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John Browne, from Marton, Yorkshire, came up to University College in May 1704, and was elected a scholar in November 1705. He was then elected a Skirlaw Fellow on 23 August 1711. As a Fellow, Browne held many of the major offices of the College, in particular acting as Bursar during the 1720s. During the great Mastership dispute at the College of the 1720s, when two Fellows both claimed to be Master, Browne supported Thomas Cockman, the ultimate victor.

In 1738 Brown was appointed Archdeacon of Northampton, and he resigned his Fellowship in February 1738/9. In 1745, however, he returned to University College on being elected Master. Brown remained Master, still retaining his archdeaconry, until his death on 7 August 1764. He had served as Vice-Chancellor from 1750–3. In addition to the preceding posts, Brown had also been vicar of Long Compton, Warks, for half a century, and in 1743 he was appointed a canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

Browne had prospered in his ecclesiastical career, and he remained a bachelor. On his death in 1764, therefore, Browne proved a major benefactor to his old College. Not only did he bequeath his extensive library to the College for the use of successive Masters, but he also left a house at 88 High Street Oxford (now the site of Durham Buildings) and some property at Great Marlow, Buckinghamshire, to trustees, both to endow new undergraduate scholarships, but also to augment the stipends of existing scholarships whose value had declined with time. Full details of how the money was to be spent are given at **UC:E23/W1/1** below.

Browne's library was installed in the Master's Lodgings, which were then situated on the east range of Radcliffe Quadrangle, and when the current Lodgings were built in the 1870s, the new dining room there was built specially to store the books and their shelves which were moved into there.

The properties bequeathed by Browne were subject to certain life interests, and the first payments for his scholarships, and the augmentation of other scholarships, only came into effect in 1781. Both properties were administered by a succession of trustees, and managed quite separately from the other properties of the College until 1882, when, after the last trustees had died, the properties were formally amalgamated with those of the College.

The house in Oxford became an inn known as the "Alfred's Head", and two small adjoining pieces of land owned by Magdalen College were leased out to the trustees. In 1867, however, the "Alfred's Head", was taken over the College and converted into student rooms, and renamed "University Hall". This building remained in use until the end of the 19th century, after which it was demolished and replaced by Durham Buildings. Some sixteenth-century panelling in one of the rooms, however, was salvaged and re-erected in the Senior Common Room. Documents on the later life of this building (including some plans of it), and on Durham Buildings, may be found at **UC:FA12**.

Meanwhile the property in Great Marlow was duly leased out. Some cottages had been let to the Overseers of the Poor, and used for the occupation of paupers, and were sold in 1831. The remaining properties, however, which became known as Burford Hill Farm, remained in College hands until they were all sold in 1925.

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The documents in this collection include almost no items relating to the properties before their acquisition by Browne. They then include deeds relating to the creation of new trustees, leases for the various properties, correspondence, financial papers, and some three drawings relating to a rebuilding of Burford Farm in the 1840s.

All the items in this collection were found in the archives during the stocktaking of July 1993, except for **UC:E23/D1/1**, **UC:E23/W1/1**, **UC:E23/D2/3–4**, **6–7**, **9–10** & **14–17**, and **UC:E23/C1/34**, which were transferred from the Estates Bursary in October 2017 as part of Accession No. 1292.

Further reading:

- E. Adams, ‘“To be esteemed and go with them as and in the manner of Heir looms”: a Preliminary Introduction to the Browne Collection’, *University College Record* Vol. XVI no. 1 (2011), pp. 88–95.
- R. Darwall-Smith, *A History of University College, Oxford* (Oxford, 2008), Chapters 11–12.

Catalogued in September 2019.

UC:E23/D1 - THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN GREAT MARLOW**UC:E23/D1/1****10 Nov 1755**

Release following (missing) Lease for a Year

Parties:

1. (a) George Harman, late of Eton, Bucks, and now of Uxbridge, Middx., Cooper.
(b) Elizabeth, wife of 1a.
(c) Susanna Fleetwood of New Windsor, Berks (1b and 1c are the only children and co-heirs of Richard Fleetwood, late of Great Marlow Bucks., Yeoman, who died intestate).
2. The Revd. John Browne, Master of University College, Oxford, DD.
Property: (1) Messuage or tenement formerly occupied by Richard Fleetwood and now by John Gibbons, Brewer, situated in Great Marlow, Bucks., near a lane called Dean Lane.
(2) A parcel of land containing 1 acre and 1 rood on part of which the said messuage was once built and now lying in the common field of Great Marlow, between Dean Lane on part of the west, and part of the land formerly belonging to Blunts Farm on part of the east.
(3) Five cottages or tenements being near Dean Lane and near adjoining the said message, formerly occupied by Richard Fleetwood, or William Redding, [blank] Coleshill, James Camplin and John Deane his tenants, and now or late of William Colsell, James Plumridge, Robert Osborne, William Johnson and [blank] White.
(4) Two cottages or tenements on the north side of Dean Close once occupied by Robert Deeley and George Penny, and now or lately by Thomas Weedon and William Johnson.

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(5) A small part of land containing a quarter of an acre adjoining the same two cottages.

(6) Two cottages or tenements in Dean Lane now occupied by William Former and Robert Harman, with the outhouses belonging.

(7) Several pieces of arable land containing 21 acres or so, lying dispersed in the common fields of Great Marlow, lately occupied by [blank] East and now by Richard Webb or his undertenants, as follows:

(i) 5 acres lies together near the said messuage in the common fields of Great Marlow, and were formerly the estate of Robert Fleetwood, decd., father of Richard Fleetwood, and given to Roger under the will of his father.

(ii) One half acre lies in the Great Common Field, abutting on the end of an orchard thereof, which land was formerly purchased by Roger Fleetwood of John Langley.

(iii) Five and a half acres are dispersed in several parts of the Great Common Field, as follows: one acre lies in the Upper Field, between the land once of Roger Fleetwood to the west and land formerly of Samuel Smith to the north; one and a half acres lying together in the Great Common Field, with land formerly of Jonathan Hammond on both sides; one acre in the Common Field, with land formerly of Roger Fleetwood to the east, and land formerly of Samuel Smith to the north; one and a half acres in the same Common Field, with land formerly of Jonathan Hammond on both sides; and a half acre in Chapel Field between lane formerly of Jonathan Hammond on one side and the Widow Element to the other. These five and half acres were formerly purchased by Roger Fleetwood of John Herne and others.

(iv) Ten acres of land are dispersed in the Great Common Field in the parish of Great Marlow.

All these properties were lately the freehold estate of Richard Fleetwood,

(8) Any other properties of 1 in Great Marlow.

Consideration: £510.

UC:E23/D1/2**n.d. (after 1755?)**

Abstract of title to lands at Great Marlow purchased by John Brown in 1755 from Thomas Petken.

UC:E23/D1/3**n.d. (19th cent.)**

Extract from **UC:E23/D1/1** above, setting out the properties in Great Marlow sold to John Browne.

