

Victoria, McPherson Library, Ind.Eng.3

Type	Single sheet parchment, one seal tag with red wax seal and parchment seal cover intact
Date	21 April 1676
Setting	Legal, Commerce
Produced by/for	John Sparrow and James Coker
Contents	Deed of Trust transferring land and property of John Sparrow to James Coker
Names Appearing in Document	John Sparrow, James Coker, Isaac Grandorge, Timothy Carutt
Names Appearing as Witnesses	William Lyngwood, John (Johannes) Aylett, George Stonard, and Thomas Mann
Region(s)/County	Essex, Black Notley, Sible Heddingham, Braintree
Property Names	Plumtrees (aka "The Bucke"), Great Collingbroke, Little Collingbroke, Tripps, Hayes (aka Eves, or Edes), Homstalls (aka Howsculls) Coadsoules (or Cadsoules) Croft, Eves Meade, Collinbroke Meade, Barding, Gravelpitt Field, Lords Acre, Roundcroft, Churchfield, Homefields
Shelfmark	Ind.Eng.3
Location	Shelf 02/B/55
Accession Number	2011-073, Item #1
Physical Description	One sheet of parchment with jagged top edge, part of a larger sheet on which the 'indenture' would have been copied out twice, the indented edge serving as a proof of authenticity of the two parts when brought back together. The item is in very good condition, though it is stiff and creased from long folding and difficult to open. Pricking is visible in the extreme left margin, but no ruling is evident.
Dimensions and notable features are as follows:	
Parchment	555 x 243mm, with 33mm plica (fold) at bottom
Text Block	513 x 233mm (measured from top of ascender on first line to bottom of descender on last line), 42mm margin at left
Text	English, 1 column, 33 lines in brown/black ink, with signature of John Sparrow on plica and contemporary note of date and witnesses on dorse, as well as modern pencil notation of UVic accession number. Witness signatures include single letter initials ("his/her mark") of all individuals. Main script is a Secretary Hand, with notable use of dash-style line fillers to justify right margin.
Seal	Extant seal of grainy red wax is in good condition, still in parchment cover.
Provenance	Donated to UVic by Rex Pendril Brown in 2011, amongst other family legal documents and papers.

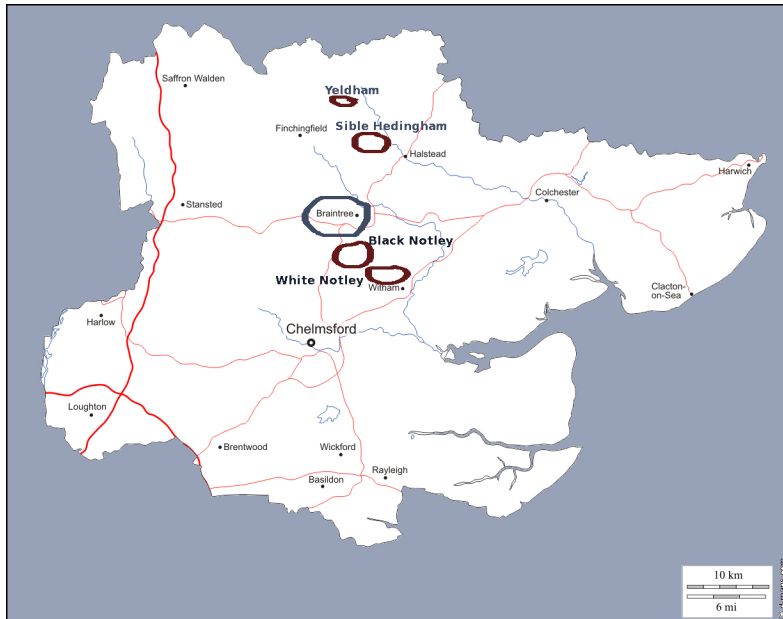
Victoria, McPherson Library : Ind.Eng.3. Ind.Eng.4, and Ind.Eng.5

The following three indenture documents are inter-related. The documents concern the transfer of certain same properties between different parties. Where differences exist, such differences will be pointed out. However, for brevity, any similar names or locations will only be mentioned once.

Ind.Eng.3 is a Deed of Trust transferring land and property of John Sparrow to James Coker.

Ind.Eng.4 concerns the conveyance of lands and property from John Sparrow to James Coker, and refers internally to Ind.Eng.3 and Ind.Eng.5

Ind.Eng.5 is a Land Lease agreement between John Sparrow and Timothy Carutt for the property known as Tripps (excepting timber on the property, to which John Sparrow retains the rights).



