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Topic:	Hargrave Manor transfer of copyhold premises.
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Similar goats head seal to that used on the document by John Frost. The heraldic design symbolises a person of practical wisdom who wins victories through diplomacy, persistence and strength rather than in battle.

1743 Manor of Hargrave Suffolk

Two Georgian hand written paper Deed Documents

Two hand written paper documents dated the same original day 13th April 1743 and involving the same people, measuring 12½ inches by 8½ inches.

People named in the agreement are:

John Frost of Hargrave in the County of Suffolk, Yeoman

Mary Woodward of Bury St Edmunds in the County of Suffolk, Widow.

Both documents relate to the sale of copyhold premises of the Manor of Hargrave comprising a cottage and small piece of land with barn containing one acre near the Kings Highway towards the south, between the lands of the Rectory of Hargrave on the west and Spring Close on the East.



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For a fee, modern internet genealogy websites can provide access to a wide range of information including national census data, parish records, newspaper reports and even ships passenger lists. However for those engaged in the hobby of family history research finding any relevant ephemera prior to the 19th century can be a rare treat.

Whilst documents relating the landed gentry are not uncommon, surviving tangible records from those lower down the social hierarchy are far harder to find. Part of the issue is that in the 1700's average literacy levels for the common working man were only around 30%, and even less in rural areas.

I was therefore fortunate to acquire the documents covered by this article. They relate to copyhold premises in Hargrave, a type of tenancy which survived until the 1920's and which referred to tenanted manorial land. It could be either Heritable Copyhold or Copyhold for Lives. The latter usually covered

three lives, the tenant, his wife and his heir and on their death would revert to the lord who had the right to reassign the tenancy.

The relevance to my family is that John Frost the named property purchaser is more than likely my paternal 7th great grandfather.

What follows are images of the original documents followed by my attempt at deciphering the handwriting and legal terminology.

Nicholas Newman
September 2020 (former Hargrave resident)

 **Know** all Men by these presents that I John Frost of Hargrave in the County of Suffolke Yeoman am lawfully bound to Mary Woodward of Burgh St Andrew in the County of Kent Widow in Thirty Five Pounds of good & lawfull Money of Great Britain To be paid to the sd^o Mary Woodward or her certain Attorney Executors or Administrators for the payment whereof I being myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators by these presents sealed with my Seal Dated the Thirtieth day of April in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c for the said the said Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Three

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden John Frost his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assignes shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Mary Woodward her Executors Administrators or Assignes the full Sum of Sixteen Pounds with Lawfull Interest for the same of good & lawfull Money of Great Britain upon the Thirtieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof according to the Form and effect of the Condition of a certain indenture bearing even date with these presents and made by the sd^o John Frost to the use of the sd^o Mary Woodward and her Heirs of certain Copyhold Lands & Tenements to be seen of the Manor of Hargrave in Suffolke And in full discharge of the same Surrender shall this obligation to be void otherwise to remain and be in full force and virtue

Sealed and Delivered }
In the presence of - - }

John Frost

Isaac Johnson
Matt Locksidge



13 April 1743

Mr John Frost to Mrs Woodward – BOND for £16 and interest according to conditional sum

KNOW all men by this so present that I John Frost of Hargrave in the County of Suffolk, Yeoman am hold and firmly bound to Mary Woodward of Bury St Edmunds in this county widow in Thirty Two Pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain. To be paid to this Mary Woodward or her retained attorney Executors Astons for the payment whereof I being myself my Solicitors Executors and Astons firmly by those pursuant Sealed with my Seal Dated this Thirteenth Day of April in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so for the ending the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three.