UC:E23/W1 - THE WILL OF JOHN BROWNE**UC:E23/W1/1****11 Mar 1763**

Undated copy of the will of John Browne, DD., Master of University College. Among other bequests, he leased a messuage in the parish of St. Peter in the East to John Honchill and Richard Smith for their natural lives, and his estate at Great Marlow, Bucks., to his trustees, Francis Yarborough, DD, Principal of Brasenose College, William Gower, DD, Provost of Worcester College, and

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Thomas Walker, Gent., Town Clerk of Oxford. The trustees are to use the income from Browne's estate (subject to the life interests mentioned above) for the following purposes at University College:

To pay the senior Freeston Scholar £10 a year to augment his stipend.
 To pay the two junior Freeston Scholars £15 a year between them to augment their stipends.
 To pay the two Brown Scholars £17 8s a year each to augment their stipends.
 To pay the Hunt Scholar £15 a year to augment his stipend.
 To create two new Scholarships called Dr. John Browne's Scholars, open to "natives of the County of York", each worth £20 a year.
 To pay the Bursar of the College £5 a year to administer the above moneys.
 To pay the residue of the annual income from his estates to the Master and Fellows of University College to the use of the College.
 He also bequeaths to the Master and Fellows of University College his collection of books in the Master's Lodgings to be used and enjoyed by the Master of the College for the time being, and to be kept in the Lodgings "in the nature of Heir looms".

UC:E23/W1/2**n.d. (1830s?)**

A second copy of the will of John Browne, annotated, with some of the notes in the hand of Frederick Plumptre (M. 1836–70).

UC:E23/D2 - DEEDS RELATING TO THE CREATION OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR THE BROWNE TRUST

It was usually the custom that at least two of the Browne Trustees should be heads of College, and, from 1770, that one of them should be the current Master of University College. It also became the custom that the third trustee should be a solicitor, and for much of the first half of the nineteenth century one of the members of the Walsh family performed that role.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** Fol. 16v is a copy of a deed dated 1 May 1770 which records that Francis Yarborough is now dead, and that Nathan Wetherell, DD, Master of University College, has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** Fol. 32r–33v is a copy of a deed dated 1 Aug 1777 which records that William Gower is now dead, and that George Horne, DD, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and President of Magdalen College, has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 69r–69v is a copy of a deed dated 9 Jul 1791 which records that George Horne is now dead, and that John Cooke, DD, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and President of Corpus Christi College, has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 89r–89v is a copy of a deed dated 26 Apr 1804 which records that Thomas Walker is now dead, and that Pierce Walsh of Oxford, gent., has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

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At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 105r–105v is a copy of a deed dated 22 Jan 1808 which records that Nathan Wetherell is now dead, and that James Griffith, Master of University College, has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 108v–108r is a copy of a deed dated 26 Jul 1809, which records that Pierce Walsh is now dead, and that Percival Walsh of Oxford, gent., has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

On **UC:E23/F1/2** pp. 21–2 is a copy of a deed dated 28 May 1821 which records that James Griffith is now dead, and that George Williams, MD, Professor of Botany at Oxford, has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

On **UC:E23/F1/2** pp. 27–8 is a copy of a deed dated 1 March 1823, which records that John Cooke is now dead, and that George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, has been appointed a Trustee in his stead.

UC:E12/D2/1–2 **1829**

Two copies of a draft instruction to create new trustees for Dr. Browne's Trust, following the death of previous trustees.

UC:E23/D2/3 **28 Sep 1830**

Lease for a Year

Parties:

1. The Hon. Henry Walker of Hurley, Berks.
2. (a) George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, DM, Processor of Botany.
(c) Percival Walsh of Oxford, Gent.

Property: A messuage or tenement in St. Peter the East, Oxford, once occupied by James Kemp and now by Mary Bulley, Widow (except for a small parcel of land leased to 1 and 2 by Magdalen College); and lands at Great Marlow, Bucks., as set out in a schedule on the deed.

Consideration: 5s.

UC:E23/D2/4 **29 Sep 1830**

Release following Lease for a Year

Parties & Property:

1. The Hon. Henry Walker of Hurley, Berks.
2. (a) George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, DM, Processor of Botany.
(c) Percival Walsh of Oxford, Gent.

Property: All as in **UC:E23/D2/3** above.

Consideration: None.

Comments: 1, the heir of the last surviving Trustee appointed under the will of John Browne, appoints 2 as the new Trustees for Browne's estates.

UC:E23/D2/5 **13 Feb 1834**

Appointment of New Trustee

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1. (a) Revd. George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent.

2. Revd. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.

Comments: George Williams, one of the trustees of Dr. John Browne's estates, died on 17 January 1834. 1 (a) and (b), the two remaining trustees, appoint 2 to become a new trustee with them.

UC:E23/D2/6**14 Feb 1834**

Lease for a Year

Parties:

1. (a) George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) Percival Walsh of Oxford, Gent.

2. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.

Property: All as in **UC:E23/D2/3** above.

Consideration: 5s.

UC:E23/D2/7**15 Feb 1834**

Release following Lease for a Year

Parties & Property: All as in **UC:E23/D2/6** above.

Consideration: None.

Comments: George Williams, one of Dr. Browne's Trustees, has died, and so 1, the surviving Trustees, appoint 2 as his replacement.

UC:E23/D2/8**31 Oct 1836**

Appointment of New Trustee

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.
(b) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent.

2. Revd. Frederick Charles Plumtre, MS, Master of University College.

Comments: George Rowley, one of the trustees of Dr. John Browne's estates, died on 5 October 1836. 1 (a) and (b), the two remaining trustees, appoint 2 to become a new trustee with them.

UC:E23/D2/9**30 Aug 1837**

Lease for a Year

Parties:

1. (a) John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.
(b) Percival Walsh of Oxford, Gent.

2. Frederick Charles Plumtre, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.

Property: All as in **UC:E23/D2/3** above.

Consideration: 5s.

UC:E23/D2/10**31 Aug 1837**

Release following Lease for a Year

Parties & Property: All as in **UC:E23/D2/9** above.

Consideration: None.

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Comments: George Rowley, one of Dr. Browne's Trustees, has died, and so 1, the surviving Trustees, appoint 2 as his replacement.

UC:E23/D2/11 **n.d. (Late 19th cent.?)**
Summaries of deeds relating to the Browne estates made between 1770 and 1784.

UC:E23/D2/12 **1877–8**
Accounts and legal opinion relating to proposals to extinguish Dr. Browne's Trust and vest its assets in the College. [3 items]

UC:E23/D2/13 **19 Oct 1882**
Record of the conveyance to University College of £3173 2s 3d in consols from the estate of Dr. Browne's Trust Estate, as part of the transfer of the trust's assets to the College.

UC:E23/D2/14 **Nov 1882**
Notes [3 sheets] by Charles Faulkner on the names of Dr. Browne's Trustees from 1762. They suggest that Frederick Plumptre, appointed in 1836, was the last Trustee appointed.

UC:E23/D2/15 **Nov 1882**
Bundle, assembled and pinned together by Charles Faulkner, of documents (mainly extracts from parish registers) recording the dates of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths of Frederick Plumptre and his ancestors. These documents are confirmed as correct in **UC:E23/D2/16** below.

UC:E23/D2/16 **18 Dec 1882**
Statutory declaration by Maria Frances Hodgkinson of 57 Banbury Road, Oxford. Hodgkinson's mother was a sister of Frederick Plumptre, and her declaration concerns the members of Plumptre's family, to prove that her cousin Charles John Plumptre is the senior male relative to Frederick Plumptre. She also confirms the correctness of the documents in **UC:E23/D2/15** above.

