

33 High Street, Droitwich				
Source	Owner	Occupier	Trade	Other
2014		Waddle & Toddle		
Nellie 01/12/1995		Welcome Home		
1960/1 dir. No name		M E Smith & Sons		
1950 Electoral Register		James & Alice Harford		
1945 Electoral Register		James & Alice Harford		
25 February 1942	Droitwich Spa	Mr J Harford	Auction	
			Retail shop 25ft 6ins by 17ft, living room, pantry, larder,	
			3 1st floor rooms & 2 attics with washhouse having sink &	
			copper, WC & Garden.	
			Rental £32 pa, tenant pays rates	
1940 Kelly		Austin Harford	Boot warehouse	
1939 Register		James & Alice Harford		
1938 Whateleys		James Harford		
1936 & 1932 Kelley		Austin Harford	Boot dealer	
1935 Electoral Register		Austin John Harford		
		Helen Minhane		
1930 Electoral Register		Austin John Harford		
		Helen Minhane		
1925 Electoral Register		Austin Harford		
1924 & 1921 Kelley		Austin Harford	Boot dealer	
1916 Kelly		Austin Harford	Boot dealer	
1915 Electoral Register		Austin Harford		
1912 Littlebury		Austin Harford	Boot warehouse	
1911 Census		Austin Harford	Boot maker	5 Rooms
1911 Copes		Austin Harford	Boot maker	
1908 Kelly & 1908 Littlebury		Austin Harford	Boot maker	
1905 Bennetts		S Harford & Sons	Boot & Shoe Manufacturers	
		A J Harford	Boot & Shoe Manufacturers	

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1901 Census		Austin Harford	Boot maker	
1900 Directory		Austin Harford	Boot warehouse	
1898 Smith & Littlebury		Austin Harford	Boot maker	
1897 Smiths		Austin Harford	Shoe maker	Moved from 21
1891 Census		void - unoccupied		
1881 Census		Allan Fowkes	Carpenter	
		Wife	Boot & shoe dealer	
1876 PO		Allen Fowkes	Boot & shoe dealer	
1871 Census		unoccupied		
1 May 1868	1. Thomas Brooke		All those 3 messuages fronting High St with land and outbuildings	
	2. Droitwich Patent		one whereof is known as the Crown Inn and 7 freehold cottages in the	
	Salt Co		rear fronting Gurneys Lane	
			They form part of the property distinguisd by No 8 on the plan and	
			form the property purchased from Thomas Brook and conveyed	
			to Droitwich Patent Sale Co Ltd	
			(recited in schedule to deed 4.2.1889 DSPC Ltd	
			to The Droitwich Salt Union)	
1861 Census		Frederick Miller	Baker	
1851 Census		William Greaves	Baker	
25 September 1839			Stock in trade shop and bakehouse fixtures ...	
Worcester Chronicle			upon premises in High Street, Droitiwch	
			the property of Mr J Gurney who is declining business	
1835 Directory		Job Gurney	Baker	
1832 Land Tax	Thos Robins	Aldridge & Gurney		£1 15s 10½d
1831 Census		Job Gurney		
1829 Land Tax	Thos Robins	Burrow & Gurney		£1 15s 10½d
1828 Pigots Directory		Job Gurney	Baker & Earthenware	