THE Condition of this obligation is Sure That if the above bound on John Frost his Solicitors Executors Astons or Assignees shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid in to the abovenamed Mary Woodward her Executors Astons or assignees the full sum of Sixteen Pounds with lawful Interest for the same of good and lawful Money of Great Britain upon the Thirteenth day of October next ensuing the date hereof according to the form and effort of the condition of a certain surrender bearing soon safe with these presents and made by the said John Frost To the line of the said Mary Woodward and her Solicitors of retain Copy lists Lands and Tenements holden of the Manor of Hargrave in Suffolk and in full discharge of the land Surrender Then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain and be in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Isaac Johnson

Matt Cocksedge

John Frost (and his seal)

13 April 1743

I the within named John Frost do hereby acknowledge to have had & recd of the within named Mary Woodward the full sum of six teen pounds being the consideration money of John Frost within mentioned

of John Frost

Math. Lockesidge

130 April 1743

Original

M^r. J. Frost

to

M^r. Woodward

Copy of an
Cond. Surrender
for 16 r. 4 s.

I do hereby acknowledge that I have this 13th day of May 1743 received of the within named John Frost the sum of sixteen pounds 17^s 4^d in full satisfaction and discharge of all principal money and interest due to me upon a Conditional Surrender (whereof the within written is a true Copy) and I do hereby Shew and Impower the beyond of the Court of the Mannor within mentioned to have satisfaction of the said Surrender upon the rest of the same Mannor

16. 17. 4

The Mark of
Mary Woodward

Math. Lockesidge

Math. Lockesidge

Mary Woodward

Recd one year's Interest

12 June 1745

Math. Lockesidge

Mary Woodward

25 August 1744 one year's Interest

13 April 1743

Hargrave

Mr John Frost to Mrs Woodward – Copy as Conditional Sum for £16 and Interest.

I the within named John Frost do hereby acknowledge to have had and repaid of the within named Mary Woodward the full sum of sixteen pounds being the consideration money within mentioned.

John Frost

Witness Matt Cocksedge

I hereby acknowledge that I have this Seventh day of May 1746 received of this within named John Frost the sum of Sixteen Pounds 17s and 4d in full satisfaction and Discharge of all principal money and In both are to me upon a Conditional Surrender (so hereof the within written is a true copy) And I do hereby authorise and empower the Servant of the Courts of the Manor within mentioned to Each satisfaction of the said Surrender upon the wills of the same Manor.

The mark of Mary Woodward X 16.17.4

Witness Matt Cocksedge

25 July 1744

witness one years Interest

The mark of Mary Woodward X

Witness Matt Cocksedge

12 June 1745

Received one years Interest

The mark of Mary Woodward X

The Manor of
Burgrove in Suffolke

The Twentieth day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred
and forty three

Be it remembered that this day and year above written John Frost a Copy-
hold Tenant of the said Manor did out of Court by the said Surrender out of his
bands into the bands of the Lord of the said Manor by the bands of
Samuel Dwyer - In the presence of Jaar Johnson two like Copyhold Tenants
of the aforesaid Manor according to the custom thereof One Cottage & small
piece of land with barn thereupon built lying in Burgrove near the
high way there towards the South and One piece of Pasture containing by
estimation half an acre parcel of a certain lease called Spring lease lying
between the lands of the Rectory of Burgrove on the part of the West and
the residue of the said lease called Spring lease on the part of the East with a
Passage or way to the same belonging in & through the yard late in the
occupation of Thomas Bird with their & every of their appurtenances
of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll and also all other the Messuages and
Tenements Cottages Meadows Pastures & Hereditaments whatsoever of the
said John Frost which are or be holden by Copy of Court Roll of the said Manor
with their appurtenances and the heritages & heritages Remainders & Remainders
thereof and all the estate right Title Interest and trust claim & demand
whichever of them the said John Frost of in & to the same To the only proper
Use & behoof of Mary Woodward of Burg St Edmund in the said County of
Suffolke Widow and of her Heirs and Assigns for ever