UC:E23/D2/17 **20 Dec 1882**
Conveyance
Parties:
1. Charles John Plumptre of 36 Hamilton Terrace, St. Johns Wood, Middx., Esq.
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
Property: A messuage or tenement formerly called "The Alfred's Head" Inn, and the other messuage belonging on the west side, situated on the High Street, Oxford, and now occupied by 2 and used as a Hall for students; also a farm in Great Marlow, Bucks., known as Burfords Farm, as set out on a schedule on the deed. The deed also includes plans of both properties.
Consideration: None.

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Comments: Frederick Charles Plumptre, the last surviving Trustee for Dr. Browne's estates, died in 1870, without making any provisions for future Trustees. 1 is his nephew and heir at law. The statutes drawn up for University College in 1881 agreed that these properties should form part of the general corporate property of the College, and so 1 now transfers these lands to 2.

UC:E23/D3 - LEASES RELATING TO THE ALFRED'S HEAD, OXFORD (THE SITE OF DURHAM BUILDINGS)

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 33v–33r is a copy of a Memorandum of Agreement dated 21 July 1777 between the Browne Trustees and Richard Whiting of Oxford, Coachmaster, in which he is leased the property in Oxford for 1 year at a rent of £50. There is a copy of an accompanying bond for this lease on fols. 34r–34r.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 43r–44v is a copy of a lease dated 10 February 1781 between the Browne Trustees and Richard Whiting (as above), of the Oxford property for 21 years, at a rent of £50 a year. There is a copy of an accompanying bond for this lease on fols. 45r–45v.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 92r–94r is a copy of a lease dated 21 July 1804 between the Browne Trustees and Tilleman Hodgkinson Bobart of Oxford, Coachmaster, of the Oxford property, now called the Alfred's Head, for 12 years, at a rent of £65 as year.

On **UC:E23/F1/2** pp. 7–11 is a copy of a lease dated 24 Jun 1816 between the Browne Trustees and William Bulley of Oxford, Innholder, of the Alfreds Head, for 14 years at an annual rent of £105.

UC:E23/D3/1**24 Jun 1823**

Lease for 7 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, MD, Professor in Botany at Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. William Bulley of Oxford, Gent.

Property: A property usually called the Alfred's Head Inn, and the other messuage on the west side, with stables and outbuildings, all of which are on the High Street in the parish of St. Peter in the East, Oxford, and are currently occupied by 2.

Rent: £140 a year.

UC:E23/D3/2**June 1830**

Draft Agreement for Lease

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, MD, Professor in Botany at Oxford.

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(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).

2. Samuel White of Oxford, Carpenter.

Property: The Alfred's Head, as in **UC:E23/D3/1** above.

Comments: 1 agrees to draw up a lease on the above property for 2 on a yearly tenancy, at an annual rent of £140.

UC:E23/D3/3**1 Jul 1830**

Agreement for Lease on a Yearly basis

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, MD, Professor in Botany at Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. Samuel White of Oxford, Carpenter.

Property: The Alfred's Head, as in **UC:E23/D3/1** above.

Consideration: A rent of £140 a year.

UC:E23/D3/4**10 Aug 1847**

Lease for 7 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. Frederick Charles Plumtre, MS, Master of University College.
(b) Revd. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent.
2. William Cattle of Oxford, Manciple of Magdalen College.

Property: All as in **UC:E23/D3/1** above, save that the properties are now occupied by Mrs. White, widow (first name left blank).

Rent: £135 a year.

UC:E23/D3/5**28 Apr 1863**

Lease for a Yearly Tenancy

Parties:

1. Revd. Frederick Charles Plumtre, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and surviving trustee of Dr. John Browne.
2. Florentina Duprez and Zellia Duprez, both of Oxford, Milliners and Dress Makers.
3. Isaac King of St. Giles, Oxford, Gent.

Property: The Alfred's Head Inn, and the other message belonging to it on the west side, with stables and outbuildings, all in the High Street in the parish of St. Peter in the East, Oxford, lately occupied by Mrs. Cattle, Widow.

Rent: £140 a year.

Comments: 2 will be the new tenants of the property; 3 is acting as surety for them.

In 1867 University College took over the Alfred's Head, and converted it into student accommodation.

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Magdalen owned Bostar Hall, the property adjoining 88 High Street (which University College purchased at the end of the 19th century), and leased Dr. Browne's Trustees a couple of pieces from it which adjoined the Trustees' property.

UC:E23/D4/1**6 Dec 1810**

Lease for 40 Years

Parties:

1. Revd. Martin Routh, DD, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same
2. (a) Revd. James Cooke, DD, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
(b) Revd. James Griffith, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (2a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).

Property: (1) A little parcel of garden ground in the parish of St. Peter in the East, lying in between the lane leading to Alban Hall upon the west, a garden of 1 formerly occupied by William Day to the east, an orchard of 1 formerly occupied by William Day to the south, and a garden formerly in the tenure of Peter Elliott, MD, to the north. This measures 28 yards in length and 12 yards in breadth. (2) Another parcel of ground measuring 5 yards 1 foot 10 inches in length, bounding eastward in the tenement once of William Day, of which one half to the north is 4 feet wide, and the other half to the south is 2 foot wide. These two parcels were once in the tenure of John Butler, Gent., and since in the tenure of William Louth, LLD, whereupon Richard Slithurst, MD, decd., by the consent of 1 on the one plot enlarged his garden ground and on the other extended the back of a pair of winding stairs and the back of a chimney.

Rent: 22d a year for the first 26 years of the tenancy, and then £2 8s for the remaining 14 years.

UC:E23/D4/2**6 Dec 1838**

Lease for 40 Years

Parties:

1. Revd. Martin Routh, DD, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same
2. (a) Revd. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.
(b) Revd. Frederick Charles Plumtre, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (2a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).

Property: Two parcels of ground as in **UC:E23/D4/1** above, now as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed.

Rent: A payment of £41 8s, and an annual rent of £2 8s.

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Lease for 40 Years

Parties:

1. Revd. Martin Routh, DD, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same
2. (a) Revd. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.
(b) Revd. Frederick Charles Plumptre, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (2a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).

Property: Two parcels of ground as in **UC:E23/D4/1** above, as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed.**Rent:** A payment of £5 8s, and an annual rent of £2 8s.**UC:E23/D4/4****6 Dec 1862**

Lease for 40 Years

Parties:

1. Revd. Frederic Bulley, DD, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Fellows of the same
2. Revd. Frederick Charles Plumptre, DD, Master of University College, Oxford, and surviving trustee of Dr. John Browne.

Property: Two parcels of ground as in **UC:E23/D4/1** above, as depicted on a plan drawn on the deed.**Rent:** A payment of £31 13s, and an annual rent of £2 8s.**UC:E23/D4/5****6 Dec 1862**

Copy of **UC:E23/D4/4** , annotated by Charles Faulkner. He describes the two small pieces of land as being "2 little bits of land on which stand the *chimney* and corkscrew staircase of "University Hall", which bulge slightly towards the East."

UC:E23/D5 - LEASES RELATING TO VARIOUS COTTAGES IN GREAT MARLOW**UC:E23/D5/1****14 Jan 1767**

Lease for 20 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. Francis Yarborough, DD, Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford.
(b) Revd. William Gower, DD, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford.
(c) Thomas Walker, Gent., Clerk of the City of Oxford (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. James Carter of Great Marlow, Bucks., Carpenter.