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			Dealer	
1823 Land Tax	Richard Nash Esq	Burrow & others		£1 15s 10d
8 May 1822	1. William James of		Abstract of Title of Mr Boydell Houghton to premises in Droitwich	
B'ham Library	Borough of Warwick		Consideration £500	
Lee Crowder 1460	Gent		All that Wharf, all the messuage of Thomas Onion, all the warehouse	
	2. Ann Gale of		sometime since 4 tenements in the occupations of Widow Tolley,	
	Droitwich, Widow,		Thomas Harris, ---- Rogers, and Adam Bourne on the western side	
	Thomas Gale Curtler		of the yard or wharf. Also the brine from the pit on the southern	
	Gent (Exors of Thomas		side of the yard called Wallwyns Pit.	
	Gale, dec'd.			
	3. William Treadwell			
	of Hanbury Wharf,			
	Hadsor, Coal Merchant			
	4. John Houghton of			
	Birmingham			
1820 Lewis		Job Gurney	Baker	
1819 Land Tax	Richard Nash Esq	Burrows & others		£1 15s 10d
1815 Land Tax	Richard Nash Esq	Burrows & others		£1 15s 10d
1810 Land Tax	Richard Nash Esq	Burrows & others		£1 15s 10d
1805 Land Tax	Richard Nash	Jas Worrall & others		£1 15s 10d
1802 Annual Valuation	Richard Nash	Job Gurney		House £7 10s
1801 Land Tax	Nash (Worcs)	W Jackson		£1 15s 10d
1798 Land Tax	Mr Nash	Mr Jackson & others		£1 16s 1d
1795 Land Tax	Mr Nash	Mr Jackson & others		£1 14s 9d
1789 Land Tax	Mr Nash, Worcester	Mr Jackson		£1 14s 9d
1787 Land Tax	Richard Nash			
	for late Walwyn			£1 14s 9d
1781 Land Tax	James Nash for			
	late Walwyn			£1 14s 9d

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27 December 1780	1. James Nash & Ann his wife		Consideration £1379	
	2. Richard Phillips of Droitwich, Gent		All that piece of land with 4 salt works and the wharf made by James Nash formerly occupied as a tanyard purchased by James Nash from Samuell Wallwyn and Edward Bearcroft and were then in the occ of Thomas Farley, Gent, bounded by other salt works & the land of James Nash on the east & south, by a road from the High Street to the canal on the west, on the north by the canal and containing 101 feet in breadth and 182 feet in length. A brine spring on the land of James Nash at the south end of the salt works mentioned known as Hales Pitt.	
1779 Church Levy		Mr Downes		for his house 4s 0d
1774 Church Levy		Mr Downes		for a house 2s 0d
1773 Church Levy		Mr Downes		for a house 2s 0d
1767 Church Levy		Mr Thos Downes		for a house 2s 0d
1766 Church Levy		Mr Thos Downes		for a house 2s 0d
29 Sept 1756			Abstract of Title (1827 B'ham Library Lee Crowder 1460)	
	1. Edward Bearcroft of Droitwich, Gent		Consideration £80	
	Samuel Wallwyn of Droitwich, Farmer		All thos three messuages or tenements with the stables, dovecote, garden, tanyard, hovels, backsides and appurtenances belonging situate in the parish of St Andrews in the tenure of Samuel Wallwyn, James Phillips and Jane Cattle.	
	2. James Nash of Newtown, St Martins, Worcester, Gent		And also all thos two seales or saltworks with the stoves and cribs belonging to the premises then in the tenure of William Romney, George Bedford, Thomas Haydon and Henry Schervell Lander and all the salt pit and all erections, engines and pumps and all the yard and ground extending from the said house towards the tanyard and salt works and all houses.	
20 November 1747			Will of Richard Hale Proved 25.8.1748	
BA 4963 Ref 261.4			To loving kinswoman Mrs Ann Wallwyn All and singular his messuages Lands Saltworks Tythes Tenements Hereditaments Goods	

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			Chattels and Personal Estate upon trust to pay legacies and expenses and remainder to his Kinsman Samuel Wallwyn when he attains age 21 to be held for ever.	
			Executors Ann Wallwyn Samuel Wallwayn	
			Witnesses Henry Roberts Elinor Smith Margaret Smith	
			Proved 25 August 1748	
1746 Church Levy	Richard Hale			5s 0d
27 May 1743			Will of Joseph Baylis	
BA 4963 Ref 261.4			To Kinsman Richard Hale All his messuages tenements brine and hereditaments in Droitwich and all his Goods and Chattels, he Richard Hale paying thereout the sum of £9 yearly to his Sister sister Ann Wallwyn for life and after her decease annuity to be paid to her eldest son Samuel.	
			He directed Richard Hale to permit Nephew Richard Wallwyn when he attained age 21, to receive the Rents Issues and Proffits of his two Panns Brine for life and after his decease to the said Richard Hale for the Term Estate he had therein.	
			Proved 13 June 1754	
			Richard Hale, executors predeceased Joseph Baylis. Ann Wallwyn, sister was appointed administrator.	
1741 Church Levy	Mr Hale			10s 0d
1728 Church levy	Mr Thomas Hale			5s 0d
1724 Church Levy	Mr Thomas Hale			6s 0d
1724 Articles of Agreement	1. Thomas Hale &		After reciting that Thomas & Elizabeth & Richard Hale and	
BA 4963 Ref 261.4	Elizabeth his wife &		Anne & Joseph Bayliss were lawfully seized in Fee Simple of and in	
	Richard Hale his son		all that piece of ground in the Parish of St Andrew in Droitwich late	
	& Anne Bayliss (sister		in the possession of Gilbert Penrice the Elder who held the same for	
	of Elizabeth) & Joseph		a long Term of Years and on which ground were formerly erected	
	her son & heir		and then standing several seales or houses to make salt and that	