Locations:

Black Notley, Sible Hedingham, and Braintree all lie in the county of Essex. Historically, Black Notley was known simply as Notley, as the name appeared in a Saxon charter of 998. In subsequent time, the two towns now known as Black and White Notley became separated and were named separately. Braintree, the largest of the three settlements, has existed for well over 4,000 years⁷. In 1665, the plague killed more than a third

of the town's then population of 2,300 people. Sible Hedingham appears in the Domesday book alongside Sible Hedingham castle.

Ind.Eng.4 mentions the additional towns of Hadleigh and Yeldham. Yeldham is

⁷ This date is based on a document prepared by the Braintree Museum which bases its dating on evidence of settlements near the River Brain in the Skitts Hill area. <http://www.braintreemuseum.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Brief-History-PDF.pdf>

presently known as Great Yeldham, and lies a few miles distant from Little Yeldham. Shalford is a small town situated north of Braintree. Hadleigh is also the name of a town in Essex, alongside castle Hadleigh. In the indenture under discussion, however, Hadleigh is mentioned as being in New England. The town of Hadleigh (Hadley) was established in 1659, and one of the founding members was a John White.

Names:

The names of the parties to these agreements reappear throughout the three documents. As with the summary of place names, so will the names of people be noted only once unless further clarification is required. Not all the names of the people mentioned in the documents could be found in the Essex County Records Office online. Timothy Carutt is not listed, while James Coker is listed only once. The closest name to Timothy Carutt is Timothy Cockett. To ascertain whether or not this is simply a name change over time or no relation whatsoever, further field research needs to be done.

Sparrow: (Ind.Eng.3,4,and 5) The name John Sparrow appears numerous times in the registers. It is difficult to determine which of the records is the John Sparrow of the indenture. Further searches in the national archives may make identification clearer. Accompanying this paper is a copy of John Sparrow Sr.'s last will. It is highly likely that the John Sparrow born on 26 May 1636 is John Sr. A further record of a John Sparrow marrying Ann was found, and one of their children is John Sparrow Jr., born on 22 July 1662. There is, however, mention in the indenture of Frances as being the wife of John Sparrow, and Parish records do show a marriage between John Sparrow and Frances Sexton in December of 1655. John Sr. died in 1686, at age 50.

Coker: (Ind.Eng. 3,4) In a search of the registers for Coker only one reference, a death notice from the year 1701, was found. Further research will be required.

Grandorge: (Ind.Eng. 3,4) An Isaac Grandorge is mentioned in the parish records. Additional information or mentions of Isaac exist in the Essex county records. Attached to this paper is a copy of Isaac's last will. Isaac died in 1686.

Carutt: (Ind.Eng.3,4,5) As mentioned above, Timothy Carutt is not to be found, although there are several variations of the last name that may apply. A search for blacksmiths in the area has resulted in several possibilities, the closest of which is Timothy Cockett.

White: (Ind.Eng. 4) Many instances of John White were returned by the searches, and it is quite difficult to identify the specific persons of the indenture document without further on-site research. One document which is available at the Essex county records office is a document related to Margaret White. She was the wife of John Sparrow and, subsequent to Sparrows death, remarried to John White, since deceased.

Property Names:

A search of the property names resulted in the location of an earlier transfer deed for the

property known as Tripps. The deed mentions Tripps / Homstalls / Howsculls / Coadsoules. This document is not available online and must be ordered from Essex county archives. Other property names found in the Indenture have not been identified: Plumtrees (aka "The Bucke"), Great Collingbroke, Little Collingbroke, Tripps, Hayes (aka Eves, or Edes), Homstalls (aka Howsculls), Coadsoules (or Cadsoules) Croft, Eves Meade, Collinbroke Meade, Barding, Gravelpitt Field, Lords Acre, Roundcroft, Churchfield, and Homefields.

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 Acc. 2011-073, Item #1
 Indenture of John Sparrow,
 containing deed of trust to James Coker
 England (Essex) 21 April 1676

1. **This Indenture** made the one *and* twentieth day of Aprill in the eight *and* twentieth yeare of the Reigne of *our* Souereigne Lord Charles the Second by the
2. grace of God of England Scotland ffraunce *and* Ireland King defender of the faith *et cetera* And in the yeare of *our* Lord God 1676 **Betweene** Iohn Sparrow of Heddingham
3. Sible in the County of Essex gent of the one *parte* And Iames Coker of Brayntree in the County aforesaid gent of thother *parte* Witnesseth that the said Iohn
4. Sparrow for *and* in Consideracion of the summe of Tenn shillings of Lawfull money of England to him before the makeing of this Indenture by the said Iames
5. Coker in hand paid the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged And for other Consideracions therevnto moueing hath granted bargained *and* sold And by these
6. presents doth grant bargaine *and* sell vnto the said Iames Coker All that ffreehold messuage or Tenement antiently called or knowne by the name of Plumtrees and now
7. comonly called or knowne by the name of the Bucke scituate *and* being in Black Notley in the County aforesaid And the Greate barne Quarne house *and* Cowhouse stable *and*
8. hay house with the DoveCoate The Courtyard And all other the ffree yards gardens *and* orchards to *and* with the said messuage belonging or in any wise apperteyneing or
9. therewithall now vsed occupied letten or enioyed now in the ocupacion of Isaac Grandorge Clerke And all those Two closes or *parcells* of errable land heretofore called
10. by the name of Hayes *alias* Eues *alias* Edes being ffreehold whereof one is now called by the name of Great Collinbroke conteyneing by estimacion eight acres more or
11. lesse And the other of the said Two closes is now called by the name of Little Collinbroke conteyneing by estimation ffoure acres more or lesse adioyneing to Great
12. Collinbroke And also one *parcell* of meadow or moweing ground being ffreehold conteyneing by estimacion Two acres *and* an halfe more or lesse And also all that Cobbyhold