Property: Several messuages, cottages and tenements (unspecified) in Great Marlow, now or lately occupied by James Wigg, Thomas Green, John Dean, Abbot Perry, William Coleshill Sr., Duke Smith, James Barnett, William Coleshill Jr, John Price, William Dormer Mason, William Coleshill Jr (*sic*),Archivist: Dr Robin Darwall-Smith E: Robin.Darwall-Smith@univ.ox.ac.uk T: +44 (0)1865 276 952

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John Price, William Dormer Mason, John West, Thomas Petkin, and Thomas Frith, with all lands attached.

Rent: £20 a year.

UC:E23/D5/2 **14 Jan 1767**

Counterpart of **UC:E23/D5/1** above.

UC:E23/D5/3 **17 Feb 1778**

Lease for 21 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Thomas Walker of New Woodstock, Oxon, Esq.
(b) Nathan Wetherell, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(c) George Horne, DD, Vice-Chancellor and President of Magdalen College, Oxford (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. Luke Medwin of Great Marlow, Bucks., Woollen Draper.

Property: All as in **UC:E23/D5/1** above.

Rent: £13 2s a year.

Comments: Attached to these deed are two documents relating to the transfer of this land to a Mr. Hayward on the death of Luke Medwin in 1783/4.

On **UC:E23/F1/2** pp. 53-6 is a copy of the following Conveyance, dated 4 Jun 1831:

Parties:

1. (a) George Rowley, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, DM, Professor of Botany.
(c) Percival Walsh of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are the Trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. The Commissioners appointed to direct and approve sales made by any corporate bodies.
3. Richard Webb of Marlow, Bucks., Yeoman.

Property: (1) Several messuages and tenements in Great Marlow, lately rented by the Overseers of the Poor at Great Marlow, and now or lately occupied by Joseph Smith, Sarah Percy, William Heather, John Johnson, George Carr, and others including the Parish School of Industry, John Badger, Joseph Keep, Richard Harman, Thomas Easley, Widow Archer, and Absolom Martin, Henry Crew, Frances Price, Widow, Widow Hicks, Peter Brown, William Rance, Richard Wood and John Goldswain.

(2) A cottage and garden in Gun Land, Marlow, now or lately rented by the said Overseers, and occupied by Thomas Bowles and Mary Beck.

(3) A Barn with yard adjoining now or lately occupied by James East.

(4) A strip piece or parcel of land lying behind and adjoining the same cottages, and abutting and adjoining the Bridge Orchard, containing 1 rood and 7 perches.

(5) A cottage and tenant and garden formerly occupied by Mr. Oxlade, but now as the turnpike house at Well End, Great Marlow.

Consideration: £200 from 3 to 2.

Comments: 1 sell the above property to 3.

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Lease for 21 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. William Gower, DD, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford.
(b) Thomas Walker of Woodstock, Oxon, Esq.
(c) Nathan Wetherell, DD, Master of University College, Oxford (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. Luke Medwin of Great Marlow, Bucks., Woollen Draper.

Property: The following pieces of land:

- (1) Hunts Hill Wood, Calves Coppice and Long Field Hockett, which comprise 16 acres and 36 poles, and are situated in Great Marlow.
- (2) Old Witches and Whitehill Wood, the further and hither Hatches, and Curvers Field Hockett, which comprise 47 acres and 26 poles, and are in Great Marlow.
- (3) 2 and a half acres in Great Marlow Field, heretofore Fleetwoods, and known as the hedge piece.
- (4) 1 other acre adjoining the same known as Petkins.
- (5) A half acre of ground at Great Marlow now planted with fruit trees adjoining the Bridge Orchard.
- (6) Several pieces of land comprising 4 acres 3 roods and 6 poles, known as the Piddles, in Great Marlow, and situated in or near Old Witches and Whitehall Wood,
- (7) Other pieces of land comprising 1 acre, 2 roods, and 28 poles, now known as the Piddles, in Great Marlow, situated in or near the further and hither Hatches and Curwens Field Hatches.

All these properties were once part of the property of John Browne, and are now occupied by 2.

Rent: £13 2s a year.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 97r–99v is a copy of a lease dated 15 Dec 1806 between the Browne Trustees and Owen Williams of Temple House, Bisham, Berks., Esq., of the Great Marlow properties as set out in 1771, as well as unspecified cottages which are now occupied by the Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Great Marlow, for 21 Years, at a rent of £80 a year.

UC:E23/D7 - LEASES RELATING TO BURFORD FARM (LATER RED BARN FARM), GREAT MARLOW**UC:E23/D7/1****10 Jul 1784**

Lease for 21 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Thomas Walker of New Woodstock, Oxon, Esq.
(b) Nathan Wetherell, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(c) George Horne, DD, President of Magdalen College, Oxford (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. Richard Hayward of Henley upon Thames, Oxon., Brewer.

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Property: The following properties:

- (1) Various messuages, cottages and tenements in Great Marlow now or lately occupied by Mr. Oxlade, Thomas Howse, John Price, George Perry, James Wigginton, Joseph Hibbard, Edward Stroud, the widow Perry, Thomas Green, Thomas Webb, Thomas Edwards, John West, and James Cater.
- (2) Hunts Hill Wood, Calves Coppice and Long Field Hockett, which comprise 16 acres and 36 perches, and are situated in Great Marlow.
- (3) Old Witches and Whitehill Wood, the further and hither Hatches, and Curversfield Hockett, which comprise 47 acres and 26 perches, and are in Great Marlow.
- (4) 2 and a half acres in Great Marlow Field, heretofore Fleetwoods, and known as the Hedge Piece.
- (5) 1 other acre adjoining the same known as Petkins.
- (6) A half acre of ground at Great Marlow now planted with fruit trees adjoining the Bridge Orchard.
- (7) Several pieces of land comprising 4 acres 3 roods and 6 perches, known as the Piddles, in Great Marlow, and situated in or near Old Witches and Whitehall Wood,
- (7) Other pieces of land comprising 1 acre, 2 roods, and 28 perches, now known as the Piddles, in Great Marlow, situated in or near the further and hither Hatches and Curwens Field Hatches.

All these properties were once part of the property of John Browne, and are now occupied by 2.

Rent: A payment of £30, and an annual rent of £23 2s. 2 is also to pay an extra rent of £10 a year for every acre of land dug up for tillage.

UC:E23/D7/2**2 Nov 1791**

Copy of Assignment of Lease

Parties:

1. Richard Hayward of Henley upon Thames, Oxon., Esq.
2. Thomas Williams of Temple House, Berks., Esq.

Property: All as in **UC:E23/D7/1** above.

Consideration: £676.

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

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 102r–103r is a copy of an agreement dated 3 Oct 1807 between the Browne Trustees and James Webb of Great Marlow, Bucks., Yeoman, and Thomas Rolls of the same, Draper, whereby the Trustees lease to Webb and Rolls a messuage at Marlow Bottom with orchard and outbuildings, and closes of enclosed land, and pieces of land in the common fields of Great Marlow, containing about 180 acres (with certain specified rights reserved to the landlords), for 1 year at an annual rent of £150.