Provided nevertheless & upon Condition that if the said John Frost his Heirs
Executors or Assigns or any of them shall not well & truly pay or cause to be
paid unto the said Mary Woodward her Executors or Assigns at her usual
dwellinghouse situate in Burg St Edmund aforesaid the full Sum of Eighteen Pounds
lawful Interest for the same of good & lawfull Money of Great Britain upon the
Thirtieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof without any manner of
deduction or abatement whatsoever Still this Surrender to be void of none
Effect otherwise to be in full force power & virtue

Taken the day & year above said by

John Frost

Samuel Dwyer

In the presence of

Jaar Johnson

(A Copy)

The Manor of Hargrave in Suffolk

The Thirteenth day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three
Be it remembered that this day and year above written John Frost a Copy his to Covent to the said Manor did out of Court by his doth Surrender out of his Lands into this Lands of this Lord of this Said Manor by the Lands of Samuel Bogley. In the Presence of Isaac Johnson two like Copy hold Covent's of the aforesaid Manor according to the Custom thereof Old Cottage and a Small Piece of Land with Barn upon built lying in Hargrave near the Kings highway Road towards the South End Oud Piece of Pasture route going by estimated half an Acre parcel of a restrain Close called Spring Close lying between the Lands of the rectory of Hargrave on the part of the host and the residue of this Close called Spring Close on the part of the East with Passage or way to the same belonging in and through the yard sate in His Occupation of Thomas Bird with their and every of their Appurtenances his land of the said Manor by Copy of Court with Hall. And Also all other has In assuages of lands Tenements Cottages Meadows Pastures and Said aditaments whatsoever of him Said John Frost which are also holden by Copy of Court Hall of this manor with their Appurtenances. And his proband and probands, remainder and remainders. Hereof and all his Estate right Tithe Interest live trust claim or demand of him his said John Frost of in and to Said Go the only property two and Belief of Mary Woodward of Bury St Edmunds in this said County of Suffolk Widow And of her Solicitors and Assignees for Ever –

Provided never his loss and upon Condition that if said John Frost his Solicitors and Executors Astons or Assigns or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Mary Woodward her Executors Astons or Assignees at her now dwelling house situate at Bury St Edmunds aforesaid his full Sum of Sixteen Pounds lawful Interest for the same of Good and Lawful Money of Great Britain Upon this Thirteenth day of October next ensuing the date hereof without any manor of deduction or abatement whatsoever. Then his Surrender to be void and of usual Effort Otherwise to be and remain in full for to power and virtue.

Taken the day and year above said by John Frost

In the presence of Samual Edgley

Isaac Johnson (A Copy)

Documents shared and transcribed by:

Nicholas Newman

September 2020

1728 Manor of Hargrave Suffolk
Hand written paper Deed Documents

19^o. June, 1728.

Hargrave

Conditional Surrender from
John Bird to y^e use of
Mrs Dorothy Byatt.

to pay 20: y^e Year.

Recd the 8th Oct. 1730 of W^m Chaplin the
 sum of twenty one pound five shillings in
 full of the principall & Interest due to me
 on John Bird's Cattel mortgage which I will
 assign over to him or J^o W^m Chaplin or order on
 Demand at y^e Charge of J^o Bird witness
 my hand. — Dorothy Byatt

Mancium do } The thirteenth day of June One thousand Seven
 hundred twenty eight.
 Memorandum. The day of Year above written John Bird a Copyhold Tenant
 of the said Manor did out of Court by the Act of Surrender on the hands
 of Isaac Johnson two like Copyhold Tenants of the aforesaid Manor
 according to the Custom thereof One Cottage a small piece of land with the barn
 thereupon built lying in Sargrave near the Kings High way there towards the
 South and one piece of pasture ground containing by estimation half an acre parcel
 of a certain Close called Spring Close lying between the lands of the Rectory of
 Sargrave on the part of the West and the residue of the said Close called
 Spring Close on the part of the East with a passage or way to the same belonging
 unto the said John Bird in the comparison of the Manor of Bird with their and
 also all other the Mortgages Cottages or Tenements whatsoever of any the
 said John Bird which are or be holden by Copy of Court Roll
 of the Manor of Sargrave with their appurtenances and the reverses & reversions
 remainders & remainders thereof and all the Estate right title Interest Use Profit
 Claim Demand whatsoever of him the said John Bird of in p^{te} to the same
 500 for the Only proper Use & behoofs of Dorothy Byatt of Dorset
 County in the County of Suffolk Widow and of her Heirs Assigns
 for Ever.

