideration:** None

**Comments:** 1 grant the above lands to 3 in exchange for the land granted them in the deed below.

**UC:E12/2/D2 - PROPERTY IN NEET OR NAUTE MARKET (NOW BEASTFAIR), 1631–1771**

**UC:E12/2/D2/1–9** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title "Pontefract Bundle 2<sup>nd</sup>".

**UC:E12/2/D2/1**

**24 Nov 7 Cha I (1631)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Lumbe of Pontefract, Yorks., Inbrotherer [i.e. Embroiderer] (although he signs himself "Lam" at the bottom of the deed).

**Property:** A tenement with barns, stables, and other outbuildings in a street called Nawte Market with one backside, one gardenstead, and one crofte adjoining. The breadth of the house towards Nawte Market is 11.75 yards; and the length of the gardenstead and croft is 194 yards, and their breadth towards a street called Newgate is 9.75 yards, and bordering on Nawte Market to the east, Newgate on the west, on the house and lands of Robert Smythson, occupied by John Adams, on the north, and on the house and croft now occupied by Jane Taylor, and being part of the lands of 1, to the south; also a close of meadow called Long Cloase, lying in Pontefract Northfeild, containing 4 acres, and bordering on a land called

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Monkhill Lane to the east, the lands of the Earl of Kingston upon Hull to the west and south, and the lands of Leonard Warde, gent., to the north; and three acres of meadow lying in Potwells, bordering on Hundell Feild to the south, on a platt called Goulden Royde to the north, on the lands of Mathew Hamerton, Esq., to the east, and on the lands of 1 to the west, not or lately occupied by William Richardson, gent.; and one more acre of land in Ferrybridge Feild, bordering on the lands of Sir Henry Savill to the north, butting on a headland of Thomas Faulkingham to the east, on a highway called the Maungeforde to the west, and the lands of William Mering to the south; and one more acre also in Ferrybridge Field, bordering on the lands of 1, occupied by Richard Hallam, to the north and south, on the lands of John Lunde to the east, and on a headland of Thomas Lakes to the west.

**Rent:** £8 17s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D2/2****14 Sep 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Leonard Lambe of Pontefract, Yorks., Bachelor.  
(b) Dorothy Lambe, sister of 1a, of the same.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D2/3****24 Apr 1657**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Anthony Raudon of Pontefract, Yorks., Cordwainer.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D2/4****8 Mar 1663/4**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Anthony Raudon (as in **UC:E12/2/D2/3** above).

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D2/1** above.

**Rent:** £5 18s 5¼d a year, with 3 quarters of wheat and 11 quarters 6 bushells 3 pecks 1 pottle of malt, or the cash equivalent thereof a year.

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UC:E12/2/D2/5

15 Oct 1674

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Anthony Raudon (as in **UC:E12/2/D2/3** above).

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/4** above.

UC:E12/2/D2/6

11 Aug 1652

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Julian Taylor of Pontefract, Yorks., widow.  
(b) Thomas Taylor, son of 2a, of the same.

**Property:** A house in the Barley Market in Pontefract, together with one garth belonging, now occupied by 2a, abutting on the Barley Market on the east, on a house and garth of Mr. Lambes of Ackworth on the south, on a house and garth of 1 leased to John Lumbe to the north, and a street called Newgate to the west; also 3 roods of meadow ground in Bennet lngs in the parish of Pontefract, near the Bennet-Ing gapp, abutting on Matthew Francks to the east, Robert Francks ground on the west, Bennet-Ing Lane on the north, and the lands of Richard Hattam to the south.

**Rent:** 40s a year.

UC:E12/2/D2/7

15 Oct 1674

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Julian Taylor of Pontefract, Widow.

**Property:** A house in the Barley Market in Pontefract, with one garth belonging to it, being 175 yards long and 7 yards wide, now occupied by 2, abutting on the Barley Market to the east, a house and garth of Mr. Lambes of Ackworth to the south, a house and garth of 1 now leased to Anthony Raudon on the north, and on Newgate to the west; and three roods of meadow ground (all described as in **UC:E12/2/D2/6** above).

**Rent:** £2 a year.

UC:E12/2/D2/8

28 Nov 1678

Assigment of Lease

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1. Julian Taylor of Pontefract, Yorks., widow.
2. Anthony Rawden of Pontefract, Cordwainer.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D2/7** above.

**Consideration:** £5.

**Comments:** 1 assigns her lease on the above property to 2.  
See also **UC:E12/2/C1/22**.

**UC:E12/2/D2/9****15 May 1680**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Robert Rauden of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** The tenement in Nowtemarket with accompanying fields, as set out in **UC:E12/2/D2/1** above; and the house in Barley Market with accompanying land, as set out in **UC:E12/2/D2/7** above.

**Rent:** £7 18s 5½d a year, plus 3 quarters of wheat and 7 quarters, 6 bushells 3 pecks and 1 pottle of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D2/10****2 Jul 1689**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Butcher.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/9** above.

**UC:E12/2/D2/11****2 Jul 1689**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D2/10** above.

**UC:E12/2/D2/12****19 May 1700**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Butcher.

**Property:** Messuage or tenement with kilnhouse, barns, stables and other outhouses in Pontefract in Nawtemarkett Street, with one backside, one garden and one croft, and measuring in breadth towards Nawtemarkett 7.35 yards, and in length 154 yards, and in breadth towards Newgate 9.35 yards, and bordering on Nawtemarkett to the east, Newgate to the east, the house and lands of Robert Smithson now or lately occupied by John Adams to the north, and the house or croft

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now or lately occupied by Julian Taylor to the south, being lands of University College; also one close of meadow and pasture called Long Close lying in Pontefract Field, containing 4 acres and bounding on a lane called Monkhill Lane to the east, the lands of the Earl of Kingston upon Hull to the west and south, and lands now or lately of Leonard Wad to the north; also three acres of meadow lying in Pottwell, and bounding on Hundell Field to the south, a plott called Goldon Rape to the north, lands now or late of Matthew Hamerton to the east, and lands of University College to the west now or lately occupied by George Shillitoe; one acre in Ferrybridge Field bounding on lands of University College now or lately occupied by Richard Hattaine to the north and south, lands now or late of John Lund to the east, and a headland of Thomas Yates to the west.

Also a house on Barley Markett in Pontefract, with the garth belonging, being 175 yards long and 7 yards wide, lately occupied by Julian Taylor, abutting on the Barley Markett to the east, a house and garth of Mr. Lamb of Ackworth to the south, a house and garth of University College leased to Anthony Rawden to the north, and Newgate to the east; also 3 roods of meadow ground in Bennett Ings, in Pontefract, near the Bennett Ing gap, abutting on lands of Matthew Frankland to the east, Robert Francks to the west, Bennetting lane to the north, and lands of Richard Hattamon to the south.

**Rent:** £7 18s 5¼d in cash, with three quarters of wheat and 7 quarters 6 bushells 3 pecks and 1 pottle of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D2/13****19 May 1700**Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D2/12** above.**UC:E12/2/D2/14****20 Sep 1706**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Alice Shillito of Pontefract, Widow.  
(b) Susanna Gill of the same, widow, both executrixes of the will of Thomas Shillito of Pontefract, decd.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/12** above.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Susanna Gill of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.  
(b) John Stevenson of Pontefract, Grocer.  
(c) Thomas Gill of Pontefract, Tanner.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/12** above.**UC:E12/2/D2/16****24 Mar 1737/8**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Stephenson of Pontefract, Yorks., Grocer.

**Property:** Two messuages or tenements with kilnhouse, barns, stables and other outhouses in Pontefract in Nautmarkett Street, the front next to the street measuring 18 yards east, with one garden and one croft, containing 3 roods and 2 perches, butting on Newgate Street to the west, and is 17.5 yards broad to the same, and is bounded with houses and crofts of the widow Walker to the North, and Mr. Hastings' land to the south; also 2 closes of meadow or pasture called Monkhill Closes, containing 5 acres 3 roods and 10 perches, abutting on Monkhill Lane to the east, the land of Lady Pierpoint to the west, the land of Robert Frank to the north, and Lady Pierpoint to the south; one close in Bennett Ings called the Three Land Close, containing 3 roods and 16 perches, bounded with lands of Robert Frank to the east and west, Bennet Ing Lane to the north, and lands of University College to the south; also a close called Potwells; a piece of meadow containing 3 acres 2 roods and 25 perches bounded with lands of Mrs. Oates to the east, William Rhodes's College lands to the west, Patience Ward's lands to the north, and John Dodgson's land to the south; also in Ferrybridge Old Field one land containing 3 roods and 33 perches abutting on land of George Crook, to the east, the High Road to the west, lands of John Dunhill to the north, and University College to the south; one other land in the same field containing 1 acre and 2 perches, abutting on a flatt of land called the Silver Pitts to the east, the High Road to the west, lands of Charles Savile to the north, and George Crool to the south.

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**Rent:** £7 18s 5¼d in cash, with three quarters of wheat and 7 quarters 6 bushells 3 pecks and 1 pottle of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D2/17** **24 Mar 1737/8**  
Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D2/16** above.

**UC:E12/2/D2/18** **28 Sep 1750**  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. John Perfect the Younger of Pontefract, Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/16** above.

There are two lost leases for this property as follows:

(1) Lease for 21 years, at **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp. 18–20, dated 28 Sep 1757, to John Perfect the Younger, as above, for the same rent.

(2) Lease for 21 years, at **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp. 67–9, dated 1 Jun 1765, to Mary Perfect of Pontefract, Yorks., widow, and Guardian of John Perfect her son during his minority, for the same rent.

**UC:E12/2/D2/19** **28 Sep 1771**  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. John Perfect of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D2/16** above.

**UC:E12/2/D3 - HOUSE IN NEW MARKET STREET, 1652–1837**

**UC:E12/2/D3/1–5** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle 3d”.

**UC:E12/2/D3/1** **29 Apr 1652**  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Bryon Foster of Pontefract, Yorks., Smith.  
**Property:** A house with barns and stables in Pontefract abutting on the Fish Shambles in the New Market Street to the

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north, on Mr. Foxcroft's house and garden to the east, on the Backlane to the south, and on the house of Mr. Tatam, in the occupation of Thomas Slacke, to the west; various pieces of land in Pontefract (all described in detail).

**Rent:** £8 16s a year.

**Comments:** This deed has been damaged by damp, and some portions of the text are lost, but the missing parts can be made good by comparing them with later deeds in this sequence.

**UC:E12/2/D3/2****6 Jul 1665**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Foster of Pontefract, Yorks., Tallow Chandler.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D3/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D3/3****7 Apr 1671**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas English of Pontefract, Yorks., Grocer.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D3/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D3/4****25 Mar 1682**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Thomas English (as in **UC:E12/2/D3/3** above).
2. John Adams of Bubwits Houses, in the township of Firryfryton, also Firrybridge, Yorks., Tanner.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D3/1** above.

**Consideration:** £5.

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

**UC:E12/2/D3/5****16 Jun 1682**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Adams (as in **UC:E12/2/D3/4** above).

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D3/1** above.

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UC:E12/2/D3/6

26 Mar 1694

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Scholes of Great Preston, Yorks. [blank]

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D3/1** above.

UC:E12/2/D3/7

16 Jul 1712

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Scholes of Great Preston, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** House with barns and stables belonging, in Pontefract, Yorks., abutting on the Fish Shambles in the new market stage to the north, to the east on Mr. Foxcroft's house and garden, to the south on the Back Lane, and to the west on Mr. Tatam's house, now or lately occupied by Thomas Slatt; also one close of meadow or pasture abutting on a close called the Bennetting to the west, to the north on a close now or lately occupied by John Cowper, to the east on Carleton Field, and to the south on a close of the heirs of Mr. Wakefield; also 2 acres more of arable land in the North Field, abutting on a close of University College lately occupied by George Shillitoe to the west, and to the north on lands now or lately of Richard Stavely, to Monkhill Lane to the east, and to the south upon a common caulke or way; one acre more of arable land in the Old Field, abutting on lands of the heirs of Mr. Wakefield to the east, land of Ambrose Egles to the west, to the east upon a common stinting, and to the south upon the lands of Brian Lunde; one acre more in the Harrowes Styes abutting on Pontefract Highway to the north, to the east on lands of the widow Walker, to the west on lands now or lately of Thomas England, and to the south on Common Stinting; one acre more in the Greave Field abutting on lands of Mr. Ramsden to the west, of Richard Smith to the north, and College land lately occupied by George Shillitoe to the south; one acre more in the Greave Field on both sides London road [*sic*], abutting on a close of Mr. Wrench to the south and a close of Mr. Roulstone occupied by Thomas Farrers to the west.

A little house and two garden steads or garth lying on the Northgate to the south, to the west on an orchard of Joshua Walker, to the north on the Butts Clarwell, and to the east on

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an orchard of Peter Cuttells, which is part of the premises demised here, is reserved to 1.

**Rent:** £8 16s a year.

**Notes:** The copy of these lease at **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 98–9 is made out, not to Mary Scholes, but to George Scholes, and the day and month are left blank. Presumably Scholes died just before the lease was properly executed, and so it was made out to his widow instead.

**UC:E12/2/D3/8****28 Sep 1739**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Rhodes of Lotherton in the parish of Sherburn, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** (a) A barn, being four bays of building in Waterfristone, Yorks., with a foldstead containing 11 perches, butting on George Crowle to the east, the town street to the west, George Crowle again to the north, and John Cross to the south; pieces of land in the Wheldale field, all described in detail; pieces of land in the Middle Field, all described in detail; pieces of land in the Beckfield, all described in detail; all which land was once occupied by John Cross (see further **UC:E12/2/D46/1–2**).

(b) Housing in the Market Place in Pontefract with a foldstead containing 8 perches, butting on Mr. Spells to the east, Lord Galloway to the west, the Market Place to the north, and the Back Lane to the south; a close called High Gate Close containing 6 acres and 3 perches (boundaries given); pieces of land (specified) in the North Field, the Greave Field, Ferrybridge Old Field, Ferrybridge Field, all of which was once occupied by the Widow Scoles.

(c) Housing in Pontefract in Micklegate, with a foldstead, containing 10 perches, bounded with the Trinities to the east, Trinity Hospital to the north, and Micklegate to the south; three lands (specified) in Wentefield; two lands (specified) in Ferrybridge Field; all of which was once occupied by Robert Ellin (see further **UC:E12/2/D5/1–4**).

(d) A piece of ground called Gill Garth in Pontefract, containing 19 perches, bounded with Sir John Bland to the east, Mr. Ward to the west, Paradise Lane to the north, and Northgate to the south, once occupied by William Hopp.

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**Rent:** 33s 4d a year for property (a); £8 16s a year for property (b); £2 5s 8d a year for property (c); 12s a year for property (d).

**Note:** on the dorse of this deed is a note that (2) agrees within 3 years of the signing of this lease to spend £50 to repair property (c) and £80 to repair property (b).

**UC:E12/2/D3/9****9 Jul 1756**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Rhodes of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D3/7** above, except that timber and mineral rights are now reserved to the College.

**Rent:** £13 7s a year for the first ten years of the lease, £19 13d 10d for the remaining eleven years.

**UC:E12/2/D3/10****9 Jul 1756**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D3/9** above.

**UC:E12/2/D3/11****10 Jul 1760**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Rhodes of Wakefield, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D3/8** above.

**Rent:** £13 7s a year for the first three years of the lease, £19 13d 10d for the remaining eighteen years.

**UC:E12/2/D3/12****10 Jul 1760**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D3/11** above.

**UC:E12/2/D3/13****28 Sep 1767**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Sarah Rhodes of York, Widow.  
(b) Daniel Richardson of London, Gent.  
(c) Alicia, wife of 2b.

**Property:** Properties (b)–(d) as in **UC:E12/2/D3/8** above, with the names of neighbours changed, and also a piece of waste ground lately enclosed lying opposed Lorrimans Close, containing 38 perches founded by the turnpike road to the

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east, lands of Mr. Barber to the west, lands of Mr. Crowle to the north, and the High Road to the south, and with timber and mineral rights reserved to the College.

**Rent:** £19 13s 10d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D3/14****12 Apr 1768**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Crowle of Water Fryston, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** (a) A foldstead where a barn lately stood, containing 11 perches, butting on William Crowle to the east, the town street to the west, William Crowle again to the north, and John Cross to the south.

(b) A land once called Priest Flatt and now Blakelands Close, and a land once called Short Blakelands and now Blakelands Close (all sizes and boundaries given), which were once in the field called Wheldale Field.

(c) a land once called Upper Hoosters and now Upper Hoosters Close, a land once called Low Hoosters and now Upper Hoosters Close, a land once called Siddale and now called Siddale Close, a land once called Sweeting Tree and called Croft End Close, a land once called Short Takes and now called Crossdale Close, two lands called Houghton Gate Flatt (all sizes and boundaries given), which were once in the field called the Middle Field.

(d) A land called Sidfast Hill Close, a land once called Castle Bridge and now called Sidfast Hill Close, a land once called Mill Leys and now called Mill Cley Close, lands once called Thorn Tree Flatt and now called Sty Gate Close (all sizes and boundaries given), which were once in the field called Beckfield.

(e) Certain specified rights of pasture.

(f) Timber and mineral rights are reserved to the College.

[These lands are equivalent to Property (a) as in

**UC:E12/2/D3/8** above.

**Rent:** £1 13s 4d a year for the first six years of the lease, and then £5 a year for the final fifteen years.

There is a lost conveyance on **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 306–9, dated 25 Oct 1837, as follows:

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

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2. The Royal Commissioners appointed to oversee the sale of lands to redeem Land Tax.
3. (a) Louisa Milnes.  
(b) Caroline Milnes.  
(c) Amelia Jane Milnes, all of Fryston Hall, Ferry Fryston, Yorks., Spinsters.

**Property:** All the lands as set out in the **UC:E12/2/D3/14** above;

**Consideration:** 5s (from 3 to 1) and £837 13s 1d (from 3 to 1), the latter being the sum agreed that 1 should pay to 2 to redeem their land tax.

**UC:E12/2/D4 - A HOUSE IN NORTHGATE STREET, PONTEFRACT, 1627–1757**

**UC:E12/2/D4/1–8** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle 4<sup>th</sup>”

**UC:E12/2/D4/1****26 Aug 3 Cha I (1627)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Richard Hattam of Pontefract, Yorks., Barber Surgeon.

**Property:** (1) A tenement with barns, stables, and other outhouses, situated in Northgate Street, Pontefract, with a backside and garden adjoining, containing in length from Northgate Street to the south end thereof 49 yards, and in breadth at Northgate Street 25 yards 1 foot, and in breadth at the south end 20 yards and 1 foot, and bordering on the lands of Richard Clemmet to the south, and lying between the lands of Robert Batlay to the west and the lands of University College called the Trinities to the east.

(2) 1 acre of meadow in Bennett Ings bordering on the lands of George Booth to the west, the lands of Robert Moore to the east, the lands of Robert Francke to the north, and the lands of Zacharie Harris to the south.

(3) 1 acre of arable land in Ferribridge Field, in the Nether Taithes, shooting over the long daile, lying between the lands of Brian Cooke on both sides, butting upon the east on the lands now occupied by Thomas Pinder, and on the west of Joshua Wakefield.

(4) 1 other acre of arable land in Ferribridge Field lying under Waintcliffe hill, butting on the street way on the north, and on

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the lands of William Navisor, Esq., to th south, and the lands of Denis Hayforth to the west, and on a balke on the east side.

(5) one other acre of arable land in Ferrybridge field called Oldfield, lying between the lands of University College to the north, lands of William Bywatter to the south, and butting on the lands of John Londe to the east, and the lands of Thomas Smythson to the west.

**Rent:** 13s 4d in cash; with half a quarter of wheat and half a quarter and five pecks of malt, or the cash equivalent.

**UC:E12/2/D4/2****11 Aug 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Richard Hattam of Pontefract, Yorks., Tailor.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D4/3****8 Mar 1663/4**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Richard Hattam of Pontefract, Yorks., Tailor.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D4/4****20 Oct 1676**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Hattam of Pontefract, Yorks., Tailor.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D4/5****14 Jun 1681**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. William Hatton of Pontefract, Yorks., Butcher.
2. John Inchbill of Pontefract, Yeoman.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.

**Consideration:** £20.

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

**UC:E12/2/D4/6****28 Jul 1688**

Assignment of Lease

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1. John Inchbill of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.
2. Mary Inchbill of York, Spinster.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.**Consideration:** None given.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2, who is his niece.**UC:E12/2/D4/7****17 Jan 1689/90**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. John Browne of Marter, Yorks., Yeoman (husband of Mary Inchbill as in **UC:E12/2/D4/6** above).
2. William Deane of Pontefract, Yorks., Cordwainer.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.**Consideration:** £10.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.**UC:E12/2/D4/8****29 Jun 1691**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Deane of Pontefract, Yorks., Cordwinder.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.**Comments:** In **UC:E12/2/C1/30** is a reference to a Widow Dean as a College tenant in Pontefract. Presumably she is the widow of William Deane here.**UC:E12/2/D4/9****21 Jan 1702/3**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Robert Ellin the Younger of Womersley, Yorks., Husbandman.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.**UC:E12/2/D4/10****21 Jan 1712/13**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Anne Burnand of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/1** above.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D4/10** above, save that the deed is dated to 1713 rather than 1712, although it is dated to the 11<sup>th</sup> year of Queen Anne.

**UC:E12/2/D4/12****31 Jan 1738/9**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Elizabeth Crook of Pontefract, Yorks., Spinster.

**Property:** (1) Tenement with barns, stables and other outhouses in Northgate Street, Pontefract, with the fold and garden adjoining being 49 yards long and in breadth 25 yards 1 foot bordering on the lands of University College called the Trinities to the east, and the lands of the Revd. Mr. Lascelles to the west, abutting to the Northgate to the north, and on land of Matthew Burnett to the south.

(2) 1 acre, 2 roods and 11 perches of meadow in Bennet Ings, bordering on the lands of Mr. Taylor to the east and west, the lands of Robert Frank to the north, and the lands of Mr. Drake to the south.

(3) Two lands lying in Ferrybridge Field in Low Tayllies, containing 1 acre and 9 perches, abutting on the lands of Francis Hayley to the east and the lands of Mr. Hellam and University College to the west, and the lands of George Crool to the north and south.

(4) 1 acre 1 rood and 8 perches of arable land lying in Oldfield, abutting on the Silver Pits to the east, the lands of Mrs. Bradley on the west, the lands of University College to the north, and the lands of Mr. Wyvil to the south.

(5) Three lands lying in Wentcliff Hill Slut, containing 3 roods, bordering on the lands of Mr. Saville to the east, Mr. Crool to the west, the King's High Road to the north, and the lands of William Browne to the south.

**Rent:** 13s 4d, with half a quarter of wheat and half a quarter and five pecks of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D4/13****31 Jan 1738/9**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D4/12** above.

**UC:E12/2/D4/14****4 Nov 1757**

Lease for 21 Years

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Letham of Pontefract, Yorks. (profession not given).

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D4/12** above, save that now timber, mineral and mining rights are reserved to 1.

**Rent:** 13s 4d, with half a quarter of wheat and half a quarter and five pecks of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D5 - HOUSE IN MICKLEGATE STREET, 1659–1739**

**UC:E12/2/D5/1–4** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle 5<sup>th</sup>”.

**UC:E12/2/D5/1****15 Nov 1659**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Tattershall of Pontefract, Husbandman.

**Property:** Messuage or tenement with backside in Pontefract, abutting on Micklegate Street to the south, and on the land belonging to the heirs of Richard Clement to the west, and on the land owned by 1 now in the possession of George Shillitoe on the north and east; also three and a half acres of arable land in Ferribridge called Wentifeild, bounded on the east and west by the land of Master George Crooke, and abutting on the highway that leads to Ferribridge on the south, and on the land of Master Crooke to the north; and also another half acre laying in another part of Ferribridge commonly called the Harrowstys, bounded in the south on the way leading to Ferribridge and on the north on the land of Master George Crooke.

**Rent:** £2 5s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D5/2****17 Jul 1679**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Fox of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D5/1** above.

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Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. John Foxe of Wakefeild, Yorks., Yeoman.
2. William Deane of Pontefract, Cordwainer.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D5/1** above.**Consideration:** £8 10s.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.**UC:E12/2/D5/4****29 Jun 1691**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Dean (as in **UC:E12/2/D5/3** above).

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D5/1** above.**Comments:** This deed has been badly damaged by damp, but its contents are clear enough.

In **UC:E12/2/C1/30** is a reference to a Widow Dean as a College tenant in Pontefract. Presumably she is the widow of William Deane here.

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years of this property, for the same rent, dated 21 Jan 1702/3, to Robert Ellin the younger of Womersley, Yorks., husbandman, on **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 36–7.

In 1739 this property was leased to William Rhodes (see **UC:E12/2/D3/8**).

**UC:E12/2/D6 - HOUSE BY BONEGATE, PONTEFRACT, 1631–1739**

**UC:E12/2/D6/1–4** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Bundle 6”, but in the order **UC:E12/2/D6/3**, **UC:E12/2/D6/1**, **UC:E12/2/D6/2** and **UC:E12/2/D6/4**.

**UC:E12/2/D6/1****24 Nov 7 Cha I (1631)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Frances Denton of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.  
(b) William Denton, son of 2a, bachelor.

**Property:** (a) A house or tenement and garden ground with one croft in Pontefract measuring 224.5 yards in length and 18 yards in breadth, and bordering on [the lands of Josua Wakefeild, gent., to the west], the low end of it on lands of

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William Turner, and the upper end on lands of Mr. Francks' children to the east, on the high [way coming from Newhall to Pontefract on the] north, and on a Street called Bone gatt to the south.

(b) 1.5 acres in Ferrybridge feild bordering in [one gate called Southgate to the south], lands of Sir Thomas Vavisor to the north, and the lands of the heirs of Richard Bubbeth to the east and west.

**Rent:** 17s a year.

**Note:** Parts of this deed have been damaged by damp, so that parts of the description of the property has been obliterated, but the missing portions (given above in square brackets) can be supplied from the copy of this lease in **UC:EB1/A1/1** fols 385–385v.

**UC:E12/2/D6/2****19 May 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Francis Langfield of Pontefract, Yorks., Labourer.  
(b) Robert Langfield, son of 2a, bachelor.

**Property:** (a) A house or tenement and garden ground with one croft situated in Pontefract, measuring 224.5 yards in length and 18 yards in breadth, bordering on the lands of William Wakefield to the west, the lower end of it on the lands of William Turner, and the upper end on the lands of Mr Franck's children to the east, the high way coming from the New Hall to Pontefract to the north, and a street called Bonegate Street to the south.

(b) 1.5 acres lying in Ferrybridge Field, bordering on one gate called Southgate to the south, the lands of Sir Walter Vavasor to the north, and lands of the heirs of Richard Bubbeth to the east and west.

**Rent:** 17s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D6/3****11 Aug 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Robert Tathom of Pontefract, Yorks, Gent.

**Property:** (a) 1 acre of land lying in the West Field, bordering on land of Charles Franck to the north, of William Delles to the

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south, of Phillip Hammerton to the east, and Mrs. Tatham to the west.

(b) 3 roods in the Havering bordering on land of Mrs. Tatham to the west and south, on a lane called Bennet Ing Lane to the north, and land occupied by one Shrap to the east.

**Rent:** 22s a year.

**Note:** The initial letter of this lease has been decorated with the head of a bearded man with a scroll coming from his mouth reading "Sum Testis" ["I am witness"]

**UC:E12/2/D6/4****15 Oct 1674**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Robert Langfield of Pontefract, Labourer.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D6/2** above.

There is a lost lease for 21 years to William Tatham of Pontefract, gent., dated 24 Mar 1703/4, on **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 45–7. In it the property is described thus: a messuage in Pontefract, lately occupied by Mr. Coates, measuring in length 224.5 yards and in breadth 18 yards, adjoining the lands of Mr. Rokeland [?] to the west, the highway to Ferribridge to the north, the lands of Guy Methely to the east, and the highway leading to Knottingly called Bondgate to the south; also one and a half cares of land becoming to this messuage in Ferribridge field, bordering on a bridle way called South gate to the south, the lands of Mr. Crowles to the north, and the lands of the heirs of Mr. Bubith to the east and west; also an acre of land in Pontefract in a field called West Field, adjoining lands of Josuah Lordman to the east, Anne Walker to the east, Mr. Taylor to the west, and Mr. Ramsden to the north; also three roods of land in Havering, adjoining lands of Mr. Impatience Ward to the east, William Tatham to the south and west, and the highway to Ackworth to the north. The rent is 39s a year.

With regard to William Tatham, see also **UC:E12/2/C1/43, 51** and **53–56**.

**UC:E12/2/D6/5****28 Sep 1739**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Richard Frank of Pontefract, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** Piece of ground in Pontefract known as Haverings, enclosed in a close of 2, containing 3 roods, bounded with lands now or lately of Mr. Ward to the east, and of 2 to the west and south, and abutting on the highway to the south; also on the Westfield a land containing 1 acre bounded with the

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lands of Joseph Loriman to the east, Mr. Taylor to the west.  
Mr. Ramsden to the north, and Anne Walker to the south.

**Rent:** 22s a year.

**Notes:** This is described as “late William Tatham” on its copy at **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 351–3.

**UC:E12/2/D7 - HOUSE IN MICKLEGATE, PONTEFRACT, 1632–1771**

**UC:E12/2/D7/1–6** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle 7<sup>th</sup>”.

**UC:E12/2/D7/1****17 Apr 8 Cha I (1632)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Marr of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** Tenement with barns, stables, and other outhouses, and backside and garden, in Micklegate in Pontefract, containing 41 yards in length, and in breadth towards Micklegate 22 yards and three quarters, and length of it towards the west street is 29 yards, and the breadth of 12 yards of it is but 17 and a quarter yards [sic], and bordering on the house of one Robert Batley on the east, and on a street called Northgate on the west, on Micklegate on the south, and on one croft of the house of Thomas Wards to the north; also various pieces of land (described in detail) in Darrington.

**Rent:** 36s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D7/2****16 Jan 1649/50**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Marr (as in **UC:E12/2/D7/1** above).

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D7/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D7/3****31 Jul 1666**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Mar of Pontefract, Yorks, Widow.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D7/1** above.

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| <b>UC:E12/2/D7/4</b> | Lease for 21 Years<br><b>Parties:</b><br>1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.<br>2. (a) Elizabeth Richardson of London.<br>(b) Margaret Marre of Pontefract, Yorks, Spinster.<br><b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D7/1</b> above.   | <b>14 Oct 1669</b> |
| <b>UC:E12/2/D7/5</b> | Lease for 21 Years<br><b>Parties:</b><br>1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.<br>2. William Howdell of London, Victualler.<br><b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D7/1</b> above.  | <b>2 Aug 1686</b>  |
| <b>UC:E12/2/D7/6</b> | Lease for 21 Years<br><b>Parties:</b><br>1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.<br>2. William Howdell of London, Victualler.<br><b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D7/1</b> above.  | <b>12 Nov 1702</b> |
| <b>UC:E12/2/D7/7</b> | Lease for 21 Years<br><b>Parties:</b><br>1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.<br>2. James Ashe of Pontefract, Yorks., Cordwainer.<br><b>Property:</b> Tenement with barns, stables, and other outhouses, and backside and garden, in Micklegate in Pontefract, containing 41 yards in length, and in breadth towards Micklegate 22 yards and three quarters, and length of it towards the west street is 29 yards, and the breadth of 12 yards of it is but 17 and a quarter yards [sic], and bordering on the house of one Robert Bately on the east, and on a street called Northgate on the west, on Micklegate on the south, and on one croft of the house of Thomas Wards to the north.<br><b>Rent:</b> 30s a year. | <b>9 Sep 1704</b>  |
| <b>UC:E12/2/D7/8</b> | Lease for 40 Years<br><b>Parties:</b><br>1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  | <b>23 Oct 1719</b> |

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2. James Ashe of Pontefract, Yorks., Cordwainer.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D7/7** above.

**UC:E12/2/D7/9****28 Sep 1743**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Edward Hall of Long Houghton, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D7/7** above.**UC:E12/2/D7/10****28 Sep 1771**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Christopher Powell of Pontefract, Yorks.

**Property:** A house as in **UC:E12/2/D7/7** above.**Rent:** £3 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D8** - HOUSE ON SOUTH OF NORTHGATE STREET, PONTEFRACT, 1631–  
1756

**UC:E12/2/D8/1–5 & 8** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle 8<sup>th</sup>”

**UC:E12/2/D8/1****24 Nov 7 Cha I (1631)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Ogden of Pontefract, Yorks., Labourer.

**Property:** A house and garth in Pontefract, which measure 50 yards in length and 23.5 yards in breadth, and border on Northgate Street to the south, a lane called Paradise Lane to the north, to the west on a house and garth of Master Percie, and to the east on a garth now occupied by Thomas Pogmoare; also two acres of arable land in Ferrybridge Old Field, abutting on Pontefract Field to the west, and a headland now occupied by Thomas Fauckingham to the east, and on the lands of John Wakefield, gent., to the south, and the lands of Thomas Stayney to the north.

**Rent:** 30s a year.

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- UC:E12/2/D8/2** **28 Mar 1653**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Thomas Boswell of Pontefract, Yorks., Schoolmaster.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D8/1** above.
- UC:E12/2/D8/3** **25 Jun 1667**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. (a) Richard Smith of Pontefract, Yorks., Baker.  
     (b) Avara Gilham of the same, Tailor.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D8/1** with different names of neighbours.  
**Rent:** 30s a year.
- UC:E12/2/D8/4** **17 Dec 1674**  
 Assignment of Lease  
**Parties:**  
 1. (a) Richard Smith of Pontefract, Yorks., Baker.  
     (b) Alvera Gilliam of the same, Tailor.  
 2. Richard Tattershall of Pontefract, Yorks., Carpenter.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D8/3** above.  
**Consideration:** £5 10s.  
**Comments:** 1 assign their lease on the above property to 2.
- UC:E12/2/D8/5** **20 Oct 1682**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. John Johnston of Pontefract, Yorks., Apothecary.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D8/1**, with different neighbours named.  
**Rent:** 30s a year.
- UC:E12/2/D8/6** **20 Oct 1682**  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D8/5** above, with a note in William Smith's hand that this lease is to be renewed in the name of Sarah English, widow.

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- UC:E12/2/D8/7** **30 Apr 1700**  
 Assignment of Lease  
**Parties:**  
 1. Marmaduke Johnston of Pontefract, Yorks., gent., son  
 and heir of John Johnston, decd.  
 2. Sarah English of Pontefract, Widow.  
**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D8/1** above, with the names of  
 neighbours changed.  
**Consideration:** £10.  
**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.
- UC:E12/2/D8/8** **19 May 1700**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Sarah English of Pontefract, Widow.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D8/1**, with different neighbours  
 named.  
**Rent:** 30s a year.
- UC:E12/2/D8/9** **19 May 1700**  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D8/8** above. On the back of this deed  
 the property is called "Thackerays House".
- UC:E12/2/D8/10** **28 Sep 1739**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Ann English of Leeds, Yorks., Widow.  
**Property:** House and garth in Pontefract, called Saffron Garth  
 Stile, containing 30 perches, and bounded with lands of Sir  
 John Bland, Bt., to the east, and Sir Rowland Winn, Bt., to the  
 west, and butting on Paradise Lane to the north, and Northgate  
 to the south; also two lands in Ferrybridge Oldfield in a flatt  
 called Olfield Slutt, containing 2 acres, 1 rood, and 11 perches,  
 butting on the lands of George Crowle to the east, and Mrs.  
 Bradley, widow, to the west, and bounded with lands of  
 Charles Savile to the north and William Brown to the south.  
**Rent:** 30s a year.
- UC:E12/2/D8/11** **28 Sep 1739**  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D8/10** above.

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This property was leased to William Rhodes in 1756 (see **UC:E12/2/D1/19**).

**UC:E12/2/D9** - HOUSE ON NORTH OF NORTHGATE STREET, PONTEFRACT, 1631–52

**UC:E12/2/D9/1–2** were found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle 9<sup>th</sup>”

**UC:E12/2/D9/1**

**24 Nov 7 Cha I (1631)**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Oats, Alderman of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** One barn and one garden stead or garden ground, situated in Pontefract, being 54 yards in length and 23 yards in breadth, and the barn being 17.5 yards in length and 6.5 yards in breadth, being built inside the garden, and lying between the lands of Edward Rowleston, gent. (now occupied by Nicholas Altham) to the east, and George Rasinge, gent. (now occupied by John Lunde) to the west, and the land of John Blackburne to the south, and a street called Northgate to the north.

**Rent:** 26s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D9/2**

**14 Sep 1652**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Edward Field of Pontefract, Yorks., Brasier.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D9/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D10** - HOUSE IN MICKLEGATE STREET, PONTEFRACT, 1660–1756

**UC:E12/2/D10/1–2** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Pontefract Bundle Xth”

**UC:E12/2/D10/1**

**8 Mar 1659/60**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Farrow of Pontefract, Yorks., Husbandman.

**Property:** House in Pontefract abutting on the south on Micklegate Street, to the west and north on College land now in the possession of George Shillitoe, and on the east by land

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of 2; also 1 acre of land belonging to the same house lying in the North Feild bound on the west by the lands of Master Jervis Shillitoe and on the east by lands in the possession of Bryan Lund.