At **UC:E23/F1/1** fols. 104r–104v is a copy of an agreement dated 28 Oct 1807 between the Browne Trustees and Richard Webb of Great Marlow, Bucks., Yeoman, whereby the Trustees lease to Webb some unspecified parcels of land in the common fields of Great Marlow amounting to 29 acres, now occupied by Webb (with certain specified rights reserved to the landlords), for 1 year at an annual rent of £35.

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Lease for 13 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. James Cooke, DD, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
(b) Revd. James Griffith, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. Richard Webb of Great Marlow, Bucks., Yeoman.

Property: (1) A farm house with barns, outhouses and other buildings; several closes or enclosed grounds of arable meadow and pasture; and several pieces of land situated in the open fields of Marlow Bottom in the parish of Great Marlow; all which buildings and lands occupy 177 acres, 3 roods and 28 perches, and were once occupied by James Webb and Thomas Rolls.

(2) Several pieces of land in the open fields of Great Marlow comprising 25 acres, 1 rood and 28 perches, as now occupied by 2. (Certain specified rights are reserved to 1).

Rent: £330 a year, with an extra £20 a year for every acre of land dug up for tillage, and an extra £10 a year for every acre of land if more than one-third of the land is sown with wheat and more than one-third of the land sown with barley and oats.

UC:E23/D7/4**29 Sep 1820**

Lease for 12 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. James Griffith, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.
(b) George Williams, MD, Professor in Botany at Oxford.
(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).
2. Richard Webb of Great Marlow, Bucks., Yeoman.

Property: Farmhouse and lands at Great Marlow, as specified on a schedule at the end of the deed (with mineral, woodland, and other rights reserved to 1).

Rent: £260 a year, with an extra £50 a year for every acre of land dug up for tillage.

UC:E23/D7/5**8 Aug 1825**

Terms for letting a farm at Marlow, now occupied by Richard Webb.

UC:E23/D7/6**29 Sep 1838**

Lease for 12 Years

Parties:

1. (a) Revd. John Fox, DD, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.
(b) Revd. Frederick Charles Plumtre, DD, Master of University College, Oxford.

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(c) Percival Walsh of the City of Oxford, Gent. (1a–c are trustees of Dr. John Browne).

2. (a) James Webb of Marlow Bottom, Bucks., Yeoman.

(b) David Webb of the same, Yeoman.

Property: Farmhouse and lands at Great Marlow, as specified on a schedule at the end of the deed (with mineral, woodland, and other rights reserved to 1).

Rent: £260 a year, with an extra £50 a year for every acre of land dug up for tillage.

UC:E23/D7/7**21 Mar 1854**

Notice to Thomas Brangwin to quit Burford Farm, Great Marlow.

UC:E23/D7/8**1865**

Instructions for Agreement.

Parties:

1. Dr. Browne's Trustees (unnamed).

2. H. J. Proctor.

Property: Burford Farm, Great Marlow, as set out in a schedule written on the document.

Comments: 1 agrees to lease the above property to 2 for two years from Michaelmas 1865, for an annual rent of £260.

UC:E23/D7/9**1865**

A copy of **UC:E23/D7/8**.

UC:E23/D7/10**25 Sep 1875**

Copy of agreement between Thomas Wethered and William Curtis, for Wethered to sublet Burford Farm to Curtis for 7 years, at a rent of £188 a year.

UC:E23/D7/11**26 May 1877**

Agreement

Parties:

1. The Master and Senior Bursar of University College, Oxford.

2. Thomas Owen Wethered, Esq., MP.

Comments: The two parties come to certain agreements, as follows:

(1) 2's tenancy of Burford Farm and other properties at Great Marlow are held to have terminated at Michaelmas 1875.

(2) 2 will begin a new tenancy as from Michaelmas 1875, subject to certain specified conditions on the size of the rent and the use of the woodlands.

(3) 1 agrees to make certain specified reimbursements to 2.

UC:E23/D7/12–14 were found in an envelope labelled "Deeds and documents relating to the grant of a right of way to properties situate at Great Marlow Bucks."

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Abstract of title of Thomas Owen Wethered to a right of way near Dean Street, Great Marlow.

UC:E23/D7/13**27 Jan 1890**

Contract

Parties:

1. Thomas Owen Wethered of Remnantz, Great Marlow, Bucks., Esq.
2. Charles Allan Fyffe, Bursar of University College, Esq.

Property: A right of way (as shown on a map attached to the deed) leading from Dean Street, Great Marlow, to property of 1.

Consideration: £100.

Comments: 2 agrees to sell the above right of way to 1.

UC:E23/D7/14**14 Mar 1890**

Grant

Parties:

1. Thomas Owen Wethered (as in ½ above).
2. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.

Property: A right of way (as shown on a map attached to the deed) leading from Dean Street, Great Marlow, to property of 1.

Consideration: £100.

UC:E23/D7/15**22 Apr 1919**

Lease for a Yearly Tenancy

Parties:

1. The Master and Fellows of University College, Oxford.
2. Nicholas White of Great Marlow, Bucks.

Property: Red Barn Farm, Marlow.

Rent: £60 a year.

UC:EB1/A1/7 pp. 409–11 is a copy of a deed dated 10 Oct 1925, whereby the College sells to Lydia West White, the wife of John White, of “Kiama”, Marlow, Bucks, Contractor, for £400 a piece of land in Marlow, with a frontage on the south side to the Wethered Road, bounded to the west partly by the read leading from Marlow to Land End and partly by cottages fronting onto Dean Street, and on the north partly by property of the College and partly by property of Henry James Norman Layton, and on the east partly by property of Layton and partly by property belonging to the Manages of the Marlow Church of England Boys School (as shown on an attached map).

UC:EB1/A1/7 pp. 411–12 is a copy of a deed dated 10 Oct 1925, whereby the College sells to Leonard Rupert Nash of Leighton House, Marlow, Solicitor for £1300 land containing 29 acres and 1 rood, situated at Marlow, bounded to the north east partly by Newton Road, on the north west partly by a road leading from Marlow to Bourne End, and on the south east by Dedmere Road, as shown on a (lost) plan.

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UC:EB1/A1/7 pp. 412–14 is a copy of a deed dated 31 Oct 1925, whereby the College sells to Alfred Charles Dean of 213 West Wycombe Road, Hugh Wycombe, Bucks., Builder, for £1200 a farm known as New Barn Farm (as described on a schedule at the bottom of the deed).

UC:EB1/A1/7 pp. 414–15 is a copy of a deed dated 10 Oct 1925 whereby the College sells to Thomas Allen of 116 Dean Street, Marlow, Dealer, for £300 a parcel of land in Marlow with a frontage on the east side to the highway leading from Marlow to Land End, and a frontage on the west side to Berwick Road, and abutting on the north side to a footpath, which land comprises 1 acre 2 roods and 11 perches, as shown on a (lost) plan.

UC:E23/F1 - ACCOUNT BOOKS RELATING TO THE BROWNE TRUST**UC:E23/F1/1** **1764–1813**

Account book kept by the Trustees of Dr. Browne. A copy of Browne's will is on fols. 1r–3v. Each year's accounts comprises a rental of the properties, (with the names of the tenants), with the income and the expenditure for that year.

The book also includes copies of deeds relating to the Browne Trustees' estates and the management of the trust. Where no other copy of a deed survives, a summary is given in the relevant place.