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	2. Coningsby Norbury		it was presumed there was good Brine or Rock Salt in the ground	
	Esquire of Droitwich		under the earth called Talc in case endeavours were used to find	
	& Henry Wood, Gent		out the same but it would be very expensive to sink or bore for the	
	of Droitwich &		same. And also reciting that Coningsby Norbury, Henry Wood,	
	Gilbert Wheeler of		Gilbert Wheeler & Samuel Whitelaw had made application to	
	Droitwich, Gent &		Thomas Hale et al for leave to Bore and Sink for Brine or Rock Salt	
	Samuel Whitlaw of		and to be at all charges in doing the same. It is hereby witnessed	
	Droitwich, Panmaker		and Thomas Hale et al for the consideration thereafter mentioned	
			did jointly and severally covenant promise and agree with Coningsby	
			Norbury et al that it should be lawfull for them or their agents,	
			servants or workmen between the date thereof and 25 February	
			next to Bore and Sink for Brine or rock Salt at their cost and charges	
			and for Coningsby Norbury et al to have and take to their own use	
			four parts in five thereof and that in case any brine or rock salt	
			should be found then it should be lawfull for Thomas Hale et al to	
			enjoy one fifth part of the brine or rock salt to be found therein.	
			Thomas Hale et al did covenant not to sink any other Pitt on the said	
			piece of land in case they found any brine or rock salt with a penalty	
			of £1000 each to the other for performance of the Covenant.	
1722 Church Levy	Mr Thomas Hale			12s 0d
1720 Church Levy	Mr Thomas Hale			6s 0d
1718 Church Levy	Mr Thomas Hale			
1702			Marriage of Anne Westcott and Joseph Bayliss of St John Bedwardine	
			at Oddingley	
2 August 1690	1. Edward Davies of		Indenture Quinpartite	
BA 4963 Ref 261.4	Droitwich Gent &		Purporting a Deed to lead to use of a Fine	
BA 866 Ref.899.38/10	Elizabeth his wife		Reciting therein (amongst other things) that One Fine Sur	
	Edward Wheeler of		Conigzance De Droit Come Ceo with proclomations thereupon _____	
	Droitwich Gent &		Easter Term then last. Acknowledge and levyd between the said	
	Jane his wife &		partys. It is thereby witnessed and the uses thereof are declared as	