**Rent:** 18s 4d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D10/2**

**20 Oct 1676**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Francis Farrow of Pontefract, Yorks,. Husbandman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D10/1** above.

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years, dated 20 Sep 1704, in **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 52–4. The tenant is Henry Covile of Pontefract, maulster, and the property is described this: a house in Pontefract, containing 21 yards in length and 5.25 yards in breadth, abutting on a house of Henry Covile to the east, lands of University College to the west and north, and a street called Micklegate to the south; also two half acres of arable land lying in the north field of Pontefract, between the lands of the Hon. Peirpoint, Esq., to the east, Richard Bannister to the west, Mrs. Sarah English to the north, and William Lapidge to the south. The rent is 18s 4d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D10/3**

**24 Mar 1737/8**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Stephen Tempest of Pontefract, Yorks. Mason.

**Property:** House and fold in Pontefract, on a street called Micklegate, containing 4 perches, bounded on a house of Mr. Birkenshaw to the west, the lands of University College to the west, Trinity Garth to the north, and Micklegate to the south; also 3 roods and 37 perches of arable or pasture land in the Northfield in Middleshull in Pontefract, bounded on the land of Thomas Broomhead to the east, of University College to the west, of Sir Rowland Winn to the north, and Sir William Lowther and Robert Frank to the south, all of which premises were lately leased to Henry Covile, Maltster, and are now occupied by 2.

**Rent:** 18s 4d a year.

**Note:** The copy of this lease on **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 323–5 calls it “late Hen Covile”, so in spite of the differences in description, it must belong here.

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Marke Goodale of Pontefract, Yorks., Taylor.

**Property:** (a) A house with backside belonging, in Pontefract, measuring 19.5 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, bordering on the house of George Booth to the south, that of Matthias Hardwicke to the west, the house of Margrett Beaumont (owned by (1)) to the north, and a street called Northgatt to the east.

(b) A garth measuring 22.75 yards in length and 11.5 yards in breadth, bordering on a garth of Mark Goodale to the east, on Parradise Lane to the north, on land of Michael Wattson to the south, and Northgate Street to the north-east.

(c) One acre of arable land in Ferrybridge Feild, bordering on the way from Pontefract to Ferrybridge to the south, the lands of John Jackson to the west, the lands of Linis Hayforth to the east, and the lands of Edward Alkham to the north.

(d) One rood lying in the Crowe Crowne, butting on a headland occupied by Zachery Stables to the north, to land of (1) occupied by Leonard Warde to the south, the lands of William Tatham, gent., to the north, and the lands of Henry Whittakers to the east.

(e) Another rood going out over the long ale, bordering on the greave field to the east, on land of John Mowberley to the north, on lands of William Sympson to the south, and on one stinting on the low Tayths to the west.

**Rent:** 19s 8d a year.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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Lease for 21 years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Marke Goodale of Pontefract, Yorks, Taylor.

**Property:** House and garth as in **UC:E12/2/D11/1** above, but not the lands attached.**Rent:** 13s a year.**UC:E12/2/D11/3****30 Sep 1703**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Anne Horncastle of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** Messuage or tenement with backside in Pontefract, measuring 19.5 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, abutting on the house of Joseph Wright to the south, a house of 2 to the west, the house of Miles Reynolds (owned by University College) to the north, and Northgate Street to the east; also one garth measuring 22.75 yards in length and 11.5 yards in breadth, abutting on a garth of [blank] Brooks, widow, to the east, Paradise Lane on the north, lands of Anne Walker, widow, to the south, and Northgate Street to the northeast.**Rent:** 13s a year.**UC:E12/2/D11/4****28 Apr 1721**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Laurence Fox of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** (1) A messuage or tenement with backside adjoining, in Pontefract, bordering on Northgate Street to the east, the house lately of Master Oates to the west, a house of University College now or lately occupied by William Houghton to the south, and the house of Thomas Taylor to the north, containing 19 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, which was lately in the possession of Myles Reynolds.

(2) A messuage or tenement with backside belonging in Pontefract, measuring 19.5 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, abutting on the house now or lately of Joseph Wright to the south, a house now or lately of Anne Horncastle to the west, a house now or late of Myles Reynolds owned by

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University College to the north, and Northgate Street to the east.

(3) One garth measuring 22.75 yards in length and 11.5 yards in breadth, abutting on a garth of Castilion [*sic*] Brooks, widow, to the east, Paradise Lane on the north, lands of Anne Walker, widow, to the south, and Northgate Street to the northeast.

**Rent:** 12s a year for property no. (1); 13s a year for property no. (2).

**UC:E12/2/D11/5****24 Mar 1738/9**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Laurence Fox of Pontefract, Yorks., Grocer.

**Property:** 1's houses with one yard attached, in Pontefract, in Northgate Street, measuring 14 yards in breadth and 19 yards in length, abutting on Northgate Street to the east, a house of 2 to the west, a house of Sarah Smyth to the north, and a house of Sir John Bland Bt. to the south; also one garth called Horncastle Garth, containing 8 perches, bordering on Mr. Brook's land to the east, Mrs. Medley's to the west, the high road to the north, and Northgate Street to the south.

**Rent:** 25s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D11/6****24 Mar 1738/9**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D11/5** above.

**UC:E12/2/D11/7****24 Mar 1749/50**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Seaton of Pontefract, Yorks., Grocer.

**Property and Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D11/5** above.

There is a lost lease of this property, for 21 years, dated 28 Sep 1763, at **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp. 53–4, to John Seaton, with all details as in the lease of 1749/50.

**UC:E12/2/D11/8****28 Sep 1770**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Seaton of Pontefract, Yorks., Grocer.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D11/5** above.

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Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel Scholay of Pontefract, Yorkshire, White-smith.

**Property:** Messuage or tenement with one backside, in Pontefract, bordering on Northgate Street to the east, to the house of Mr. Oates to the west, to a house belonging to University College and now occupied by William Haughton to the south, and on the house of [blank] Roper to the north, and containing 19 yards in length, and 7 in breadth.

**Rent:** 12s a year.**UC:E12/2/D12/2****28 May 1675**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Samuel Scholey of Pontefract, Yorkshire, White-smith.
2. Martin Raynold of Pontefract, Yorkshire, White-smith.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D12/1** above.**Consideration:** None given.**Comments:** 1 assigns his lease on the above property to 2.**UC:E12/2/D12/3****21 Jun 1693**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Grace Titley of Pontefract, Widow.
2. Thomas Atkinson of Pontefract, gent.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D12/1** above.**Consideration:** None given.

**Comments:** 1, the sister and administratrix of Samuel Scholey as in **UC:E12/2/D12/1** above, has inherited his lease on the above property. She now assigns her rights on this lease to 2 until her son John Titley reached the age of 21, and then 2 will reconvey the premises to him.

**UC:E12/2/D12/4****20 Jul 1695**

Assignment of Lease

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1. Thomas Atkinson of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.
2. John Titley, late of Pontefract, and now of Lynn, Norfolk, son of Grace Titley, late of Pontefract, Widow, and now the wife of Edward Lambe of Lynn, Watchmaker.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D12/1** above.

**Consideration:** None given.

**Comments:** According to the agreements in **UC:E12/2/D12/4** above, now that 2 has attained the age of 21, 1 now re-assigns the lease in the above property to him.

**UC:E12/2/D12/5****11 May 1698**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. John Titley (as in **UC:E12/2/D12/4** above).
2. Myles Reynold of Tanshelfe, Yorks., Blacksmith.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D12/1** above.

**Consideration:** An unspecified sum.

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

**UC:E12/2/D12/6****24 Apr 4 Anne (1704 [*sic* - recte 1705?])**

Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Myles Reynolds (as in **UC:E12/2/D12/5** above).

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D12/1** above.

**Rent:** 12s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D13 - HOUSE IN SHOEMARKET STREET, PONTEFRACHT, LATER KNOWN AS THE CARTNER'S ARMS, 1660–1896**

**UC:E12/2/D13/1–2** were found bundled up by William Smith under the title "Pontefract Bundle 13<sup>th</sup>". See too **UC:E12/2/AD1/12** for a plan of part of this property.

**UC:E12/2/D13/1****21 Jan 1659/60**

Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Matthew Hawton of Pontefract, Yorks., Husbandman.

**Property:** A house in Pontefract bounded to the east on Shoemarket Street, on the west upon the heirs of Michael

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Lofthouse, to the south on Philipp Hammerton, and to the north on Thomas Burton.

**Rent:** 12s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D13/2****5 Apr 1700**

Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Scholey of Pontefract, Yorks. Blacksmith.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D13/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D13/3****5 Apr 1700**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D13/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D13/4****24 Mar 1737/8**

Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel Scholey of London, Gent.

**Property:** A house in Pontefract, bounded by Shoemarket Street to the east, a house of Edward Mattison to the west, of Mary Houldgate to the south, and of Thomas Burton to the north.

**Rent:** 12s a year.

**Note:** A letter (**UC:E12/2/C2/1**) may be related to either this lease, or a missing one drawn up a few years before.

There is a copy of a lost lease of this property, for 31 years, to Samuel Scholey, dated 28 Sep 1750, at **UC:EB1/A1/3** fols. 434v–435. The property and the rent are the same as in the lease of 1737/8.

**UC:E12/2/D13/5****28 Sep 1763**

Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel Scholey of Westminster, Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D13/4** above.

**UC:E12/2/D13/6****28 Sep 1763**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D13/5** above.

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Lease for 31 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel Scholey of Westminster, Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D13/4** above.

At **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp. 246–7 is a copy of a lost licence of alienation, dated “178” (day, month, and exact year not given). It reports that Samuel Scholey died on 29 May 1780, appointing Henry Barker of the Six Clerks Office, London, Gent., as his heir, and that the College permits Barker to assign Scholey’s lease on the above property to John Ashband of Pontefract, Yorks., Innkeeper.

**UC:E12/2/D13/8****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Joseph Robertshaw of Pontefract, Yorks., Publican.

**Property:** A small dwelling house now used as a public house and known as the Bay Horse [changed in a later hand to “the Cropt Horse”] with yard attached, situated at the bottom of Shoemarket Street, Pontefract, opposed the steeple of the church, and now occupied by 2; measuring in length from east to east on the north side 29 feet and the south side 24 feet, and in breadth from north to south on the east end 18 feet and the west end 9 feet; and abutting east on Shoemarket Street; to the west on premises of Mr. Bamforth and Mr. Pygott, and to the north and south by premises of Lord Galway (all as depicted on a plan on the deed).

**Rent:** £2 a year.**Note:** 2 undertakes to pull down and rebuild the above property within two years at a cost of not less than £200.**UC:E12/2/D13/9****1 May 1808**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D13/8** above. This bears a note on the dorse that Robertshaw had carried out no rebuilding work, even by 1817.

**UC:E12/2/D13/10****1 May 1822**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

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2. Mary Taylor of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** Dwelling house used as a public house called the Bay Horse, situated at the bottom of the Shoe Market in Pontefract, measuring in length from east to west on the north side 29 feet and on the south side 24 feet, and in breadth from north to south on the east end 18 feet and on the west end 9 feet, abutting east onto the Shoe Market, west onto premises belonging to Mr. Bamforth and Mr Pygott, and north and south onto premises late belonging to Lord Gallway, as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed.

**Rent:** £2 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D13/11**

**1 May 1822**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D13/10** above.

**UC:E12/2/D13/12**

**15 Dec 1825**

Copy of Licence to Assign Lease

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Taylor of Pontefract, Widow.

**Property:** Dwelling house used as a public house called the Bay Horse, situated at the bottom of the Shoe Market in Pontefract (as in **UC:E12/2/D13/10** above).

**Comments:** 1 permit 2 to assign her lease on the above property to George Cartner of Pontefract, Innkeeper.

**UC:E12/2/D13/13**

**1836**

Draft Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Cartner of Pontefract, Yorks., Innkeeper.

**Property:** Dwelling house used as a public house called the Bay Horse, situated at the bottom of the Shoe Market in Pontefract, opposite the steeple of the church, and occupied by Harried Sunderland, measuring in length from east to west on the north side 29 feet and on the south side 24 feet, and in breadth from north to south on the east end 18 feet and on the west end 9 feet, abutting east onto the Shoe Market, west onto premises belonging to James Bamforth and north and south onto premises late belonging to Lord Gallway.

**Rent:** A single payment of £22, and an annual rent of £2.

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See also here **UC:E12/2/C2/31** (which suggested that Cartner died in 1865), **UC:E12/2/C3/11** and **40** for correspondence about this pub (which later became known as the Cartners Arms).

At **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 381–2 is a copy of a lost conveyance, dated 29 Jun 1896, as follows:

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Beverley Brothers, Ltd., based at Harrison Street, Wakefield.

**Property:** The public house known as the Cartners Arms, situated in the Shoemarket, Pontefract, having a frontage to the street of 18 ft 2.5 inches in length, and measuring 28 ft 8 inches in breadth, and having an area of 586 square feet (all as shown on a map pasted in the book, which shows the pub directly on Shoemarket).

**Consideration:** £950.

**UC:E12/2/D14 - HOUSE IN THE LEATHER MARKET, PONTEFRACT, 1609****UC:E12/2/D14/1****23 Aug 7 Ja I (1609)**

Lease for 21 years

**Parties:**

1. John Browne, DD, and Fellow of University College.
2. Michael Watson of Pomfrett, Yorks., Barber.

**Property:** One messuage in Pomfret in a place called Lether Market situated between the land of Mr. Hamerton (or Lamerton?) to the south, and the tenement and lands now in the tenure of John Fisher to the north.

**Rent:** 12s a year, payable either to 1 or to the Master and Fellows of University College.

**Comments:** Smith has written on the base of this “Bundle 14<sup>th</sup>”.

**UC:E12/2/D15 - HOUSE IN BAXTERGATE, PONTEFRACT, 1663–1921**

**UC:E12/2/D15/1–3 & 5** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Bundle 15<sup>th</sup>”.

**UC:E12/2/D15/1****15 May 1663**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

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2. George Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** (a) A house with one yard in Pontefract, bordering on the house held by William Wrench to the south, the cottage of Thomas Hyde to the north, Backster Gate to the east, and Pynfolde Lane to the west.

(b) Also two acres of arable land in Ferrybridge, Yorks., of which one acre is in Ferrybridge Field bordering on Pontefract Field to the west, the land of Dennys Heyforth to the north, the lands of Myles May to the south, and on Stynting to the east; one half acre lies in the same field, bordering on the High way leading from Pontefract to Ferrybridge to the south, the lands of John Jackson to the west, the lands of Dennys Heyforth to the east, and the lands of Edward Aylscombe to the north; and one rood likes in Crowe Crowne, abutting on a headland occupied by Zachery Stables to the north, land occupied by William Foston to the south, land of the heirs of William Tatam to the west, and lands of Henry Whittacre to the east; and the other roods go over the Longdale bordering on Greavefield to the east, the land of John Moberly to the north, and the land of William Simpson to the south.

**Rent:** 6s 8d, with 2 bushells of wheat and 2 bushells and three pecks of barley malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D15/2**

**7 Apr 1671**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Lee of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D15/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D15/3**

**13 Aug 1684**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Lee of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D15/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D15/4**

**13 Aug 1684**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D15/3** above. Part of the bottom right-hand corner of this deed is missing, and with it, some of the text, but the important part of the lease is still preserved.

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- UC:E12/2/D15/5** 19 May 1700  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. William Lee of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D15/1** above.
- UC:E12/2/D15/6** 19 May 1700  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D15/5** above.
- UC:E12/2/D15/7** 16 Aug 1716  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. William Leigh of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D15/1** above.  
**Notes:** On the dorse of **UC:E12/2/D15/7–8** are notes that this the property was later leased to William Lorriman.
- UC:E12/2/D15/8** 17 Aug 1716  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D15/7** above.
- UC:E12/2/D15/9** 24 Mar 1737/8  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. William Lorriman of Pontefract, Yorks., Tallow Chandler.  
**Property:** (a) A house with one yard in Pontefract, in Baxtergate, abutting on Gilley Gate to the east and Baxtergate to the west, the house occupied by (2) to the south, and the cottage of James Binns to the north.  
 (b) One rood and 33 perches of arable meadow or pasture in Clover Close in Pontefract, bounded by land of George Crool and Charles Savile to the east and west, of Mr. Shipton to the north, and the high road to the south.  
 (c) One rood and 9 perches of land in Gravefield in Pontefract, abutting on the high road to the east, the lands of Mr. Coates to the west, the lands of George Crool to the north, and the high road to the south.  
 (d) One acre, 2 roods and 27 perches of arable meadow in Ferrybridge field in Pontefract, of which one part (containing 1

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acre and 2 perches) lies in Oldfield, and is bounded by lands of Charles Savile to the east, the high road to the west, the lands of University College to the north, and the Common balk to the south; and another part (containing 1 rood and 24 perches) lies in Crow Crown Shutt, bounded by lands of Mr. Hoo [sic?] and Mr. Wainwright to the east and west, lands of Robert Frank to the north, and lands of University College to the south; and the remaining 1 rood and 2 perches lies in Low Taythes, abutting on land of Francis Haley to the west, the Upper Taythes to the west, the Common Balk to the north, and the lands of George Crool to the south.

**Rent:** 6s 8d, with 2 bushells of wheat and 2 bushells and three pecks of barley malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

**UC:E12/2/D15/10****10 Mar 1762**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Lambert of Ledsham, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** (a) All the property leased to William Lorriman as in **UC:E12/2/D15/9** above.

(b) All the properties in Darrington and Ferrybridge leased to Thomas Nottingham in 1740, as in **UC:E12/2/D47/2** below.

(c) A close called Box Close in Acton, in the parish of Fetherstone, Yorks, as set out in **UC:E12/2/D45/1–8** below.

(d) Piece of land called Havering, leased to Richard Frank in 1739, as set out in no. **UC:E12/2/D6/5** above.

**Rent:** £4 18s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D15/11****28 Sep 1768**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Lambert of Ledsham, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D15/10** above.

The property in Acton appears not to be mentioned again in any known lease, although there are two 19<sup>th</sup> century maps of it at **UC:E12/2/M1/20–21**. There is next a copy of a lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 280–1 dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to William Richardson of Woodhouse Farm, North Featherstone, Yorks., Farmer, for £300, a close of grass situated in Ackton Road adjoining the Sewerage

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Works in Ackton, Yorks., containing 7 acres 3 roods and 12 perches, bounded on the north by Carr Brek.

The property in Darrington likewise appears not to be mentioned again in any known lease, but there are copies of these two lost conveyances:

(1) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 252–3, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Charles Depledge of Walkergate, Pontefract, Gardener, for £235, a close of arable land containing 5 acres 2 roods and 10 perches situated on the east side of Baghill Road, Darrington, Yorks., bounded on the south-west by Baghill Lane, and on the south by Spitalgap Lane.

(2) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 269–71, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to William Jackson of Knottingly, Yorks., Farmer, for £2200, a farm known as “Trinities Farm”, situated in Darrington and Pontefract (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**UC:E12/2/D16 - HOUSE IN BITCHILL, PONTEFRACT, 1674–1704**

**UC:E12/2/D16/1–2** were found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Bundle 17<sup>th</sup>”.

**UC:E12/2/D16/1****1 Oct 1674**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Richard Johnston.
2. Francis West of Pontefract, Crosser.

**Property:** A cottage with garth in Bitchill in Pontefract, Yorks., abutting on Balie gate to the west, a land leading from the old church in Pontefract to Munkhill Mills to the east, and a garden of Mr. Wakefield to the south.

**Consideration:** £6.

**Comments:** 1 has been leased the above property by the Master and Fellows of University College, and now assigns his lease to 2.

**UC:E12/2/D16/2****20 Oct 1676**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Ann West of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** A cottage with garth standing in Bitchill, Pontefract, abutting on Baylie Gate to the west, a land leading from the old

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church in Pontefract to Muncks Mill to the east, and Mr. Wakefield's gardens to the south.

**Rent:** 3s 4d a year.

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years of this property, dated 21 Jul 1704, to Richard Johnson of Pontefract, tailor, in **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 54–5. The property and the rent are both as in **UC:E12/2/D16/2** above. See also **UC:E12/2/C1/33**, a letter of Johnson from 1699.

**UC:E12/2/D17 - TWO COTTAGES IN NORTHGATE STREET, PONTEFRACT, 1674**

**UC:E12/2/D17/1** is inscribed by William Smith "Bundle 18<sup>th</sup>"

**UC:E12/2/D17/1****15 Oct 1674**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas English of Pontefract, Yorks., Grocer.

**Property:** Two cottages in Northgate Street, Pontefract, of which one is 7 yards in length and 4 yards in breadth, bounded on the west by a cottage of Dr. Leakes, on the east by the other cottage in this lease, on the north by a garth belonging to the College currently occupied by 2, and on the south by Northgate Street. The second cottage is 4 yards in breadth and 4.5 yards in breadth, and is bounded on the south by Northgate Street, to the west by the other cottage on this lease, and to the north by a garth.

**Rent:** 1s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D18 - HOUSE IN NEET MARKET OR NAUTE MARKET, PONTEFRACT, 1631–1801**

**UC:E12/2/D18/1–2** were all found bundled up by William Smith under the title "Pontefract Bundle 19<sup>th</sup>"

**UC:E12/2/D18/1****24 Nov 7 Cha I (1631)**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Towne of Pontefract, Yorks, Widow.

**Property:** A house or cottage in Pontefract, being 8 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, and bordering on the nawte

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market [sic] to the west and the house of William Yolling to the east and north, and the kitchen of Robert Goodall to the south.

**Rent:** 1s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D18/2****24 Jun 1667**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel Bradley of Pontefract, Yorks., Blacksmith.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D18/1** above.

**Comments:** This deed has been damaged by damp, but enough is preserved to deduce its contents. The copy at **UC:EB1/A1/2** fols. 104–104v is easier to read.

**UC:E12/2/D18/3****24 Jun 1667**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D18/2** above.

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years, dated 10 Mar 1706/7, of this property to Francis Bradley of Pontefract, Barber, at **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 66–7. The property and rent are both as in **UC:E12/2/D18/1** above, with different occupants named.

**UC:E12/2/D18/4****20 Aug 1739**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Francis Hopkinson of Pontefract, Yorks., Labourer.

**Property:** A house or cottage in Pontefract measuring 8 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, and bordering on the Naute Market to the west, the house of Sir Rowland Winn to the east, Mrs. Bradley to the north, and Thomas Fawbert to the south.

**Rent:** 1s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D18/5****20 Aug 1739**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D18/4** above.

**UC:E12/2/D18/6****28 Sep 1750**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Carter of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D18/4** above.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/D18/7****23 Jun 1778**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Hannah Hill of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** A newly erected house or cottage in Pontefract, measuring 8 yards in length and 7 yards in breadth, and bordering on the Naute Market to the west, the house now or late of Sir Rowland Winn to the east, Mrs. Bradley to the north, and Thomas Fawbert to the south.

**Rent:** 5s a year.

**Notes:** On the dorse of this deed someone has written "New Erected House now John Farrar's in Naute Market."

In **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp. 189–90 is a copy of a lost licence of alienation, dated 10 Aug 1779, permitting Hannah Hill to assign the above property to Peter Dunhill of Pontefract, Yorks., malster.

In **UC:EB1/A1/4** p. 229 is a copy of a lost licence of alienation, dated 6 Dec 1793, permitting Peter Dunhill of Pontefract to assign his lease on his property in Pontefract to John Farrer of Pontefract, Watch Maker.

**UC:E12/2/D18/8****25 Feb 1801**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Farrer of Pontefract, Yorks., Watch Maker.

**Property:** A cottage in the Naut Market of Pontefract, now occupied by 2, measuring in length from east to west 22 feet and in breadth 15 feet 6 inches, bounded on the east by buildings of John Leatham, to the west by the Naut Market, to the north by a house of Rev. Mr. Paver, and to the south by a house belonging to Peter Dunhill (as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** 5s a year.

**Notes:** see **UC:E12/2/E1/14** for a valuation of this property.

**UC:E12/2/D19 - HOUSE IN NAUT MARKET, 1704–1776**

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years, dated 21 Jul 1704, on **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 55–6. The tenant is Henry Tarboton of Pontefract, Glazier, and the property is described as a

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cottage or tenement in a street called Barley Market alias Naut Market in Pontefract, now held by Tarboton, abutting on the said market to the west, and lying between a tenement of Timothy Lisle to the south and a little lane to the north. The rent is 6s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D19/1****2 Jul 1742**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Henry Tarboton of Pontefract, Yorks., Glazier.

**Property:** Cottage in Barley Markett otherwise Naut Markett, in Pontefract, abutting on the said market to the west, and lying between a tenement now or lately of Timothy Lisle to the south and a little lane to the north.

**Rent:** 6s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D19/2****1 Feb 1776**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. James Coates of Pontefract, Yorks., Wine Merchant.

**Property:** Cottage in Barley Market alias Naut Market, Pontefract, abutting on a Ginnel to the east, Barley Market to the west, a little lane to the north, and the Widow Lommass to the south.

**Rent:** 6s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D20 - LAND AT NORTHGATE CROFT, 1739****UC:E12/2/D20/1****28 Sep 1739**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Rhodes of Lotherton, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** A piece of ground in Pontefract, called Northgate Croft, containing 1 rood and 26 perches, with a stable built thereon, now or lately in the possession of Francis Lascelles, which abuts on ground of Sir William Lowther, Bart., to the east, and on Northgate to the north, and ground of Mrs. Medley and Mr. Lee to the south.

**Rent:** 26s 8d a year.

**Comments:** See **UC:E12/2/C2/2–3** with regard to Francis Lascelles.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/D20/2****28 Sep 1739**Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D20/1**.

This property was eventually leased to Rhodes with his other properties in Pontefract: see **UC:E12/2/D1/19** above.

**UC:E12/2/D21 - A HOUSE AND LAND IN AND AROUND PONTEFRACT, 1738–1777**

It has not proved possible to link these properties to those listed in any of the earlier leases above.

**UC:E12/2/D21/1****24 Mar 1737/8**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Cotes of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** (a) A house and fold in Pontefract containing 16 perches; and one orchard containing 22 perches, and bounded by the lands of Sir William Lowther, Bart., to the east and west, abutting on lands of 1 to the north, and the high road to the south.

(b) One close of meadow called Wash Close containing 1 acre 3 roods and 22 perches, bounding on the land of Mr. Clarkson to the east and west, the lands of George Crook to the north, and the high road to the south.

(c) One parcel of land lying in Monkhill Close containing 2 roods and 22 perches, bordering on the lands of William Cotes to the east, Sir William Lowther to the west, the high road to the north, and lands of 1 to the south.

(d) One land lying in Ferrybridge Field Low Taythes, containing 2 roods and 33 perches, abutting on Crow Crown Shutt to the east, the upper Taythes to the west, bordering on the lands of Mr. Tatham to the north, and the lands of Mr. Clarkston to the south.

**Rent:** 17s a year.

**Note:** This document has been used as a draft for the next lease (**UC:E12/2/D21/3** below). The William Cotes here might be linked to a William Coats writing to the College thirty years earlier (**UC:E12/2/C1/51–53**).

**UC:E12/2/D21/2****24 Mar 1737/8**Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D21/1** above.

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Cotes of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D21/1** above, with different neighbours' names given, save that timber and mineral rights are now reserved to the College.

**Rent:** 17s a year for the first 2 years of the lease, and then £3 a year for the remaining 19 years.

**UC:E12/2/D21/4****4 Feb 1777**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. James Cotes of Pontefract, Yorks., Wine Merchant.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D21/3** above, with different neighbours' names given.

**Rent:** £3 for the first year of the lease, and then £4 a year for the remaining 20 years.

**UC:E12/2/D22 - THE DOLPHIN INN, 1791–1897**

This property was part of several pieces of land split off from the Trinities (see **UC:E12/2/D1** above) in the 1790s for building purposes. See **UC:E12/2/AD1/10** and **UC:E12/2/AD1/14** for plans of this property.

**UC:E12/2/D22/1****1 Jan 1791**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Brown of Pontefract, Yorks., Carrier.

**Property:** A dwelling house or tenement, outbuildings, yard, and garden with old cottages lately occupied by Jackson, Elmer, and Briggs; also part of Trinity Garth or Garden in Pontefract, in Micklegate or Horse Fair, measuring 347 feet in length, and in breadth 90 feet at the south end, and 108 feet at the north end, bounded by property of John Abbey West to the east, College premises now occupied by the Corporation of Pontefract to the west, Northgate Street to the north, and Micklegate or Horse Fair to the south, as depicted on a plan drawn the lease.

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**Rent:** £17 a year.

**Notes:** These properties are to be leased to 2 so he can repair the house and take down the old cottages, and build new houses and other buildings. 2 covenants to spend at least £260 on this work and complete it within two years.

There is a copy of a lost licence of alienation for this property in **UC:EB1/A1/4** p. 365, dated 21 Jan 1805, in which the College permits Betty Browne, the widow of William Browne, to assign her lease on the above property to Michael Browne, William's brother.

**UC:E12/2/D22/2****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Betty Brown of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** A dwelling house occupied by 2 now used as a public house called the Dolphin Inn, with all outhouses, yard, and garden, with five other dwelling houses occupied by John Horner and others, all in Pontefract in Micklegate or Horse Fair; measuring from north to south 347 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 108 feet and at the south end 90 feet; and bounded on the east by premises of Thomas Ashby, to the west by College premises occupied by the Corporation of Pontefract and others, to the north by Northgate, and to the south by Micklegate or Horse Fair (all as depicted on a plan on the deed).

**Rent:** £17 a year for the first 23 years of the least, and then £36 a year for the remaining 17 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**UC:E12/2/D22/3****1 May 1808**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D22/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D22/4****16 Jul 1847**

Lease for 40 Years (to run from 25 Mar 1836)

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Betty Brown of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** A dwelling house occupied by Mrs. Askwith, widow, now used as a public house and known as the Dolphin Inn, with outbuildings, yard, and garden, together with five other dwelling houses adjoining, occupied by John Kay and others,

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all in Pontefract in Micklegate or Horse Fair; measuring from north to south 354 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 120 feet and at the south end 95 feet; and bounded on the east by premises of late of John Hartley, to the west by College premises occupied by Josiah Smithson and Sarah Moxon, to the north by Northgate, and to the south by Micklegate or Horse Fair (all as depicted on a plan on the dorse of the deed).

**Rent:** A single payment of £22, and an annual rent of £36.

**Note:** **UC:E12/2/C2/27** suggests that Betty Brown died in 1852.

**UC:E12/2/D22/5****2 Apr 1877**

Draft Agreement to let

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. James Garbutt of Nunthorpe, Northallerton, York.

**Property:** The Dolphin Inn, situated in Horse Fair, Pontefract.

**Comments:** 1 agree to lease the above property to 2 on a yearly tenancy at an annual rent of £50, according to certain specified conditions.

See here **UC:E12/2/C3/10, 13, 17, 20–22** and **25**. These show that the tenant of the Dolphin Inn after 1852 had been William Dunhill, who died in 1862, and then his widow Mary, who died in 1876.

**UC:E12/2/D22/6****1877**

Draft lease for yearly tenancy.

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. James Garbutt of [left blank].

**Property:** The Dolphin Inn.

**Rent:** £60 a year (modified to £50).

There is a copy of a lost lease at **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 276–7, dated 29 Jan 1885, in which the College leases to William Hough of Pontefract, Inn Keeper, the inn called the Dolphin Inn, situated in Horsefair, Pontefract, with surrounding buildings (as shown on a plan pasted into the book), lately occupied by Edwin Hartshorn, for a yearly tenancy at a rent of £40 a year. See also **UC:E12/2/C3/48** and **55** for correspondence about the Dolphin Inn from the 1880s.

**UC:E12/2/D22/7****23 Oct 1897**

Lease for 14 Years

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Tadcaster Tower Brewery Company, Ltd., of 18 George Street, York.

**Property:** The Dolphin Inn, situated in the Horse Fair, Pontefract, with the brewhouse, yard, vaults, cellars and premises (as depicted on a plan drawn on the back of the deed), with all fixtures and fittings (which are listed).

**Rent:** £120 a year.

See also **UC:E12/2/C4/3–4**, for correspondence about the Dolphin Inn from 1910.

**UC:E12/2/D23 - FOUR HOUSES IN NORTHGATE STREET, PONTEFRACT, 1791–1808**

This property was part of several pieces of land split off from the Trinities (see **UC:E12/2/D1** above) in the 1790s for building purposes.

On **UC:EB1/A1/4** pp 290–2 is a copy of a lost lease for 40 years, dated 1 Jan 1791, to Sarah Moxon of Pontefract, Yorks., Widow, of 2 old cottages lately occupied by Senior and Walker with garden, being part of Trinity Garth situated in Pontefract, in Northgate, measuring in length from north to south at the east side 143 feet and at the west side 140 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the south end 102 feet and at the north end 117 feet, abutting to the east on College premises now occupied by William Browne, west on a lane or road leading from Northgate to Micklegate or Horse Fair, south on College premises now occupied by the Corporation of Pontefract, and north on Northgate (as shown on a lost map). The premises are leased to Moxon for the purpose of carrying out substantial repairs and erecting new buildings, on which Moxon agrees to spend at least £100. She also agrees to complete the work within two years. The rent is £3 16s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D23/1****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Sarah Moxon of Kingston upon Hull, Widow.

**Property:** Four dwelling houses with other buildings and a piece of garden ground on Northgate, in Pontefract, now occupied by Joseph Purslove, Junior, or his undertenants, measuring in length from north to south on the east side 146 feet and on the west side 148 feet, and in breadth from east to west on the north 118 feet and the south 103 feet; and bounded to the east by College promises leased to Betty Brown, to the west by a roadway in the Trinities leading from

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Northgate to Micklegate or HorseFair, to the north by Northgate, and to the south by College property leased to the Corporation of Pontefract (all as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £3 16s a year for the first 23 years of the lease, and then £24 a year for the remaining 17 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**UC:E12/2/D24 - THE REMAINDER OF THE TRINITIES, 1825–1921**

This property was part of several pieces of land split off from the Trinities (see **UC:E12/2/D1** above) in the 1790s for building purposes. See **UC:E12/2/AD1/20–23** for plans relating to the redevelopment of this area.

**UC:E12/2/D24/1****2 May 1825**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Josiah Smithson of Pontefract, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** (a) Various cottages or dwelling houses with yards and gardens behind situated in Pontefract in Micklegate, otherwise Horsefair, and now occupied by Thomas Marshall, Jane Hall, Benjamin Wright Jr., Thomas Foster, Christopher Swallow, Widow Walker, John Moses, John Shaw, William Graham, John Briggs, Abraham Woodhead, and Joshua Jefferson.

(b) Several other cottages or dwelling houses in Pontefract called the Trinities, and adjoining the properties in (a), and occupied by Clement Archer, Matthew Firth, Joshua Waterton, John Downing, Joseph Waterton, John Briggs, John Wharleton, Widow Millett, William Millett, Widow Hutchinson and the Corporation of Pontefract.

(c) Several other cottages or dwelling houses in Pontefract in North Gate, now occupied by John Bradshaw, William Stephenson, Samuel Aisdew, Thomas Lea, and James Muscroft.

(d) Another cottage or dwelling house with garden behind situated in North Gate now occupied by John Taylor.

(e) A piece of garden ground in the same street now occupied by John Seaton.

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(f) Several other cottages or dwelling houses in Pontefract in Jilly Gate, occupied by Edward Sykes, Ann Freeman, John Jessop, Thomas Holmes, and Sarah Peart.

(g) Two other cottages or dwelling houses in Pontefract in Baxter Gate, occupied by George Birkenshaw and Robert Senior.

All these properties are depicted on a plan drawn on the deed.

**Rent** : £119 a year.

On **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 349–50 is a copy of a lost licence of alienation, dated 27 Mar 1841, whereby the College permits Samuel Smithson of Pontefract, Esq., son and heir of Josiah Smithson, to assign his lease on the above properties to the Earl of Mexborough.

**UC:E12/2/D24/2****13 Nov 1865 & 31 Dec 1877**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Thomas Moxon of Pontefract, Yorks., Farmer and Maltster.

**Property:** Various houses in Pontefract in Northgate, Gillygate, Baxtergate, Horse Fair, and the Trinities, as set out in a schedule at the end of the deed (names of occupants are given).

**Rent:** £130 a year.

On the dorse of this deed is a document dated 31 Dec 1877 as follows:

**Parties:**

1. William Thomas Moxon, as above.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** as above.

**Consideration:** £409 13s from 1 to 2.

**Comments:** 1 pays the above sum to 2 to escape all claims for delapidations on the above properties, and surrenders his lease on them to 2.

See also **UC:E12/2/F4/2–3**, **UC:E12/2/C2/32** and **UC:E12/2/C3/10**.

**UC:E12/2/D24/3****13 Nov 1865**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D24/2**.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/D24/4****13 Nov 1865**

Extract from the lease of some unspecified property at Pontefract to William Thomas Moxon (in fact **UC:E12/2/D24/1** above), setting out the clauses on keeping the property in good repair.

The following copies of lost conveyances relating to the Trinities are also preserved:

(1) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 267–9, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Richard Hunter of Bramley Villa, Bank Avenue, Pontefract, Assurance Agent, for £725, 14 cottages called “Trinity Square”, situated in Trinity Street, Pontefract, with the yard and outbuildings, bounded on the north by a narrow road running between this property and another property sold by the College, to the south by a back street or road, to the east by a back road leading to Northgate, and the west by Trinity Street.