PROVIDED Nevertheless upon condition that if the said John Bird his Heirs
 Executors Deeds or Assigns or any of them shall do well & truly pay or cause
 to be paid unto the said Dorothy Byatt her Heirs Deeds or Assigns at
 her now dwelling house the full sum of twenty pounds & lawful interest
 for the same of good & lawful money of Great Britain upon the
 thirteenth day of June One thousand Seven hundred twenty nine
 without any Manner of Deduction or abatement whatsoever & then this
 Surrender to be void of none Effect & otherwise to be remain in full force
 power & virtue

Taken the day of Year
 above said by Giles Howard

John Bird
 his mark

In the presence of Isaac Johnson

Witness. W^m Chaplin

This is a true Copy
 Examined with the
 Court, and Stamp.
 J^o W^m Chaplin
 Tho. Brooks

Mannerum do
Sargrave. - 18 The Nineteenth day of June One thousand Seven
hundred twenty eight.

Memorandum, the day & year above written John Bird a Copyhold Tenant
of the said Manner did out of Court by the Lord Surrender on to the hands
into the hands of the Lord of the said Manner by the hands of Giles Steward in the
presence of Jaar Johnson two like Copyhold Tenants of the aforesaid Manner
According to the Custom thereof One Cottage a small piece of land with a barn
thereupon built lying in Sargrave near the Kings high way there towards the
South and one piece of pasture ground containing by estimation half an acre parcel
of a certain Close called Spring Close lying between the lands of the Lord of
Sargrave on the part of the West and the residue of the said Close called
Spring Close on the part of the East with a passage or way to the same belonging
in the third yard late in the tenure of Thomas Bird with their and
every of their appurtenances holden of the said Manner by Copy of Court Roll
And also all the other the Mesuages Cottages or tenements whatsoever of the
said John Bird which are or to holden by Copy of Court Roll of the aforesaid
Manner of Sargrave with their appurtenances And the residue & remainders
remainders thereof and all the Estate right title Interest Use Trust
Claim Demand whatsoever of him the said John Bird of and to the same
Doe for the Only proper Use & behoofs of Dorothy Dayall of Dorset
Widow and of her Heirs Assigns
for Ever.

Provided Nevertheless upon condition That if the said John Bird his Heirs
Executors or Assigns or any of them shall do wolly failly pay or cause
to be paid unto the said Dorothy Dayall her Heirs Executors or Assigns at
her now dwelling house the full sum of twenty pounds & lawful interest
for the same of good & lawful money of Great Britain Upon the
Nineteenth day of June One thousand Seven hundred twenty nine
without any Manner of deduction or abatement whatsoever Then this
Surrender to be void of none Effect & otherwise to be remain in full force
power & virtue

Taken the day & year
abovesaid by Giles Steward

John Bird
his marke

In the presence of, Jaar Johnson

Witness. Our Chaplin

This is at and by
examined with the
Surrender stamp.
J. W. Chaplin
The. Brock

Moudu, The Eighteenth Day of August one thousand seven
hundred thirty three, I Do hereby acknowledge that I have by
Say Rent of John Frost of Bargrave in Suffolk (at & by
the ord, and in the presence of the within named John Bird) the
sum of twenty one pound, Being in for principal Intere
and Charges, Due on the surrender, ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ of the
within written is a true Copy, and in full satisfaction
therof, By order and for the use of the within named
Dorothy Wyatt, I say rent. // W. Chapin

Witness

Anth: Fish
1733