UC:E23/F1/2 **1813–82**

Account book kept by the Trustees of Dr. Browne. In 1882, the trust is wound up, and the moneys and lands owned by it are transferred to University College (see **UC:E23/D2/13–17**). As with **UC:E23/F1/1** above, this book also includes copies of deeds relating to the Browne Trustees' estates and the management of the trust. Where no other copy of a deed survives, a summary is given in the relevant place.

The last accounts to be signed by Percival Walsh are those for 1852. Pages 145–56 are left blank, but there is no gap in the sequence of accounts. Presumably a lease or other deed was going to be copied out here. The last accounts signed by Frederick Plumptre are those for 1869. On his death in 1870, there were no surviving Browne Trustees left, and the accounts are signed for by Charles Faulkner, the then Senior Bursar of University College.

On pp. 208–11 is a copy of a general statement dated 1877 of arrangements made for administering the Browne Trust in the absence of any legally qualified Trustees.

The last entry in the book is on pp. 219–20. The remaining pages are all blank.

UC:E23/F1/3 **1779–1813**

Book titled on one cover "Surplus of Dr. Browne's Estate: The Account beginning with the year 1781", and on the other, "Redeemed Land Tax (1799) Account". The first section reports on how the money from the surplus was

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invested in annuities, but there are no entries after 1812. After several black pages is a record of miscellaneous payments from 1782–6.

The other section starts by recording receipts from Fabric Money for 1779–82; some pages are then torn out; and there is a record of accounts for the redemption of land tax on Marks Hall, “The Principality” (an alternative name for Deep Hall), Edgioc, Handley Park, Lozengrove (part of the College’s property at Hailey, Oxon.), “Whitehouse” (occupied by Colcutt; i.e. Eastwick Farm), and Halse’s House (unidentified). This records between 1799 and 1813 how the money which would have been spent on land tax is now spent.

After several pages is a section of accounts headed “Balances due to the Treasury”, from 1781/2–1793/4. This among other things records the moneys received from the Linton, Lodge, Edgioc, and Browne accounts, and Fabric Money. It also records payments made, including to the incumbents of some College livings, mainly Headbourne Worthy and Arncliffe, to supplement their income.

Almost all the book, however, is unused.

UC:E23/F2 - MISCELLANEOUS BILLS AND ACCOUNTS RELATING TO THE BROWNE TRUST PROPERTIES

These bills and accounts were found either as single items or else tied up in separate bundles. As with the letters at **UC:E23/C1** below, the decision was taken to leave these papers exactly as they were found, and not move any items between bundles. As with the letters about the Browne Estates, many of these papers appear to emanate from Percival Walsh, the solicitor who was a Browne Trustee from 1809 until his death in the mid-1840s. The papers presumably made their way back to the College after his death.

UC:E23/F2/1**Nov 1821–Sep 1826**

Bundle of accounts, bills, and other financial papers relating to Dr. Browne’s properties in both Great Marlow and in Oxford. These include particulars of the Great Marlow estate, and detailed bills for building work on the Alfred’s Head. [33 items]

UC:E23/F2/2**Sep 1825–Oct 1828**

Bundle of accounts, bills, and other financial papers relating to Dr. Browne’s properties in both Great Marlow and in Oxford. [20 items]

UC:E23/F2/3**Jan 1827–June 1830**

Bundle of accounts, bills, and other financial papers relating to Dr. Browne’s properties in both Great Marlow and in Oxford. [18 items]

UC:E23/F2/4**7 Oct 1826**

Estimate for repairs to be carried out on some cottages at Great Marlow.

UC:E23/F2/5**1829**

Bills relating to repairs carried out on property in Marlow. [8 items]

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- UC:E23/F2/6** **Jul 1829–Oct 1837**
 Bundle of accounts and bills on many subjects (including some substantial building work on the Alfred's Head) relating to Dr. Browne's properties in both Great Marlow and Oxford. [53 items]
- UC:E23/F2/7** **Dec 1830–Jan 1831**
 Certificate, with related papers pasted onto it, for the redemption of Land Tax on the Alfred's Head, Oxford.
- UC:E23/F2/8** **Aug 1832–Aug 1835 & Jan 1857**
 Bundle of accounts and bills relating to Dr. Browne's properties in both Great Marlow and Oxford. [16 items]
- UC:E23/F2/9** **1833**
 Bills relating to repairs carried out on property in Marlow [10 items]
- UC:E23/F2/10** **Jan 1838–Nov 1840 & Sep 1849**
 Bundle of financial papers relating to Dr. Browne's properties in both Great Marlow and Oxford, including accounts, invoices and receipts, the cost of a valuation of the Great Marlow property. [34 items]
- UC:E23/F2/11** **May 1840–Nov 1843**
 Bundle of accounts, bills, and other financial papers relating to Dr. Browne's properties in both Great Marlow. They include specifications for repair work at Burford Farm, and a poster advertising an auction for the sale of timber at Great Marlow. [24 items]
- UC:E23/F2/12** **28 Aug 1841**
 Detailed specifications for repairs to be carried out on Burford Farm, Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F2/13** **May 1843**
 Bill for building work carried out at Burford Farm, Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F2/14** **16 Jun 1843**
 Specification and estimate for repair work to be carried out at Burford Farm, Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F2/15** **3 Jul 1844**
 Receipted bill for repair work to be carried out at Burford Farm, Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F2/16** **15 Mar 1845**
 Receipted bill for repairs carried out on the Browne Trustees building in High Street, Oxford. [2 items]

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- UC:E23/F2/17** **24 Jun 1858**
Estimate for building a barn and other works at Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F2/18** **Oct 1858**
Specifications and an elevation for erecting a shed and carrying out other work at Great Marlow and Marlow Bottom [3 items]
- UC:E23/F2/19** **8 Sep 1862**
Estimate for repairs to be carried out on a house in Oxford, formerly the Alfred's Head.
- UC:E23/F2/20** **22 Jun 1863**
Specifications of repairs to be carried out on 88 High Street, Oxford.
- UC:E23/F2/21** **1877**
General statement and account of rent for Dr. Browne's Trust for 1876/7
- UC:E23/F2/22** **1877**
Accounts for Burford Farm, Marlow, for the half year to Michaelmas 1877. Enclosed with it are receipts for payments of tithes.
- UC:E23/F2/23** **Jan 1878**
3 papers on poor rates to be charged on woodlands at Great Marlow for 1875–7.
- UC:E23/F2/24** **1878**
Bundle of bills and accounts for repairs carried out on the Browne Trustees' estate at Marlow.
- UC:E23/F2/25** **1878**
Statement of accounts for Dr. Browne's Estate for 1877/8.
- UC:E23/F2/26** **1879**
Accounts for Dr. Browne's Trust for 1878/9 [3 items].
- UC:E23/F2/27** **1881**
Statement of accounts for Dr. Browne's Estate for 1880/1, with some supplementary material, including a statement of the College's account with Thomas Wethered.
- UC:E23/F2/28** **1882**
Statement of accounts for Dr. Browne's Estate for 1881/2.

UC:E23/F3 - VALUATIONS OF THE BROWNE TRUST PROPERTIES

- UC:E23/F3/1** **June 1813**
Valuation of the estate at Great Marlow.