(2) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 274–5, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Betsy Laverack, wife of John Laverack of Gillygate, Pontefract, Butcher, for £1025, a dwelling house and plumber’s shop at the corner of Trinity Street with Horsefair, Pontefract, occupied by William Pearson, together with 7 cottages adjoining this house and fronting onto Horsefair, and also that dwelling house situated in Horsefair and known as “Bonner’s Lodging House”, together with the cottage adjoining, now occupied by James Hepworth, and also that dwellinghouse situated next to the last mentioned premises known as “Fordy’s Lodging House”, now occupied by W. Fordy.

(3) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 276–7, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Thomas Richard Lister of Northgate, Pontefract, Blacksmith, for £110, a newly erected blacksmith’s shop situated in Trinity Street, Pontefract, now occupied by the purchaser.

(4) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 281–3, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Charles Walter Saville of Pontefract, Cabinet Maker, for £640, a messuage or dwelling house situated at the corner of Trinity Street with Northgate in Pontefract, now occupied by J. R. Forster, and also a dwelling house adjoining the above fronting to Northgate, now occupied by B. Dobson, and also a cottage adjoining the last mentioned property fronting Northgate, now occupied by W. Appleyard; a,d also 4 cottages situated in Trinity Street, Pontefract, now occupied by Messrs. Dunning, Brown, Moran and Cornforth, and bounded to the north by Trinity Square, to the south by a back road, to the east by a back road leading to Northgate, and to the west by Trinity Street.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/D25 - HOUSE IN PIPEMAKERS GARTH AND SURROUNDING PROPERTIES, 1792–1861**

This property had previously been leased to William Rhodes along with the Trinities (see **UC:E12/2/D1/18–22** above).

**UC:E12/2/D25/1****1 Jan 1792**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Weightman of Castleford, Yorks., Brickmaker.

**Property:** An old cottage now down with a garth adjoining called Pipemakers Garth, in Pontefract, Yorks, in Northgate, measuring from north to south on the east side 254 feet and at the west side 244 feet, and in breadth from east to west on the north end 121 feet and at the south end 92 feet, bounded on the east by a croft or garden belonging to Richard Dunhill, to the west on a croft or garden belonging to George Dunhill, to the north on Paradise Lane, and to the south to Northgate Street, all as shown on a plan drawn on the lease.

**Rent:** £2 5s a year

**Comments:** 1 leases this land to 2 for the purpose of rebuilding the old cottage and erecting three more houses on the site, on which he agreed to spend at least £160. 2 also undertakes to complete the work within two years.

**UC:E12/2/D25/2****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Richard Lindley of Bubwith House, Pontefract, Yorks., Farmer.  
(b) John Lindley of Allerton Bywater, Yorks., Farmer.  
(c) Joseph Towns of Pontefract, Draper.  
(d) Henry Towns of the same, Attorney at Law.

**Property:** Eight cottages in Northgate, Pontefract, together with a garden called Pipe Makers Garth, now occupied by Dr. Jefferson and others, measuring in length from north to south to the east end 254 feet and on the east side 244 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 121 feet and at the south end 92 feet; bounded to the east by a piece of garden ground belonging to Richard Dunhill, to the west by another

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garden belonging to Richard Dunhill, to the north on Paradise Lane, and to the south on Northgate (all as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £2 5s a year for the first 24 years of the lease, and then £14 a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 are given the right to erect other buildings on this site. On the dorse of a deed is an undated note that 2a and 2b (2c and 2d being now deceased) for the payment of 10s each surrender this lease to the College so that a new lease can be granted William Clough.

**UC:E12/2/D25/3****1 May 1808**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D25/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D25/4****1 May 1822**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Clough of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** Eight cottages in Northgate, Pontefract, together with a garden called Pipe Makers Garth, now occupied by Dr. Jefferson and others, measuring in length from north to south to the east end 254 feet and on the east side 244 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 121 feet and at the south end 92 feet; bounded to the east by a piece of garden ground belonging to Thomas Dunhill, to the west by a garden belonging to George Dunhill, to the north on Paradise Lane, and to the south on Northgate. A space for a plan of the properties has been left blank.

**Rent:** £2 5s a year for the first 10 years of the lease and then £14 a year.

**Note:** A note pinned to this deed says that a renewal of this lease was drafted in 1836, but never executed (see

**UC:E12/2/D25/6** below). Instead this lease has been used as a draft for the executed lease of these properties made in 1860.

**UC:E12/2/D25/5****1 May 1822**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D25/4** above.

**UC:E12/2/D25/6****1836**

Draft Lease for 40 Years

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Clough of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** Eight cottages in Northgate, Pontefract, together with a garden called Pipe Makers Garth, now occupied by John Shay and others, measuring in length from north to south to the east end 254 feet and on the east side 244 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 121 feet and at the south end 92 feet; bounded to the east by a piece of garden ground belonging to Thomas Dunhill, to the west by premises belonging to William Moxon, to the north on Paradise Lane, and to the south on Northgate.

**Rent:** A single payment of £24, and an annual rent of £14.

**Note:** A note attached to **UC:E12/2/D25/4** above suggests that this deed was never executed.

**UC:E12/2/D25/7****28 Feb 1860**

Lease for 40 Years (to run from 25 Mar 1836)

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Thomas William Clough of Huddersfield, Yorks., Gent.  
(b) James Clarke of Nottingham, Surgeon Dentist.

**Property:** Eight cottages in Northgate, Pontefract, together with a garden called Pipe Makers Garth, now occupied by Thomas Gott on a yearly tenancy, measuring in length from north to south to the east end 254 feet and on the east side 244 feet, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 121 feet and at the south end 92 feet; bounded to the east by a piece of garden ground formerly belonging to Thomas Dunhill but now or lately of the devisees of William Moxon, to the west by another garden formerly belonging to Richard Dunhill but now or lately of the devisees of William Moxon, to the north on Paradise Lane, and to the south on Northgate (all as depicted on a map drawn on the dorse of the deed).

**Rent:** A single payment of £24, and an annual rent of £14.

**UC:E12/2/D25/8****18 May 1861**

Copy of Licence to Assign Lease

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Thomas William Clough of Huddersfield, Yorks., Gent.

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(b) James Clarke of Nottingham, Surgeon dentist.

**Property:** Eight cottages in Northgate, Pontefract, together with a garden called Pipe Makers Garth, now occupied by Dr. Jefferson, as depicted on a lease to William Clough of 1822. These properties were leased to 2 on 28 Feb 1860.

**Comments:** 1 permit 2 to assign their lease on the above property to William Thomas Moxon of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**UC:E12/2/D26 - THE NATIONAL SCHOOL, PONTEFRACT, 1829–1896**

See too **UC:E12/2/C3/41** and **60** for correspondence relating to the school.

**UC:E12/2/D26/1****31 Dec 1829**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Henry Taylor.  
(b) Thomas Walton.  
(c) John Perfect, all of Pontefract, Yorks., Esqs.  
(d) Rev. John Atkinson, Clerk, Lecturer of Pontefract.  
(e) Joshua Janeman of Pontefract., Esq. (all are Trustees of a sum of £140 granted by the Central School Society in London for the purpose of erecting a National School in Pontefract).

**Property:** A piece of ground in Pontefract, occupied by John Birkinshaw, measuring in length on the east side 208 feet and on the west 204 feet, and in breadth on the north side 38 feet and on the south 28 feet 6 inches, bounded on the east by buildings belonging to [blank] Robinson, on the west by the hospital endowed by the late Rev. Dr. Edward Watkinson, and a garden belonging to the same, to the north by Paradise Lane, and to the south by Northgate, together with the school and premises built on the ground, all as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed.

**Rent:** £3 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D26/2****31 Dec 1829**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D26/1** above. Enclosed within it is a letter from Henry Taylor dated 27 March 1830, noting that the plan of the property includes a small slice of land which actually belongs to the adjoining property, and asking that this be mentioned to the College.

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At **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 375–7, is a copy of a lost conveyance, dated 1896 (with the day and month left blank), as follows:

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) The Rev. James John Christie, Vicar of Pontefract.  
(b) Barnard Hartley of Tanshelf, Pontefract, Esq.  
(c) Edward Muscroft of Pontefract, Esq., being the Trustees of the National School in Pontefract.

**Property:** A piece of land containing 594 square yards situated in Pontefract, abutting on the east of Back Trinity Lane or Street (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**Consideration:** £118 16s.

**UC:E12/2/D27 - PROPERTY IN BEAST FAIR AND NEWGATE, 1792–3****UC:E12/2/D27/1****1 Jan 1792**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Benjamin Booth of Pontefract, Yorks., Clockmaker.

**Property:** An ancient messuage or dwelling house with a croft adjoining in Pontefract in the Beast Fair or Naut Market, measuring 682 feet in length from east to west, and in breadth, from north to south, 53 feet 6 inches at the west and 48 feet at the east; abutting east on the Beast Fair, west on Newgate, south on premises of Grosvenor Perfect, and north on premises of Thomas Jones, as depicted on a map drawn on this deed.

**Rent:** £9 a year.

**Note:** 2 covenants to erect new houses and repair parts of the old buildings at a cost of at least £600 within two years.

At **UC:EB1/A1/4** p. 299 is a copy of a lost licence of alienation, dated 6 Dec 1793, permitting Benjamin Booth to assign his lease on his property in Pontefract to Jonathan Gawtress of Wath, Yorks., Yeoman.

This property was broken up in 1808 into smaller units, which are listed in **UC:E12/2/D28–30** below. Also see **UC:E12/2/AD1/2** for a plan of his properties after their rebuilding.

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This property was part of a collection of lands leased to Benjamin Booth in 1792 (see **UC:E12/2/D27/1**).

**UC:E12/2/D28/1****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) George Butler Booth of Selby, Yorks., Watchmaker.  
(b) William Maykin of Leeds, Yorks., Clerk to the Undertakers of the Aire and Calder Navigation (who are the executors of the will of Benjamin Booth of Pontefract, Watchmaker, decd.).

**Property:** Three cottages in Newgate Street, Pontefract, occupied by Thomas Wilson, Peter Raisbeck, and Widow Jefferson, with stables and a yard, measuring in length from east to west 71 feet, and from north to north 48 feet 6 inches, abutting to the east on College premises leased to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson, to the west on Newgate Street, to the north by premises of Thomas Jones, and to the south by premises of Robert Seaton; also a right of way from Newgate Street to the Beast Fair and Corn Market, through College premises abutting on the east of the above property (as depicted on map drawn on the deed), which were among those properties leased to Benjamin Booth.

**Rent:** £1 7s 6d a year for the first 24 years of the lease, and then £8 a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**UC:E12/2/D28/2****1 May 1808**Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D28/1** above.**UC:E12/2/D28/3****18 Apr 1821**

Licence of Alienation.

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Butler Booth of Selby, Yorks., Watchmaker (William Maykin is now deceased).
3. George Cartner of Pontefract, Innkeeper.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D28/1** above

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**Comments:** 1 permits 2 to assign his lease on the above property to 3.

**UC:E12/2/D28/4****16 May 1821**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. George Butler Booth, late of Selby, but now of Pontefract, Yorks., Watch and Clock Maker (surviving executor of Benjamin Booth, decd.).
2. George Cartner of Pontefract, Innkeeper.

**Property:** Three cottages now occupied as four dwellings in Newgate Street, Pontefract, formerly occupied by Thomas Wilson, Peter Raisbeck, and Widow Jefferson, and now occupied by Thomas Wilson, Widow Jefferson, Richard Wilcock and James Baumforth, with stables and yard, measuring in length from east to west 73 feet and in breadth from north to south 48 feet 6 inches; and abutting east on other College premises leased to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson, west on Newgate Street, north on premises of Thomas Jones, and south on premises of Robert Seaton; also a right of way from Newgate to the Beast Fair and Cornmarket over College property butting on the east end of land leased to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson.

**Consideration:** £164.

**Comments:** William Maykin, 1's co-executor died on 15 Sep 1815, and 1 auctioned the lease. 2 was the highest bidder, and 1 now assigns his lease on the property to 2.

**UC:E12/2/C2/31** suggested that Cartner died in 1865.

**UC:E12/2/D29 - HOUSE IN BEAST FAIR (OR NAUT MARKET), 1808–1819**

This property was part of a collection of lands leased to Benjamin Booth in 1792 (see **UC:E12/2/D27/1**).

**UC:E12/2/D29/1****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Foster of Doncaster, Yorks., Joiner.

**Property:** A dwellinghouse and shop lately occupied by Benjamin Booth, decd., situated on Beast Fair or Naut Market, Pontefract, measuring in length from east to east 20 feet 8

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inches, and in breadth from north to south 17 feet 6 inches, abutting to the east on premises of Lord Galway, to the west on Beast Fair or Naut Market, to the north on a narrow lane leading from Beast Fair to the Shoe Market, and to the south by premises belonging to Mr. Bamforth (as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** 6s a year for the first 24 years of the lease, and then £12 a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site. This lease has been used as a lease of the same property to Benjamin Farrer from 1819.

**UC:E12/2/D29/2****1 May 1808**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D29/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D29/3****25 Mar 1819**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Benjamin Farrer of Pontefract, Yorks., Watchmaker.

**Property:** Dwelling house and shop now occupied by 2 in Pontefract in the Beast Fair or Naut Market, measuring in length from east to west 20 feet 8 inches and in breadth from north to south 17 feet 6 inches, bounded on the east by premises of Lord Galloway, to the west by the Beast Fair or Naut Market, to the north by a narrow lane leading from the Beast Fair to the Shoe Market, and to the south by premises of Mr. Bamforth (as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £6 10s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D30 - THE CROWN AND ANCHOR INN, 1808–1921**

This property was part of a collection of lands leased to Benjamin Booth in 1792 (see **UC:E12/2/D27/1**).

**UC:E12/2/D30/1****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Ellis Leckonby Hodgson of Stapleton Park, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** A dwelling house known as the Crown and Anchor Inn, with stables and other buildings, now occupied by John

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Parkinson, with a dwelling house adjoining now occupied by Matthew Miller, and a piece of ground now divided into five gardens, now occupied by John Parkinson, Peter Raisbeck, John Dodsworth, William Elliott and Joseph Senior, all of which premises are in Pontefract in the Beast Fair or Naut Market, measuring in length from east to west on the north side 595 feet, and to the south 513 feet, and in breadth at the east end 22 feet 9 inches, and the west end 48 feet 6 inches; and abutting east on Beast Fair, to the west on College premises leased to George Butler Booth and William Makin, to the north on premises belonging to Thomas Jones, to the south on premises belonging to Robert Seaton, and other College premises leased to William Wood and James Robinson; also a right of way from Newgate to the Beast Fair, going through the premises leased to Booth and Makin (all as depicted on a map drawn on the deed). All these properties had been leased to Benjamin Booth.

**Rent:** £4 11s 10d for the first 24 years of the least, and then £35 a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**UC:E12/2/D30/2**

**1 May 1808**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D30/1** above.

There is a copy of a lost licence of alienation at **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 77–9, dated 28 May 1822, by which Hodgson is allowed to assign his lease on this land to George Denton of Pontefract, Innkeeper. In 1822, this property was divided, so that the Crown and Anchor Inn was leased separately from the houses in the yard. The remaining leases in this section are concerned with the Crown and Anchor Inn itself; leases concerning the houses in the Crown and Anchor Yard are listed in **UC:E12/2/D31** below.

**UC:E12/2/D30/3**

**1 May 1822**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Denton of Pontefract, Yorks., Innkeeper.

**Property:** Dwelling house now used as an inn and known as the Crown and Anchor, situated in Beast Fair, Pontefract, together with various stables, brewhouses, and outbuildings, and a yard adjoining; also two cottages adjoining the inn occupied by 2; and a right of way to and from Newgate; and a right to fetch and carry water from a pump in the yard, on

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condition that he pays for half the costs of its upkeep; subject to granting a right of way to Josiah Smithson through his property.

**Rent:** £2 5s 11d for the first 10 years of the lease, and then £17 10s a year for the remaining 30 years.

**UC:E12/2/D30/4****1836**

Draft Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Scholey of Pontefract, Yorks., Innkeeper

**Property:** Dwelling house now used as an Inn known as the Crown and Anchor, situated in the Beast Fair, Pontefract, together with various stables, brewhouses, and outbuildings, and a yard adjoining; also two cottages adjoining the inn occupied by 2; and a right of way to and from Newgate; and a right to fetch and carry water from a pump in the yard, on condition that he pays for half the costs of its upkeep; subject to granting a right of way to Josiah Smithson through his property.

**Rent:** A single payment of £49, and an annual rent of £17.

**UC:E12/2/D30/5****1878 (day and month not given)**

Memorandum of Agreement.

**Parties:**

1. Charles Joseph Faulkner, Bursar of University College, Oxford, on behalf of the Master and Fellows of the same.
2. Robert Walshaw of Pontefract, Yorks., Innkeeper.

**Property:** An inn or public house called the Crown and Anchor situated in the Beast Fair, Pontefract, with sheds and outbuildings, as depicted on a plan attached to the deed.

**Consideration:** £86 a year.

**Comments:** 1 agrees to lease the above property to 2 for 1 year for the above rent. See here also **UC:E12/2/C3/50** and **55**.

At **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 110–16 is a copy of a lost lease, dated 25 Mar 1912, in which the College leases to Tadcaster Tower Brewery Co., Ltd., the hotel or public house situated in Beast Fair called the Crown and Anchor, together with stables, outbuildings and yard there (as shown on a plan pasted into the book), for 10 years, at a rent of £90 a year.

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At **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 238–40 is a copy of a lost conveyance, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Beverley Brothers Ltd., for £5500 the Inn or Public House in Beastfair, Pontefract, called the “Crown and Anchor” Inn” with yard and buildings in Crown and Anchor yard (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**UC:E12/2/D31 - HOUSES IN CROWN AND ANCHOR YARD, 1822–1921**

In 1808, these properties had been leased alongside the Crown and Anchor in to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson (see **UC:E2/12/D30/1** above), but in 1822, they were split off and leased separately.

See **UC:E12/2/C3/13, 26–28, 31, 33, 36, 38–39** and **UC:E12/2/C4/5** for correspondence relating to the College’s management of the houses in this yard. See also **UC:E12/2/AD1/6–7, 15** and **19** for plans of this area.

**UC:E12/2/D31/1****1 May 1822**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Josiah Smithson of Pontefract, Yorks., Gent.

**Property:** Fourteen cottages and two workshops in the Crown and Anchor Yard in Pontefract, together with the pump in front of the cottages; also a piece of garden ground divided into five gardens and situated at the west end of the cottages, which are now or lately occupied by George Freeman, John Walker, Thomas Jackson, William Booth, William Hippenstall, John Marshall, David Wright, Richard Briggs, William Nunns, Jacob Sharp, George Hill, John Wilkinson, Widow Moson, Widow Stake, William Bilbrough, Widow Atkinson, and Joseph Senior; together with a right of way to these premises over the yard leased to George Denton to and from the Beast Fair; subject to a similar right of way George Denton, and to the right of George Denton to collect water from the same pump (so long as he pays for half the costs of its upkeep).

**Rent:** £2 5s 7d a year for the first 10 years of the lease, and then £17 10s a year for the remaining 30 years.

**UC:E12/2/D31/2****13 Nov 1865**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Robert Arundel of Pontefract, Yorks, Gent.

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**Property:** 14 cottages, a house and joiner's shop, and other properties in Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract, as set out on a schedule at the bottom of the deed (names of occupants are given).

**Rent:** £50 a year.

On the copy of this deed at **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 705–8, is a note by Charles Faulkner that the lease was surrendered by Arundel in 1877.

**Notes:** See **UC:E12/2/C2/33** on this lease.

There is a copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 236–8, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Charles Henry Barker of Corn Market, Pontefract, Mineral Water Manufacturer, for £200 those workshops situated in Crown and Anchor Yard in Pontefract, occupied by W. R. Jackson, whitesmith, bounded on the north-west by Lemon Alley, on the north-east by other properties now or formerly belonging to University College, on the south-east by property of George Hemmant, and on the south west by other property now or formerly belonging to University College, subject to rights of way from Beastfair to Newgate.

There is a copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 243–5, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to May Booth of Primrose Cottage, Baghill, Pontefract, for £995, at the request of John Booth of Pontefract, Farmer, 8 cottages in Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract, numbered 1–8, with four closets and two coal-houses at the east end, and four closets at the west end, as now occupied by Messrs. Pearson, Collins, Bird, Green, Murray, Lee, Kelly and Walker, bounded on the north-west by Lemon Alley, on the north-east by property now or formerly owned by the College, on the south-east by property of George Hemmant, and on the south-west by property now or formerly owned by the College; also 8 cottages in Crown and Anchor Yead, numbered 13–20, with outhouses and yard belonging, and occupied by Messrs. Murray, Kelly, Richardson, O'Connell, Walsh, Dunwell, Togg and Nicholason, boundaries the same as with the previous cottages.

There is a copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 263–5, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Edwin Hiorns of Shoe Market, Pontefract, Newsagent, for £760, two messages numbered 9 and 10 in Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract, now occupied by Messes Brown and Pease, and also nos. 11 and 12 Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract, occupied by Messes Hiorns and Beddows.

**UC:E12/2/D32 - HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF BEAST FAIR, 1808–1905****UC:E12/2/D32/1****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Wood of Halton in the parish of Whitchurch, Yorks., Draper and Tailor.

**Property:** (a) A dwelling house and shop with outbuildings and part of a garden in Pontefract at the Beast Fair or Naut Market, measuring in length from east to west 61 feet 6 inches, and in breadth from north to south 15 feet 6 inches, abutting east on the street called the Beast Fair, to the west on properties of University College leased to William Leckonby Hodgson, and to the north and south by College properties leased to Hodgson and to James Robinson.

(b) A small building adjoining the west of the premises leased to James Robinson, measuring in length from east to east 19 feet and in breadth from north to south 8 feet.

(c) A right of way for 2 from Newgate to the Beast Fair and Corn Market through College premises leased to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson, George Butler Booth, and William Maykin (all as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £1 8s 4d a year for the first 24 years of the lease; then £10 10s a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**UC:E12/2/D32/2**

**1 May 1808**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D32/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D32/3**

**1836**

Draft Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Joseph Smith of Thorpe Audlin, Yorks., Farmer.

**Property:** (a) A dwelling house and shop with outbuildings and part of garden in the Beast Fair, Pontefract, measuring in length from east to west 61 feet 6 inches, and in breadth from north to south 15 feet 6 inches, abutting east on the Beast Fair, to the west and north on properties of University College leased to John Scholey, and to south by College properties leased to James Robinson.

(b) A small building adjoining the west of the premises leased to James Robinson, measuring in length from east to east 19 feet and in breadth from north to south 8 feet.

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(c) A right of way for 2 from Newgate to the Beast Fair and Corn Market through College premises leased to John Scholey, George Butler Booth, and William Maykin.

**Rent:** A single payment of £23, and an annual rent of £10 10s.

**UC:E12/2/D32/4****21 Jun 1876 & 29 Sep 1885**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Jackson Wainwright of the Beast Fair, Pontefract, Yorks., Druggist and Seedsman.

**Property:** Dwelling house and shop in the Beast Fair in Pontefract with outbuildings, measuring in length from east to west 61 feet 6 inches, and in breadth from north to south 15 feet 6 inches, abutting east on the Beast Fair, to the west and north on properties of University College late leased to John Scholey, decd., and to south by College properties leased to Samuel Shaw

(b) A small building used as a storehouse adjoining the west of Samuel Shaw's premises, measuring in length from east to east 22 feet 3 inches and in breadth from north to south 10 feet 2 inches (all as drawn on a plan on the back of this deed).

(c) A right of way for 2 from Newgate to the Beast Fair and Corn Market, as also depicted on the same plan.

**Rent:** £28 a year.

**Notes:** On the back of this deed is another deed between James Robert Breame of Pontefract, Chemist and Druggist and Seed Merchant, and University College in which he surrenders this lease to the College.

**UC:E12/2/D32/5****21 Jun 1876**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D32/4**.

**UC:E12/2/D32/6****23 Jul 1881**

Licence to sublet

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College.
2. The Executors of Thomas Jackson Wainwright, deceased.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D32/4** above.

**Comments:** 1 permits 2 to sublet this property, formerly leased to Thomas Wainwright, for one year.

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**UC:E12/2/D32/7****24 Nov 1881**

Licence of Alienation

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College.
2. Fanny Caroline Pickering, administratrix of the estate of Thomas Jackson Wainwright, deceased.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D32/4** above.**Comments:** 1 permits 2 to assign her lease on the above property to Robert Cross. See here also **UC:E12/2/C3/54**.**UC:E12/2/D32/8****23 Oct 1882**

Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. (a) John Pickering of Leeds, Yorks., Land Agent.  
(b) Fanny Caroline Pickering, wife of 1a, formerly Fanny Caroline Wainwright, spinster, the executrix of Thomas Jackson Wainwright.
2. Robert Cross of Pontefract, Yorks., Druggist and Seed Merchant.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D32/4** above.**Consideration:** £45.**Comments:** Thomas Jackson Wainwright had died on 27 Jun 1881, and his heirs now assigns his lease on the above property to 2.**UC:E12/2/D32/9****23 Oct 1882**

Certificate that Fanny Caroline Pickering has freely consented to the drawing up of the preceding deed.

**UC:E12/2/D32/10****23 May 1884**

Memorandum of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Robert Cross of Pontefract, Yorks., Chemist and Druggist and Seed Merchant.
2. James Robert Breame of Pontefract, Wholesale Clothier.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D32/4** above.**Comments:** 1 agreed to sell his lease on the above property to 2. Attached to this deed is a telegram from John Cross to Robert Cross dated 25 May 1884 agreeing to let him sell the fixtures and let the shop.

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Assignment of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Robert Cross of Pontefract, Yorks., Chemist and Druggist and Seed Merchant.
2. James Robert Breame of Pontefract, Wholesale Clothier.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D32/4** above.**Consideration:** £21 10.

There is a copy of a lost lease at **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 291–3, dated 17 Mar 1886, in which this property (now called no. 15 Beast Fair, and depicted on a map pasted into the book) is leased to Sam Hebblewhite of Pontefract, Shoemaker for 7 years, at a rent of £32 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D32/12****21 Sep 1905**

Lease for 7 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Jeffries Sides of Beast Fair, Pontefract, Yorks., Boot and Shoe Maker.

**Property:** Shop, dwelling house and warehouse known as 15 Beast Fair, with the right of way between Newgate and Beast Fair.**Rent:** £40 a year.**UC:E12/2/D33 - A SECOND HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF BEAST FAIR, 1808–1852****UC:E12/2/D33/1****1 May 1808**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. James Robinson of Pontefract, Linen Draper.

**Property:** A dwelling house and shop with outhouses and part of a garden in Pontefract, lately occupied by Samuel Standish, situated in the Beast Fair or Naut Market, measuring in length from east to west 75 feet and in breadth from north to south at the east end 15 feet 6 inches and at the east end 8 feet, and abutting on the east on Beast Fair, west on College properties leased to William Wood, to the north by William Wood's leasehold, and properties leased to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson, and to the south by buildings occupied by Robert Seaton; also a right of way from Newgate to the Beast Fair throughArchivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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premises leased to Ellis Leckonby Hodgson, George Butler Booth, and William Maykin (all as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £1 8s 4d a year for the first 24 years of the least; then £10 10s a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**Note:** This deed has been used as a draft for a lease of the same property to Emanuel Shaw from 1852.

There is a copy of this later lease, dated 22 Apr 1852, at **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 493–5, to Emanuel Shaw (the first name has been changed to Samuel) of Pontefract, linen draper, of the above property for 40 years at a rent of £10 10s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D34 - PROPERTY BETWEEN THE MARKET PLACE AND THE BACK LANE, PONTEFRACT, 1792–1871**

**UC:E12/2/D34/1****1 Jan 1792**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Simpson of Pontefract, Yorks., Wine Merchant.

**Property:** A messuage or dwelling house with outbuildings and a yard in Pontefract in the Market Place there, measuring in length from north to south 341 feet and in breadth from east to west at the north end 29 feet and at the south end 24 feet, bounded to the east by premises of Rev. Thomas Herring, to the west by premises of Lord Galway, the Market Place to the north, and to the south on the Back Lane, as depicted on a map drawn on this deed.

**Rent:** £6 6d a year.

**Notes:** 2 covenants to repair the existing buildings at a cost of at least £300 within two years.

**UC:E12/2/D34/2****1 Jan 1792**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D34/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D34/3****6 May 1809**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) William Henry Bowdler of St. Luke, Middx., Gent.

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(b) Lucy, wife of 2a, and only surviving child and administratrix of the will of John Simpson, late of Pontefract, Yorks., Spirit Merchant.

**Property:** A dwelling house with outbuildings and yard in Pontefract, in the Market Place, measuring in length from north to south 341 feet and in breadth from east to west at the north end 29 feet and at the south end 24 feet; and bounded to the east on premises belonging to Edward Freeman, to the west by premises of Lord Galway, to the north on Market Place, and to the south on the Back Lane (as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £6 6s a year for the first 23 years of the lease, and then £40 a year for the remaining 17 years.

**Note:** 2 is given the right to erect other buildings on this site.

**UC:E12/2/C2/21** suggests that a new lease was being drawn up for this property in 1844, but if it was, then no trace of it is known.

**UC:E12/2/D34/4****30 May 1871**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Samuel Dobson of The Market Place, Pontefract, Yorks., Wine and Spirit Merchant.

**Property:** (a) A house with outbuildings in Market Place, Pontefract, measuring in length from north to south 341 feet, and in breadth east to west at the north end 29 feet and at the south end 24 feet; bounded to the east by premises of Messrs Leatham and Seward Co., Bankers, to the west by premises now or late of the devisees of Mr. Wainwright, decd., to the north on Market Place, and to the south on Southgate; (b) A yard and premises nearby measuring in length from north to south 54 feet, and in width at the north end 36 feet and at the south end facing South Gate 38 feet; both properties depicted on a map on the deed.

**Rent:** £50 a year.

See here **UC:E12/2/C3/3** and **30. UC:E12/2/AD1/5** might depict a plan for Dobson's house to be converted into a pub;

**UC:E12/2/AD1/18** certainly depicts his house.

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Lease for 40 years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Thompson of Pontefract, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** A piece of land on the corner of Jilly Gate, with houses newly built on it by 2 at his own expense, measuring in length from north to south at the east side 64 feet 6 inches, and on the west side 61 feet 6 inches, and in breadth from east to west at the north end 43 feet 6 inches and the south end 50 feet 9 inches; and bounded on the east by Jilly Gate, on the west by properties of University College lately leased to John Simpson, to the north by premises of Miss Popplewell, and on the south by the Back Lane (as depicted on a map drawn on the deed).

**Rent:** £1 a year.**Notes:** See here **UC:E12/2/E1/14** for a valuation of this property.

By 1841 (see the survey at **UC:E12/2/M1/6**), the houses on this property were being let individually to tenants on early tenancies at will.

There is a copy of a lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 33–35, dated 10 Dec 1872, as follows:

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford.
2.
  - (a) Richard Wheen Nicholson, Sacking Manufacturer.
  - (b) John Moxon, Maltster.
  - (c) John Wordsworth, Farmer.
  - (d) Thomas Wordsworth, Grocer.
  - (e) William Shirtcliff, Gent.
  - (f) Erasmus Butler, Wine Merchant.
  - (g) George Scott Robson, Maltster.
  - (h) William England, Ironmonger.
  - (i) Richard Moxon, Maltster, all of Pontefract.
  - (j) John Wilton, Grover, of Leeds.

**Property:** 7 cottages or tenements in Gillygate and Baxtergate, Pontefract, now or lately occupied by Elizabeth Sparling, Mary Lunn, George Millett, Mrs. Folds, John

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Cawthorn, and others, which properties are bounded on the east by Baxtergate, to the west by Gillygate, to the south by the Wesleyan School playground, and to the north by premises belonging to John Carter and Miss Boothroyd (as shown on a map pasted into the volume).

**Comments:** 1 give the above property to 2 upon trust that they will erect a school on the premises.

There is a copy of another lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 109–10, dated 25 Mar 1912, as follows:

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Pontefract.

**Parties:** Land situated at the junction of Southgate and Gillygate in Pontefract, with 8 cottages erected on part of it, and now or lately occupied by John Horton, George J. Barnes, F. Potter, William Redmond, R. Hocklimoney, J. S. Robinson, J. Howard, Percy Agar, and Richard Booker (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**Consideration:** £1100.

**UC:E12/2/D36 - HOUSES AT THE CORNER OF FINKLE STREET, 1809–1921**

See **UC:E12/2/AD1/4** and **17** for plans of this property.

**UC:E12/2/D36/1****24 May 1809**

Lease for 18 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Brunton of Ripon, Yorks., who married the only daughter and surviving child of Christopher Powell, late of Pontefract, Yorks., decd., and who is now Powell's only surviving legatee.

**Property:** Five dwelling houses with barns and stables and a yard and garden, situated in Pontefract and now occupied by George Burkinshaw, John Ashton, [blank] Hall and others; measuring in length from north to south on the east side 123 feet and on the west side 87 feet, and in breadth from east to west on the north side 51 feet and on the south side 58 feet and 3 inches; and bounded on the east by premises of Richard Wilsford, to the west by Finkill Street, to the north by premises

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of Richard Wilsford, and on the south by Micklegate or Horse Fair, all as depicted on a map drawn on the deed.

**Rent:** £3 5s a year for the first to years of the lease, and £30 a year for the remaining 16 years.

**Note:** 2 undertakes to rebuild and repair the above premises within two years.

See **UC:E12/2/E1/15** for a valuation of this property, and **UC:E12/2/C3/35**, for correspondence from 1887/8 about rebuilding work carried out here.

There are also the following copies of lost conveyances relating to these properties in Finkle Street:

- (1) **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 373–5, dated 29 Jan 1896: University College sells to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Pontefract a piece of land containing 210 square yards in Pontefract, with the dwelling house at the junction of Finkle Street and Horsefair and 3 cottages in Horsefair erected on it (as shown on a map pasted into the book), for £800.
- (2) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 256–7, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to William Fisher of Pontefract, Butcher, for £185 two cottages situated on the north-west side of Finkle Street, Pontefract.
- (3) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 278–9, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to George Lodge of Pontefract, Butcher, for £650, a dwelling house and shop in Finkle Street, Pontefract, with yard and outhouses belonging, and also a cottage
- (4) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 286–8, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to Albert Percy Smith of Pontefract, Draper, for £1100, a messuage and shop called “The Bon Marché”, situated at the corner of Finkle Street with Horsefair in Pontefract, with the yard and outbuildings, and also a right of road over the back yard.
- (5) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 302–3, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to Albert Wilcock of Tanshelf, Pontefract, picture house proprietor, for £1025, a dwelling house, shop and offices situated at the corner of Trinity Street and Finkle Street, Pontefract, now occupied by the Pearl Assurance Company, and 2 dwelling houses adjoining and situated in Finkle Street, now occupied by Miss E. Smith and Mr. Burton, and also a dwelling house and shop adjoining now occupied by the Doncaster Steam Railway, which are bounded on the north-west by Finkle Street, on the north east by Trinity Street, on the south-east by property now or formerly of University College, and to the south-west by property of the trustees of Jesse Fairbairns, decd.

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Memorandum of Agreement

**Parties:**

1. Benjamin Farrer of Pontefract, Gent.
2. John Rhodes of the Prince of Wales' Colliery, Pontefract, Coal Proprietor.

**Property:** A messuage, dwelling house and shop in the Beast Market in Pontefract, now occupied by 1.**Comments:** 1 permits 2 to take the above property from 12 Dec 1870 for 12 years at a rent of £18 a year.See here **UC:E12/2/C3/29**.**UC:E12/2/D37/2****15 Jun 1881**

Lease for 5 years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Charles Musgrave of the Beast Fair, Pontefract, Yorks., Provision Merchant.

**Property:** Dwelling house and shop in the Beast Fair, Pontefract, now occupied by 2.**Rent:** £26 a year.**Note:** Inside this deed is a letter of 18 Jun 1881 from Morrell and Sons to Charles Faulkner enclosing this lease.

There are also the following copies of lost conveyances relating to these properties in Beast Fair

(1) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 272–4, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to Alfred Keighley of 47 Cross Flatts Drive, Beeston, Leeds, Clothier, and John Ackroyd of 19 St. John's Grove, Leeds, Clothier, for £1500, a shop situated in Beastfair in Pontefract, with warehouse, WC, and outbuildings, with rights of way to the back yard, but subject to a right of way for the occupants of the adjoining premises in Crown and Anchor Yard.

(2) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 283–5, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to Jemima Scott of Beastfair, Pontefract, widow, for £1300, a shop situated in Beastfair known as "Scotts Wool Stores", now occupied by Scott.

(3) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 288–90, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to James Smith & Sons (Cleaners) Ltd., for £1975, a shop in Beastfair together with a

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warehouse, watercloset and outbuildings, now occupied by the purchasers (and as shown on a plan pasted into the book).

**UC:E12/2/D38 - PROPERTIES IN NORTHGATE, 1878–1921****UC:E12/2/D38/1****7 Nov 1878**

Agreement

**Parties:**

1. The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Pontefract, Yorks.
2. The Master and Scholars of University College, Oxford.

**Comments:** 2 agree at their own expense to build within twelve months a new street with a carriageway and a footpath either side running between Northgate and Horsefair in Pontefract, as depicted on a (very large) plan attached to this deed. In return, 1 will pay 2 £250 when the work is completed. There is also attached to this deed a specification of the works to be carried out.