13. messuage or Tenement comonly called or knowne by the name of Tripps or otherwise *and* all the houses edifices *and* buildings yards gardens *and* orchards to the said last mencioned
14. messuage or Tenement belonging or in any wise apperteyneing And all those customary Lands meadows *and* pastures heretofore belonging to the said last mencioned messuage
15. or Tenement conteyneing by estimacion Sixteene acres whereof tw[o] closes conteyneing by estimacion Sixe acres are now letten *and* vsed to *and* with the said messuage
16. or Tenement called Tripps And all those closes of Customary land called or knowne by the name or names of Homstalls *alias* Howsculls and Coadsoules croft *alias* Cadsoules croft
17. holden by Copy of Court Roll of the Mannor of Blacke Notley hall in Blacke Notley aforesaid As all the said messuages *and* Tenements Lands and all other the premisses
18. above mencioned to be granted are scituate lying *and* being in Blacke Notley aforesaid and are now in the seuerall occupacions of the said Isaac Grandorge and Timothy
19. Carutt blacksmith their or one of their assignes or assigned lessees or vnder Tenants And also all other the ffreehold *and* cobbyhold messuages houses buildings
20. lands meadows pastures Tenements *and* hereditaments whatsoever of him the said Iohn Sparrow scituate lying *and* being in Blacke Notley aforesaid All which closes *and* parcells
21. or the greatest parte of them now vsed and enjoyed with the said messuage called Plumtrees or the Bucke *and* herein intended to be granted are now called
22. or knowne by the seuerall names of Great Collinbroke Little Collinbroke Eues meade Collinbroke-meade Barding gravellpitt feild Lords acre Roundcroft
23. Churchfeild *and* the Homefeilds being Two parcells of pasture behind the stable And the revercion *and* revercions remainder *and* remainders of all *and* every the
24. premisses And all the estate right title Interest clayme *and* demand whatsoever of him the said Iohn Sparrow of in *and* to the premisses and every parte and parcell thereof
25. **To have** *and* to hold the said messuages Lands Tenements hereditaments and premisses *and* every parte thereof with thappertenances vnto the said Iames Coker his executours and
26. assignes from the ffive *and* Twentieth day of March last past before the date hereof for *and* dureing the Terme of One whole yeare from thenceforth next

27. ensueing *and* fully to be compleate *and* ended without rendring anything therefore To the intent that by vertue of these *presents and* of the statute made for
28. Transferring of vses into possession the said Iames Coker being in the actuall possession of the *premisses* may be thereby enabled to accept of A grant *and* release
29. of the revercion and Inheritance thereof to him *and* his heires **In Witnes** whereof the *partyes* aboue named to these *present* Indentures Interchangably
30. have sett their hands *and* Seales the day *and* yeare ffirst aboue written /

PLICA:

Iohn Sparrow: (signature)

DORSE:

(top left)

Sealed *and* deliuered in the *presence*

of vs/

W Lyngwood (signature)

Iohannes Aylett (signature)

Thomas Mann (signature)

George Stonard (signature)

(bottom center)

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(lower right)

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Textual Notes

3. The words /and iames/ have been written over a scraping (an erasure of some text by scraping of parchment).
10. The scribe has erased and corrected the last two letters of the name /collinbroke/. This is repeated at lines 11, 12, and 22.
15. The end of the line has been scraped and two hashtags (##) have been written over the scraped section.
18. The 'N' of /Notley/ has been rewritten over a scraping in the parchment, likely as a correction.

- Throughout this document the scribe has used dashes (_ _ _) as line fillers to prevent future textual additions
- A single seal is attached to the document, and it matches the shape, size, material, simple impression of the seal attached to the Victoria Ind.Eng.4 document. It is assumed that this seal is the seal of John Sparrow, as this copy of the indenture agreement is the copy that would have been held by James Coker.