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- UC:E23/F3/2** **June 1813**
Valuation of the estate owned by the Browne Trustees in Great Marlow. References to a map (now lost) are given.
- UC:E23/F3/3** **10 Oct 1826**
Particulars and Valuation of the estate at Great Marlow, carried out by Henry Dixon.
- UC:E23/F3/4** **26 Jul 1837**
Valuation of the Browne Trustees' estate at Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F3/5** **1857**
Particulars of Burford Farm, Great Marlow.
- UC:E23/F3/6** **24 Jan 1877**
Particulars and Valuation, accompanied by a detailed report, on the properties at Great Marlow.

UC:E23/F4 - PAPERS ON TITHES

- UC:E23/F4/1** **19 Jul 1880**
Official copy, bound up in hard covers, of an extract for the Tithe Award for Great Marlow, recording the tithe rent charges agreed for the property owned by the Browne Trustees.

UC:E23/C1 - CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT THE BROWNE TRUST PROPERTIES

The greater part of this correspondence is to or from Percival Walsh, the solicitor who was a Browne Trustee from 1809 until his death in the mid-1840s. The papers presumably made their way back to the College after his death.

The letters were found either as single items or else tied up in separate bundles. As with the bills and accounts at **UC:E23/F1** above, the decision was taken to leave these papers exactly as they were found, and not move any items between bundles, in spite of inevitable chronological overlaps.

- UC:E23/C1/1** **June 1816–Jan 1818**
Letters and papers relating to a lawsuit between John Johnson and others and Richard Webb, the Browne Trustees' tenant at Great Marlow. A dispute had arisen between Johnson and Webb, after Webb (apparently on the instructions of the College) erected a gate on his property which prevented Johnson from bringing a cart through to collect produce from his land. [13 items]

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Bundle of correspondence, mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, about the Browne Trustees' property in Great Marlow. Subjects include possible trespass, the drawing up of new leases with new tenants, and the ownership of a Turnpike House in Well End. Correspondents include Richard Webb. [23 items]

UC:E23/C1/3 **14 Nov 1826**

Letter from Henry Webb to Percival Walsh on the payments of tax on the College's properties in Great Marlow.

UC:E23/C1/4 **18 Apr 1827**

Draft letter from Percival Walsh to Messrs Ellison and Bloxam on the toll house at Great Marlow and other matters.

UC:E23/C1/5 **Jan–Dec 1827**

Bundle of correspondence, mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, about the Browne Trustees' property in Great Marlow. Subjects include the Turnpike House in Well End, information on the occupants of other houses to be leased to Richard Webb, and disputes with the previous tenant on claims for dilapidations. Correspondents include Richard Webb and Henry Dixon. [17 items]

UC:E23/C1/6 **1 Sep 1827**

Letter to Richard Webb from John Mossenton [*sic*], address London. Mossenton discusses former tenants of Browne's estates in Great Marlow, and which lands belonged to the College.

UC:E23/C1/7 **Nov 1827–Aug 1830**

Bundle of correspondence and papers including an insurance policy for the Marlow estate, papers on the sale of land at Great Marlow, and on valuations of land there, the redemption of land tax on the Alfred's Head in Oxford, and accounts for both properties for 1829/30. Correspondents include Henry Dixon and Richard Webb. [18 items]

UC:E23/C1/8 **n.d. (Late 1820s or early 1830s?)**

Letter from Richard Webb to Percival Walsh providing information about the occupation and ownership of the toll house at Great Marlow, as well as giving a description of its rooms.

UC:E23/C1/9 **Jan 1828–Dec 1829**

Bundle of correspondence, mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, about the Browne Trustees' property in Great Marlow. Subjects include discussions with the Trustees of the Stokenchurch Turnpike Road over the ownership of the Turnpike House at Well End (the Trustees claimed that they owned it), an assignment of lease from Hayward to Williams (see **UC:E23/D7/2**), the valuation of properties, a dispute about the erection of a

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fence, and the sale of property, some of which might belong to the Browne Trustees, for a new bridge. Correspondents include Henry Webb. [26 items]

UC:E23/C1/10**Jan 1828–Jul 1835**

Bundle of correspondence, mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, about the Browne Trustees' property in Great Marlow and Oxford. Subjects include the redemption of Land Tax on the properties, a legal opinion on the sale of some houses in the town because of their dilapidated state, the cost of repairs to the houses, the ownership of the toll house, a notice from Samuel White to Isaac Twycross to quit a house in St. Peter in the East, and the Land Tax assessment of the houses occupied by the overseers of the poor. The papers also show that Richard Webb died some time in 1832. Correspondents include Henry Dixon, Richard Webb, Samuel White, Henry Webb and David Webb. [21 items]

UC:E23/C1/11**Mar 1828–May 1830**

Bundle of correspondence, mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, with the Church and Corporation Land Tax Office, on the sale of some cottages at Great Marlow, and the question of the redemption of Land Tax on them. [15 items]

UC:E23/C1/12**Sep–Oct 1829**

Bundle of papers about the sale of land in connection with raising money for the rebuilding of Marlow Bridge. They include a copy of the Act of Parliament approving the raising of money, a sale catalogue for the auction of land in connection with the act, and protests from Dr. Browne's Trustees that Lot 2 in this auction is actually their property. [6 items]

UC:E23/C1/13**Jul 1830–Jan 1831**

Bundle of correspondence about the sale of cottages at Great Marlow to Richard Webb. [5 items]

UC:E23/C1/14**Nov 1830–Aug 1831**

Bundle of correspondence mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, about the Browne Trustees' property in Great Marlow. Subjects include a notice to quit, and dealings with the Church and Corporation Land Tax Office on the payment of land tax arising from the sale of properties. Correspondents include the Church and Corporation Land Tax Office, Richard Webb, and Henry Webb. [27 items]

UC:E23/C1/15**Nov 1837–Apr 1839**

Bundle of correspondence, all addressed to Percival Walsh, concerning a dispute over the boundaries between the Browne Trustees' property and a neighbour, Miss Hammond, and claimed encroachments on her land by the College's tenants, James and David Webb. [11 items]

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Bundle of correspondence mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, on the Browne Trustees' estates in Great Marlow. Subjects include investments made by the Trustees in bonds, tithe commutation, and a dispute about a right of way through Trustees' land. Correspondents include Frederick Plumptre, David Webb and Henry Webb. [20 items]

UC:E23/C1/17**Aug 1841–Apr 1843**

Bundle of correspondence on the Browne Trustees' lands at Great Marlow. Subjects include: their tenants James and David Webb, their ejection from Burford Farm, Marlow Bottom, and the finding of a new tenant, Richard King; an auction catalogue from March 1842 for the corps and chattels of the farm; building a new farm house and rebuilding other buildings on the estate; the tithe apportionment of Marlow; and timber sales from Burford Farm. The letters are almost all written to Percival Walsh. Correspondents include William Bond, James Franklin, Richard King, and Henry Webb. [59 items]

UC:E23/C1/18**May–Aug 1842**

Bundle of correspondence, mainly addressed to Percival Walsh, on the Brown Trustees' estates in Great Marlow. Subjects include the financial troubles of James and David Webb, who are renting property at Great Marlow from the Trustees. Correspondents include Charles Webb and Henry Webb. [11 items]