Charles Faulkner has added a note to this deed reporting that the road was declared a public highway on 27 October 1879, and that the College received £250 on 14 November 1879.

There is a copy of a lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 293–4, dated 25 Jan 1887, in which The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, sell to William Thornton of Pontefract, Joiner and Carpenter, a piece of land situated at the junction of Cock Pit Lane and Northgate, Pontefract, containing 873 square yards, and measuring on the south-east side facing Northgate 67 feet, on the south-west side facing Cock Pit Lane 111 feet, on the north-east side 115 feet, and on the north-west side 72 feet; and also the two cottages standing on this ground (all as shown on a map pasted into the book). The consideration is £374 13s 4d.

There is a copy of a lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 253–5, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Charles William Farr of Pontefract, Auctioneer, for £650, four cottages called “Brough Houses”, situated on the north side of Northgate, Pontefract, bounded on the south by Northgate, to the east and west by Malt kilns, and now occupied by Messrs. Milner, Brooke, Pogmore, and Lindsay; and also three cottages fronting to Newgate at the west end of Crown and Anchor Yard in Pontefract, bounded on the north west by property of (name left blank), to the south east by property of George Hammert Ltd., and on the north-east by property of University College. There is a plan of “Brough Houses” from 1876 at **UC:E12/2/AD1/11**.

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There is a copy of a lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 265–7, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Richard Huddleston of Pontefract, Dealer, for £115, a plot of garden ground situated in Back Northgate, Pontefract, having a frontage to Back Northgate and a frontage of 88 feet, and near the Malt Kiln and to “Brough Houses”, containing 3150 square yards.

**UC:E12/2/D39 - THE “BLACK BOY INN”, MARKET PLACE, PONTEFRACT 1897–1921****UC:E12/2/D39/1****30 Nov 1897**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Walker and Company, Ltd., based at the Crown Brewery, Providence Place, Kirkgate, Wakefield, Yorks.

**Property:** The public house in the Market Place in Pontefract known as the “Black Boy Inn”, with yard, slaughter house, shed, and outbuildings; also the cottage adjoining the same in Southgate, all as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed (which shows that the property runs from Market Place to Southgate).

**Rent:** £126 a year.

**Note:** A schedule of the fixtures and fittings of the property is given.

On **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 96–102 is a copy of a lost lease, dated 1911 (day and month not given) to Walker and Co., Ltd., of the Black Boy Inn, with the adjoining cottage in Southgate (as shown on a map pasted into the book), at a rent of £100 a year. Also pasted into the book is a plan, elevation and elevation of a kitchen and scullery in the yard.

On **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 245–7 is a copy of a lost conveyance dated 1921 (day and month not given) in which University College sells to Carter’s Knottingley Brewery Co., Lt., for £2750, a house and shop, no. 4 Finkle Street, Pontefract, currently occupied by G. Barber, and having a frontage to Finkle Street of 32 feet 9 inches, and also the cottage situated behind the same, now occupied by Richard Wilkinson, with the right of way to Finkle Street, and also the inn known as the “Black Boy Inn”, with a frontage of 21 feet 9 inches to Market Place, with stable and shed, and yard through to Southgate, and also the cottage fronting to Southgate, occupied by Mr. Spurr.

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There are several copies of lost conveyances relating to various lands in Pontefract which cannot easily be linked with any other properties. For similar lost conveyances relating to lands outside Pontefract, see **UC:E12/2/D49** below.

(1) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 29–31, dated 1903 (day and month left blank), whereby the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford sell to Robert Briggs Walker of Tanshelf, Pontefract, and Thomas Hopkinson of Pontefract, for £650, a piece of land situated in Lady Balk Lane containing 3.140 acres, bounded to the north by property of the Earl Harewood, to the south by Lady Balk Lane, to the west by Monkhill Lane, and to the west by property of 2.

(2) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 234–6, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Hannah Ball, wife of Thomas Ball of Pontefract, Farmer, for £1070 (supplied by Thomas Ball) a close of grass land containing 4 acres, 2 roods and 26 perches, situated on the east side of Ackworth Road, Tanshelf, Pontefract, occupied by Thomas Ball; also a close of arable land containing 6 acres, 2 roods and 19 perches, situated on the west side of Ackworth Road, in Tanshelf, also occupied by Thomas Ball; thirdly a close of grassland situated on the west side of East Hardwick Road in Pontefract, adjoining the Midland Railway, also occupied by Thomas Ball.

(3) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 241–2, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Edward Booth of Baghill, Pontefract, Farmer and Market Gardener, for £405 a close of grass land containing 4 acres and 30 perches in Baghill Road, Pontefract, occupied by W. Paver, and a close of arable land containing 7 acres and 26 perches situated in Greave Field Land in Pontefract, occupied by E. Healey.

(4) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 258–9, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Tom Fox of Fairy Hill, Pontefract, Farmer, for £290, a close of glass land fronting to and on the west side of Monkhill Road, Pontefract, near the Monkhill Brick Works, containing 6 acres and 15 perches.

(5) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 259–61, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Tom Harrison of Potswell Farm, Ackworth, near Pontefract, Farmer, for £24, an undivided portion at the south west corner of a close of land situated on the east side of Ackworth Road in Tanshelf, Pontefract.

(6) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 285–6, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Annie Margaret Senior of Carleton, Yorks., Spinster, for £30, an undivided portion of a close of grassland situated on the east side of and abutting the Great North Road near Cross Roads in Pontefract, containing 3 roods.

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(7) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 292–4, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to William Turner of Nastell, Yorks., Contractor, for £397, 2 closes of grass land situated at the north end of Skinner Lane, Pontefract, and a close of arable land adjoining them, and containing respectively 4 acres 1 rood and 15 perches, 4 acres 2 roods and 31 perches, and 4 acres 2 roods and 20 perches, all now occupied by Mrs. Scaum; also an undivided portion of a close of grass land, situated on the west side of the Great North Road near Cross Roads in Pontefract, containing 1 rood and 10 perches.

**UC:E12/2/D41 - PROPERTY AT KIRK FENTON (LATER CHURCH FENTON), 1652–1921**

**UC:E12/2/D41/1–4** were bundled up together by William Smith, but the number he gave them is lost (they were probably a bundle 1). There is a note in a 19<sup>th</sup> century hand that they were “much mutilated”, which is a sadly accurate description. Much of their text, therefore, has had to be reconstructed from their copies in the lease register **UC:EB1/A1/2**.

See also **UC:E12/2/E1/5** for a schedule of the College’s property there from c. 1730, and **UC:E12/2/E1/21** for a valuation of them from 1874. See too **UC:E12/2/C3/32** for correspondence about Church Fenton from the 1870s, and **UC:E12/2/M1/11–12** for maps of the area from 1848.

**UC:E12/2/D41/1****[14 Sep 1652]**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford .
2. [John Browne of Fenton, Yorks., Husbandman]

**Property:** [One house, barn, tan house in the end of it, one ox-house with one stable in, one kiln-house with one foldstead, with one garden and orchard, in Fenton, Yorks., and founding the street or town-gate on the north-east, the land of Thomas Brogden of Tadcaster, Yorks., now occupied by John Tomson, to the north-west, and one the other side on the same lands, and other lands, all described in detail]

**Rent:** £13 6s 8d a year.

**Note:** The missing text from this deed, added here in square brackets, is taken from the summary of it in **UC:EB1/A1/2** fols. 42v–43.

**UC:E12/2/D41/2****[14 Oct 1669]**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford .
2. [John Browne of Fenton, Yorks., Husbandman]

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Richard Wilson of Leeds, York., Clothier.

**Property and Rent:** [All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/1** above]**Note:** Almost half the text is missing, and parts of this deed are now stuck to **UC:E12/2/D41/2** above. Material added in square brackets has been added from the copy of the deed on **UC:EB1/A1/2** fols. 155v–156v. At the end of this copy is a licence of alienation for Wilson, of the same date.**UC:E12/2/D41/4****[..] Dec 1689**

Lease for [21 years]

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Wilson [of Leeds, Yorks, Merchant]

**Property and Rent:** [All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/1** above]**Notes:** the top right-hand corner of this lease has now broken away, but the missing portions of the lease (added here in square brackets) can be completed from the copy of it in **UC:EB1/A1/2** fols. 202v–203. Unfortunately, the copy does not give a day or month to date the lease.

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years, dated 23 May 1704, on **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp.57–60 of this property. The tenant is Richard Wilson of Leeds, Yorks., gent., eldest son and devisee of Thomas Wilson, Merchant., decd., and the property and rent are all as in **UC:E12/2/D41/5** below.

**UC:E12/2/D41/5****16 Aug 1716**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Richard Wilson of Leeds, Yorks., Gent., eldest son and devisee of Thomas Wilson, Merchant, decd.

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**Property:** An ox house with one stable in one kilnhouse with one foldstead, the barn and town house being four bays, the oxhouse and stable being three bays, the kilnhouse being two bays with one garden and orchard adjoining, all in Fenton, Yorks., and situated on the street or Town gate to the north-east, land of Theophilus Brogden of Fenton to the north-west; and on the other side more one garthe and one close called the Well Garth and one close called the Fargarthe, being meadow or pasture measuring 3 acres; and many other lands in Fenton described here in detail.

**Rent:** £13 6s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D41/6****8 Apr 1732**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Jonathan Birdsall of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Gent.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/5** above.

**UC:E12/2/D41/7****8 Apr 1732**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D41/6** above.

**UC:E12/2/D41/8****24 Mar 1738/9**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Pape of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** A dwelling house and back kitchen, one barn, a stable and mistal with one fold and orchard adjoining, containing 1 acre and 26 perches, situated in Kirkfenton, Yorks; and many other lands in Kirkfenton all described in detail.

**Rent:** £13 6s 8d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D41/9****24 May 1745**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Pape of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/8** above.

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- UC:E12/2/D41/10** 24 May 1745  
Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D41/9** above.
- UC:E12/2/D41/11** 24 Mar 1753  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Anne Pape of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Widow.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/8** above.
- UC:E12/2/D41/12** 24 Mar 1753  
Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D41/11** above.
- UC:E12/2/D41/13** 24 Mar 1760  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Anne Pape of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Widow.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/8** above.  
**Rent:** £13 6s 8d a year for the first six and a half years of the lease, and then £15 a year for the remaining fourteen and a half years.
- UC:E12/2/D41/14** 24 Mar 1770  
Lease for 21 Years (to run retrospectively from 29 Sep 1766)  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Ann Pape of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Widow.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/8** above.  
**Rent:** £15 a year.
- UC:E12/2/D41/15** 3 Jun 1776  
Lease for 21 years (to run retrospectively from 29 Sep 1773)  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Ann Pape of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Widow.  
**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/8** above, except that the dwelling house is now described as abutting on the Town Street to the east, the lands of Mr. Meek to the west, the lands of John Warroner to the north, and the Prebendary Land to the south.  
**Rent:** £18 a year.

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Lease for 21 years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Sisson of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D41/15** above.**UC:E12/2/D41/17****15 Nov 1788**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. William Sisson of Kirkfenton, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** A dwelling house and back kitchen, one barn, a stable and mistal, abutting on the Town Street to the east, the lands of Mr. Meek to the west, the lands of John Warroner to the north, and the Prebendary Land to the south. with one fold and orchard adjoining, containing 1 acre and 26 perches, situated in Kirkfenton, Yorks; and many other lands in Kirkfenton all described in detail. These lands have recently been enclosed.

**Rent:** £18 a year.

There are no extant leases on the College's properties in Kirk Fenton (which in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was sometimes called Church Fenton), but there are copies of these two lost conveyances:

(1) From **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 35–7, dated 10 Nov 1903: The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford, sell to the North Eastern Railway Company a piece of land containing 1 rood and 32 perches situated on the east side of the York and Normanton Branch of 2's railway in Kirk Fenton, Yorks (as shown on a map pasted into the book), for £75.

(2) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 303–5, dated 1921 (day and month not given): University College sells to Mary Boddy of Church End Farm, Church Fenton, widow, for £2816, a farm known as Church End Farm, situated at Church Fenton, with dwelling house and farmstead, comprising 86 acres 1 rood and 25 perches (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**UC:E12/2/D42 - PROPERTY IN SOUTH MILFORD, 1632–1921**

**UC:E12/2/D42/1–5** were found tied together by William Smith and called "Bundle 2". They have all been badly damaged by damp, so that some text is missing from each deed.

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**UC:E12/2/M2/1–2** are papers relating to proposals to sell land at South Milford in the 1820s and 1830s for the site of a railway.

**UC:E12/2/D42/1** **7 Apr 8 Cha I (1632)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Henry Skinn, Vicar of Sheareburys, Yorks.  
(b) Henry Skinn, son of 2a.

**Property:** A messuage in South Milforthe, and all the houses on the same, with a cottage and a garth in Millforth. A better text of the lease can be found in its copy on **UC:EB1/A1/1** fols. 390v–391.

**Rent:** £6 13s 4d a year.

**UC:E12/2/D42/2** **16 Apr 1651**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Henry Skynes of Rawmarshe, Yorks., Clerk.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D42/3** **27 Jun 1665**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Mary Duell of Wistowe, Yorks., widow.  
(b) Henry Skynes, son of Henry Skynes, late of Rawmarshe, Yorks., Clerk.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D42/4** **16 Jun 1682**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Rebecca Bayley of Pontefract, Widow.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.

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- UC:E12/2/D42/5** **28 Sep 1698**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Rebecca Bayley of Pontefract, Widow.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.
- UC:E12/2/D42/6** **28 Sep 1698**  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D42/5**, in excellent condition. There is a note on the dorse, dated 3 Dec 1706, that John Ludlam of Boulsover, Debs., yeoman, has assigned this lease to Christopher Robinson of South Milford, Yorks., gent.
- UC:E12/2/D42/7** **5 Jul 1708**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Christopher Robinson of South Milford, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.
- UC:E12/2/D42/8** **17 Sep 1716**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Christopher Robinson of South Milford, Yorks., Gent.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.
- UC:E12/2/D42/9** **21 Jun 1731**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. Christopher Routh of South Milford, Yorks., Yeoman.  
**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/1** above.
- UC:E12/2/D42/10** **21 Jun 1731**  
 Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D42/9** above.
- UC:E12/2/D42/11** **5 Aug 1740**  
 Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
 1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
 2. (a) Robert Robinson of Monk Fryston, Yorks., Gent.

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(b) James Branham of the same, both executors of the will of Ann Routh of South Milford, Yorks., widow, decd.

**Property:** A messuage or tenement in South Milford, now called the College Hall, and described in much more detail than in previous leases.

**Rent:** £6 13s 4d a year.

<b>UC:E12/2/D42/12</b>	<b>5 Aug 1740</b>
Counterpart of <b>UC:E12/2/D42/11</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D42/13</b>	<b>1 Dec 1746</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. Christopher Routh of Leeds, Yorks., Mercer.	
<b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D42/11</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D42/14</b>	<b>1 Oct 1767</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. James Ward of Wiston, Yorks., Yeoman.	
<b>Property:</b> College Hall, South Milford, with lands described slightly differently from in <b>UC:E12/2/D42/11</b> above.	
<b>Rent:</b> £12 a year.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D42/15</b>	<b>1 Oct 1767</b>
Counterpart of <b>UC:E12/2/D42/14</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D42/16</b>	<b>6 Dec 1774</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. James Ward of Wiston, Yorks., Yeoman.	
<b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D42/14</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D42/17</b>	<b>13 Nov 1781</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. John Warner of South Milford, Yorks., Yeoman.	

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Warner of South Milford, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D42/14** above.

No later leases of this property are known, but there are copies of several lost conveyances relating to the sale of portions of this land, as follows:

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 369–70, dated, 14 Nov 1846, whereby University College sells some land in South Milford as a site for a school. There is a similar conveyance, dated 16 May 1848, at **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 392–4.

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 305–7, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to John Carr of Westfield Farm, South Milford, Farmer, for £60, a close of arable land known as “New Ings”, or “Milford Common”, situated in South Milford, Yorkds., and abutting on the Leeds and Selby Railway to the north, and the Hull and Normanton Line to the south, and containing 1 acre 3 roods and 38 perches.

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 307–9, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Emma Crosland of Milford House, South Milford, Widow, for £690, a close of arable land situated in North Field Land, South Milford, containing 5 acres and 4 perches, bounded to the north in part by property of the trustees of Walter Crosland, decd, and in part by the Leeds and Selby Railway, and towards the south by in part by North Field Land and in part by other properties of Crosland’s trustees, and to the west by North Field Lane, and also a close of arable land situated in North Field Land, containing 8 acres 1 rood and 38 perches, bounded to the north by the Leeds and Selby Railway, to the east and south by North Field Lane, and to the west by other properties of Crosland’s trustees (all as shown on a map pasted into the book).

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 309–11, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to William Crosland of the Limes, South Milford, Gent., for £70, a close of arable land situated in South Milford and abutting on Sand Lane, containing 3 roods and 32 perches, and now occupied by Messrs. G. H. Farrow and Sons (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 311–13, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Florence Dearden, wife of John Walker Dearden of Pontefract Road, Castleford, Yorks., M.D., for £201, a close of grass land situated in South

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Milford near to the railway bridge over the York and Normanton Line abutting upon Mill Lane to the north and common land on the south, containing 2 acres, 2 roods and 15 perches.

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 313–15, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to James Stoker Farrow, Ernest Farrow, and Arthur Farrow, all of Bridge House, South Milford, Butchers and Farmers, for £990, a close of glass land situated in South Milford, fronting the Town Street on the south, and bounded on the north by Mill Dyke, together with the cottage standing on the west, and containing 2 acres 1 rood and 2 perches; also a close of arable land situated in Becks Lane, South Milford, abutting on the Leeds and Selby Railway at the south, and Becks Lane on the east, and containing 3 acres 1 rood and 26 perches, and also two closes of grass land situated in Becks Lane, South Milford, bounded on the east by Mill Beck and to the west by Becks Lane, and containing 6 acres 3 roods and 24 perches, and also two closes of arable land situated at the junction of Becks Lane and Gorse Lane in South Milford, near to Newthorpe Village and containing 16 acres and 38 perches (all as shown on a map pasted into the book).

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 316–17, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to George Henry Harrison of Low Street Farm, South Milford, for £707, two closes of arable land situated in South Milford, adjoining Milford Hall Grounds, bounded on the north in part by Lund Syke Farm, to the south in part by Milford Hall Grounds, to the west by the road leading to Monk Fryston, and which contain 15 acres and 18 perches.

Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 320–1, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Geraldine Margaret Tunstill, the wife of Harry Gilbert Tunstill of Moat Hall House, Little Ouseborn, Yorks, Captain (retired), Katherine May Parker of Milford Hall, South Milford, Spinster, and Dorothy Neville Charleton, wife of Lancelot Salkeld Charleton of 3 St. Mary's York, Captain (retired), for £35, of an enclosure of grass land in South Milford near to Milford Hall containing 3 roods and 32 perches.

**UC:E12/2/D43 - PROPERTY ONCE CALLED THE GEORGE INN, FERRYBRIDGE, 1598–1921**

**UC:E12/2/D43/1–6** were bundled together by William Smith as "Bundle 3". All the leases in this bundle have suffered from damp, and parts of their text are lost, but because the description of the land changes very little during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, it was possible to reconstruct the text in many places.

**UC:E12/2/D43/1****19 May 40 Eliz I (1598)**

Lease for 21 Years

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1. John Browne, Fellow of University College, Bachelor of Divinity.
2. (a) John Hayforth of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Her Majesty's Postmaster.  
(b) Janne, Wife of 2a.

**Property:** A messuage or inn in Firrybridge called the George, with all houses, stables garths, gardens and lands attached, one cow gate, and one horse gate in the back pasture there, now occupied by [name lost], and lands [acreage now lost] in the several fields of Firrybridge, of which one acre lies in Longe Dayle occupied by John Stable, [details of the second acre are lost], and the third is [somewhere] in Firrybridge, both occupied by Jarvis Hunter, and three acres of arable land lying together in [place lost], situated between land of Allan Waltow to the west, and lands of Rychard Gamble to the west, and also one close Lady Close [the name is missing here, but is supplied from elsewhere on the deed].

**Rent:** £5 a year, paid to 1 or to Thomas Harryson of Wakefield, for the use of the Master and Fellows of University college.

**Notes:** On 25 Oct 39 Eliz I (1597), 1 and others had leased to John Carville of the Middle Temple, London, gent., among other things all the lands in Yorkshire belonging to the Trinities alias Knowles Almshouse in Pontefract, for 40 years, at an annual rent of £63 6s 8d. If 2b is widowed during the time of this lease, then she can only retain the lease so long as she remains unmarried.

A large stain has obliterated some of the text, in particular the detailed description of the land.

UC:E12/2/D43/2

23 Oct 6 Cha I (1630)

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Marye Waynwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** The George Inn in Ferrybridge, with all houses, stables garths, gardens and lands attached, which measures 56 yards in length and 23.5 yards in breadth, and is bounded by Fishergate to the east, the Hie Street to the north, a house of the heirs of John Merings to the west, and land of Edward Sanderson to the south; also 2 acres of arable land lying near Cattill Laith, bordering on Darrington Field to the south, Ferrybridge Field called the Dow Roods to the north, and lying

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between lands of John Franks to the west, and Knottingley Field to the east; and 3.5 acres of arable land now or lately enclosed near the Cattill laith, and bordering on land of Pontefract Filed to the south, Ferrybridge field to the north, the lands of Mr. Vavisor to the east and Trinity Closes to the west; a little close more of arable land measuring 2 acres bounding on the King's hie way to the south and Trinity Closes to the north, the Grave to the east, and the King's Hie Way to the west; also one half acre in the Harrow Styes bounding the lands of Sir Henry Savile to the east, College land now in the possession of George Wentworth to the east, the Pontefract gate to the north; another half acre abutting on the Pontefract hie way to the south, the lands of Edward Sanderson to the north, and lying between the lands of William Merrings to the east and of Ralph Larorman [*sic?* By 1690 the name is spelled "Lawryman"] to the west; and one half acre more lying in the Longdale bordering on the lands of Denis Heyforth to the east, Richard Heypridge to the west, the hie way between Knottingley and Pontefract to the north; and one other close called Lady Close of arable or pasture, containing about 5 acres, abutting on the King's hie way to the east, Pontefract Field to the north, Darrington Field to the south, and Trinity Close to the west; also one cowgate and one horsegate in the Beck Pasture.

**Rent:** £5 4s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D43/3****11 Aug 1652**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Hiereome Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Innholder  
[He signs himself "Jerome" at the bottom of the lease]

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in UC:E12/2/D43/2 above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/4****26 Jan 1662/3**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Thomas Gleadowe of Ferrybridge, Yorks.,  
Innkeeper.

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(b) Thomas Wainewright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., son-in-law of  
2a.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in  
**UC:E12/2/D43/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/5****29 Sep 1683**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Hayford Wainewright of Greys Inn, London, Gent.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in  
**UC:E12/2/D43/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/6****20 Jun 1690**

A counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D43/7** below, in much poorer  
condition.

**UC:E12/2/D43/7****20 Jun 1690**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Inne Holder.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, all as  
in **UC:E12/2/D43/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/8****24 Mar 1704/5**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Sarah Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Widow.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in  
**UC:E12/2/D43/2** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/9****24 Mar 1704/5**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D43/8** above.

There is a copy of a lost lease of this property for 21 years, dated 24 Jul 1712, at  
**UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 100–2, to Sarah Wainwright, as above, for the same rent as before.

**UC:E12/2/D43/10****29 Jul 1719**

Lease for 21 Years

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1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Spinster.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in UC:E12/2/D43/2 above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/11****1 Aug 1730**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Spinster.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in UC:E12/2/D43/2 above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/12****1 Aug 1730**

Counterpart of UC:E12/2/D43/11 above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/13****1 Aug 1730**

Licence of Alienation

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Spinster.

**Property:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in UC:E12/2/D43/2 above.

**Comments:** 1 permit 2 to assign her lease on the above property.

**UC:E12/2/D43/14****24 Mar 1737/8**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Spinster.

**Property:** The George Inn in Ferrybridge, with all houses, stables garths, gardens and lands attached, which measures 56 yards in length and 23.5 yards in breadth, and is bounded by Fishergate to the east, the High Street to the north, the houses of (2) to the west, and a garth of the Safilles now in the possession of John Wyril to the south; also 2 acres of arable land lately enclosed lying near Tottle Laith, bordering on a close of Lord Malton's now in the possession of Mary Aiskell to the east, a close of William Patton's now in his own possession to the west, a close of George Crowle now in the possession of William Brown to the north, and a close of Lord Malton now in

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the possession of Mary Aiskell; and 3.5 acres of arable land now or lately enclosed near the Tottle laith, and bordering on a close of George Crowle now in the possession of William Brown to the east, a close of William Loryman in his own possession to the west, Ferrybridge field to the north, and a close of Sir Rowland Wynn now in the possession of William Softon to the south; 2 acres of arable land lately enclosed, counding on a close of Mr. Atkinson now in the possession of Mary Aiskell to the east, London Road to the west and south, and Stubs land to the north; also one half acre in the Hardystyes bounding the lands of Charles Savile now in the possession of John Wyril to the east, to the east, College land now in the possession of Anne Popplewell to the east, Pontefract High road to the north, and lands of Robert Clarkson now in his own possession to the south; another half acre abutting on lands of Charles Savile now in the possession of John Wyril to the east, land of Robert Clarkson now in his own possession to the west, Lowgate to the north, and Narrow Beck to the south; and one half acre more lying in the Long Dale bordering on the lands of George Crowle now in the possession of Robert Ellerby to the east, a land of Mrs. Wainwright to the west, the high road to the north, and lands of George Crowle now in the possession of Robert Ellerby to the south; two closes of pasture called Lady Closes, containing about 5 acres a piece now in the possession of Mary Aiskell, butting on the London Road to the east, Trinity Close to the west, Pomfrett field to the north, and Darrington Field to the south; and also one cowgate and one horsegate in the best pasture.

**Rent:** £5 4s a year.

**UC:E12/2/D43/15**

**24 Mar 1737/8**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D43/14** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/16**

**24 May 1745**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Obedience Wainwright of Ferrybridge, Yorks. Spinster.

**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in **UC:E12/2/D43/14** above.

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**UC:E12/2/D43/17** 24 May 1745  
Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D43/16** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/18** 30 Dec 1751  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Jeremiah Wainwright of Ferrybridge, otherwise Fryston, gent.  
**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in **UC:E12/2/D43/14** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/19** 30 Dec 1751  
Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D43/18** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/20** 24 Jan 1760  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Jeremiah Wainwright of Ferrybridge otherwise Fryston, Yorks., gent.  
**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in **UC:E12/2/D43/14** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/21** 24 Jan 1760  
Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D43/20** above.

**UC:E12/2/D43/22** 30 Dec 1765  
Lease for 21 Years  
**Parties:**  
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.  
2. Jeremiah Wainwright of Ferrybridge otherwise Freston, Yorks., gent.  
**Property & Rent:** The George Inn and associated lands, as in **UC:E12/2/D43/14** above.

There is a copy of a lost lease, dated 12 May 1787, at **UC:EB1/A1/4** fols. 248–9, to Thomas Wainwright of Ferrybridge, otherwise Fryston, Yorks., Gent., of the George Inn, Ferrybridge, with houses, etc., belonging, of which the house and garth measures 56 yards in length and 23.5 yards in breadth, and which is abutting on a lane called Fishergate to the east, the High Street, to the north, the houses of Mary Wainwright to the east, and a garth of Mr. Savill, now or late in the possession of John Wyrill, to the south, at a rent of £3 a year.

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**UC:E12/2/D43/23****24 Mar 1816**

Lease for 40 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Jonathan Smith of Leeds, Yorks.  
(b) Robert Nicholson of Leeds, Yorks.  
(c) James Hall of Manchester, Lancs. (all trustees named in the will of James Winter Butterworth of Leeds, Merchant, decd.).

**Property:** Tenement formerly called the George Inn in Ferrybridge, Yorks., with all lands attached, now converted into 12 dwelling houses or cottages, which measure in length 56 yards and in breadth 23.5 yards, and are abutting on a lane called Fishgate to the east, the High Street to the north, a house lately belonging to John Denton to the west, and a garth belonging to Lord Mexborough to the south.

**Rent:** £30 a year for the first 14 years of the lease, and £67 a year for the remaining 26 years.

**UC:E12/2/D43/24****13 Nov 1865**

Lease for 10 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Atkinson of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Grocer and Draper.

**Property:** Tenement once called the George Inn in Ferrybridge, Yorks., with lands attached, which measure 56 yards in length and in breadth 23 and a half yards, abutting on a lane called Fishergate on the east, the High Street to the north, a house now or lately belonging to John Denton to the west, and a garth belonging to Lord Mexborough to the north, as set out in a schedule at the end of the deed (names of occupants are given).

**Rent:** £30 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D43/25****1876 (day and month left blank)**

Lease for 14 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. George Atkinson of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Grocer and Draper.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D43/24** above.

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There is a copy of a lost conveyance which might relate to this property:

**UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 351–2**21 Jun 1893**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Henry Shepherd of Ferrybridge, Yorks., Farmer and Horsedealer.

**Property:** 6 dwelling houses and outbuildings situated in Ferrybridge, three of which abut on the north side of the Towns Square, and three on the east side on a street called Fishergate, and an open space of ground on which cottages recently stood, and which lies between the cottages, measuring 1267 square yards, and bounded to the north by the Towns Square, to the south by property of (name left blank), to the east by Fishergate, and to the west by property late of Berhamin Watson and now by 2 (all as depicted on a map pasted into the book).

**Consideration:** £550.

At **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 296–8 is a copy of a lost conveyance, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Reginald Waddington of Tower House, Knottingley Road, Pontefract, Fellmonger, for £350, a dwelling house in Bondgate, Pontefract, with barn and stable, and also a close of land situated at the back of the house, containing 1 acre, 1 rood, and 27 perches, and now occupied by George Atkinson, which are bounded towards the north west by Ferrybridge Road, to the south west by property of Mrs. D. Glover and others, to the north east by property of Waddington and others, and to the south by Bondgate.

**UC:E12/2/D44 - LANDS IN CARCROFT AND OWSTON, 1629–1921****UC:E12/2/D44/1–4** were tied together by Smith as “Bundle 4<sup>th</sup>”See **UC:E12/2/E1/8** for a survey of College land at Owston dating from 1794,**UC:E12/2/C3/34** and **49** for correspondence from the 1870s and 1880s, and**UC:E12/2/M1/17** for a map of the area.**UC:E12/2/D44/1****22 Dec 5 Cha I (1629)**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

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2. Philipp Barton of Owston, York. Clerk.

**Property:** (i) A tenement with one house or barn, containing four bays, lying in Carcroft, Yorks., with one foldstead, one orchard, and one close of meadow adjoining, containing 3 acres, and bounding on the garth of John Rawson and William Rodwell to the south, the lands of William Adams, esq., to the north, and lying between a close of John Rawson to the west and the common more of Carcroft to the east.

(ii) A hempe land commonly called Leeke Yard, containing half a rood, bordering on the King's highway to the east, the lands of William Adams to the west, and laying between lands of William Adams to the south and the north; also 4 acres of arable land within the several territories and fields of Owston (which are described in full).

**Rent:** £3 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D44/2****26 Mar 1649**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Nathaniel Barton of Owston, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D44/3****27 Jun 1667**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Nathaniel Barton of Owston, Yorks., Yeoman.  
(b) Katherine Barton of the same, Widow.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/3** above.

**UC:E12/2/D44/4****20 Oct 1682**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Nathaniell Barton of Owston, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/4** above.

**UC:E12/2/D44/5****28 Aug 1702 & 17 Mar 1711/12**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

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2. (a) Robert Butterwood of Doncaster, Yorks., Grocer.  
(b) Thomas Barton of Rotheram, Yorks., Apprentice to a plumber, being a minor.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/1** above.

On the dorse of this deed is an agreement dated 17 Mar 1711/12 as follows:

**Parties:**

1. Thomas Barton of Doncaster, Yorks., Plumber.
2. Abraham Sheppard of Carrcroft, Yorks., Cooper.

**Property:** As in **UC:E12/2/D44/1** above.

**Consideration:** £27.

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

**UC:E12/2/D44/6****25 Feb 1711/12**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Abraham Sheppard of Carrcroft, Yorks., Cooper.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/1** above.

**UC:E12/2/D44/7****24 Mar 1737/8**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. (a) Anne Shepherd of Doncaster, Yorks., Widow.  
(b) Thomas Elston of the same, Cooper.  
(c) Major Slingsby of the same, Blacksmith.

**Property:** A house and barn in Carrcroft, Yorks., with a foldstead and two closes of meadow called the Upper Croft and Lower Croft containing 5 acres 1 rood and 24 perches, bounded with Carrcroft Common moor on the east and lands now or late of Thomas Wadkin to the west, and abutting on lands of Bryan Cook to the north and lands now or lately of Thomas Nelston and Thomas Wadkin to the south; one piece called Hemplands containing 15 perches butting on the high road to the east, and lands of Bryan Cook to the west, north and south; in Carrcroft Southfield one land lying in the Shutt against the common containing 3 roods and 12 perches, bounded with lands of Bryan Cook to the north and south and west, and butting on the high road and Carrcroft Common Moor to the south; also one land in Moor Ling Flatt containing 3 roods and 14 parches, bounded by lands of Bryan Cook to

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the east, Moor Ling to the west, and lands of John Rhodes to the north and of Bryan Cook to the south; one half acre bounded with land of Bryan Cook to the east and west, the high road to the north, and Bryan Cook to the south; in Owston Woodfield, one land containing 1 rood and 28 perches bounded with the lands of Bryan Cook to the east, west, and north, and a Common Stinting on the south; one land in Owston Middlefields containing 2 roods and 23 perches, and bounded with lands of Bryan Cook to the east, west and south, and the high road to the north; one other land containing 1 acre 1 rood 11 perches bounded by lands of Bryan Cook to the east and west, the high road to the north, and Carrcroft field to the south.

**Rent:** £3 a year.

**Notes:** On the dorse of this deed is a statement that there is no house on the premises, but that the lands, barn and foldstead abuts on a messuage and orchard of 2 above.

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**24 Mar 1737/8**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D44/7** above, with the same statement written on the dorse.

**UC:E12/2/D44/9**

**10 Jul 1750**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Bryan Cooke of Owston, Yorks., Esq.

**Property & Rent:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/7** above.

**Notes:** On this deed someone has added: "N.B. The Infamous Inclosure was made during this Lease see the Extract from the award within".

**UC:E12/2/D44/10**

**16 Feb 1771**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Mary Cooke of Owston, Yorks., Widow.

**Property:** All as in **UC:E12/2/D44/7** above.

**Rent:** £4 a year.

**UC:E12/2/D44/11**

**16 Feb 1771**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D44/10** above.

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Bryan Cooke of Owston, Yorks., Esq.

**Property:** A barn or site thereof and two closes of meadow or pasture called the Upper Croft and Lower Croft, situated in Carcroft, containing about 5 acres 1 rood and 24 perches, together with part of the old inclosures of 2 which adjoin these properties, as indicated on a plan drawn on the map.

**Rent:** £12 a year.

**Notes:** As part of this deal, 1 has agreed to exchange various scattered pieces of land with 2 in return for a piece of land of the same size which adjoins Upper and Lower Croft.

There are no later leases about this property, but there are two lost conveyances relating to it, as follows:

(1) At **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 93–4, dated 4 Nov 1910: the College sells to The County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire some land situated near Carcroft in the parish of Ouston, Yorks., lying on the west side of Copse Lane leading from Carcroft to Ouston, measuring 2 acres (as shown on a map pasted into a book), for £350. The land is to be used as the site of an elementary school.

(2) **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 247–50, dated 1921 (day and month not given), in a deed between University College of the first part, Philip Tatton Davies-Cooke of Owston, Yorks., Esq., of the second part, and John Arundell Hildyard of Hutton Bonville Hall, Northallerton, Yorks., Esq., Ralph Vincent Banks of 39 St. George's Square, London, KC, and Charles Gibbons May of 49 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, Solicitor, of the third part. The College sells to party 2 for £622, supplied by 3, four closes of freehold arable and grass land situated in the centre of Carcroft Village, Yorks, having a frontage to Park Road and adjoining the County Council Schools in Carcroft.

**UC:E12/2/D45 - PROPERTY IN ACKTON IN FEATHERSTONE, 1651–1740**

**UC:E12/2/D45/1–2** were tied together by William Smith as “Bundle 5<sup>th</sup>”.

**UC:E12/2/D45/1****1 Feb 1650/1**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Gibson of Castleforth, Yorks., Yeoman.

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**Property:** A meadow or pasture ground formerly occupied by Thomas Beckwith, lying in Aicton, Yorks., containing 6 acres, and abutting on the lands of Thomas Beckwith to the south and west, a common called Cutsike to the east, and lands of Robert Abbots to the north.

**Rent:** £3 a year.

<b>UC:E12/2/D45/2</b>	<b>7 Jun 1662</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. George Abbott of Hundell, Yorks., Gent.	
<b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D45/1</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D45/3</b>	<b>7 Jun 1662</b>
Apparently a counterpart of <b>UC:E12/2/D45/2</b> above, but written in a very different hand, with the note that Acton is in the parish of Featherstone, and that the rent of £3 is to be paid as 40s in cash, and 1.5 quarters of wheat and 2 quarters of malt, or the cash equivalent.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D45/4</b>	<b>20 Jul 1699</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. Edmund Abbott of Hundell, Yorks., Gent.	
<b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D45/3</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D45/5</b>	<b>20 Jul 1699</b>
Counterpart of <b>UC:E12/2/D45/4</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D45/6</b>	<b>30 Mar 1721</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	
2. Margarett Abbott of Pontefract, Yorks., Spinster.	
<b>Property &amp; Rent:</b> All as in <b>UC:E12/2/D45/3</b> above.	
<b>UC:E12/2/D45/7</b>	<b>27 Sep 1740</b>
Lease for 21 Years	
<b>Parties:</b>	
1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.	

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2. William Crew of Pontefract, Yorks., Apothecary.

**Property:** A close known as Box Close in Acton in the parish of Fethersstone, Yorks., containing 6 acres 3 roods and 35 perches, butting on Cutsike to the east, the lands of John Wormall to the west, the lands of Charles Savile to the north, and John Wormall again to the south; but with timber and quarrying rights reserved to the College.

**Rent:** £3 a year, to be paid as 40s in cash, and 1.5 quarters of wheat and 2 quarters of malt, or the cash equivalent.

**UC:E12/2/D45/8**

**27 Sep 1740**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D45/7** above.

This property is next mentioned in a lease of 1762 (**UC:E12/2/D15/10** above).

**UC:E12/2/D46** - LAND IN WATER FRYSTON, 1598–1704

**UC:E12/2/D46/1–2** were found bundled up by William Smith under the title “Bundle 6 Water Friston”.

**UC:E12/2/D46/1**

**19 May 40 Eliz I (1598)**

Lease for 12 Years

**Parties:**

1. John Browne, Fellow of University College, Oxford, BD.
2. John Crosse of Watter Friston, Yorks., Husbandman.

**Property:** 1 cottage or mease stead, with one cow gate and hone hose gate in Whine Hill; also 10 acres and 3 roods of arable land in three several fields at Waterfriston, of which 1 acre and 3 roods lie in the North field, 5 acres and 3 roods lie in the Mydle Field, 3 acres and 3 roods lie in the Kirke Field, and 1 acre lies in the two lands at Castill Bridge End, butting on Pontefract Old Field.

**Rent:** 33s 4d a year, to be paid to Thomas Harryson of Wakefield, Yorks., Yeoman, or to 1, to the use of University College, Oxford.

**Notes:** On 15 Oct 39 Eliz I (1597) 1 had with Robert Batte, BD, John Savill, serjeant at law, Richard Wortley, esq., and others, leased to John Carville of the Middle Temple, London lands in Waterfryston belonging to the Trinities alias Knowles Allmes House in Pontefract, for 40 years. On 22 Nov 40 Eliz I (1597) 1 had the land returned to him.

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Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. John Crosse of Water Fryston, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** A meese-stead or house long since converted into a barn, and a little piece of ground belonging to it, situated in Water Fryston, near the Crosse there; also one horse gate and one cowgate in the stinted pasture called Whinne Hill; also 11 acres and 1 rood of arable land lying in the common fields of Water Fryston (which are described in detail).

**Rent:** 33s 4d a year.

In 1739 this land was leased with several other properties to William Rhodes (see **UC:E12/2/D3/8** above).

**UC:E12/2/D47 - LAND AT DARRINGTON AND FERRYBRIDGE, 1705–1740****UC:E12/2/D47/1****20 Sep 1705**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. James Ash of Pontefract, Yorks., Cordwainer.

**Property:** (a) 3 acres of arable land in one flatt or furlong in the Milne Field of Darrington, Yorks., near a place called the Spittle Gapp, and bordering on the high road at the Spittle Gapp to the north, on a baulk on the east, on the lands now or late of the Earl or Kingston upon Hull to the south, and a hedge leading to Darrington to the west.

(b) A rood lying on the Low Taythes in Ferribridge Field bordering on Bridlestye to the west, the lands now or late of Josiah Wakefield, gent., and occupied by Robert Smith to the north, on a common baulk to the south, and the lands now or late of Henry Whittaker to the east.

(c) A half acre bounding on the lands now or late of Edward Rusby, alderman, to the south, of Josiah Wakefield to the north, on Bridlestye to the west, and of Henry Whitaker to the west.

(d) A rood bounding on the lands of Edward Rusby to the north, Richard Skipton to the south, a Bridlestye to the west, and Henry Whitaker to the east.

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**Rent:** 4s in cash, with 3.5 pecks of wheat and 2 bushels and 1 quart of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

There is a copy of a lost lease for 21 years, dated 23 Oct 1719, of this property, at **UC:EB1/A1/3** pp. 168–9, to James Ash, as above. The property and rent are the same as in this deed of 1705.

**UC:E12/2/D47/2****27 Sep 1740**

Lease for 21 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Thomas Nottingham of Crofton, Yorks., Yeoman.

**Property:** Half a close called Spittle Gap Close, lying in Darrington, Yorks., containing 3 acres 1 rood and 25 perches, butting on Darrington Field to the east, land of 2 to the west, the high road to the north, and lands of the Duke of Kingston to the south, and in Ferrybridge field three lands in the Low Taythes (all described in detail), all of which lands comprise in total 4 acres 3 roods and 29 perches; and commons of pasture (but with timber and quarrying rights reserved to the College).

**Rent:** 4s, with 3.5 pecks of wheat, and 2 bushels and 1 quart of malt, or the cash equivalent, a year.

This property was amalgamated with some other lands to be leased to John Lambert in 1762 (see **UC:E12/2/D15/10** above).

**UC:E12/2/D48 - GROVE FARM AND TRINITY FARM, PONTEFRACT, 1898****UC:E12/2/D48/1****10 Feb 1898**

Deed of Demise

**Parties:**

1. William Frederick Lee of Grove Hall, Knottingly, Yorks., Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** Lands at or near Pontefract known as Grove Farm, owned by 1, and Trinity Farm, also at or near Pontefract, owned by 2 (as depicted on a plan attached to the deed),

**Rent:** £2 a year.

**Notes:** 2 wish to lay down pipes from a water main which runs through Grove Farm to carry water to Trinity Farm. 1 now formally grants that right to 2.

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There are several copies of lost conveyances relating to various lands in the vicinity of Pontefract which cannot easily be linked with any other properties. For similar lost conveyances relating to lands within Pontefract itself, see **UC:E12/2/D40** above.

(1) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 90–1, dated 4 Feb 1910, whereby University College, sells to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for £25 a piece of land containing 15 perches situated on the north side of 2's railway between Pontefract and Knottingly, in Ferry Fryston, Yorks (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

(2) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 250–1, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Arthur Depledge and Francis Charles Depledge of Pontefract, Market Gardeners, for £122 a close of arable land situated on the east side of Lower Taythes Lane, Ferry Fryston, Yorks., containing 4 acres and 11 perches.

(3) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 261–3, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Charles William Hemingway of Featherstone, Yorks, Butcher, for £175, a close of arable land situated near Monkroyd Farm in Purston Jaglin, Yorks., abutting on the Wakefield Road to the north west, containing 2 acres.

(4) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 291–2, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to James Oliver Spence of Pontefract, Market Gardener, for £395 (paid by James Spence of Pontefract, Market Gardener), a close of arable land situated on and with a frontage to Castleford Road in Ferry Fryston, Yorks, containing 13 acres, 3 roods 21 perches, abutting northwards on the Fryston Beck, and to the southwest to Strangland Lane on Castleford Road.

(5) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 294–6, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to William Turner of Nastell, Yorks., Contractor, for £155, of a close of land formerly grass but now ploughed out, situated near the King William Inn and abutting on the Acton Road in Whitwood, Yorks., containing 4 acres, 2 roods and 12 perches, and now occupied by W. Richardson.

(6) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 298–9, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Luke Ward of Pontefract, Farmer, for £150, a close of land situated in Ferrybridge Road, near to Stump Cross in Ferry Fryston, Yorks, containing 4 acres, 1 rood and 19 perches, bounded towards the north by the Ferrybridge and Pontefract Road, and to the south by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

(7) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 318–19, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to Thomas Kirkman of Monk Fryston, Farmer, for

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£70, a close of arable land in the township of Lumby, Yorks., abutting on Lumby Lane, containing 1 acre, 1 rood and 23 perches.

(8) Copy of conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 331–2, dated 1921 (day and month not given), whereby University College sells to David Cockshaw of Castle Vale, Pontefract, Farmer, for £120, a close of land situated on the west wide of Lower Taythes Lane in Ferry Fryston, and occupied by J. Depledge, containing 3 acres, 2 roods and 31 perches.

**UC:E12/2/D50 - LEASES OF MINING RIGHTS, 1901–1944**

Several of the College's properties on its Freeston estate had coal seams lying below them, to which they were able to lease the mining rights separately from the properties on the ground. They were also able to retain rights to these seams even after the properties themselves were sold on or before 1921.

**UC:E12/2/D50/1****14 Oct 1901**

Agreement for sale

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Henry Briggs Son, and Co, Ltd.

**Property:** A bed or seam of coal known as the Haigh Moor Seam, underlying land called Cutsyke Meadow, situated in the township of Whitwood and the parish of Featherstone, Yorks., as depicted on a map attached to the deed.

**Comments:** 1 agrees to sell 2 the right to mine the above seam, in return for agreed payments on whatever coal they recover there.

**UC:E12/2/D50/2****4 Oct 1912**

Lease for 46 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. The Glass Houghton and Castleford Collieries, Ltd.

**Property:** The mines of coal known as the Silkstone Haigh Moor Beeston Flockton and Warren House Seams, lying south-east of a fault known as the Loscoe fault; also lands at Cutsyke near Castleford, Yorks., all as depicted on a map attached to the deed, with the right to mine them.

**Rent:** Various footage rents and royalties, as specified on the deed.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/D50/3****1 May 1916**

Lease for 42 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. The Glass Houghton and Castleford Collieries, Ltd.

**Property:** More of the Silkstone Haigh Moor Beeston Flockton and Warren House Seams (as above), as depicted on a map drawn on the deed.

**Notes:** Since the drawing up of **UC:E12/2/D50/2** above, the position of the Loscoe Fault has had to be revised, and so the conditions of lease made by 1 to 2 have been altered accordingly.

**UC:E12/2/D50/4****9 Jul 1929**

Lease for 60 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Airedale Collieries Ltd.

**Property:** All the mines and seams of coal lying more than 150 feet below the surface under lands at Pontefract, as depicted on a map attached to the deed, with the right to mine them.

**Rent:** Various footage rents and royalties, as specified on the deed.

**UC:E12/2/D50/5****11 Dec 1931**

Lease for 33 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. The Ackton Hall Colliery Company, Ltd.

**Property:** All the mines or seams of coal lying more than 150 feet below the surface in fields at Purston Jaglin and Tanshelf, Yorks., as depicted on a map attached to the deed, with the right to mine them.

**Rent:** Various footage rents and royalties, as specified on the deed.

**Note:** There is an addendum to this lease, dated 12 Nov 1932, which corrects an error in the description of the property.

**UC:E12/2/D50/6****5 Aug 1938**

Lease for 60 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

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2. Doncaster Amalgamated Collieries, Ltd.

**Property:** Seams of coal known as the Barnsley Bed Seam, lying within and under lands at Carcroft near Bentley, Yorks., as depicted on a map attached to the deed, with the right to mine them.

**Rent:** Various footage rents and royalties, as specified on the deed.

**UC:E12/2/D50/7**

**5 Aug 1938**

Counterpart of **UC:E12/2/D50/6** above.

**UC:E12/2/D50/8**

**18 Nov 1938**

Lease for 60 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. The Micklefield Coal and Lime Company, Ltd.

**Property:** Mines and seams of coal lying below lands in the township of Newthorpe, Yorks. (which is in and round South Milford), as depicted on a map attached to the deed, with the right to mine them.

**Rent:** Various footage rents and royalties, as specified on the deed.

**UC:E12/2/D50/9**

**19 Jun 1940**

Surrender of Lease

**Parties:**

1. Airedale Collieries, Ltd.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** The Haigh Moor seam of coal, which is part of the property leased to 1 in 1929, and which is depicted on a map attached to the deed.

**Notes:** 1 surrender their lease on this part of their property to 2.

**UC:E12/2/D50/10**

**19 Jun 1940**

Lease for 35 Years

**Parties:**

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Joseph William Elliott, Director and General Manager of Pontefract Collieries, Ltd.

**Property:** The Haigh Moor seam of coal, as depicted on a map attached to the deed, with the right to mine it.

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**Rent:** Various footage rents and royalties, as specified on the deed.

**UC:E12/2/D50/11****1 Jul 1944**

Schedule of the leases **UC:E12/2/D50/2–10** above.

**UC:E12/2/E1 - SURVEYS, TERRIERS AND VALUATIONS OF THE FREESTON ESTATES, 1674–1882**

**UC:E12/2/E1/1–3** were described by Smith as “An Account of the College Houses in Pontefract, their bounds, the repairs they are in, the names of the persons that dwell them in them, etc. taken August 18<sup>th</sup> 1674 by two of the Fellows viz. Mr. Wm Pindar + Mr John Ledgarde” (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 357). Smith apparently listed these documents merely as “Pyx ζ A, B, and C”, with no fascicule number.

**UC:E12/2/E1/1****18 Aug 1674**

Booklet described on the title page as “A Journal of our visiting the College houses in Pontefract Aug 18 1674.” This is a detailed account of each of the houses owned by University College on Pontefract and also Methley, giving its situation, its tenant, its size, and condition, including detailed descriptions of the boundaries of the fields.

In a note on the first page, William Smith says that the first part of the booklet is in William Pindar’s hand, the latter part in John Ledgard’s.

[Original reference Pyx ζ A]

**UC:E12/2/E1/2****1674**

Booklet titled “An exact particular of the Houses, Tenements, Gardens, Lands, belonging to University College in Oxford, lying In and about Pontefract in the yeare 1674”. William Smith notes on the first page that this book is mostly written in John Ledgard’s hand.

This seems to be John Ledgard’s own separate set of notes on the houses and lands which he and William Pindar visited at Pontefract and also Methley. They cover the houses in roughly the same order, and have similar things to say of them in a similar level of detail.

[Original reference Pyx ζ B]

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/E1/3****after 1674**

Booklet written in Obadiah Walker's hand titled "A Breviate of the College Leases near Pontefract". It is another list of the College's properties in and around Pontefract, this time giving details of their leases, with folio references to the copies of them to be found in the registers of leases **UC:EB1/A1/1–2**. It may have been compiled at the same time as Pindar's and Ledgard's visit to Pontefract, but appears not to use any information found there.

[Original reference Pyx ζ C]

**UC:E12/2/E1/4****n.d. (c. 1700?)**

Detailed particulars of a cottage in Carcroft occupied by John Sheppard of Hampall, tenant to University College. No John Sheppard appears on any College leases, but there was an Abraham Sheppard who was leased the College's property in Carcroft in 1712 (**UC:E12/2/D44/6**), and perhaps John Sheppard was there before him for a short while.

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

**UC:E12/2/E1/5****n.d. (c. 1730?)**

Schedule of the house and premises belonging to University College at Kirkfenton. Undated, but the schedule was addressed to Thomas Cockman (Master 1722–45), and may be linked to the restoration of normal College business after he was confirmed in his post in 1729.

**UC:E12/2/E1/6****12 Oct 1767**

Terrier of the College's lands at South Milford.

**UC:E12/2/E1/7****1775**

Valuation of University College's lands in and around Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/E1/8****31 Jul 1794**

Survey of College land at Owston

**UC:E12/2/E1/9****n.d. (late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Detailed list of the houses and lands in Pontefract leased to Mr. Taylor, which lists their occupants.

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- UC:E12/2/E1/10** **n.d. (Early 19<sup>th</sup> cent.)**  
List of properties, with notes on their respective conditions, in Pontefract which University College is proposing to sell for purchasing Land Tax on their various estates, and a summary list of their values.
- UC:E12/2/E1/11** **1807**  
Booklet titled "Account of Lands in Ferrybridge Fields", listing all the pieces of land owned by University College in Ferrybridge, with a note of their tenants and their sizes.
- UC:E12/2/E1/12** **1817 & 1850**  
Survey of the College's lands in Pontefract, Ferrybridge, Darrington, Purston Jackling, Ackton, Methley, Water Friston, Milforth, Fenton and Owston. It has been extensively annotated in pencil by Frederick Plumptre. Charles Faulker, in a note in the book, dates these annotations to c. 1850.
- UC:E12/2/E1/13** **Apr 1818**  
Particulars and valuation of houses at Pontefract owned by University College and occupied by Dr. Jefferson, as well as other houses he would like to lease from the College. See **UC:E12/2/D25/2–5** for some of the houses occupied by Jefferson.
- UC:E12/2/E1/14** **15 Nov 1828**  
Valuations of College properties at Pontefract leased to William Thompson and to John Farrer. The Thompson property is at **UC:E12/2/D35/1**; the Farrer one at **UC:E12/2/D18/8**.
- UC:E12/2/E1/15** **2 Dec 1828**  
Valuation of land owned by University College in Pontefract and leased to William Brunton. This property is at **UC:E12/2/D36/1**.
- UC:E12/2/E1/16** **n.d. (Early 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**  
Notes on College property in Pontefract, in particular listing which portions of the Ferrybridge field before enclosure were part of the Trinities.

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<b>UC:E12/2/E1/17</b>	n.d. (c. 1850?)
List of houses and lands in Pontefract and the surrounding area belonging to University College.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/18</b>	<b>1864/5</b>
Particulars of the College's properties at Pontefract, Church Fenton, Milford, and Methley.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/19</b>	<b>1872</b>
Particulars of the College's Freeston estates, listing all tenants, and giving details of their properties.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/20</b>	n.d. (1870s?)
Reference to the estates of University College in and around Pontefract. Undated, but the tenants' names suggest it was compiled in the 1870s.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/21</b>	<b>Aug 1874</b>
Valuations of the farms belonging to University College at South Milford and Church Fenton.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/22</b>	<b>Dec 1874</b>
Particulars of the College's properties at Pontefract.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/23</b>	<b>29 Mar 1876</b>
Bundle of duplicate copies of notices sent to the tenants of University College under the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act of 1875 that the contract of tenancy between them should remain unaffected by the act [14 items].	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/24</b>	<b>Nov 1876</b>
Particulars of the tithes owed to the Earl of Harewood from various properties owned by the College in and around Pontefract.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/25</b>	<b>Jan 1877</b>
List of tenants on land in and near Pontefract, with the size of their holdings, and their annual rent.	
<b>UC:E12/2/E1/26</b>	<b>Jan 1877</b>
List of tenants of houses in and near Pontefract.	

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- UC:E12/2/E1/27** **Feb 1877**  
Detailed particulars, valuations and report on the College's properties in Wighill, Church Fenton, South Milford, Ferrybridge, and Pontefract. This described each of the College's properties in considerable detail.
- UC:E12/2/E1/28** **Mar 1877**  
Comparison of the valuations on the College's Pontefract property made by Mr. Childe and Mr. Castle.
- UC:E12/2/E1/29** **27 Apr 1877**  
List of tenants on land in and near Pontefract, compiled by Rowland Childe.
- UC:E12/2/E1/30** **27 Apr 1877**  
List of tenants of houses in and near Pontefract, compiled by Rowland Childe.
- UC:E12/2/E1/31** **Jan 1878**  
Particulars of land in and around Pontefract belonging to University College.
- UC:E12/2/E1/32–33** **Oct 1880**  
Two versions of a list of the College's houses in Pontefract noting proposed increases in rent, and explaining why they are needed.
- UC:E12/2/E1/34** **27 Oct 1882**  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Pontefract - Oct 1882. Reductions of Rent (Various)", containing a report by Field and Castle on various properties in Pontefract, and the question of reducing their annual rents.
- UC:E12/2/E2 - NOTICES AND AGREEMENTS TO QUIT, 1876–7**
- UC:E12/2/E2/1** **23 Aug 1876**  
Agreement signed by B. Rowbotham, Robert Lodge, and Thomas R. Ramsden, to quit possession of the holdings occupied by them in the Horse Fair, Pontefract, to the Master and Fellows of University College, on 25 March 1877.

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Copies of notices to quit by 2 Feb 1878 sent to the following College tenants:

**E2/2:** Benjamin Atkinson (Ferry Fryston).

**E2/3:** Walter Hirst Barker (land in Pontefract and Darrington).

See also **UC:E12/2/M3/23**

**E2/4:** William Bean (Church Fenton). See also

**UC:E12/2/C3/51–52** and **56**.

**E2/5:** Philip Brian Davies Cooke (Carcroft in Owston).

**E2/6:** Robert Gibson (South Milford). See also

**UC:E12/2/C3/56**.

**E2/7:** Joseph Hemingway (Purston Jaglin).

**E2/8–9:** Elizabeth Lamb and John Simpson (Featherstone and Whitwood; 2 copies)

**E2/10:** Thomas Barratt Lindley (Ferry Fryston).

**E2/11:** David Longstaff (land in Pontefract).

**E2/12:** Thomas Marshall (land in Pontefract and Darrington).

See also **UC:E12/2/C3/2**.

**E2/13:** Elizabeth Pease (land in Pontefract).

**E2/14:** Joseph Senior (Darrington).

**E2/15:** Joseph Smith (land in Pontefract and Ferry Fryston).

**E2/16:** James Spink (land in Pontefract). See also

**UC:E12/2/C3/37**.

**E2/17:** Francis Stephenson (Ferry Fryston).

**E2/18:** John Wade (land in Pontefract).

**E2/19:** William Wood (Wighill).

**UC:E12/2/F1 - RENTALS OF THE FREESTON ESTATES, 1599–1891****UC:E12/2/F1/1****Undated copy (c. 1600?) of document from the 1540s?**

Copy of Rental for the College first known as Knowles Almshouse and later as the Trinities at Pontefract. This was evidently drawn up just before the passing of the Chantries Act.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 1]

**UC:E12/2/F1/2****n.d. (possibly c. 1612?)**

This document has several portions missing, but Smith's transcript (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 229–32), and his notes on the document itself, shows that the damage had been done when he examined it in June 1705.

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An account in John Browne's own hand of the origins and properties of the College of the Trinities at Pontefract. Smith's transcript of this particular document has been annotated extensively by Charles Faulkner.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 2]

**UC:E12/2/F1/3** **n.d. (early 17<sup>th</sup> century?)**

This document was evidently in better condition in Smith's time than it is today, and it is better to use Smith's notes on the same at UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 229–32).

Another version of the same account of the College of the Trinities as in **UC:E12/2/F1/2** above.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 3]

**UC:E12/2/F1/4** **1599**

Rental of the Trinities at Pontefract and the lands belonging to the same.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 4a]

**UC:E12/2/F1/5** **n.d. (1599)**

Another copy of the same rental as **UC:E12/2/F1/4** above, but undated. Smith has also numbered his document "Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 4a", and he only records the existence of two copies of this document in his transcript (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 244–5), when there are clearly three of them.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 4a]

**UC:E12/2/F1/6** **1599**

Another copy of the same rental as **UC:E12/2/F1/4** above, this one dated to 1599.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 4b]

**UC:E12/2/F1/7** **c. 1607**

Undated draft rental of the Trinities, which might be in John Browne's hand. On the back of it is the introduction to a more formal rental of the Trinities dated 1607, which was never completed. Smith notes on this document that it was probably compiled after the death of John Freeston's widow.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 20 no. 5]

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**UC:E12/2/F1/8** **1612**

Rental of the Trinities, largely in John Browne's hand (and now in very fragile condition).

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 6]

**UC:E12/2/F1/9** **1613**

Rental of the Trinities, also now in very fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 7]

**UC:E12/2/F1/10** **Lady Day (25 Mar) 1616**

Rental of the Trinities, now in somewhat fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 8]

**UC:E12/2/F1/11** **Michaelmas (29 Sep) 1616**

Rental of the Trinities, now in somewhat fragile condition.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 9]

**UC:E12/2/F1/12** **1617 & 1622**

Two rentals of the Trinities, now in very fragile condition.

Although these rentals appear to have been written on the same sheet or set of sheets of paper (it was too fragile to examine properly in 2011), Smith chose to assign two separate reference numbers to the document.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 nos. 10 & 11]

Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 12 was not found in February 2011. Smith describes it (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 246) as a "Rentall for the year 1640".

**UC:E12/2/F1/13** **n.d. (17<sup>th</sup> cent.)**

Undated rental of the Trinities, so badly damaged by damp as to be largely illegible.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 13a]

**UC:E12/2/F1/14** **n.d (17<sup>th</sup> cent.)**

Another undated rental of the Trinities, also so badly damaged by damp as to be largely illegible.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 13b]

**UC:E12/2/F1/15** **Lady Day (25 Mar) 1648**

Rental of the Trinities, so badly damaged by damp as to be largely illegible.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 14a]

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**UC:E12/2/F1/16** **Micahelmas (29 Sep) 1648**  
 Rental of the Trinities, damaged by damp, but largely legible.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 14b]

**UC:E12/2/F1/17** **Lady Day (25 Mar) 1649**  
 Rental of the Trinities, damaged by damp, but largely legible.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 14c]

**UC:E12/2/F1/18** **4 Apr 1657**  
 Rental of the Trinities, badly damaged by damp and torn, but mostly legible.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 15a]

**UC:E12/2/F1/19** **1674**  
 Rental of the Trinities and Methley. Badly damaged by damp, but mostly legible. No date can be spotted, but Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 246) says that it dates from 1674.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 15b]

**UC:E12/2/F1/20** **25 Mar 1688**  
 Rental of the Trinities, badly damaged by damp and only partly legible.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 no. 15c]

**UC:E12/2/F1/21** **1691**  
 Rental of the Trinities, very badly damaged by damp and mostly illegible. Smith has written extensive annotations on the back of the document. Although these rentals were written on the same sheets of paper, Smith chose to assign two separate reference numbers to the document.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 nos. 16–17]

After listing the above rentals in his transcripts, William Smith then copied out a rental for the Trinities from 1705 (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 246–8).

**UC:E12/2/F1/22** **n.d. (mid-17<sup>th</sup> cent.)**  
 Particular of the lands belonging to the Trinities in Pontefract belonging to University College. There is a note on the back in the hand of Thomas Walker (M. 1632–48 & 1660–5), but no other means of dating. Somehow this document was not assigned a number by William Smith, but it belongs best with the rentals listed here.  
 [Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 20 (no. wanting)]

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- UC:E12/2/F1/23** 1765  
Terrier and rental of the College's properties in and around Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/F1/24** 1775  
Rental of the College's houses in Pontefract. All the tenants are named.
- UC:E12/2/F1/25** May 1781  
Rental of the College's estates at Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/F1/26** 1780–1875  
Guardbook inscribed "Pontefract Account", containing rentals and accounts for the College's estates in and around Pontefract and (until 1855) at Methley from 1780 to 1875. From 1821 to 1836, the accounts are mostly bound into the guardbook; earlier and later accounts are loose. The sequence is not a complete one, especially for the 1780s and early 1790s. A few letters, mainly from the College's land agents, are also enclosed.
- UC:E12/2/F1/27** 1856  
Account for Freeston, Lodge and Methley estates to Lady Day 1856.
- UC:E12/2/F1/28** May 1856  
Rental of the College's properties at Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/F1/29** n.d. (early 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)  
Undated copy of a rental for the Trinities made in 1626. Names of tenants are not given.
- UC:E12/2/F1/30** 1875–6  
Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire, as well as Vouchers for the Pontefract account [20 items].
- UC:E12/2/F1/31** 1876–7  
Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire [4 items].

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<b>UC:E12/2/F1/32</b>	Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire [5 items].	<b>1877–8</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/33</b>	Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire [6 items].	<b>1878–9</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/34</b>	Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire [5 items].	<b>1879–80</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/35</b>	Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire [3 items].	<b>1880–1</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/36</b>	Envelope containing rentals for cottages in Pontefract owned by the College [3 items].	<b>1880–1</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/37</b>	Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston and Lodge estates in Yorkshire [3 items].	<b>1881–2</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/38</b>	Envelope containing rentals for the College's Freeston estates in Yorkshire [2 items].	<b>1882</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/39</b>	Rental for the estates of the Freeston Trust.	<b>1891</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/40</b>	Statement of rents collected from the Freeston estate by University College.	<b>27 Jul 1891</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/41</b>	Statement of rents collected from the College's cottages at Pontefract for the half year ending 26 Dec 1891.	<b>Dec 1891</b>
<b>UC:E12/2/F1/42</b>	Copies of rentals made on the Freeston estates in 1599 and 1688.	<b>n.d. (Late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> cents.)</b>

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/F2 - ACQUITTANCES ON THE FREESTON ESTATES, 1595–1660**

These documents could not be found in February 2011; it would seem that they were already missing during the stocktaking of 1993. For now, therefore, the only evidence for their contents is in Smith's summaries (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 249–53).

**UC:E12/2/F2/1 2 Oct 1595–10 May 1598**

Four acquittances relating to the Rectory of Stevington, comprising payment for a subsidy to the Queen, a tithe, a payment towards the visitation of the parish, and another subsidy. The first payment is from John Browne, and Smith wrote: "By this acq: it appears that Mr. Browne was sometime either Rector or curate of Stevington". (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 249).

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 21 nos. 1a–d]

**UC:E12/2/F2/2 1598–30 Nov 1602**

Four acquittances for rent paid at Milford, the fourth one being from Mrs. Margery Stapleton (formerly Freeston).

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 21 nos. 2a–d]

**UC:E12/2/F2/3 18 Apr 1601–11 Apr 1607**

Three acquittances for payments of rent from unspecified properties.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 21 nos. 3a–d]

**UC:E12/2/F2/4 n.d. (before 1613)**

Acquittance from John Browne for rent on the Trinities at Pontefract.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 21 no. 4]

**UC:E12/2/F2/5 2 Apr & 7 Oct 1608**

Two acquittances from John Browne for half years of rent money from Freeston properties.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 21 nos. 5a–b]

**UC:E12/2/F2/6 7 Oct 1603–30 Mar 1611**

Four acquittances for several rents from the Freeston estates.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 21 nos. 6a–d]

**UC:E12/2/F2/7 16 Oct 1613–25 Mar 1615**

Six acquittances (Smith appears to have created two documents numbered "Pyx δ fasc. 21 no. 7d) for payments

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from Henry Tilson (John Browne's administrator) of rent from the Freeston estates.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 21 nos. 7a–e]

**UC:E12/2/F2/8 16 & 28 Apr 1660**

Two acquittances, one for payment of a quit rent to the Crown; the other for a rent due to the hospital.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 21 nos. 8a–b]

**UC:E12/2/F2/9 22 Feb 1597/8–20 Aug 1600**

Three acquittances for payments relating to lawsuits on the Freeston estate.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 21 nos. 9a–c]

**UC:E12/2/F2/10 1 Dec 1599**

Acquittance from Richard Greenwood for £2 from his legacy of £5, paid by John Browne.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 21 no. 10]

**UC:E12/2/F2/11 4 Apr 1601**

Acquittance from Robert Wartly for £3 from Mr .Freeston as one of Freeston's feoffees in Yorkshire.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 21 no. 11]

**UC:E12/2/F2/12 11 Nov 44 Eliz I (1602)**

General release from Thomas Sompton and his wife Francis, executors of William Frestone, brother of John Frestone, of all debts, arrears of rent, and sums of money given by John Freeston, to John's executors Edward Heron and John Browne.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 21 no. 12]

**UC:E12/2/F3 - MISCELLANEOUS BILLS AND RECEIPTS, 1799–1831****UC:E12/2/F3/1 1799–1828**

Large bundle of bills inscribed "Crowder's Accts 1801–1810 Freeston Property Vouchers &c. 1801–1828". The bundle contains a great many bills and receipts including payments for tenants' dinners, allowances to tenants, repairs to buildings, receipts for payments of rent moneys into the College's bank account, payments towards the Kirkthorpe hospital and the stipends of the schoolmasters at Pontefract and Normanton,

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and payments of tithes and quit rents. Several papers relate to the College's property at Linton-on-Ouse, and (from 1801) there are some receipts for payments made from the Linton fund towards the rebuilding of the rectory at Tarrant Gunville. The papers mainly cover the years 1799–1801, 1804–9, 1811–13, and 1816/17 [136 items].

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| <b>UC:E12/2/F3/2</b> | Four loose receipts and invoices relating to the Freeston lands.   | <b>1801–3</b>     |
| <b>UC:E12/2/F3/3</b> | Formal acknowledgement (written on parchment) from the Vicar and Mayor of Pontefract that they have received £159 7s 6d, of which £155 2s 6d is the payment for 30 years' purchase on an annual rent of £5 3s 5d or a corn rent of the value thereof to be paid to the Vicar of Pontefract under the Pontefract enclosure award. The other £4 5s is the purchase money for 30 years' purchase on an annual sum of 2s to be charged on eight cottages newly built on Gillygate. All the College's tenants are listed, with the sizes of their property, and the annual charges payable on them. | <b>1802</b>       |
| <b>UC:E12/2/F3/4</b> | Vouchers for the Pontefract account [9 items]. [i.e. for all the payments made to local schools and charities under the Freeston Trust, and for repair work to properties]   | <b>1 May 1803</b> |
| <b>UC:E12/2/F3/5</b> | Vouchers for the Pontefract account [9 items]. [i.e. for all the payments made to local schools and charities under the Freeston Trust, and for repair work to properties]   | <b>1807</b>       |
| <b>UC:E12/2/F3/6</b> | Bundle of receipts for the Linton Account, and of payments to Kirkthorpe Hospital, the stipends of the schoolmasters at Normanton and Wakefield, and of tithes and quit rents in and around Pontefract [11 items].   | <b>1808/9</b>     |
| <b>UC:E12/2/F3/7</b> | Vouchers for the Pontefract account [10 items] [i.e. for all the payments made to local schools and charities under the Freeston Trust, and for repair work to properties].  | <b>1809/10</b>    |

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- UC:E12/2/F3/8** **1813/14**  
 Bundle of bills and receipts relating to the College's properties at Linton and in around Pontefract, containing the same sort of material as elsewhere [17 items].
- UC:E12/2/F3/9** **1825/6**  
 Package inscribed "Kirkthorpe Hospital Acconts 1826", containing receipts for rent payments from Linton to the College, and payments made by the College for quit rents in the Pontefract area, for the stipends of the Masters at the schools of Normanton and Wakefield, and for the maintenance of the hospital at Kirkthorpe [11 items].
- UC:E12/2/F3/10** **Jan & Sep 1831**  
 Envelope containing certificates and related papers concerning the redemption of Land Tax on the College's property at South Milford and Ferry Frystone.
- UC:E12/2/F4 - BILLS FOR REPAIRS TO THE FREESTON ESTATES, 1877–1897**
- UC:E12/2/F4/1** **9 Aug 1877**  
 Two copies of a statement as to repairs to be carried out in various properties in Finkle Street, Horse Fair, Gillygate and Southgate.
- UC:E12/2/F4/2** **Oct 1877**  
 Specification of repair work to be carried out on the College's properties in Pontefract leased to W. T. Moxon (see also **UC:E12/2/D24/2**).
- UC:E12/2/F4/3** **Oct 1877**  
 Account of the delapidations and repairs to be carried out on the College's properties in Pontefract leased to W. T. Moxon. This estimates the cost at over £950 (see also **UC:E12/2/D24/2**).
- UC:E12/2/F4/4** **6 Jan 1878**  
 List of College properties in and around Pontefract with notes of improvements to be carried out, and how much they will cost.

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**UC:E12/2/F4/5** **Jan 1878**  
 Bundle of invoices for work to be carried out on the College's houses in Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/F4/6** **1896/7**  
 Field and Castle's accounts for rebuilding houses in Finkle Street, Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/F5 - CASH ACCOUNT BOOK**

**UC:E12/2/F5/1** **1879–83**  
 Volume inscribed on the cover "University College: Pontefract - Lodge and York Houses Estates Cash Account", containing separate annual accounts for the Pontefract Estate, the Lodge Estate, and the York Houses estate (described as a "new purchase"). The greater part of the volume is left unused.

**UC:E12/2/C1: MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, 1597–1705**

**UC:E12/2/C1/1–18** were all missing in March 2011, and appear to have been missing at least since before the stocktaking of 1993. The only source for the contents therefore comes from Smith's summaries.

**UC:E12/2/C1/1** **7 Nov 1597**  
 Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 275) as a letter from Ingham Marton to Mr. Ward at Pontefract in which Marton reports on his activities in and around Pontefract in sorting out the financial affairs of John Freeston's estate.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 24 no. 1]

**UC:E12/2/C1/2** **31 May 1611**  
 Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 275–6) as a letter from Lionel Naylor to John Browne "giving him an account of severall of the tenants that upon bonds given them by Mr. Freeston to save them harmless were turned tenant to him.". He also discusses the cutting of timber in Hodgewood.  
[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 24 no. 2]

**UC:E12/2/C1/3** **7 Jun 1611**  
 Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 276) as a letter from Lionel Naylor to George Spivey, once again on the question of chopping down trees on some Freeston estates.