UC:E123/C1/19**Aug 1842–Jun 1844**

Bundle of correspondence mostly to Percival Walsh, with some draft replies, on the Browne Trustees' estates in Great Marlow and Oxford. Subjects include carrying out repairs to buildings at Great Marlow, especially Burford Farm, tithe apportionment, and managing the timber in the woods. Correspondents include William Bond, Richard King and Alexander Webb. [24 items]

UC:E23/C1/20**Nov 1842–Jun 1843 & Jun 1848**

Bundle of correspondence, mainly addressed to Percival Walsh, on the Brown Trustees' estates in Great Marlow. Subjects include the felling and sale of timber on the Great Marlow estate (including posters for two sales by auction), repairs at Burford Farm, the commutation of tithes and some boundary disputes. Correspondents include William Bond and Richard King. [21 items]

UC:E23/C1/21**Sep 1845–Oct 1847**

Bundle of correspondence, mainly addressed (up to 1845) to Percival Walsh, and (from 1847) to a Mr. Dayman, on the Brown Trustees' estates in Great Marlow and Oxford. Subjects include the payment of rent, subscriptions to Marlow church, and finding a tenant for the Oxford property. There is also a set of minutes of a meeting of the Trustees for 6 Dec 1846. Correspondents include William Cattle, Richard King, and Frederick Plumptre [12 items]

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Envelope of correspondence, with supporting papers, between Charles Faulkner Thomas Wethered (and Wethered's solicitor), about agreeing a fresh lease of Burford Farm. There is also a copy of a lease of 1868 [12 items]

UC:E23/C1/23**Mar–May 1877**

Letters from Thomas Wethered, the College's tenant at Marlow, and his brother Owen, to Charles Faulkner, with supporting papers. The correspondence concerns agreeing conditions for Wethered to rent Burford Farm from the Browne Trustees. The negotiations are difficult, not least because Wethered claims that he lost considerable sums during his previous tenancy of the farm. [10 items]

UC:E23/C1/24**June 1879–Dec 1880**

Envelope inscribed by Charles Faulkner, "Dr. Brown's Trust 1879–80", containing the Trust's accounts for 1879/80, the account of Thomas Wethered (the Browne Trustees' tenant in Marlow) for the same period, and several letters from Wethered to Faulkner, some of them annotated by Faulkner. The letters discuss Wethered's requests for a rent abatement, because his subtenants are having great trouble paying the rents, because of the agricultural depression, and the failure of the 1879 harvest. [9 items]

UC:E23/C1/25**Nov 1881–Apr 1883**

Envelope of Charles Faulkner's correspondence about Burford Farm, Great Marlow. Subjects include the payment of rent (and requests for abatements in it), shooting rights in the woodland there, the possible leasing of land to a new tenant, the sale of faggots from the woodland (including a poster advertising the sale of "shragging kindles" on 15 Dec 1882), rebuilding work at the farm following a fire there, and bills for the management of the woodland. Correspondents include Thomas Wethered and Arthur Gillett [22 items].

UC:E23/C1/26**30 Mar 1896**

Letter to Alfred Dendy, Bursar of University College, from Arthur Castle, on a proposal to let or to sell the College's property in Great Marlow to Mr. Wethered.

UC:E23/C1/27**1903 & 1913**

Documents on subscriptions to the school at Marlow [2 items].

UC:E23/C1/28–31 were found together in an envelope.

UC:E23/C1/28**7–8 Nov 1910**

Correspondence with the Highways Authority of Buckinghamshire County Council on a proposed widening of the main road, and inviting University College to give up some land for this purpose [2 items].

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Report by A. B. Poynton on the condition of Burford Farm, leased to Nicholas White.

UC:E23/C1/30 **17 May 1913**

Letter on the success of steps taken to prevent trespassing on land in Marlow.

UC:E23/C1/31 **June 1913**

Specifications, with letter, on work to be carried out at Burford Farm.

UC:E23/C1/32 **May 1923–May 1927**

Folder of correspondence about the College's properties at Great Marlow (with one letter about Marks Hall). The folder includes correspondence with several of its tenants, including Nicholas White and T. Allen, and on the subject of selling the College's properties here. [34 items]

UC:E23/C1/33 **Nov 1923–Oct 1924**

Envelope of correspondence concerning the College's property at Great Marlow. Correspondents include Nicholas White [7 items].

UC:E23/C1/34 **30 Nov 1971**

Letter to the Estates Bursar, University College, from the Church Commissioners, enclosing the Commissioners' official receipt for the final instalment of a tithe redemption annuity due on the College's former property at Great Marlow.

UC:E23/MS1 - NOTES ON THE BROWNE TRUST PROPERTIES**UC:E23/MS1/1** **n.d. (early 19th cent.)**

Notes on the ownership of the Toll House and garden, covering 1784–1806.

UC:E23/MS1/2 **6 Nov 1826**

Memorandum on the properties at Great Marlow.

UC:E23/MS1/3 **6 Dec 1855**

Printed circular from the Wycombe Railway company, announcing plans for a branch line to Great Marlow, and indicating which lands owned by Browne's Trustees they wish to drive the railway through.

UC:E23/AD1 - ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS**UC:E23/AD1/1–3** **Aug 1841–Jnn 1842**Three plans, inscribed on the outside (probably by Charles Faulkner) *Dr. Browne's Estate at Burford Farm House 1842*. The plans are pinned together, and are as follows:

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UC:E23/AD1/1

Aug 1841

Plan showing the ground floor and first floor of Burford Farm House, Great Marlow, with front elevation and five sections.

Architect: William Bond

Scale: 1 inch to 5 feet.

Size: 675 by 500 mm.

Inscribed: No. 1 [but the drawing is extensively annotated, and all the rooms on both floors are labelled]

Signed: Wm Bond □ Marlow

Dated: Augt 1842

Medium: Ink with brown and pink washes.

Support: Paper backed onto linen.

Format: 1 sheet.

Notes: This plan evidently shows the farm house in its current state.

UC:E23/AD1/2

June 1842

Plans showing the ground floor, first floor and attic floor of Burford Farm House, with proposed alterations.

Architect: William Bond.

Scale: Not given (but measurements of rooms are all given in detail).

Size: 710 by 510 mm.

Inscribed: No. 2 □ Proposed Alterations to □ Burford Farm House [the drawing is extensively annotated, and all the rooms on both floors are labelled]

Signed: Wm Bond □ Marlow

Dated: June 1842.

Medium: Ink with various washes.

Support: Paper backed onto linen.

Format: 1 sheet.

Notes: The plan shows that a major rebuilding of the farm house was intended, with an extra floor added.

UC:E23/AD1/3

June 1842

Front elevation and section of Burford Farm House, showing proposed alterations.

Architect: William Bond.

Scale: Not given.

Size: 680 by 505 mm.

Inscribed: No. 3 □ Section □ Front Elevation

Signed: Wm Bond □ Marlow

Dated: June 1842.

Medium: Ink with pink and yellow washes.

Support: Paper backed onto linen.

Format: 1 sheet.

Notes: Although the plan has no inscription, it seems to belong with the previous plan, as being related to the alterations to the house proposed by Bond.

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UC:E23/X1 - SALE CATALOGUE

UC:E23/X1/1

8 June 1925

Catalogue for the sale by auction of University College's properties at Great Marlow, including New Barn Farm. The catalogue includes a map of the lands to be sold. Details on the sales of each property, with their respective purchasers, may be found just below **UC:E23/D7/15** above.

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