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[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 24 no. 3]

**UC:E12/2/C1/4****12 Oct 1612**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 276) as a letter from Lionel Nailor to John Browne. It seems that a lease set out by Nailor on Browne's behalf was not confirmed, and Nailor expresses his concern that he may have to sue Browne if he cannot get his lease confirmed.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 24 no. 4]

**UC:E12/2/C1/5****25 Mar 1637**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 277) as a letter from Charles Greenwood (address, Thornhill) to Thomas Walker, and transcribed by him in full. Greenwood discusses the felling of trees in Hodgewood, and expresses his continuing affection for the College.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 24 no. 5]

**UC:E12/2/C1/6****31 Mar 1637**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 278) as the report of a lawsuit at York heard between the Master and Fellows of University College, plaintiff, and Lancelot Goldert, plaintiff. The case seems to be a dispute over the timber at Hodgewood, and the judges declare that the case is to be referred to Charles Greenwood "to make and end of it if he can".

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 24 no. 6]

**UC:E12/2/C1/7****29 Jan 1646/7**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 278) as a letter from Jervase Shillitoe to Thomas Walker. Shillitoe discusses his imprisonment in Pontefract, which was affecting the College's properties, and asks that a Fellow come up to help settle affairs. See also **UC:E12/2/D1/1**.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 24 no. 7]

**UC:E12/2/C1/8****Feb 1646/7**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 278–9) as a note in Thomas Walker's hand concerning the rents received from Pontefract, and the payments made from them, with a note that the rents are behind for the years 1642–6. Smith's summary suggests that Walker was trying to find out where the missing moneys had gone.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 24 no. 8]

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Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 279) as a letter from Jarvis Shillito to Thomas Walker concerning sorting out the income from Pontefract. See also **UC:E12/2/D1/1**.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 24 no. 9]

**UC:E12/2/C1/10–13****c. 1651?**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 279) as “letters from Mr. Darcy Washington” concerning his brother Richard Washington, who had died that year, and his accounts and receipts relating to Pontefract. It seems that Washington also had some deeds to send on to the College.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 24 nos 10–12 & 13a]

**UC:E12/2/C1/14****22 Apr 1652**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 279) as a document containing information supplied some tenants at Pontefract against Mr. Shillito and Mr. Washington, “whom they represent as disaffected to the parliament”.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 24 no. 13b]

**UC:E12/2/C1/15****8 Apr 1654**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 279) as a letter from Captain Wrench to Mr. Farrar about a garth held by Widow Loriman as an under tenant to George Shillito, which she would not yield up to him, although he had paid rent to the college for it.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 24 no. 14]

**UC:E12/2/C1/16–18****Apr–Nov 1654**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 275) as documents relating to Captain Wrench’s lease and other receipts from William Farrar and Thomas Thornton. William Smith assumed that William Farrar was the elder brother of Edward Farrar, Fellow of University College from 1651.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 24 nos. 15–17]

**UC:E12/2/C1/19****n.d. (Dated to c. 1660 by Smith)**

List of the leaseholders of the Freeston properties.  
This document has been damaged by damp, and a few parts of the text are lost.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 1]

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Bond

**Parties:**

1. (a) George Abbott of Hundell, Yorks., gent.  
(b) George Shillitoe of Pontefract, Yorks, yeoman.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford

**Comments:** 1 is bound to 2 for £100 to indemnify the College over leases of property in Pontefract made by 2 to them. Smith explains on the back of the document that they had been expelled from these properties at the time of the Civil Wars.

**Language:** Latin and English.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 2]

**UC:E12/2/C1/21****19 Mar 1668/9**

Letter from Robert Nettleton (no address given) John Armitage (address, University College), on the valuation of land in College properties at Fenton, and describing the trouble he had trying to do this.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 3]

**UC:E12/2/C1/22****after 5 May 1680 (according to Smith)**

Note on a property in Pontefract leased to Julian Taylor for 21 years. This was bought up by Robert Rawden, who took a new lease on the land, but who did not know that Taylor had mortgaged his lease to one Mr. Franck for £6. Franck has now enclosed the College's land with his own. See also

**UC:E12/2/D2/8.**

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 4]

**UC:E12/2/C1/23****c. 1681–3**

Letter from George Shillito (no address given) to "Reverend Sir" (presumably the then Bursar or Master of the College) recommending him to support the widow Scholefield, a tenant of the College.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 5]

**UC:E12/2/C1/24****23 Aug 1681**

Letter from George Shillito (address, Pontefract) to "Mr. Ledger" (John Ledgard; address University College), reporting that Mr. Francke had got the better of himself and the widow Scholefield at a court hearing, so that he is succeeding in enclosing some of the College's lands in his own.

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[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 6]

**UC:E12/2/C1/25****6 Oct 1683**

Letter from Richard Shillito (address, Pontefract), to Obadiah Walker (address, University College), reporting that his father has died, and asking that he can take on his father's duties as collector for the College in Pontefract.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 7]

**UC:E12/2/C1/26****16 Sep 1692**

Letter from Elisabeth Shillito (address, Pontefract) to Albemarle Bertie, as Bursar (address, University College), asking about the procedure for renewing her lease and for giving security for the rents she receives for the College. William Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 269) notes that Elisabeth Shillito was the widow of Richard Shillito.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 8]

**UC:E12/2/C1/27****3 Jul 1694**

Letter from John Siser (address, Bradford), to the Bursar of University College, reporting on his attempts to collect rents from the tenants of Pontefract. He had asked Mrs. Shillitoe to give the tenants notice to assemble at a given date, but not all of them turned up. He also reports on attempts to renew leases there. He plans to go on to Methley, where one of the tenants is an Anabaptist preacher.

This letter has been damaged by damp, and some portions of the text are missing.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 11]

**UC:E12/2/C1/28****23 Nov 1697**

Letter from F. Drake (address, Pontefract), described by Smith as the vicar of Pontefract (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 269), to William Smith himself, as Bursar of the College, asking that the College agree to delay receiving Mrs. Shillitoe's rent until Candlemas, and assuring him of her good intentions.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 12]

**UC:E12/2/C1/29****15 & 21 May 1698**

Letters from Roberta Bayley to John Siser, on the lease of her property at Milford, and the payment of an entry fine for renewing it. At the bottom of her letter is a note to Charlett from

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William Coates reporting that Mrs. Bayley has paid her entry fine. [Bayley is called "Rebecca" on the leases concerning her, but it looks as if she spells her name "Roberta" here  
The letter, rather oddly, is addressed to John Siser on one page, and to Arthur Charlett on another. Presumably, the letter was sealed up by Coates, who addressed it all to Charlett.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 13]

**UC:E12/2/C1/30****6 Jun 1698**

Letter from F. Drake (address, Pontefract) to William Smith on Mrs. Shillitoe's trouble in making two tenants, William Leigh, and Widow Dean, pay their corn tents. They refused to pay this until a College representative can come and talk to them.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 14]

**UC:E12/2/C1/31****4 Mar 1698/9**

Letter from F. Drake (address, Pontefract, to William Smith), in which he once again writes on behalf of Mrs. Shillitoe, for a new lease.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 15]

**UC:E12/2/C1/32****n.d. (dated by Smith to c. 1698)**

Notes in the hands of various Fellows on several houses in Pontefract, giving the names of their occupants and their state of repair.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 16]

**UC:E12/2/C1/33****24 Jul 1699**

Letter from Richard Johnson (address, Pontefract) to "Gentlemen". Johnson and his family have been College tenants for several generations. He mortgaged his property in 1674 to one Francis West, whose widow has remarried, and is claiming that they have had the lease on the property now (see **UC:E12/2/D16/1–2**)

At the bottom of this letter is a note from Elizabeth Shillitoe affirming that she thinks he is telling the truth.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 17a]

**UC:E12/2/C1/34****27 Apr 1702**

Letter from John Crossley (address, Pontefract) to William Smith, concerning his discussions with the tenants of

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Pontefract concerning renewing their leases, and the size of the entry fines they are willing to pay.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 17b]

**UC:E12/2/C1/35**

**27 Apr 1702**

Letter from F. Drake (address, Pontefract) to William Smith, reporting that Mrs. Shillitoe has remarried John Crossley, whom he approves of. Crossley will now take over as the College's rent collector.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 17c]

**UC:E12/2/C1/36**

**6 May 1702**

Copy of letter from William Smith (address, University College) to John Crossley. Smith writes that he is totally unimpressed with his wife's failure to manage the College's estates, and hopes that Crossley can do better. He discusses the College's tenants at Pontefract in some detail.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 17d]

[Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 18 was not found in March 2011. Smith's catalogue describes it thus: "1703 large directions conc; the Pontefract tenants & the termes allowed by the Coll for them to renew" (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 270)]

**UC:E12/2/C1/37**

**24 May 1703**

Letter from John Crossley (address, Pontefract) to the Bursar of University College, reporting that he has paid the College's rent money, and on what moneys are still owing him.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 19a]

**UC:E12/2/C1/38**

**2 Jun 1703**

Letter from John Crossley (address, Pontefract) to Robert Calvering [*sic*; *recte* Clavering], Bursar of University College, discussing the sizes of some of the houses at Pontefract owned by the College.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 25 no. 19b]

**UC:E12/2/C1/39**

**25 Jun 1703**

Letter from Robert Clavering (address, Oxford) to John Brooks (address, Staples Inn, Holborn), asking him to write to John Crossley ordering him to proceed against those tenants who have not yet renewed their leases. He also fears that some rents have been lost, and wonders whether the College might employ a more reliable agent.

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[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 19c]

**UC:E12/2/C1/40****21 Aug 1703**

Letter (address Pontefract) from F. Drake to Albemarle Bertie, asking for clemency in the case of the widow Lunn, who has had an ejectment held out against her, because she had not renewed her lease. He says that she has always paid her rent, and is now willing to renew her lease, but he asks that the College abate her entry fine.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 19d]

**UC:E12/2/C1/41****27 Sep 1703**

Letter from John Crossley (address, Pontefract) to Robert Clavering [*sic*], discussing various tenants in Pontefract, and his attempts to make them renew their leases.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 19e]

**UC:E12/2/C1/42****19 Oct 1703**

Letter from John Crossley (no address given) to Robert Clavering, answering complaints that he had not paid the hospital all the money owed them, and discussing the cases of some tenants and their rents and fines.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 19f]

**UC:E12/2/C1/43****Mar 1703/4**

Letter from John Crossley to Robert Clavering, on getting the College's rent money sent to the College, and giving an invoice for his own expenses. There is also written on the letter and account from John Dickson for expenses in ejecting Mr. Tatham from his house.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 19g]

**UC:E12/2/C1/44****26 Jan 1703/4**

Letter from John Dickson (address, Pontefract) to Robert Clavering, concerning negotiations with College tenants on the renewing of their leases.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 19h]

**UC:E12/2/C1/45****1 Jan 1703/4**

Document containing letters from both John Dickson and John Crossley, both addressed to Robert Clavering. Dickson enclosed particulars of the property at Water Fryston rented to

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John Crosse, and Crossley has some pieces of news on College tenants. The document has been annotated by William Smith.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 20]

**UC:E12/2/C1/46****29 May 1704**

Letter from John Crossley (address, Pontefract) to William Greenwood, discussing the money from fines and leases which he is to sent the College.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 21]

**UC:E12/2/C1/47****dated to Sept 1704 by William Smith**

List of instructions for leases of Pontefract land, giving the names of tenants, and the descriptions of lands to be written into the deeds.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 22]

**UC:E12/2/C1/48****30 Oct 1704**

Letter from John Dickson (address, Pontefract) to William Smith (address, the Star, Pontefract), enclosing unspecified warrants from the sheriff (presumably for defaulting tenants?).

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 23]

**UC:E12/2/C1/49****12 Feb 1704/5**

Letter from John Crossley (address, Pontefract) to William Dinneson [*sic*], on a dispute over the boundaries of some College land.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 24]

**UC:E12/2/C1/50****16 Nov 1703**

Letter from John Crosse (address Fryston) to to Robert Callvering [*sic*], on his being sued to appear in Chancery. He wants to know what he is being sued for; if is because the College wants him to take a lease, he will gladly do so.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 25 no. 25]

**UC:E12/2/C1/51****28 Aug 1703**

Letters from William Tatham and W. Coats, to the Bursar of University College, both written on the same sheet. Both are protesting against ejectment orders places on properties they have been renting from the College. The William Coats in this letter and **C1/52–53** below could be the same as the William

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Cotes renting property from the College in 1738, or else be a relation.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 26a]

**UC:E12/2/C1/52****2 Sep 1703**

Draft reply (badly damaged by damp) from William Smith to Mr. Coates about his ejectment order. Coates is asked to pay the College's entry fine or else move out of his house.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 26b]

**UC:E12/2/C1/53****7 Sep 1703**

Letters from William Thatham and William Coats, both written on the same sheet, to the Bursar of University College. Coats has shown Tatham the above letter, and Tatham has yet to hear anything from the College himself. He asks for his property to be revalued, for a lower entry fine, and Coats protests that the College demands more than he can give.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 26c]

**UC:E12/2/C1/54****20 Feb 1703/4**

Letter from William Tatham (by Pontefract by Ferrybridge) to Arthur Charlett, offering to make a deal on his land.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 26d]

**UC:E12/2/C1/55****11 Apr 1704**

Letter (damaged by damp so that some of the text is lost) from William Tatham (address, Tanshelfe near Pontefract) to Robert Clavering, concerning proposals to draw up a new lease.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 26e]

**UC:E12/2/C1/56****13 Jun 1704**

Letter (damaged by damp so that some of the text is lost) from William Tatham to Robert Clavering, concerning his property.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 26f]

**UC:E12/2/C1/57****12 Oct 17[.]**

Letter from Alis Shillito to the Master and Fellows of University College, giving details of the property occupied by her late husband Thomas.

Although this document clearly belongs with the preceding series of letters, it seems to have no reference number

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assigned by William Smith, and his summaries do not appear to allude to such a document either.

**UC:E12/2/C1/58****n.d. (c.1705?)**

Notes in William Smith's hand on tenants of Pontefract

**UC:E12/2/C2: MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE, C. 1730–1868****UC:E12/2/C2/1****16 Dec [year not given; 1730s?]**

Letter from J. Buck to Mr. Brooke about the renewal of John Scholey's lease. Although no year is given, there is a reference to a lease of August 1729. See, however, **UC:E12/2/D13/4**.

**UC:E12/2/C2/2****2 Apr 1739**

Letter from Francis Lascelles (address, Pontefract) to Thomas Cockman, partly about his son Thomas (matr. 1735), who has apparently left the College without leave and has not contacted his father. He also discusses a College order which discharges him from digging up any more clay in their ground. See here **UC:E12/2/D20/1**.

**UC:E12/2/C2/3****14 Jul 1740**

Letter from F. Lascelles (address, Pontefract) to Thomas Cockman, protesting at a clause in his draft lease to sell the College's tenants bricks at a reduced rate.

**UC:E12/2/C2/4****5 Jan 1744 (1744/5?)**

Letter to Joseph Betts (address, University College) from William Rhodes (address, Wakefield), concerning arrangements for drawing up leases of College properties in Pontefract. The Tenants are named as Mr. Wainwright, Mr. Wyril, Mr. Pape, Mr. Wood, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Lorriman's widow and Mr. Stevenson. He also discusses the current state of Kirkthorpe Hospital. Rhodes was renting the Trinities and many other College properties in and around Pontefract (see **UC:E12/2/1D**), but was evidently also acting as the College's agent in Yorkshire.

**UC:E12/2/C2/5****28 Oct 1776–17 Jan 1780**

Letters to Nathan Wetherell (correspondents include Henry Hobson [Fellow 1740–77] and John Crowder) on proposals for an exchange of land at Pontefract involving land rented by the

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College to Thomas Taylor and John Perfect. Hobson's letters also pass on news about his health and situation. The letters come with a note by George Rowley (Master 1821–36) noting that the proposal came to nothing, mainly because the terms under which the property came to the College were not certain enough [9 items].

- UC:E12/2/C2/6** **22 Dec 1785**  
 Letter to an unnamed addressee from John Crowder concerning plans to renew the College's leases on its Pontefract estates.
- UC:E12/2/C2/7** **4 Jun 1788**  
 Letter to Francis Simpson from John Crowder (address, Brotherton), on sending them some money—presumably the rent money from the Pontefract estates, and possibly other lands in Yorkshire.
- UC:E12/2/C2/8** **25 Mar 1789**  
 Letter from Thomas Taylor (address, Pontefract) to Francis Simpson, protesting at the College's refusal to renew his lease.
- UC:E12/2/C2/9** **16 Nov 1796–14 Jun 1797**  
 Four letters from John Crowder to the Bursar of University College concerning the College's possible liability for tithes to the vicar of Pontefract payable on its properties. The earliest letter also talks about arranging for a new tenant at the College's farm in Methley.
- UC:E12/2/C2/10** **17 Nov 1797 & 19 Feb 1798**  
 Two letters to an unnamed addressee from John Crowder concerning a proposal to exchange some property in Pontefract, and the condition of many of the College's buildings.
- UC:E12/2/C2/11–12** **28 Apr 1814 & 15 Mar 1815**  
 Two letters to the (unnamed) Bursar of University College from John Crowder, on renewing Wainwright's lease on lands at Ferrybridge, and on collecting rents from Pontefract and Linton for the College. He also sends his resignation to the College as land agent, recommending a Mr. Bower as his successor.

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- UC:E12/2/C2/13** **20 May 1814–26 May 1829**  
Correspondence on the administration of the College's Pontefract estates. Correspondents include William Crabtree (who was Bursar several times in the 1810s) and John Bower. The letters also discuss affairs in the Methley, Linton and Lodge Estates [25 items].
- UC:E12/2/C2/14** **25 May 1830**  
Letter from John Bower to Frederick Plumtre enclosing rentals for the Pontefract and Lodge estates, and noting that some rent arrears from property at Pontefract leased to Senior and Barker are unlikely to be recovered.
- UC:E12/2/C2/15** **n.d. (c. 1833)**  
Letter from John Atkinson to George Rowley, Master of University College. He had agreed with the College to purchase some land from them at South Milford for the railway from Leeds to Selby, but the College's agent, Mr. Bower, has not answered any of his letters or chosen to speak to him on the subject. The letter is undated but he speaks of events in 1830 as being "about three years ago".
- UC:E12/2/C2/16** **5 Jun 1834**  
Letters from M. Bower, to Messrs Atkinson & Co., enclosing a conveyance of College lands at South Milford to the Leeds and Selby Railway Company.
- UC:E12/2/C2/17** **25 Jun 1834**  
Letter from M. Bower to William Glaister enclosing his annual accounts, and discussing the sale of land to the Leeds and Selby Railway Company.
- UC:E12/2/C2/18** **29 Jun 1835**  
Letter to an unnamed addressee from Thomas Davison Bland (address, Kippax Park, Pontefract), enquiring about the possible sale of about a rood of land to the Leeds and Selby Railway Company.
- UC:E12/2/C2/19** **31 May–29 Oct 1839**  
Three letters to F. C. Plumtre from Edward Russell (address, Pontefract) concerning attempts to raise money towards the building of a parsonage house for All Saints' Church,

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Pontefract, including the news that the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty have agreed to make a grant of £200 for this purpose.

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| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/20</b> | Letter to Travers Twiss from M. Bower (address, Smeathalls), discussing various matters relating to the administration of the Freeston estates.  | <b>5 Jun 1839</b>  |
| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/21</b> | Letter to the Bursar of University College from M. Homer & Son (address Pontefract), on drawing up a fresh lease for property in Pontefract leased in 1809 to William and Lucy Bowdler (see <b>UC:E12/2/D34/3</b> ). | <b>16 May 1844</b> |
| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/22</b> | Two sheets of notes, one of them in F. C. Plumptre's hand, on drawing up leases in Pontefract.   | <b>c. 1844</b>     |
| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/23</b> | Letter from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield) to Dr. Plumptre, enclosing a tracing showing which College lands are required for the Wakefield, Pontefract and York Railway.  | <b>9 Feb 1846</b>  |
| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/24</b> | Letter to the Master of University College from Henry Holt (address, 13 Cecil Street, Strand, London), enclosing his account for the Yorkshire estates for the previous year.  | <b>6 May 1846</b>  |
| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/25</b> | Letter to the Bursar of University College from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield), reporting on affairs in and around Pontefract, in particular the problems surrounding the property leased to Wainwright.            | <b>15 Mar 1850</b> |
| <b>UC:E12/2/C2/26</b> | Letter to the Master of University College from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield), enclosing his account for the Yorkshire estates for the previous year.  | <b>22 May 1850</b> |

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- UC:E12/2/C2/27** **11 Jun 1852**  
 Letter to B. Morrell and Son from M. Browne (address, Nottingham), on a lease on property at Pontefract made to a Mrs. B. Browne, who has just died, and whether one of her descendants can take the lease. See **UC:E12/2/D22/4** for Browne's property.
- UC:E12/2/C2/28** **7 May 1858**  
 Letter from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield) to the Master discussing his payment of the College's rent money from its Yorkshire properties into the bank.
- UC:E12/2/C2/29** **6 Aug 1858**  
 Letter from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield) to the Bursar of University College concerning his dealings with William Cocker at York and Benjamin Farrer at Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/C2/30** **29 May 1864**  
 Letter to the Bursar of University College from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield), reporting on affairs in and around Pontefract, in particular the renewal of the lease of the Misses Ramskill.
- UC:E12/2/C2/31** **30 Jan 1865**  
 Letter to Francis Headlam from Henry Holt (address Headingley Hill, Leeds), reporting on a recent visit to Pontefract, with reference to the school there, the death of George Cartner, Miss Ramskill, Moxon and Atkinson.
- UC:E12/2/C2/32** **6–22 Mar 1865**  
 Three letters from Henry Holt to Francis Headlam on proposals to lease property at Pontefract formerly leased to Lord Mexborough to William Thomas Moxon. There are also discussions about the level of repairs to which Moxon will be liable. See **UC:E12/2/D24/2**.
- UC:E12/2/C2/33** **10 Mar & 27 Oct 1865**  
 Two letters to Henry Holt from Robert Arundel on taking up the lease of the Crown and Anchor Inn and the properties behind, and on his request to make some alterations to them (see also **UC:E12/2/D31/2**).

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Envelope inscribed "Proposed sales at Pontefract 1868", containing correspondence and a valuation concerning a proposal to sell property in Finkle Street for the purpose of widening the road [4 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3 - CHARLES FAULKNER'S CORRESPONDENCE ON THE FREESTON ESTATES, 1874–1888****UC:E12/2/C3/1** **3 Nov 1874–22 May 1877**

Envelope containing correspondence about renewing George Atkinson's lease at Ferrybridge [6 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/2** **15 Mar 1875–12 Jun 1879**

Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Mar 1880. Marshall. Pontefract Remission of Rent", containing correspondence on repairs to property at Wighill leased to Mr. Wood, property at Ferrybridge leased to Mr. Atkinson, and some general observations on the poor state of the College's agricultural estates in 1879, in particular those leased to Thomas Marshall [3 items]. See also **UC:E12/2/E2/12**.

**UC:E12/2/C3/3** **21 May 1875–8 May 1877**

Correspondence on proposals for Samuel Dobson to sublet his house in the Market Place to a Mr. Moxon. [6 items]. See also **UC:E12/2/C3/30**.

**UC:E12/2/C3/4** **9 Sep 1875–26 Mar 1878**

Correspondence on the Trinities in Pontefract, in particular concerning plans for the redevelopment of the area and the creation of a new road from Horsefair to Northgate running through it. Correspondents include Charles Faulkner, Thomas Bisset, Francis Headlam, and the Mayor of Pontefract [14 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/5** **17 Sep 1875**

Letter to Charles Faulkner from Rowland Childe on charges relating to the renewal of various leases on properties in Pontefract which will expire in March the following year.

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Papers relating to the granting of fresh leases of property in and around Pontefract, including a draft advertisement, a list of tenders submitted, and a letter from Rowland Childe [3 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/7****postmarked 17 Nov 1875**

Letter from Francis Headlam to Charles Faulkner (address City Police Court, Manchester), discussing the Pontefract estates, in particular the licensing of pubs in the town owned by the College.

**UC:E12/2/C3/8****Jan 1876**

Letter from Joseph Bisset to an unnamed addressee protesting about inns which open on Sundays.

**UC:E12/2/C3/9****1–8 Apr 1876**

Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Agricultural Holdings Act 1875 in and circa Pontefract”, containing letters from various College tenants acknowledging receipt of the letters sent them by the College under the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act of 1875 that the contract of tenancy between them should remain unaffected by the act [8 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/10****20 Apr 1876–18 Jun 1877**

Letters and papers concerning a dispute between University College and William Thomas Moxon on the amount of money he was to pay for repairs on the cottages he was renting from the College. The case was eventually referred to an arbitrator who fixed the sum which Moxon should pay in dilapidations (which was closer to the College’s suggestion than Moxon’s). Several of the letters also discuss the Dolphin Inn, and efforts to find the heirs of William Dunhill, who had been tenant there [12 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/11****25 Apr 1876–14 Apr 1877**

Papers concerning the Cartner’s Arms at Pontefract, including an estimate for repairs to be carried out, and anxieties expressed over fresh rent turns [4 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/12****2 Jun 1876**

Agreement to carry out repairs to various properties in Pontefract.

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- UC:E12/2/C3/13** **1876**  
 Specification for new drainage, privies and other works to be carried out on the Dolphin Inn and adjoining houses, the Brough Houses, the Cartners Arms, and three houses on the top of Crown and Anchor Yard.
- UC:E12/2/C3/14** **26 Jul 1876–1 Jul 1878**  
 Three letters from the Copyhold Commission to Charles Faulkner approving the raising of loans for the improving of properties in Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/C3/15** **Jun–Aug 1876**  
 Bundle of papers clipped together (presumably by Charles Faulkner) containing reports and papers concerning delapidations in Pontefract, and the College's plans for a major restoration programme there (and discussions on how to fund it).
- UC:E12/2/C3/16** **17–28 Aug 1876**  
 Correspondence of Charles Faulkner on carrying out repairs to delapidations in the Pontefract estate [4 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/17** **25 Aug 1876**  
 Two copies of an estimate for repairs to be carried out on the Dolphin Inn and surrounding properties, Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/C3/18** **25 Aug 1876–19 Apr 1877**  
 Correspondence and papers concerning the "Brough Houses" in Pontefract, with reference to when they were built, and what work needs to be done on them. Correspondents include Francis Headlam [5 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/19** **22 Nov 1876–23 Mar 1877**  
 Correspondence with Joshua Quarterman on a property in Gillygate, Pontefract, leased to him by the College. He would like to renew his lease. There was some dispute about how much he should be reimbursed for the money he spend on repairs to the house, especially to its lavatories [5 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/20** **15 Feb 1862**  
 Copy of the residuary account of the estate of William Dunhill of Pontefract, Grocer, deceased.

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- UC:E12/2/C3/21** **6 Feb 1877**  
Copy of the death certificate of Mary Dunhill, widow of William Dunhill, who died on 26 Nov 1876.
- UC:E12/2/C3/22** **17 Jan–8 Mar 1877**  
Correspondence concerning the property at the Dolphin, which had been leased to William and then Mary Dunhill [4 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/23** **3 Mar 1877**  
Letter from John Garthwaite to Charles Faulkner discussing various matters relating to the Pontefract estates.
- UC:E12/2/C3/24** **12 Mar 1877**  
Letter from Frances Headlam (address City Police Court, Manchester), to Charles Faulkner, discussing the Pontefract properties, but also who is to succeed the College living at Beckley.
- UC:E12/2/C3/25** **13–29 Mar 1877**  
Three letters from James Garbutt to Charles Faulkner or Rowland Childe, on his request to take up the tenancy of the Dolphin Inn.
- UC:E12/2/C3/26** **30 Mar 1877**  
Envelope containing a letter to Charles Faulkner from Robert Childe, enclosing a copy of a letter to Childe from Robert Arundel, dated 22 Mar 1877, and a report and estimate for work required to be carried out in the Crown and Anchor Yard, both dated 2 Feb 1877. Work needs to be carried out in the yard, but Arundel is reluctant to pay for it, not least because his lease has only two more years to run [4 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/27** **20 Apr 1877**  
Letter to Charles Faulkner from Frederick Morrell reporting on his searching the College's registers of leases for references to the Crown and Anchor Yard. He thinks that the properties erected in the yard behind must date from the 1820s.
- UC:E12/2/C3/28** **20 Apr–31 Aug 1877**  
Envelope of Charles Faulkner's correspondence his negotiations with Robert Arundel, the College's tenant for the Crown and Anchor Yard, for surrendering his lease on the property [10 items].

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- UC:E12/2/C3/29** **27 Apr–16 Nov 1877**  
Correspondence on the case of Benjamin Farrer, who in 1870 had applied for a lease of some College property in Beast Fair, Pontefract, but for some reason the lease was not executed. A fresh lease was drawn up [6 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/30** **4 May 1877**  
Particular and Valuation of a house in Pontefract, leased to Samuel Dobson, to be occupied by Mr. Moxon. See also **UC:E12/2/C3/3** above.
- UC:E12/2/C3/31** **28 Aug–12 Sep 1877**  
Two notices from the Pontefract Urban Sanitary Authority, and a letter from the Town Clerk's office, protesting at the poor sanitary conditions in Crown and Anchor Yard, and the dangerous condition of some of the buildings there [3 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/32** **1877–8**  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Land circa Pontefract including Wighill, Church Fenton, S. Milford", containing several lists of College lands in the area around Pontefract, in particular at Wighill, Church Fenton and South Milford, giving details of their lands and the tenants occupying them, and the revised rents they are to be charged, as well as a bundle of letters with testimonials written in October and November 1877 from applicants for the tenancy of Wighill Farm (which was eventually awarded to Matthew Tomlinson [19 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/33** **17 & 23 Nov 1877**  
Two letters from Arundel & Son to Charles Faulkner asking to make arrangements to visit Oxford to discuss repairs to the properties which Robert Arundel has been renting from the College.
- UC:E12/2/C3/34** **19 Nov 1877**  
Letter from G. W. Dixon to C. J. Faulkner on renting out the College's land at Carcroft.
- UC:E12/2/C3/35** **13 Dec 1877–12 Mar 1878**  
Three letters to Charles Faulkner on proposed rebuilding work to be carried out on cottages in Finkle Street, Pontefract.

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- UC:E12/2/C3/36** **30 Jan–1 Apr 1878**  
Correspondence between Charles Faulkner and John Garthwaite on the rebuilding work carried out in Crown and Anchor Yard [7 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/37** **27 Feb–4 Mar 1878**  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Garthwaite re Spink’s Field; claim for tenant right compensation”, containing correspondence with Charles Spink protesting that he has not been given the opportunity to rent out land leased by the College to his brother James. [7 items]
- UC:E12/2/C3/38** **23 Mar 1878**  
Proposal to the Copyhold Commissioners to borrow about £1350 for rebuilding the houses in Crown and Anchor Yard.
- UC:E12/2/C3/39** **6 Apr 1878**  
Letter to an unnamed addressee (Charles Faulker?) from John Garthwaite on proposed improvements to Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract.
- UC:E12/2/C3/40** **1 Aug–7 Sep 1878**  
Contents of an envelope assembled by C. J. Faulkner and labelled by him “Pontefract Coffee-House 1878 - various letters and papers”. This consists of letters to Faulkner from G. G. Bradley, Charles Fyffe, and Joseph Hammond (the vicar of Pontefract) discussing a proposal to sell the licence on a pub owned by the College called the Cartner’s Arms to turn it into a coffee tavern. The company planning the tavern made it clear that they would have preferred to use the Crown and Anchor inn, and negotiations foundered. There is also a press-cutting from a local paper, and a handbill advertising the opening of the new cocoa and coffee tavern, which was created in Corn Market, at the corner of Sessions House Yard [8 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/41** **9 Aug 1878–25 Nov 1879**  
Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Pontefract School: The Grammar School or King’s School: New Scheme 1879”, containing two versions of the Charity Commission’s scheme for the Grammar School at Pontefract, with an accompanying letter for the second one [3 items].

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- UC:E12/2/C3/42** **1 Feb– 3 May 1879**  
Envelope of correspondence on the College's plans to mortgage part of its property to Trustees to secure the repayment of loans taken out, mainly for its work on repairs to Pontefract [11 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/43** **Apr 1879**  
Correspondence between Charles Faulkner, E. J. Payne, George Bradley, Franck Bright, and A. Dendy, on arranging repayments on the College's loans on its Pontefract property [5 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/44** **12–20 Jun 1879**  
Correspondence with the College's solicitors on creating trustees to whom the College will mortgage land in relation to raising money for work in Pontefract [4 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/45** **7 Aug & 3–5 Nov 1879**  
Three orders from the Copyhold Commission permitting the College to take out loans to improve its properties in Pontefract, with two enclosing letters to Charles Faulkner [6 items in all].
- UC:E12/2/C3/46** **18 Oct 1879**  
Letter to Charles Faulkner from Cookson, Wainewright, and Pennington, enclosing instructions for signing new leases for properties in Pontefract [5 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/47** **20 Oct 1880**  
Letter from Field and Castle to Charles Faulkner asking him to consider requests made by several of the College's tenants in and around Pontefract for reductions in rent on account of the agricultural depression.
- UC:E12/2/C3/48** **5 Mar–19 May 1881**  
Three letters to Charles Faulkner concerning complaints over the running of the Dolphin Inn under its current landlord John Walker, culminating in the arrest of all soldiers and militia men found in the inn one evening. Faulkner decided to give Walker notice to quit.

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- UC:E12/2/C3/49** **9 Apr 1881**  
 Letter from Robert Castle to Charles Faulkner (with Faulkner's draft reply) on property leased to Mr. Cook at Owstone, and his request for a reduction in his rent.
- UC:E12/2/C3/50** **18 Apr–20 May 1881**  
 Two letters concerning the Crown and Anchor Public House, leased to Robert Walshaw, and his request for a reduction in his rent.
- UC:E12/2/C3/51** **16 May 1881**  
 Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Pontefract in and circa 1880–1 Remissions of Rent; various papers", containing a letter to Faulkner from William Bean on reducing the rent on his property at Church Fenton. See also **UC:E12/2/E2/4**.
- UC:E12/2/C3/52** **20 May 1881**  
 Letter from Field and Castle to Charles Faulkner on land at Church Fenton leased to William Bean, and his request for a reduction in his rent. See also **UC:E12/2/E2/4**.
- UC:E12/2/C3/53** **20 Jun 1881**  
 Letter from Richard Moxon to Charles Faulkner discussing whether or not to purchase land from University College on which to build a Masonic Hall.
- UC:E12/2/C3/54** **24 Jun–22 Jul 1881**  
 Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "1881 Pontefract Wainewright decd. Licence to exors to assign", containing correspondence on assigning the property at Beastfair leased to Thomas Jackson Wainewright to Robert Cross, who had bought Wainewright's chemist's business [3 items].
- UC:E12/2/C3/55** **2 Jul 1881–20 Apr 1882**  
 Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner "Pontefract Dolphin Inn", containing a bundle of correspondence, partly on applications to become the new licensee of the Dolphin Inn at Pontefract (it was eventually leased to James Tankard), partly on a request from the tenant of the Crown and Anchor Inn, Robert Walshaw, to have his rent reduced [20 items].

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Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Pontefract: Wighill: Ch. Fenton: S. Milford: Reduction of Rents Letters etc etc”, containing correspondence with various tenants about reducing their rents. The tenants include Luke Ward, William Wade, William Paver, Robert Gibson, John Jacob Thomlinson, William Bean, and J. Hepworth [15 items]. See also **UC:E12/2/E2/4** and **6**.

**UC:E12/2/C3/57****3 Nov 1881–20 Mar 1882**

Bundle of correspondence relating to Thomas Baldwin Pyke, who had recently been appointed as the College’s rent collector in Pontefract. On 3 November 1881, Pyke ran away from Pontefract, taking with him over £400 of the College’s rent money. The College was unable to recover the money, even after having Pyke’s goods seized and sold. Correspondents include Pyke’s clerk, John Midgeley (who was angling - unsuccessfully - to take over their contract with the College), the College’s solicitors, Cookson, Wainwright, and Pennington, David Mitchell, Pyke’s former business partner, and Annie Pyke, his wife (who blamed Mitchell for the affair). Several letters are annotated by Charles Faulkner [37 items].

**UC:E12/2/C3/58****Dec 1881**

Bundle of papers pinned together assembled by Charles Faulkner when he was seeking a new rent collector for the Pontefract estates, after the flight of Thomas Pyke with £400 of the College’s rent money earlier that year. The papers include testimonials for the candidates, lists of them, and Faulkner’s notes. Stuart Lowdon was appointed the new collector.

**UC:E12/2/C3/59****9 Jan 1882**

Letter to Charles Faulkner from the Yorkshire Banking Company, Ltd., on paying some money into the Pontefract branch.

**UC:E12/2/C3/60****18 Sep 1883–2 May 1888**

Envelope inscribed “Pontefract Grammar School 1888”, containing requests from 1883 and 1888 appealing for funds for new buildings for the Pontefract Grammar School [4 items].

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Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton "Freeston 1909 Sales at Carcroft Ferry Fryston 1912 Corporation", containing Poynton's correspondence on the sale of land at Ferry Fryston to the Lancs & Yorks. Railway Company in 1909/10, the sale of land at Carcroft for a proposed new school in 1909, and the sale of the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Pontefract, to the Pontefract Corporation [7 items].

There is a copy of a lost conveyance at **UC:EB1/A1/7** pp. 90–1, dated 4 Feb 1910, by which University College sells to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for £25 a piece of land containing 15 perches situated on the north side of 2's railway between Pontefract and Knottingly, in Ferry Fryston, Yorks (as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**UC:E12/2/C4/2****31 Oct 1910–21 Mar 1911**

Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton "Featherstone 1910", containing Poynton's correspondence on a donation to Church Fenton Parochial School, and a request from the vicar of Featherstone for assistance in repairing the church [3 items].

**UC:E12/2/C4/3****4 Nov–21 Dec 1910**

Correspondence of A. B. Poynton concerning the extinguishing of the licence for the Dolphin Inn, and his attempts to receive compensation for this [10 items].

**UC:E12/2/C4/4****17 Nov 1910**

Letter to Castle, Field and Castle concerning paying compensation to University College on the Dolphin Inn, Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/C4/5****3 Aug 1911–11 Feb 1915**

Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton "Crown & Anchor Yard 1914–", containing Poynton's correspondence on proposed rebuilding work to be carried out there. This includes a details report on the state of the houses in the yard in February 1912 [9 items].

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- UC:E12/2/C4/6** **30 Oct 1912–19 Mar 1913**  
Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton “Freeston. Owston. Copse Lane ultimately sanctioned”, containing Poynton’s correspondence on proposals to widen Copse Lane, Owston, which would involve the College having to sell some of its land to Doncaster Rural District Council for that purpose [11 items].
- UC:E12/2/C4/7** **10 Aug 1912**  
Letter from Castle, Field, and Castle to A. B. Poynton on a rent charge payable on the Trinities.
- UC:E12/2/C4/8** **11 Dec 1919–31 Dec 1920**  
Collection of papers and correspondence mainly to and from A. B. Poynton concerning the final sale of the properties of the Freeston Estate. Correspondents include the land agents who oversaw the sale, and some of the schools who received grants from the Trust. There are also valuations of the properties to be auctioned, and some correspondence relating to a request to Reginald Macan to give a speech at prizegiving at Normanton in July 1920 [42 items].
- UC:E12/2/C4/9** **26 Mar 1921–7 Oct 1922**  
Envelope of correspondence to and from A. B. Poynton relating to the aftermath of the sale of the College’s properties in and around Pontefract, including discussions on the disbursement of trust monies, and a claim (refused) by purchasers of College houses and the College was liable for their repair [9 items].
- UC:E12/2/C4/10** **4 Nov–23 Dec 1921**  
Collection of correspondence mainly to and from A. B. Poynton concerning the aftermath of the sale of the Freeston estate, mainly concerning the College’s future relations with the other institutions which benefitted from it. The correspondence also discusses the mineral rights which were under the Freeston properties, which the College retained. [16 items].

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**UC:E12/2/L1/1** **n.d. (1770s?)**

Copy of a petition to the House of Commons from University College asking to bring in a bill to let them exchange some of their properties in Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/MS1 - PAPERS ON ENCLOSURE AWARDS IN AND AROUND PONTEFRACT**

**UC:E12/2/MS1/1** **n.d. (after 1761)**

Undated extract made by Henry Hobson (Fellow 1740–77) from the enclosure aware for Owston and Carcroft, made 10 Aug 1761. Hobson claims that University College was defrauded of five acres of land “by a kind of Juggle or Collusion” between the Lord of the Manor and the Enclosure Commissioners.

**UC:E12/2/MS1/2** **1770**

Printed act for the enclosure of Sherburn, Lennerton, Barkston Ash, Church Fenton, Little Fenton and Biggin, Yorks.

**UC:E12/2/MS1/3–4** **1797**

Two printed copies of a bill for the enclosure of Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/MS1/5** **24 Oct 1797**

Note relating to the enclosure of Pontefract, and the distribution of lands to University College.

**UC:E12/2/MS1/6** **1812**

Printed Act for the enclosure of lands at Darrington, Yorks.

**UC:E12/2/MS2 - NOTES ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FREESTON ESTATES**

**UC:E12/2/MS2/1** **1855**

Notes made by F. C. Plumptre on which houses and lands in Pontefract were being leases on rack rent.

**UC:E12/2/MS2/2** **c. 1865**

Notes made by Francis Headlam of an inspection of the Pontefract estates, reporting in detail on every house there (3 pages).

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- UC:E12/2/MS2/3** n.d. (1870s?)  
List of fittings in the house of Mr. John Hollonby [sic?] taken by Mr. Ramsbotham.
- UC:E12/2/MS2/4** 27 Dec 1877  
Extract from the reference to the map for the commutation of tithes for Ferryfryston, listing those properties owned there by University College.
- UC:E12/2/MS2/5** 18 Mar 1878  
Report by John Garthwaite on proposed improvements to the Trinities.
- UC:E12/2/MS2/6** 16 Apr 1878  
List of documents and plans relating to Pontefract delivered to the Bursar of University College by Rowland Child.
- UC:E12/2/MS2/7** 27 Jun 1878  
Report submitted to the Charity Commission on the condition of houses in the Trinities, and asking for a loan to help them pay for rebuilding them.
- UC:E12/2/MS2/8** 1886 & 1887  
Two notes in Charles Faulkner's hand explaining which leases were passed to College solicitors or land agents in 1875 and 1887.

**UC:E12/2/N1 - PRINTED REPORTS**

- UC:E12/2/N1/1–2** 1876  
Two printed reports, submitted to the general College meeting of 2 December 1876, about Pontefract, one being a report of an inspection carried out of the College's estates by Charles Fyffe and E. J. Payne.

**UC:E12/2/X1 - PRINTED EPHEMERA**

- UC:E12/2/X1/1** 19 Aug 1805  
Printed handbill advertising the sale or lease of "the Capital Mansion House at Pontefract", formerly occupied by Colonel Ramsden.

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Ground and first-floor plans and elevation of a house, possibly in Pontefract

**Draughtsman:** Bernard Hartley.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 10 feet.

**Size:** 405 by 410 mm.

**Inscribed:** [Uninscribed, except that the floors are labelled "Ground Plan" and "Chamber Plan"]

**Signed:** Bd Hartley

**Dated:** [Undated]

**Medium:** Ink with buff wash

**Support:** Paper

**Format:** 1 shemet.

**Notes:** This drawing is somewhat mysterious, as it bears no explanation of what it depicts. The only information that might shed light on it is that the style of the house and the drawing suggests the late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, and a Bernard Hartley is recorded as having been the surveyor for a bridge at Ferrybridge, which was completed in 1804, and as having generally been active in the area. It is therefore assumed that this plan relates to a building in the Pontefract area from this period.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/2****n.d. (Dated by Charles Faulkner to c. 1830–40)**

Plans of various properties in Pontefract

**Architect:** Unknown

**Description:** Plans of four properties at Pontefract recently leased to Benjamin Booth. Street names and names of adjoining occupants are given.

**Scale:** Not given (although measurements are given in full).

**Size:** 360 by 510 mm.

**Inscribed:** [the names of adjoining occupants, and the dimensions of all the properties are given]

**Signed:** Unsigned.

**Dated:** Undated.

**Medium:** Ink.

**Support:** Paper

**Comments:** This plan was found in an envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner which identifies one of the properties as the

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Crown and Anchor Inn and Yard, and say that it was “apparently having reference to an exchange, which had been proposed as far back as 1775”.

Faulkner’s dating is strange: Booth was leased these properties in 1792, (see **UC:E12/2/D27/1**), and they were then split up and leased in three parts after 1808, after Booth’s death.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/3****n.d. (19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Plan of first floor rooms for an unspecified property (possibly in Pontefract?)

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed.

**Scale:** Not given.

**Size:** 170 by 240 mm.

**Inscribed:** Alternative / Fly [the rooms are identified. They are all bedrooms.]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated]

**Medium:** Ink with grey and red washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/4****Jan 1868**

Plan of Finkle Street and Horsefair, Pontefract, showing plans for widening Finkle Street.

**Draughtsman:** George Malcolm

**Scale:** 1 inch to 30 feet.

**Size:** 480 by 350 mm

**Inscribed:** Plan for Widening Finkle Street / Pontefract [street names are given, as are the names of occupants of houses. The property owned by University College is picked out with a red border]

**Signed:** George Malcolm / Pontefract Jany 1868

**Dated:** [see above]

**Medium:** Ink with grey and red washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet

**Notes:** The plan is accompanied by a letter dated 20 Jan 1868 from the Clerk to the Council to Henry Holt, the College’s land agent, explaining the proposed widening.

Leases relating to this property are at **UC:E12/2/D36**.

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**UC:E12/2/AD1/5**

**Apr 1876**

Plan of alterations to a pub in Market Place, Pontefract

**Draughtsman:** "C. B"

**Scale:** 1 inch to 4 feet.

**Size:** 290 by 530 mm.

**Inscribed:** Mr. F. H. Moxon's proposed alterations / Market Place Pontefract [the rooms are identified, and the plan extensively annotated by Charles Faulkner]

**Signed:** C. B. No. 785

**Dated:** [Dated to April 1876 by Charles Faulkner]

**Medium:** Ink with grey and pink washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet

**Notes:** Faulkner's notes show that the house was leased to Mr. Dobson, and sublet to F. H. Moxon. This might relate to the property leased at **UC:E12/2/D34/4**.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/6**

**Sep 1876**

Plan of three houses in Crown and Anchor Yard and Newgate, Pontefract, showing the plan as present, and the plan with the proposed addition of privies and coal stores, with a section and elevation of the latter.

**Draughtsman:** "J. H. B."

**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet.

**Size:** 240 by 355 mm

**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / 3 Dwellings in Crown & Anchor Yard and Newgate Pontefract [the new privies and coal stores area annotated, and there are annotations in Charles Faulkner's hand]

**Signed:** J. H. B.

**Dated:** Sept 1876

**Medium:** Ink with various coloured washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet

**Notes:** Faulkner notes that these three houses are distinct from the properties in Crown and Anchor Yard, which had been leased to Arundel and were "dealt with" [sic] in 1878. See too **UC:E12/2/AD1/7** below. Leases relating to this property are at **UC:E12/2/D31** above.

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**UC:E12/2/AD1/7**

**n.d. (1876?)**

Plan of proposed new privies and coal stores for three houses in Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract, with a section and an elevation of the same.

**Draughtsman:** unnamed, but possibly "J. H. B." (see below)

**Scale:** Not given, but by analogy with **UC:E12/2/AD1/6** above, probably 1 inch to 8 feet.

**Size:** 305 by 400 mm

**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / Property in Crown and Anchor Yard Pontefract / Proposed Privies &c]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated]

**Medium:** Ink with grey and pink washes.

**Support:** Linen paper.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** This plan is identical with the more finished drawing in **UC:E12/2/AD1/6** above, and appears to be drawn to exactly the same scale. It was therefore probably drawn at around the same time by the same draughtsman. Leases relating to this property are at **UC:E12/2/D31** above.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/8**

**n.d. (1870s?)**

Plan of proposed street in Pontefract to run through the Trinities to Horse Fair

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed, but in the same hand as

**UC:E12/2/AD1/9** below.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 20 feet.

**Size:** 290 by 610 mm.

**Inscribed:** Borough of Pontefract / Proposed Street thro' the Trinities / Plan [street names are given, as is an explanation of the colour scheme]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated, but it resembles other plans of the 1870s relating to the improvement of Pontefract]

**Medium:** Ink with buff, pink and blue washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

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**n.d. (1870s?)**

Plan of proposed street in Pontefract to run through the Trinities to Horse Fair

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**Draughtsman:** Unnamed, but in the same hand as

**UC:E12/2/AD1/8** above.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 20 feet.

**Size:** 275 by 440 mm.

**Inscribed:** Borough of Pontefract / Plan of / Proposed Street thro' the Trinities [street names are given, as is an explanation of the colour scheme]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated, but it resembles other plans of the 1870s relating to the improvement of Pontefract]

**Medium:** Ink with buff, pink and blue washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** This is a copy of the right half of **UC:E12/2/AD1/8** above.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/10****1876**

Plans of the Dolphin Inn and Cottages at Pontefract, both as present and as proposed.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed, but probably John Garthwaite (see notes below).

**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet.

**Size:** 810 by 590 mm

**Inscribed:** The Dolphin Inn and Cottages at Pontefract / The Property of / University College Oxford [the top plan is captioned "Plan as Proposed", and the lower plan "Plan as at Present". Both plans are extensively annotated.

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** 1876 [added in Charles Faulkner's hand]

**Medium:** Ink with red, grey and blue washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper.

**Format:** 2 sheets.

**Notes:** The top half of this plan, showing the proposed redevelopment of the Dolphin Inn, is identical with that at **UC:E12/2/AD1/14** below, which is signed by John Garthwaite. Leases of this property are at **UC:E12/2/D22** above.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/11****Sep 1876**

Drawing of work to be carried out at Brough Houses, Pontefract, with an elevation and section of proposed privies at the top, and below that two plans of the basement storey, both as present as proposed.

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Designs for proposed drain and WC at the Cartners Arms, Pontefract.

**Draughtsman:** J. H. B.**Scale:** Not given.**Size:** 250 by 390 mm.**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / Cartners Arms, Pontefract / Proposed drain and WC [the drawing comprises a ground plan of the building, showing the WC and drain, a section, and a plan of the cellar, all with extensive annotations]**Signed:** J. H. B.**Dated:** Oct 1876**Medium:** Ink with gray, green and red washes.**Support:** Tracing paper.**Format:** 1 sheet.**Notes:** See **UC:E12/2/D13** for leases relating to this property.**UC:E12/2/AD1/13****1877**

Plan of property at Fishergate, Ferrybridge, owned by University College

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed**Scale:** 1 inch to 20 feet.**Size:** 360 by 410 mm.**Inscribed:** Plan / of Property at Ferry Bridge / belonging to / University College Oxford / 1877 [street names are given, as are the names of owners of neighbouring houses]**Signed:** [Unsigned]**Dated:** [see above]**Medium:** Ink with buff and red washes.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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Plan, with three sections and an elevation, of improvements (mainly in the shape of new privies) to the Dolphin Inn and cottages at Pontefract

**Draughtsman:** John Garthwaite**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet.**Size:** 650 by 670 mm**Inscribed:** Improvements / to / The Dolphin Inn and Cottages at Pontefract / The Property of / University College Oxford [The plan is extensively annotated]**Signed:** John A. Garthwaite / Architect / Pontefract**Dated:** Feby 1877**Medium:** Ink with blue and pink washes.**Support:** Linen paper**Format:** 1 sheet.**Note:** This drawing is identical with the top drawing in**UC:E12/2/AD1/10** above. Leases of this property are at**UC:E12/2/D22** above.**UC:E12/2/AD1/15****3 Sep 1877**

Plan of the College's properties in Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed.**Scale:** 1 inch to 22 feet.**Size:** 310 by 880 mm.**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / Cottage Property situate in / Crown and Anchor Yard / Pontefract [Address in Charles Faulkner's hand: "September 3, 1877. / Plan, as premises stand at present upon / surrender by Mr. Arundel of his lease." The plan is extensively annotated, and includes, drawn in red, the block numbers used in **UC:E12/2/AD1/19** below]**Signed:** [Unsigned]**Dated:** [See above]**Medium:** Ink with buff washes and (added later) red ink**Support:** Paper on linen backing.**Format:** 2 sheets.Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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**Notes:** Leases relating to this property are at **UC:E12/2/D31** above.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/16****Nov 1877**

Section and Plan of proposed trenching in John Guy's House in Pontefract.

**Architect:** John Garthwaite.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet.

**Size:** 300 by 400 mm.

**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / Proposed Trenching / John Guy's House Pontefract [the houses are labelled, and street names given]

**Signed:** John A. Garthwaite / Archt

**Dated:** Nov 1877

**Medium:** Black and red ink with blue wash.

**Support:** Tracing paper.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/17****Dec 1877**

Designs for proposed cottages in Finkle Street, Pontefract. This includes an index plan, elevations, sections, and a first floor and ground floor plan.

**Draughtsman:** John Garthwaite

**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet.

**Size:** 660 by 450 mm.

**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / Proposed Cottages in Finkle Street Pontefract / The Bursar's Copy [the drawing is extensively annotated]

**Signed:** John. A. Garthwaite / Architect and Surveyor / Pontefract

**Dated:** [dated to 1877 by Charles Faulkner]

**Medium:** Ink with various washes.

**Support:** Linen paper.

**Format:** 1 sheet

**Notes:** The drawing is annotated by Charles Faulkner in which he says that the plans had been approved in December 1877, but he decided to change them in January 1878.

Leases relating to this property are at **UC:E12/2/D36**.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/18****1877**

Plan of premises in Pontefract leased to Samuel Dobson, situated between Market Place and Southgate

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****Draughtsman:** Rowland Child**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet**Size:** 195 by 1500 mm**Inscribed:** Plan of / Mr Samuel Dobson's Premises Pontefract  
[the rooms and houses are all labelled]**Signed:** Rowland Child**Dated:** 1877**Medium:** Ink with red washes.**Support:** Tracing paper.**Format:** 1 sheet.**Note:** See **UC:E12/2/D34/4** for the lease on this property.**UC:E12/2/AD1/19****Jan–Mar 1878**

Plan of proposed improvements to Crown and Anchor Yard, Pontefract.

**Draughtsman:** J. A. Garthwaite.**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet.**Size:** 655 by 1260 mm**Inscribed:** University College Oxford / Proposed Improvements in the / Crown and Anchor Yard Pontefract / Bursar's Copy as altered see letter March 11<sup>th</sup> 1878. [the buildings are described, and there are several annotations in Charles Faulkner's hand]**Signed:** J. A. Garthwaite / Architect / Pontefract / Jany 1878**Dated:** [see above]**Medium:** Ink with various coloured washes.**Support:** Linen paper**Format:** 1 sheet.**Notes:** This map is connect with the major rebuilding programme initiated at Pontefract by Faulkner and the College in the late 1870s. Leases relating to this property are at **UC:E12/2/D31** above.**UC:E12/2/AD1/20****Feb 1878**

Plan of proposed improvements to the houses in the Trinities, Pontefract

**Draughtsman:** J. A. Garthwaite**Scale:** 1 inch to 8 feet**Size:** 945 by 1350 mm.**Inscribed:** University College Oxford. / Proposed Improvements of Roads and Dwellings, / in the / Trinities,Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: [Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk) T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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Pontefract / Plan B [The proposed buildings are extensively annotated]

**Signed:** J. A. Garthwaite / Architect and Surveyor / Pontefract

**Dated:** Feb 1878

**Medium:** Ink with grey, buff and pink washes.

**Support:** Paper backed on linen.

**Format:** 1 sheet

**Notes:** Charles Faulkner wrote on the back of this plan that it was rejected on 27 March 1878. See **UC:E12/2/D24** for leases relating to this property.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/21–22****Mar 1878**

Two proposals, titled “Plan A” and “Plan B” for the improvement of the Trinities, which were submitted to the Governing Body of University College for discussion. Faulkner has annotated them to suggest that Plan A was adopted.

**UC:E12/2/AD1/23****26 Mar 1878**

Particulars of cottages in Pontefract proposed by sketch plans sent to the Bursar of University College. The properties are numbered A–D.

**UC:E12/2/M1 - MAPS OF COLLEGE LANDS AND PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND PONTEFRACT****UC:E12/2/M1/1****1738**

Terrier of the College’s lands in and around Pontefract, including its estate at Methley. This book includes several maps and plans of the properties, as follows. They are the earliest known maps and plans of these properties in the archives.

Fol. 9v: Map of “Kirk Fenton Inclosure”.

Fol. 10: Map of “Methley Inclosure”.

Fol. 19v: Map of “Pontefract”, showing the various houses owned by the College in the town.

Fol. 20: Map of “Pontefract Inclosure”.

Fol. 23v; Map of “Darlington Inclosure”.

Fol. 24: Map of “Ferrybridge Carrcroft & Fetherstone”.

Fol. 29: Map of “South Milford”.

**Draughtsman of Maps:** Unknown

**Scale:** “A Scale of Gunter’s Chains” [*sic*; it is not clear how many of these chains are to the inch]

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944**

**Size:** The book as a whole measures 550 by 400 mm.

**Inscribed:** Each map is titled, and each field is named.

**Signed & Dated:** All the maps are unsigned and undated.

**Medium:** Ink and various washes.

**Support:** Paper.

**UC:E12/2/M1/2****1816**

Printed map of Yorkshire (scale 1 inch to 5.5 miles) published by John Cary. The map is coloured in to show ridings and wapentakes. Places where University College owned properties have been circled in red ink.

**UC:E12/2/M1/3****1816**

Printed map (scale not given) of the north-west corner of Yorkshire.

**UC:E12/2/M1/4****Mar 1841**

Plan of the College's properties in Pontefract in the Trinities (facing Micklegate and Northgate), elsewhere in Northgate and Micklegate, Baxtergate, Back Lane and Newgate.

**Draughtsman:** Harry Dixon

**Scale:** Not given, but presumably 1 inch to 40 feet (see **UC:E12/2/M1/5** below).

**Size:** 700 by 930 mm (not including wooden rollers).

**Inscribed:** Plan / of several Messuages and Tenements at / Pontefract / in the County of / York / belonging to / The Revd. The Master and Fellows / of University College / Oxford [all the houses are extensively annotated. There are also pencil annotations where a house has been sold]

**Signed:** H. Dixon

**Dated:** Revised March 1841

**Medium:** Ink with various coloured washes.

**Support:** Parchment, mounted on wooden rollers.

**Format:** 1 membrane.

**Notes:** This is a particularly detailed map of the College's houses in Pontefract. A copy of **UC:E12/2/M1/6** below, a book of reference to accompany this map in Charles Faulkner's hand, has been tied into it. **UC:E12/2/M1/5** is a copy of the map in Dixon's hand.

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- UC:E12/2/M1/5** **Jun 1841**  
 Plan of the College's properties in Pontefract in the Trinities (facing Micklegate and Northgate), elsewhere in Northgate and Micklegate, Baxtergate, Back Lane and Newgate.  
**Draughtsman:** Harry Dixon  
**Scale:** 1 inch to 40 feet [added in pencil]  
**Size:** 650 by 900 mm  
**Inscribed:** Plan / of several Messuages and Tenements at / Pontefract / in the County of / York / belonging to / The Revd. The Master and Fellows / of University College / Oxford [all the houses are extensively annotated]  
**Signed:** Harry Dixon  
**Dated:** June 1841  
**Medium:** Ink with various coloured washes. There are some pencil annotations added later.  
**Support:** Linen paper  
**Format:** 2 sheets.  
**Notes:** This is a copy by Dixon of **UC:E12/2/M1/4** above.
- UC:E12/2/M1/6** **Jun 1841**  
 Bound copy of a reference to a map of Pontefract by Henry Dixon (**UC:E12/2/M1/4** above), listing all tenants and their properties.
- UC:E12/2/M1/7** **Jun 1841**  
 Another copy of **UC:E12/2/M1/6** above, this one unbound, and covered in annotations.
- UC:E12/2/M1/8** **1841**  
 Schedule of the estates owned by University College at Pontefract, Acton, Darrington, Ferry-Frystone, Owston, Fenton, Milford, Methley, Wighill, Healaugh, and York. A note in Charles Faulkner's hand explains it is designed to accompany a plan of Pontefract by H. Dixon dated 1841 (**UC:E12/2/M1/4** above).
- UC:E12/2/M1/9** **1843**  
 Plan of an estate at Ferrybridge, divided into lots for sale  
**Draughtsman:** J. F. Masser  
**Scale:** 1 inch to 6 chains.  
**Size:** 505 by 660 mm.

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**Inscribed:** Plan of an Estate / at / Ferrybridge / in the / County of York / Divided into Lots for sale [the individual fields are all numbered up, and the names of owners of neighbouring lands given]

**Signed:** J. F. Masser Litho Leeds

**Dated:** 1843

**Medium:** Lithograph with various coloured washes.

**Support:** Paper backed with linen.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** It is not clear what this map signifies. Was the College planning to purchase some land in this area?

**UC:E12/2/M1/10****1844**

Plan of houses and lands in and around Pontefract owned by University College

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed

**Scale:** 1 inch to 6 chains

**Size:** 750 by 1005 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan / of Houses and Land / in Pontefract and / in the Neighbourhood, / belonging to / University College, Oxford. / 1844 [the map is annotated with names of neighbouring landowners, and the castle ground and some street names are picked out]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [see above]

**Medium:** Ink

**Support:** Paper backed onto linen.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M1/11****1848**

Plan of lands in Church Fenton owned by University College

**Draughtsman:** Henry Holt.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 3 chains.

**Size:** 525 by 840 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan / of an Estate in the / Township of Church-Fenton. / in the West Riding of the / County of York / belonging to / The Master and Fellows / of / University College Oxford. [all the fields are named, and their acreages given, and the names of owned of neighbouring fields given]

**Signed:** Henry Holt. Land Agent. Wakefield. 1848

**Dated:** [see above]

**Medium:** Ink with blue-green wash.

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Plan of lands in Church Fenton owned by University College

**Draughtsman:** Henry Holt.**Scale:** 1 inch to 4 chains.**Size:** 1000 by 650 mm.**Inscribed:** Plan / of an Estate in the / Township of Church Fenton, / in the West Riding of the / County of York / belonging to / The Master and Fellows / of / University College Oxford [all the fields are named, and their acreages given, and the names of owned of neighbouring fields given]**Signed:** Henry Holt. Land Agent. Wakefield. 1848**Dated:** [see above]**Medium:** Ink with blue and red washes.**Support:** Paper backed with linen.**Format:** 1 sheet.**Notes:** This map depicts the same lands as those in **UC:E12/2/M1/11** above. See **UC:E12/2/D41** for leases concerning this property.**UC:E12/2/M1/13****after 1850**

Copy of a sheet of the 1850 edition of the Ordnance Survey Map of Yorkshire (1:10560 scale) showing South Milford. The College's properties there have been coloured in in blue, and the map backed into linen.

See **UC:E12/2/D42** for leases concerning this property.**UC:E12/2/M1/14****after 1850**

Copy of what appears to be another sheet of the 1850 edition of the Ordnance Survey map of Yorkshire (1:10560 scale) showing Pontefract and the surrounding lands. Property owned by University College in the town is coloured red; property owned by it in the fields outside is coloured red. A railway line coloured red has been drawn on the property, and the map is dated "1878" by Charles Faulkner. The map has been backed on to linen.

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Copy of sheet 220 from the 1850 edition of the Ordnance Survey map of Yorkshire (1:10560 scale) showing South Milford. Properties owned by University College are coloured in blue. The map has been backed onto linen.  
See **UC:E12/2/D42** for leases concerning this property.

**UC:E12/2/M1/16****after 1853**

Copy of sheet 250 from the 1853 edition of the Ordnance Survey map of Yorkshire (1:10560 scale), showing the area to the east of Pontefract, with property owned by University College coloured in blue (it overlaps some of the property shown in **UC:E12/2/M1/14** above). The map has been backed onto linen.

**UC:E12/2/M1/17****after 1854**

Copy of sheet 264 from the 1854 edition of the Ordnance Survey map of Yorkshire (1:10560 scale) showing Owston, and the properties owned by University College there coloured in blue. The map has been backed onto linen.  
Leases relating to Owston are at **UC:E12/2/D44** above.

**UC:E12/2/M1/18****n.d. (Mid-19th cent.?)**

Plan of lands at South Milford owned by University College  
**Draughtsman:** Unnamed  
**Scale:** 1 inch to 6 chains.  
**Size:** 630 by 675 mm (not including wooden rollers)  
**Inscribed:** Plan / of an estate at / South Milforth / in the County of / York / belonging to / The Revd. The Master / and Fellows of / University College / Oxford [the fields are numbered up and a reference given; the owners of neighbouring properties are named; and railway lines are depicted.]  
**Signed:** [Unsigned.]  
**Dated:** [Undated ; although the style of the handwriting suggests the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the line of a railway is drawn through the estate]  
**Medium:** Ink with various coloured washes.  
**Support:** Parchment mounted on wooden rollers.  
**Format:** 2 sheets stuck together.  
**Notes:** **UC:E12/2/M1/19** is another copy of this map, drawn in linen paper. Both plans were drawn by the same draughtsman who drew maps of Methley, Acton, Healaugh and Wighill for

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the College (see **UC:E11/M1/1**, **UC:E12/2/M1/20–21** and **UC:E18/2/M1/3–5** respectively).

See **UC:E12/2/D42** for leases concerning this property.

**UC:E12/2/M1/19****n.d. (Mid-19th cent.?)**

Plan of lands at South Milford owned by University College

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed

**Scale:** 1 inch to 6 chains.

**Size:** 670 by 600 mm

**Inscribed:** Plan / of an estate at / South Milforth / in the County of / York / belonging to / The Revd. The Master / and Fellows of / University College / Oxford [the fields are numbered up and a reference given; the owners of neighbouring properties are named; and railway lines are depicted.]

**Signed:** [Unsigned.]

**Dated:** [Undated ; although the style of the handwriting suggests the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the line of a railway is drawn through the estate]

**Medium:** Ink with various coloured washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 2 sheets stuck together.

**Notes:** This is another copy of **UC:E12/2/M1/18** above. Both plans were drawn by the same draughtsman who drew maps of Methley, Acton, Healaugh and Wighill for the College (see **UC:E11/M1/1**, **UC:E12/2/M1/20–21** and **UC:E18/2/M1/3–5** respectively).

See **UC:E12/2/D42** for leases concerning this property.

**UC:E12/2/M1/20****n.d. (mid. 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Map of College land at Acton, Yorks.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 2 chains.

**Size:** 300 by 450 mm (not including wooden rollers at ends).

**Inscribed:** Plan / of an Estate / in the Township of / Acton / in the County of / York / belonging to / The Revd. The Master / and Fellows of / University College / Oxford [the plan is annotated with the names of occupants of surrounding lands]

**Signed:** Unsigned

**Dated:** Undated

**Medium:** Ink with blue and yellow washes.

**Support:** Parchment mounted on wooden rollers.

**Format:** 1 membrane.

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**Notes:** **UC:E18/2/M1/21** is another version of this map, drawn on linen paper. They were both drawn by the same draughtsman who drew maps of Methley, South Milford, Healaugh and Wighill for the College (see **UC:E11/M1/1**, **UC:E12/2/M1/18–19** and **UC:E18/2/M1/3–5** respectively). See **UC:E12/2/D45** and **UC:E12/2/D15/10–11** for leases concerning this property.

**UC:E12/2/M1/21****n.d. (mid. 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Map of College land at Acton, Yorks.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 2 chains.

**Size:** 340 by 440 mm (not including wooden rollers at ends.

**Inscribed:** Plan / of an Estate / in the Township of / Acton / in the County of / York / belonging to / The Revd. The Master / and Fellows of / University College / Oxford [the plan is annotated with the names of occupants of surrounding lands]

**Signed:** Unsigned

**Dated:** Undated

**Medium:** Ink with blue and yellow washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** This map is another version of **UC:E18/2/M1/20**, which was drawn on parchment. They were both drawn by the same draughtsman who drew maps of Methley, South Milford, Healaugh and Wighill for the College (see **UC:E11/M1/1**, **UC:E12/2/M1/18–19** and **UC:E18/2/M1/3–5** respectively). See **UC:E12/2/D45** and **UC:E12/2/D15/10–11** for leases concerning this property.

**UC:E12/2/M1/22****n.d. (late 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Extract from one or more Ordnance Survey Maps, cut up and mounted on linen, with the College's Freeston lands in and around Pontefract and its land in Wighill. Keys to the map, naming properties and their tenants, have been pasted on to it.

**UC:E12/2/M1/23****later 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?**

Extract from printed Ordnance Survey Map of Pontefract and surrounding areas, with towns and villages where University College owned property underlined in red.

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**UC:E12/2/M1/24**

**n.d. (After 1920?)**

Plan of land in the South Milford area showing collieries and coal seams

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed

**Scale:** 1 inch to 1 mile.

**Size:** 375 by 350 mm.

**Inscribed:** Freeston Trust / Plan referred to [collieries are drawn in on top of place names and roads, and a boundary between the Mickfield and Airedale Collieries drawn in]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated, but see below]

**Medium:** Ink with blue and red washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** This map was probably drawn after 1920, when the College had sold all the lands in the Freeston Estate, but retained its mineral rights. This plan evidently relates to arrangements made over the boundaries between certain collieries, as this would affect income coming to the College from them.

**UC:E12/2/M2 - MAPS AND PLANS CONCERNING LAND TO BE SOLD OFF TO THE RAILWAYS**

**UC:E12/2/M2/1**

**29 Dec 1829**

Letter to F. C. Plumptre, as Bursar, from M. Bower requesting the College's consent to sell some land in South Milford (as indicated on a plan drawn on the map) to be used as part of a projected railway from Leeds to Selby.

**UC:E12/2/M2/2**

**n.d. (c. 1829–34?)**

Map of land in and around South Milford showing College land to be sold to the Selby and Leeds railway.

**Scale:** Not given.

**Size:** 250 by 210 mm.

**Inscribed:** [some place names given.]

**Signed:** Unsigned.

**Dated:** Undated.

**Medium:** Black and red ink with pink wash.

**Support:** Paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

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**Notes:** This map is very similar to others drawn at the same time, but appears to be a rough version, drawn on poor quality paper. It was found in the same envelope as **UC:E12/2/M3/5–6**.

At **UC:EB1/A1/5** pp. 457–8 are three lost deeds, all dated 4 Jul 1849, whereby University College sold some land at Ferrybridge to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

**UC:E12/2/M2/3****10 Apr–22 Nov 1875**

Correspondence of C. J. Faulkner on a proposal from the Swinton and Knottingley Railway to purchase land at Pontefract owned by University College [4 items].

Note here a lost conveyance on **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 105–6, dated 10 Jun 1876, in which the The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford sell to the Midland and North Eastern Railway Company two parcels of land in Pontefract to be used for the Swinton and Knottingley Railway (as set out on a map pasted into the book) for a consideration of £2000.

**UC:E12/2/M2/4****1875**

Map of land at Pontefract to be purchased from University College.

**Draughtsman:** not named.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 4 chains.

**Size:** 440 by 550 mm.

**Inscribed:** Midland and / North Eastern Railways / Swinton to Knottingley / Plan shewing the land to be purchased from / The Master and Fellows of University College Oxford / in the Parish of Pontefract / and Township of Pontefract [field sizes are also given]

**Signed:** Unsigned.

**Dated:** [there is a note from R. Castle dated 18 Jun 1875 on the map]

**Medium:** Ink with College properties picked out in pink wash.

**Support:** Tracing paper mounted on linen.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M2/5****1875**

Another version of the bottom half of **UC:E12/2/M2/4** above, drawn to the same scale, drawn on one sheet of tracing paper (unmounted), and measuring 240 by 570 mm.

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Agreement on a proposed exchange of land at Pontefract between University College and Joshua Jefferson, Dr of Physick. University College would give up a part of a garden formerly occupied by John Leatham on Northgate Street, in return for part of a close called Street Furlong or the Gap Close.

**UC:E12/2/M3/2****1807**

Plan of the properties to be exchanged in Pontefract as in **UC:E12/2/M3/1** above.  
**Draughtsman:** Unknown.  
**Scale:** Not given.  
**Size:** 320 by 210 mm.  
**Inscribed:** [Street names are given, owners and occupiers of properties all identified]  
**Signed:** Unsigned.  
**Dated:** [dated 1807 on back of document]  
**Medium:** Black and red ink.  
**Support:** Paper  
**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M3/3****1 Jun 1808**

Agreement on a proposed exchange of land at Pontefract between University College and John Seaton of Pontefract, Banker. The College would give up two cottages in Finkhill Street, which are now in the tenure of Seaton, in return for a close called Street Furlong or Spittle Gap Close.

**UC:E12/2/M3/4****n.d. (early 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Plan with detailed notes of land just outside Pontefract to be exchanged with a Mr. Taylor.  
**Draughtsman:** Unknown.  
**Scale:** Not given.  
**Size:** 210 by 320 mm.  
**Inscribed:** [street names are given, and the names of owners and occupiers of land]  
**Signed:** Unsigned.  
**Dated:** Undated.

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Letter from Thomas Fox to the Bursar of University College, asking if the College will sell some land at South Milford which can be used as the site of a schoolmaster's house there. This was found in the same envelope as **UC:E12/2/M2/2** and **UC:E12/2/M3/6**.

**UC:E12/2/M3/6****21 May 1855**

Map of land at South Milford, to accompany the preceding letter.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 1 chain.**Size:** 140 by 205 mm**Inscribed:** [street names and property owners are given.]**Signed:** Unsigned.**Dated:** May 21<sup>st</sup> 1855**Medium:** Ink with blue and pink washes.**Support:** Tracing paper**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Note:** This was found in the same envelope as **UC:E12/2/M2/2** and **UC:E12/2/M3/5**.

**UC:E12/2/M3/7****2 Oct 1855–23 Sep 1856**

Correspondence between F. C. Plumptre and Richard Stainforth, Vicar of Pontefract, on the possibility of the College granting some land to the Boys National School at Pontefract. In the end the College proposed contributing towards the rebuilding of the school house, and renewing their lease on very favourable terms [6 items].

**UC:E12/2/M3/8****8 Nov 1859**

Order of Exchange

**Parties:**

1. The Revd. James Matthews, Vicar of Sherburn, West Riding of York, Clerk.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College

**Property:** (1) A field occupied by Thomas Barker, bounded on the south and east by lands of Richard Gouthwaite, etc., and to the west by lands belonging to the incumbent of South Milford;

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(2) A field in South Milford occupied by Ann Gibson, bounded on the north by the Back Lane East, on the east by land belonging to John Coward, and on the west by land belonging to William Paver (as indicated by a map drawn on the deed).

**Comments:** Following an inclosure of the parish of Sherburn, which includes South Milford, the Inclosure Commissioners agree that 1 can give property (1) to 2, and 2 give property (2) to 1.

**UC:E12/2/M3/9****26 Oct 1870**

Letter to the Bursar of University College from Rowland Childe on a possible exchange of land between the College and Dr. Bissett on behalf of the National School at Pontefract.

**UC:E12/2/M3/10****26 Oct 1870**

Plan of land at Cutsyke to be given to University College.

**Draughtsman:** Rowland Childe.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 13 chains.

**Size:** 220 by 270 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan Marked "A". / The Land belonging to University College Oxford / is coloured Lake & occupied by Mary Brook. / The Land proposed to be exchanged by the / Trustees of Pontefract National School, for / land in Pontefract is coloured Green. [place names are given on the plan]

**Signed:** Rowld Childe.

**Dated:** 26-10-70

**Medium:** Ink with lake (i.e. red) and green wash.

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M3/11****26 Oct 1870**

Plan of land at Northgate Pontefract, showing the land owned by the College to be given up in exchange.

**Draughtsman:** Rowland Childe.

**Scale:** 5 feet to 1 mile.

**Size:** 310 by 260 mm

**Inscribed:** Plan marked "B" / Plan of / land at Pontefract, belonging / to University-College Oxford / proposed to be exchanged for land / at Cutstyke [street names are given; the land to be given up is coloured pink]

**Signed:** R. Childe

**Dated:** 26/10/70

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Letter from the Copyhold Commission to Francis Headlam authorising the above exchange of lands.

**UC:E12/2/M3/13****10 Dec 1872**

Exchange of Land

**Parties:**

1. Henry Morgan Vane of 8 York Street, St. James's Square, Westminster, Esq., the official trustee of Charity lands to the time being.
2. (a) The Rev Thomas Bissett, Vicar of Pontefract.  
(b) The Rev. Richard Stainforth, Vicar of Wheldrake, Yorks.  
(c) Charles Wood of Carleton, Yorks., Colonel.  
(d) Robert Oxley of Pontefract, MD.  
(e) Henry John Coleman of Pontefract, Gent.  
(f) William Jefferson of Pontefract, Gent.
3. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** (1) A field containing 4 acres 2 roods and 22 perches at Cutsyke in the township of Whitwood in the parish of Featherstone, Yorks., as depicted on a map drawn on the deed; (2) a piece of land containing 760 square yards in Pontefract lying between North Gate and Back North Gate together with the school buildings known as Pontefract National School, and a piece of garden ground containing 1742 square yards situated on the south side of North Gate, as depicted on a second map drawn on the deed.

**Consideration:** £90 from 3 to 2.

**Comments:** 2 give 3 property (1), and 3 give 2 property (2).

**UC:E12/2/M3/14****22 Feb 1876**

Printed handbill reporting on the construction of a new National Infant School at Pontefract, with a list of subscribers.

**UC:E12/2/M3/15–16** were found in the same envelope.

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Three letters concerning an offer made by one William Naylor to purchase land at South Milford from University College.

**UC:E12/2/M3/16** **Jun 1870**

Map of lands at South Milford, showing which land is proposed to be sold to William Naylor, as in **UC:E12/2/M3/15** above.

**Draughtsman:** Rowland Child.

**Scale:** 6 inches to 1 mile.

**Size:** 235 by 300 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan of land belonging to University College Oxford / Proposed to be Purchased by Mr. Wm Naylor

**Signed:** W Child.

**Dated:** Jun 1870.

**Medium:** Ink with blue wash.

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M3/17–20** and **24–27** were found in an envelope, which explains that they are deeds connected with an exchange of land between W. H. Barker and the College in 1876.

**UC:E12/2/M3/17** **1870**

Draft Abstract of Title to lands in Pontefract, listing deeds back to 1825.

**UC:E12/2/M3/18** **1870**

Draft Abstract of Title to property owned by Mary Ann and Sarah Taylor, listing documents back to 1806.

**UC:E12/2/M3/19** **30 Mar 1870**

Conveyance.

**Parties:**

1. (a) Samuel Smithson, late of Heighington near Darlington, Durham, but now of Inverennie, Inverness, Scotland, Esq.,  
(b) David Russell of York, Esq. [1 are the executors of Mary Ann Taylor.]
2. Abraham Wardman of Purston Jackling, Featherstone, Yorks., Colliery Manager.

**Property:** A close of land near Skinner Lane, Pontefract, formerly called Park Close, but now called Park Flat Close, containing 4 acres 2 roods and 9 perches, formerly occupied

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by Thomas Nettleton but now by George Jessop, and bounded to the north by land of Lord Houghton, to the east partly by land of George and Jacob Barstow and partly by land of Lord Houghton, to the south by land of University College, and to the west by land in Pontefract Park District owned by the Duchy of Lancaster.

**Consideration:** £475.

**UC:E12/2/M3/20**

**1873**

Abstract of the preceding deed.

**UC:E12/2/M3/21**

**Dec 1872**

Plan of land at Northgate, Pontefract, owned by University College.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed, but almost certainly in the hand of Rowland Child.

**Scale:** Not given.

**Size:** 290 by 500 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan of Ground belonging to / University College Oxford / & in the occupation of Mr W. H. Barker [dimensions are given, and street names and the names of neighbouring occupant given]

**Signed:** [Unsigned but see above]

**Dated:** Dec 1872 [added in Charles Faulkner's hand]

**Medium:** Ink with yellow, blue and pink washes.

**Support:** Linen paper.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M3/22**

**Dec 1872**

Plan of land in Skinner Lane, Pontefract, showing land to be exchanged.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed, but almost certainly in the hand of Rowland Child.

**Scale:** 6 inches to 1 mile.

**Size:** 280 by 415 mm

**Inscribed:** Land proposed to be given in exchange for the premises occupied by Mr. W. H. Barker in Pontefract □ coloured Red.

**Signed:** [Unsigned, but see above]

**Dated:** Dec 1872 [added in Charles Faulkner's hand]

**Medium:** Ink with buff, red and blue washes.

**Support:** Linen paper

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Letter from Rowland Child to Charles Faulkner concerning the possible exchange of lands in **UC:E12/2/M3/22** above, and passing on a letter from Walter Barker on the matter. Faulkner has scribbled on the letter that the College would be disinclined to exchange, and asks for more information. See also **UC:E12/2/E2/3**.

**UC:E12/2/M3/24****9 May 1873**

Conveyance

**Parties:**

1. Abraham Wardman of Purston Jackling, Featherstone, Yorks., Colliery Manager.
2. James Moxon of Pontefract, Malster.

**Property:** Park Flat Close, as in **UC:E12/2/M3/19** above.**Consideration:** £700.**UC:E12/2/M3/25****24 May 1876**

Approval from the Copyhold Commission of a proposed exchange of land with James Moxon and Walter Hurst Barker with the Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**UC:E12/2/M3/26****16 Nov 1876**

Deed of Exchange

**Parties:**

1. James Moxon of Pontefract, Yorks., Malster.
2. Walter Hurst Barker of the same, Malster.
3. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

**Property:** (1) Park Close or Park flat Close, containing 4 acres, 2 roods and 9 perches, situated near Skinner Lane in Pontefract, lately occupied by William Garlick, then 1, and then 2 (as numbered 3 on the map attached to this deed).

(2) A piece of garden land containing 1948 square yards abutting to the north on North Gate, Pontefract, to the south on property of 2, with a stable and shed built on it, and now occupied by 2, as well as a cottage and shop with yard

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situated Beast Fair, Pontefract, now occupied by Elizabeth Farrer (as numbered 1 and 2 on the map attached to this deed).

**Consideration:** £720 from 2 to 1; £100 from 2 to 3.

**Comments:** 1 conveys property (1) to 3 at the request of 2; in exchange 3 conveys property (2) to 2.

**UC:E12/2/M3/27****1876**

Schedule of deeds relating to the above exchange of land.

**UC:E12/2/M3/28****2 May 1873–23 Mar 1874**

Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “for Mar 20 1873; Leatham exchange of fields nr Pontefract; Plan & letters of Child”, containing letters from Rowland Child to Charles Faulkner concerning an unsuccessful proposal from Edmund Leatham to exchange a field at Bubwith with one owned by the College at Purstone. [4 items]

**UC:E12/2/M3/29** below was also found in this envelope.

**UC:E12/2/M3/29****2 May 1873**

Plan of lands at Ferrybridge, showing lands proposed to be exchanged between University College and Edmund Leatham.

**Draughtsman:** Rowland Child

**Scale:** 6 inches to 1 mile.

**Size:** 245 by 320 mm.

**Inscribed:** Pontefract / The land proposed to be given in exchange / by Mr. Leatham is coloured Pink / the land belonging to University College Oxford is coloured Green [road names are also given]

**Signed:** R. Child

**Dated:** 2 May 1873

**Medium:** Ink with brown, pink and green washes (the later have now faded to blue)

**Support:** Linen paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Note:** This was found with **UC:E12/2/M3/28** above.

**UC:E12/2/M3/30****11 Aug—17 Sep 1879**

Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner “Pontefract:— Miss Spencer (re purchase of land by her) correspondence Aug-Sep 1879, plans etc.”, containing letters and a memorandum about Charles Faulkner concerning his dealings with Miss Spencer of

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Micklegate on selling her the site of an old shop occupied by one Gelder on Horsefair, and the dispute he had with her about the size of the land to be sold. Several of the letters bear Faulkner's irritated marginal comments [7 items].

**UC:E12/2/M3/31** was found in this envelope.

**UC:E12/2/M3/31****19 Aug 1879**

Plan of properties in Horsefair, Pontefract, either owned by or about to sold to Miss Spencer.

**Draughtsman:** John Garthwaite.

**Scale:** 8 feet to 1 inch.

**Size:** 300 by 295 mm.

**Inscribed:** Miss Spencer's Purchases / Copy of plans made and approved August 1878 [properties are annotated and road names are given]

**Signed:** John A. Garthwaite

**Dated:** Augst 19<sup>th</sup> 1879

**Medium:** Black ink

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Note:** This was found with **UC:E12/2/M3/30**.

**UC:E12/2/M3/32****26 Jun & 4 Aug 1879**

Order and accompanying letter from the Copyhold Commission permitting University College to sell some land in Pontefract to Hannah Maria Spencer.

At **UC:EB1/A1/6** pp. 180–2 is a copy of a lost conveyance, dated 15 Oct 1879, whereby University College sells to Hannah Maria Spencer of Pontefract, Maiden, for £450 a piece of land containing 160 square yards situated at the north west side of Horsefair or Micklegate, Pontefract, bounded on the north by properties belonging to the hospital, on the south east by Horsefair, to the south west partly by property owned by Hannah Maria Spencer and also the Hospital, and on the north east by a new road lately made through the Trinities (all as shown on a map pasted into the book).

**UC:E12/2/M3/33****n.d. (Late 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Plan of property at Northgate, Pontefact, showing land in Brough Garden to be sold.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed

**Scale:** 1 inch to 40 feet.

**Size:** 370 by 320 mm.

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**Inscribed:** Plan No. 1 / Pontefract [street names are given, and the properties annotated]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated]

**Medium:** Ink with green and red washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** UC:E12/2/M3/33–35 are all in the same hand, and are part of a set.

**UC:E12/2/M3/34****n.d. (Late 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Plan of property in Pontefract on the corner of North Gate and Trinities Street.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 40 feet.

**Size:** 335 by 350 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan No. 2 / Pontefract [street names are given]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated]

**Medium:** Ink with green and red washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** UC:E12/2/M3/33–35 are all in the same hand, and are part of a set.

**UC:E12/2/M3/35****n.d. (Late 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Plan of land at Ferrybridge showing land to be sold for widening the road.

**Draughtsman:** Unnamed

**Scale:** 1 inch to 16 feet.

**Size:** 400 by 330 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan No. 3 / Ferrybridge [there is a note explaining which land is to be sold off]

**Signed:** [Unsigned]

**Dated:** [Undated]

**Medium:** Ink with green and red washes.

**Support:** Tracing paper.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**Notes:** UC:E12/2/M3/33–35 are all in the same hand, and are part of a set.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/2/M3/36****22 Apr & 10 Jul 1891**

Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton "Freeston Estate 1891 April Report & plan of proposed & possible changes at (1) Ferrybridge (2) Pontefract", containing two letters accompanying the plans **UC:E12/2/M3/37–39** below, which discuss the sale or refurbishment of the properties depicted on them.

**UC:E12/2/M3/37–39** were found in this envelope.

**UC:E12/2/M3/37****n.d. (Apr 1891)**

Plan of properties at Pontefract situated between North Gate and Back North Gate to be sold or altered (see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above).

**Draughtsman:** presumably Castle, Field and Castle.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 40 feet.

**Size:** 360 by 325 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan no. 1 / Pontefract [with street names given and properties identified]

**Signed:** [unsigned, but see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above].

**Dated:** [undated, but see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above]

**Medium:** Linen paper.

**Support:** Ink with brown, pink and green washes.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M3/38****n.d. (Apr 1891)**

Plan of properties at Pontefract situated on the corner of North Gate and Trinities Street to altered (see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above).

**Draughtsman:** presumably Castle, Field and Castle.

**Scale:** 1 inch to 40 feet.

**Size:** 335 by 305 mm.

**Inscribed:** Plan no. 2 / Pontefract [with street names given and properties identified]

**Signed:** [unsigned, but see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above].

**Dated:** [undated, but see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above]

**Medium:** Linen paper.

**Support:** Ink with brown, pink and green washes.

**Format:** 1 sheet.

**UC:E12/2/M3/39****n.d. (Apr 1891)**

Plan of properties at Ferrybridge to be sold or altered (see **UC:E12/2/M3/36** above).

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Sale catalogue for the auction of properties of Freeston Estate in Pontefract, Ferry Fryston, Darrington, Purston Jaglin, Ackton, and Whitwood. A plan of the outlying properties is enclosed.

**UC:E12/2/N2/2****6 Oct 1920**

Sale catalogue for the auction of properties of Freeston Estate in South Milford, Lumby, and Church Fenton. Maps of the properties are enclosed.

**UC:E12/2/N2/3****5 Jul 1921**

List of purchasers of the College's Freeston estates, with note of rent apportionments, and an accompanying letter.

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**UC:E12 Property at Pontefract and elsewhere in Yorkshire from the Freeston Benefaction, 1323–1944****UC:E12/3: DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUSTS SUPPORTED BY THE FREESTON ESTATE**

This section comprises material relating to the expenditure of money raised from the Freeston estate originally for the purposes stipulated under John Freeston's will, and then as later revised. It should be noted that the Freeston Trust has continued to remain in existence, even after the Freeston properties were all sold.

**UC:E12/3/MS1: PAPERS CONCERNING NORMANTON SCHOOL, 1594-1681**

These documents were missing in March 2011, and appear to have been missing at least since before the stocktaking of 1993. The only source for the contents therefore comes from Smith's summaries.

Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 nos. 1a–1b appear not to be listed in Smith's summaries. He merely says against these (UC:AR2/MA1/4 p. 257) "see the petition about number for the schoole".

**UC:E12/3/MS1/1****24 May 1598**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as "an agreement with the Schoolmaster and Churchwarden of Normanton to teach ten Schollers for 3li 6s 8d during Mr. Stapleton life who held two parts of three of the lands given to various uses out of Knowles Almshouse - the schoomaster's name Chr. Broomeheade - the Boyse names also are expressed being 4 of Altoftes four of Warmedfeild & two of Normanton".

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 1c]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/2****1599–1600**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as an acquittance for half a year's stipend to Christopher Bromeheade and another half year's stipend to William Stonard.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 2a]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/3****25 May 1608**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as an acquittance from Christopher Bromehead for half a year's stipend.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 2b]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/4****7 Oct 1608**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as Christopher Bromehead's acquittance for half a year's stipend for teaching 30 boys at Normanton School.

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[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 22 no. 2c]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/5****11 Oct 1609**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as Christopher Bromehead's acquittance for half a year's stipend.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 22 no. 3a]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/6****14 Nov 1609**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as a list of 33 poor scholars taught at the school (not named by Smith), of whom 11 came from Normanton, 10 from Altofts, and 12 from Warmfeild, signed by John Browne.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 22 no. 3b]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/7****n.d. (before 1613)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 257) as a letter of attorney to John Browne to take possession of the almshouses and to regulate them according to John Freeston's orders.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 22 no. 4a]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/8****n.d. (Jun/Jul 1647)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 257–8) as a petition signed by 26 inhabitants and parishioners of Normanton to the Master and Fellows of University College, and transcribed by him in full. The parishioners protest at the poor teaching of the schoolmaster, Thomas Wawne, in particular that he has not sent any pupils to a university, and ask that he be examined by some members off the College as to his sufficiency as a schoolmaster.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 22 no. 4b]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/9****11 Jul 1647**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 258) as a petition signed by 63 or 64 parishioners of Normanton to the Master of University College, and again transcribed by him in full. These petitioners are writing in support of Wawne's abilities as a schoolmaster, and ask that he be retained.

[Original reference Pyx ð fasc. 22 no. 5]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/10****2 Aug 1647**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 258–9) as a copy of a letter written by Thomas Walker to an unnamed addressee at

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Normanton, and again transcribed by him in full. Walker is replying to the parishioners hostile to Wawne, noting both that their demands about university access are unreasonable, and that he has received a petition in his support signed by a much larger number of parishioners.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 6]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/11****18 May 1666**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 260) as the College's nomination by University College of John Higgins as the new schoolmaster at Normanton.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 7]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/12****8 Oct 1666**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 260) as a nomination of John Higgins as the new schoolmaster at Normanton, this time made by the vicars of Pontefract, Normanton, and Warmefield.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 8]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/13****3 Apr 1672**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 260) as a certificate by John Higgins for the good behaviour of James Cooper, son of Anthony.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 9]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/14****n.d. (c. 1674?)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 260–2) as a petition sent to the Master and Fellows of University College from some 44 parishioners of Normanton and Warmefield, and transcribed by him in full. These petitioners, having noted that, contrary to Freeston's injunctions, no school house was built there, but a house belonging to the vicar of Normanton was bought and converted for the purpose, go on to protest at the actions of John Higgins and ask for his dismissal as schoolmaster. They claim that, whereas he has taught very few boys from Normanton itself, and those few he has taught badly, he has regularly taken in pupils from outside the locality for just a few weeks, giving them certificates as coming from Normanton, so that they can get those scholarships which should have gone to local boys. They have therefore set up and funded a separate school, where the boys are taught by

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Richard Grosvenor, and they ask that Higgins now be replaced as schoolmaster at the main school by Grosvenor.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 22 no. 10]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/15****n.d. (c. 1674?)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 pp. 262–4) as a letter from the vicars of Wakefield, Pontefract, Normanton and Warmefield to the Master and Fellows of University College, and transcribed by him in full. The four vicars write in support of the schoolmaster John Higgins (who they note had been educated at Magdalene College, Cambridge and has recently been appointed curate of Fetherston). They defend his conduct and abilities against the charges made against him, and claim that there were no complaints made against him until Richard Grosvenor, whom they claim was not university educated, came into the town to set up a rival school.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 22 no. 11]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/16****24 Aug 1674**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 264–5) as articles of agreement between University College, the vicar of Normanton, and the parishioners of the same. It is agreed that John Higgins and Richard Grosvenor shall continue as masters in their separate schools. If Higgins goes somewhere else, Grosvenor will have three months notice to leave himself. If Grosvenor leaves first, then the vicar and parish will agree on a successor, and then, when Higgins leaves, a single master for the town will be appointed.

Smith wrote at the bottom of his summary of this document: “I do not remember well when this difference broke out again. But as I take it about the time this agreement was to take place—the animositys were as great as ever & letter after letter sent to the College when Mr. Giles was Bursar [John Giles was Bursar in 1676/7 and 1684/5; to judge from what follows, the earlier date must be meant], but there are none of them now remaining—Mr. Loughter Rector of Swillington was employed to put an end to it & Grosvenor himself came up to the college. At length Higgins either removed or was compounded with as appears by a bond of his to the College of 70li never to demand any more dues past or to come: dated 10 Jan 1680 [i.e. 1680/1].”

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Smith then notes (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) that in September 1705 he came across some documents relating to the dispute.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 12]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/17****n.d. (c. 1677/8)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) as “A letter of Mr. Walkers [presumably Obadiah Walker] without date recommending the deciding the controversies betwixt Higgins and Grosvernor according to an agreement made about three years before viz. 1674 by Mr. Pindar and Mr. Ledgard to Mr. [Richard] Lowther.”

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 13]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/18****n.d. (c. 1677/8)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) as “Mr. Lowther’s Answer as I take it but the date and greatest part torn off”.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 14]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/19****n.d. (1677/8)**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) as “Mr. Walkers reply to Mr. Lowther’s letter of the 25 of May—concerning the same subject.”

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 15]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/20****3 Feb 1678/9**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) as “Mr Lowther Intimates his having procured a new Resignation from both the pretenders and had divided that years stipend 5 li:10s to one and 4:10 to the other as the parishioners desired.”

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 16]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/21****18 Jun 1679**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) as a letter by “Mr. Lowther” on the Normanton imbroglio. He also discusses the question of why a schoolhouse was bought and converted rather than built: it seems that the then vicar of Normanton was in charge of the money and did use them properly. Then a few years back Dr. Hitch, then the Dean of York, finding part of the glebe used as a schoolhouse, took it back into his possession, so that the town has not had a schoolhouse since.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 22 no. 17]

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Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 266) as a letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker concerning his journey from Oxford, and continuing divisions at Normanton.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 22 no. 18]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/23****4 Jul 1680**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 267) as a letter from Richard Lowther to Obadiah Walker on the dispute between the schoolmasters. He wonders whether Higgins could be paid £6 or £7 to be quiet. Smith wrote: “the reason Higgins found such favour when he either did not or could not teach scholars was that he had been put in by the College—and that would reflect on them if found unworthy & could scarce be done without the Archbishop’s assent to it.”

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 22 no. 19]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/24****10 Jan 1680/1**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 267) as a bond from John Higgins never to give the College further trouble (presumably after being paid off resign his post.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 22 no. 20]

**UC:E12/3/MS1/25****24 Jan 1680/1**

Described by Smith (UC:AR2/MS1/4 p. 267) as apparently a letter of some kind, although it is not clear. There is a comment that the Normanton affair has been settled, although Smith is unsure.

[Original reference Pyx δ fasc. 22 no. 21]

**UC:E12/3/MS2 - NOTES AND PAPERS ON NORMANTON SCHOOL, 1841–c. 1930****UC:E12/3/MS2/1****10 Dec 1841**

Letter from J. Abbott, Master of Normanton School, to Frederick Plumptre, Master of University College, asking the College to consider increasing the grants it pays to the School (which includes his stipend), since these have not changed since John Freeston’s day. There is a note in James Franck Bright’s hand that £10 a year was given, but also that Abbott proved “a drunkard and a loose liver”, and that the school was “a mere hovel” when he saw it in 1882.

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Envelope inscribed “Freeston Trust: Normanton School. Letters 1842–1851–1865 re condition of the School & Schoolmaster (Abbott)”. These items were gathered together in 1886, and comprise several letters about Normanton School, mainly from Joseph Abbott, the Schoolmaster, and William Mason, Vicar of Normanton, and mostly addressed to Frederick Plumptre.

The subjects include a request for the augmentation of the College’s grants to the School, the state of the School itself, the inadequacies of Abbott as a Schoolmaster (not least in his hostility to Mason and the church, his drinking habits, and his habit of hunting when he should have been teaching), and the creation of regulations for a new school at Normanton [17 items].

**UC:E12/3/MS2/3****n.d. (mid 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**

Notes in the hand of Frederic Plumptre on the school at Normanton.

**UC:E12/3/MS2/4****5 Dec 1893**

Report by L. W. Selby Bigge on a meeting of the Governors of the Grammar School at Normanton. The Governors wished to sell the old school buildings, and buy a site for a new school.

**UC:E12/3/MS2/5****9–11 Nov 1914**

Correspondence between A. B. Poynton and Normanton School discussing how much money the College should give the school [2 items].

**UC:E12/3/MS2/6****29 May 1916**

Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton “Freeston Scholars”, containing a letter from Matthew Peacock to A. B. Poynton enclosing a list of the names of Freeston Scholars from 1633–97, taken from the College’s general accounts.

**UC:E12/3/MS2/7****n.d. (after 1930)**

Accounts relating to the Freeston Trust, calculating how much of its income should be paid to Normanton School. [This was found in the same envelope as **UC:E12/3/C3/18 & 20**]

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**UC:E12/3/C1:** CORRESPONDENCE ON PAYMENTS MADE TO KIRKTHORP HOSPITAL, 1694-1702

**UC:E12/3/C1/1** **2 Apr 1694**

Letter from John Leake, vicar of Warmfield (address, Heath), to an unnamed addressee (the Master or Bursar of University College?), complaining that the hospital at Kirkthorpe has not yet received its annual stipend from the College.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 9a]

**UC:E12/3/C1/2** **4 Apr 1694**

Letter from John Leake (address, Heath), to Arthur Charlett, reporting the receipt of money of the hospital at Kirkthorpe.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 10]

**UC:E12/3/C1/3** **6 Sep 1701**

Letter from John Leake, vicar of Warmfield (address, Heath), to the “Treasurer” [sic] of University College, once again complaining that the hospital of Kirkthorpe has not received any money from the Pontefract estate.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 9b]

**UC:E12/3/C1/4** **13 Sep 1701**

Letter from John Leake (address, Heath) to the Bursar of University College, with more complaints about the slowness of payments to the hospital.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 9c]

**UC:E12/3/C1/5** **25 Sep 1702**

Letter from John Leake, vicar of Warmfield (address, Heath) to the Bursar of University College, protesting once more at the lack of payments to the hospital at Kirkthorpe.

[Original reference Pyx ̄ fasc. 25 no. 9d]

**UC:E12/3/C2-** GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE ON THE FREESTON CHARITIES, 1731–1887

**UC:E12/3/C2/1** **18 Jul 1731**

Letter to Thomas Cockman from John Leake, Vicar of Warmfeild, protesting at the current poor state of the Kirkthorpe Hospital, and explaining how the charity has normally been managed.

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Letter to F. C. Plumptre from Henry Holt (address, Wakefield), enclosing copies of correspondence on the payments due to the Vicar and to the hospital of Kirkthorp.

**UC:E12/3/C2/3** **24 Feb 1855–9 Aug 1856**

Correspondence between Frederick Plumptre and the Oxford University Commissioners on the Freeston and Leicester Exhibitions [6 items].

The envelope containing these letters reports that it also contained letters from Goldwin Smith and Travers Twiss, but there is a note that they were both removed on 4 July 1970. These letters must be **UC:E12/3/C2/4–5** below.

**UC:E12/3/C2/4** **20 Mar 1855**

Letter from Goldwin Smith to the Master of University College about the use of the income from the Leicester and Freeston estates (evidently in connection with evidence submitted to the University Commissioners). This was originally kept with **UC:E12/3/C2/3** above.

**UC:E12/3/C2/5** **14 Nov 1856**

Letter from Travers Twiss to the Master of University College, about the Freeston estates. This was originally kept with **UC:E12/3/C2/3** above.

**UC:E12/3/C2/6** **24 Jul 1856**

Copy of a letter from Frederick Plumptre to a Mr. W. Freeston expressing scepticism on his request to receive a Freeston Exhibition on the basis of Founder's Kin.

**UC:E12/3/C2/7** **2 & 18 Mar 1880 and 10 & 30 Dec 1887**

Envelope inscribed "Normanton Church", containing four letters to successive Bursars from W. Meredith Lane, Vicar of Normanton, concerning a proposal to move the tomb of John Freeston in the church, and concerning the future of Normanton School, in the light of Abbott, the schoolmaster there, being found dead at the bottom of his cellar steps. As well as these letters there is a plan, sent with the letter of 18 Mar 1880, of Normanton Church, measuring 320 by 200 mm (no scale given), drawn in pencil, with the existing position

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of Freeston's tomb coloured in red crayon, and its proposed new home (where it was in 2002, at least) in blue crayon.

**UC:E12/3/C3 - CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHARITY COMMISSION, 1855–1929****UC:E12/3/C3/1 6 Aug 1855 & 19 Jun 1886**

Opinion of Roundell Palmer on the income from the Freeston Charity, and a letter of 1886 referring to another opinion, from Mr. Rolt (now missing).

**UC:E12/3/C3/2 1856**

Case and Counsel's opinion on the Freeston estate, with regard to the legal position, powers, and responsibilities of University College with regard to it. The document has been annotated by Charles Faulkner, presumably in the 1880s.

**UC:E12/3/C3/3 13 Aug 1884**

Letter from the Charity Commission (annotated in an unknown hand) to the Master of University College proposing alterations to Wakefield Grammar School, and enclosing a draft printed scheme for the School.

**UC:E12/3/C3/4 12 Jul 1886–29 Mar 1887**

Correspondence and papers, all found in an old folder inscribed "Pamphlets", relating to the College's dealings with the Charity Commission concerning the uses of the Freeston Trust, in particular, its relationship with Normanton School. Items include a draft genealogy of the Freeston family [15 items]

**UC:E12/3/C3/5 19–30 Nov 1886**

Copy of the degree in Attorney General v. Drake, from 1833, with some accompanying correspondence, which shows that the case was being re-examined in the light of the College's dispute with the other beneficiaries of the Freeston Trust in the 1880s [4 items].

**UC:E12/3/C3/6 10 Dec 1886**

Letter from the Charity Commission to the Master of University College asking for copies of documents relating to the creation of John Freeston's trust in the 1590s in connection with Normanton Grammar School.

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- UC:E12/3/C3/7** **n.d. (1886)**  
Notes [2 sheets] made by Charles Faulkner on the money paid by the College to Normanton School in the late 16th and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- UC:E12/3/C3/8** **27 Jan–22 Dec 1887**  
Letters to Charles Fyffe and Charles Faulkner from the College solicitors concerning their attempts to find documents from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries relating to the Freeston bequest, both in London and in Oxford [5 items].
- UC:E12/3/C3/9** **19 Dec 1887**  
Letter from the Charity Commission declaring that the College must increase its payment to Normanton Grammar School out of the income from the Freeston Trust.
- UC:E12/3/C3/10** **21 Jan 1888**  
Notes made by Charles Faulkner for a College meeting on the income and outgoings of the Freeston estate in 1881/2, and the demands made by the Charity Commissioners for the College to increase its payments to the various Freeston charities.
- UC:E12/3/C3/11** **19 Jul 1889–27 Jan 1890**  
Copies of three letters between the Charity Commission and Charles Fyffe, discussing how much money the College should now pay to the other beneficiaries of John Freeston's Trust.
- UC:E12/3/C3/12** **25 Feb 1889–23 Jul 1893**  
Envelope inscribed by A. B. Poynton "Freeston: Negotiations with the Charity Commissioners before the scheme was settled, 1887–1891", containing notes and correspondence between the Charity Commissioners, the Master of University College, and Charles Fyffe and Arthur Dendy, Bursars of the College at this time, about the Freeston estate. Among the subjects discussed is the quit rent once paid to the Duchy of Lancaster, recent repairs carried out on the estates, and a list of the properties in their current state [18 items].
- UC:E12/3/C3/13** **29 Mar 1889–12 Feb 1891**  
Notes and copies of letters from Charles Fyffe to the Charity Commissioners on the Freeston Trust [4 items].

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- UC:E12/3/C3/14** 22 Jun 1891  
Letter from the Charity Commissioners to the Master of University College on the College's making a loan of £1000 towards building work at Normanton Grammar School.
- UC:E12/3/C3/15** 16 May 1893  
Scheme of the Charity Commission for Normanton Grammar School, the Freeston Charities, and Freeston and Sagar's Almhouses.
- UC:E12/3/C3/16** 6 Jan 1897  
Letter from the Charity Commission to University College on the proposal for the College to lend £1000 to the Governors of Normanton School for the erection of new school buildings.
- UC:E12/3/C3/17** 4 Mar 1898  
Printed order from the Charity Commission asking University College to pay £1000 for the purpose of erecting new school buildings at Normanton.
- UC:E12/3/C3/18** 2 May 1907  
Draft Scheme by the Charity Commissioners for Normanton Grammar School. [UC:E12/3/C3/18 & 20 were found in the same envelope as UC:E12/3/MS2/7]
- UC:E12/3/C3/19** 8 Nov 1907  
Scheme of the Charity Commission for Normanton Grammar School.
- UC:E12/3/C3/20** 14 Apr 1921  
List in A. B. Poynton's hand of stocks held by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries which were purchased when the College sold the Freeston estate. [UC:E12/3/C3/18 & 20 were found in the same envelope as UC:E12/3/MS2/7]
- UC:E12/3/C3/21** 4 May–27 Oct 1922  
Papers, including copies of the orders, relating to two Orders from the Charity Commission in relating to the Freeston Trust. The first one declares that, in return for a down payment of £3040 2s 10d in Consolidated Stock from University College to the Charity Commission, the College need no longer pay an annual rentcharge of £76 to Freeston and Sagar's Almhouses

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in Warmfield and Normanton, who will instead benefit from yearly dividends from this stock. The second one arranges for a similar payment of £160 from the College to extinguish a rentcharge of £4 on Wakefield Grammar School [6 items].

**UC:E12/3/C3/22****24 & 29 Jul 1923**

Letter from R. W. Macan to A. B. Poynton enclosing a letter from the Charity Commission concerning a proposed order to vest some property relating to Normanton School in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands.

**UC:E12/3/C3/23****7 Jan & 3 May 1929**

Two drafts, and one final version of the Charity Commission's scheme for the administration of Normanton Grammar School.

**UC:E12/3/L1 - PAPERS ABOUT A LAWSUIT AT KIRKTHORPE, 1829–1834**

**UC:E12/3/L1/1–6** were found bundled up in a wrapper inscribed "Drakes Case. Kirkthorp Hospit." They related to a legal dispute involving James Drake, the vicar of Warmfield, which concerned a question whether the possessions of the almshouse at Kirkthorpe which were in Drake's hands were being properly applied.

**UC:E12/3/L1/1****1829**

Abstract of documents dating from 1592–7 relating to the almshouses at Kirkthorpe.

**UC:E12/3/L1/2****1830**

A second abstract of documents dating from 1592–1622 relating to the almshouses at Kirkthorpe, which is much fuller and written in a much neater hand.

**UC:E12/3/L1/3****n.d. (1830/1?)**

Abstract of two documents dating from 1591 and 1595 concerning the Kirkthorpe almshouses.

**UC:E12/3/L1/4****n.d. (1830/1?)**

Summary of list of documents dating from 1592–1622 concerning the Kirkthorpe almshouses.

**UC:E12/3/L1/5****5 Jul 1830–23 Nov 1833**

Correspondence concerning a dispute between the Commissioners of Charities and James Drake, the vicar of

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Warmfield. The College was asked to provide information about the almshouses from its archives [8 items].

**UC:E12/3/L1/6** **2 Jul 1831**  
Summons to the Master and Fellows of University College to appear in the Court of Chancery.

**UC:E12/3/L1/7** **n.d. (after 1833)**  
Extract copied by F. C. Plumptre from a judgement in the case Attorney General v. Skinner's Company, of 1833, concerning the use to which the surplus from a charitable fund should be used.

**UC:E12/3/L1/8** **16 Nov 1833**  
Note of actions to take in the case of Attorney General v. Drake.

**UC:E12/3/L1/9** **12 Mar 1834**  
Copy of the minutes of a hearing before the Vice-Chancellor in the case of Attorney General v. Drake.

**UC:E12/3/N1 - COPIES OF AND EXTRACTS FROM JOHN FREESTON'S WILL**

**UC:E12/3/N1/1** **1828**  
Printed edition of the will of John Freeston, annotated by George Rowley.

**UC:E12/3/N1/2** **n.d. (Mid 19<sup>th</sup> cent.?)**  
Extract from John Freeston's will relating to the School at Normanton and the almshouse at Warmfield.

**UC:E12/3/N1/3** **13 Nov 1871**  
Extracts from John Freeston's will and related papers made by Charles Faulkner for the University Commissioners of 1872.

**UC:E12/3/F1 - FREESTON TRUST ESTATE RENTAL AND ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1892–1942**

**UC:E12/3/F1/1** **1892–1914**  
Freeston Trust Estate Rental and Account Book.

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**UC:E12/3/F1/2** **1914–1921**  
 Freeston Trust Estate Rental and Account Book. Most of this book is unused.

**UC:E12/3/F1/3** **1903–42**  
 Freeston Trust Account Book, 1903–42. After the sale of the greater part of the Freeston estates, this book gives accounts for the rents from those mining rights which the College did maintain. At the back of the book is typed list of the purchasers of the various pieces of the estate in 1920.

**UC:E12/3/F2 - FREESTON TRUST BANK ACCOUNT BOOK, 1890–1915**

**UC:E12/3/F2/1** **1890–1915**  
 Freeston Trust Bank Account Book.

**UC:FA12/3/F3 - MISCELLANEOUS BILLS, 1886–9**

**UC:E12/3/F3/1** **1886–9**  
 Solicitors' bill for University College in relation to the Freeston Trust, and the College's dispute with the Charity Commissioners.

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