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	Henry Hodges of		for and concerning the said messuage or tenement above mentioned	
	Droitwich Gent &		with the appurtenances in manner following: As to Moyety of half	
	Alice his wife		part thereof To the use of the said Thomas Hale & Elizabeth his	
	2. Sir Thomas Street of		wife and the Heirs of the said Elizabeth for ever, added to the	
	Cotheridge		other Moyety or one half of the same to the use of the said Anne	
	3. Richard Borneford		Westcott and of her Heirs and Assigns for ever.	
	of Eastham, Essex			
	Esquire		Anne Westcott intermarried with Joseph Baylis of St Johns,	
	4. Thomas Hale of		Bedwardine, near Worcester	
	Droitwich, Tanner &			
	Elizabeth his wife			
	5. Ann Westcott of			
	Droitwich, Spinster			
1690			Indenture Quinpartite	
BA 866 Ref.899.38/10			A Moiety or half part of the messuage or tenement to Thomas Hale	
			and Elizabeth his wife and a moiety or half to Anne Westcott	
6 January 1689/90			Administration/ Inventory of Ruth Wescot, Widow	
15 November 1689			Will of Richard Westcott, Farmer	
			Wife Ruth & 2 daughters Ann Westcott and Elizabeth wife of Thomas	
			Hale	
5 November 1685	1. Henry Hodges		Indenture	
BA866 Ref:899:38/1	& Alice his wife		Henry Hodges did grant demise release quit claim & confirm to	
	2. Richard Westcott		Richard Westcott All that great messuage or tenement with the	
			appurtenances (Situating in) Droitwich aforesaid in the Parish of	
			St Andrews between a certain Lane commonly called Leadsmiths	
			Lane on the East part the Messuage or tenement sometime in the	
			occupation of one John Payne but then and now in the tenure of	
			occupation of William Bedford on the West Part, the Street there	
			on the South part and a Brooke there called Salwarpe Brooke on	

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			the North Part. To hold to Richard Westcott for ever.	
1684	1. Edward Barrett		Indenture	
	2. Thomas Hanbury		Edward Barrett in consideration of 5s and Thomas Hanbury in	
	Gent, youngest son		consideration of £210 did grant sell & set over to Richard Westcott	
	of Jonas Hanbury,		all that half of all and singular the houses, outhouses, buildings,	
	Gent late of Droitwich		barns, stables gardens, orchards, courts, yards, backsides, comons,	
	Dec'd		comons of pasture to the said messuage belonging to hold for the	
	3. Richard Westcott		remainder of the term of 950 years to come and unexpired.	
Indenture Tripartite BA 4963 Ref 261.4	1. Charles Whitaker & John Philpott		Assignment of the Term	
	2. Thomas Hale of Droitwich, Tanner & Elizabeth his wife & Ann Westcott of Droitwich, Spinster		After reciting therein the several before recited Indentures, and that the said Elizabeth Hale and Ann Westcott were the daughters of the said Richard Westcott and that Richard Westcott made his last Will and Testament and made Elizabeth and Anne Executrices thereof. It is hereby witnessed that the said Charles Whittaker and John Philpott in consideration of 5 shillings therein mentioned, did by the direction and appointment of Thomas Hale and Elizabeth his wife and Anne Westcott bargain, sell, assign and set over unto the said John French his Exors, Admins and assigns all the Great Messuage or Tenement then divided into several tenements as aforesaid, to hold John French, his Exors, Admins & Assigns from thenceforth for and during the residue of the Term of 950 years that was therein to come and unexpired in trust nevertheless for Thomas Hale and Elizabeth his wife and Anne Westcott her heirs and assigns and to be from time to time as they, their heirs and assigns should direct.	
	3. John French of Droitwich Gent			
Indenture Tripartite BA 4963 Ref 261.4	1. Richard Westcott of Droitwich, Tanner	Richard Westcott John Squire	Purporting a Settlement	
	2. Ruth Gyles of	Joshua Bradley	It is hereby witnessed that Richard Wescott in consideration of a marriage intended then shortly to be solemnized between him and the said Ruth Gyles and of the sum of £400 as a Marriage Portion with	

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	Powick, Spinster		with Ruth, did grant bargain sell assign and set over unto Charles	
	2. Charles Whitaker		Whitaker and John Philpot their heirs admns and assigns All and	
	of Powick, Gent &		Singular the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances	
	John Philpott of		being then divided into four tenements and then in the several	
	North Piddle, Clerk		occupations of Richard Wescott, John Squire and Joshua Bradley	
			to hold to the said Charles Whitaker and John Philpott from the date	
			thereof for and during the residue of the term of 950 years then to	
			come and unexpired upon trust to permit Richard Westcott and	
			his assigns to hold and enjoy the same and receive the rents	
			issues and profits thereof unto the said intended marriage should	
			take effect and from and after the solemnization thereof to permit	
			and suffer Richard Westcott and his assigns to receive the rent issues	
			and profits for life and after his decease the same limitation to	
			Ruth his intended wife for life and after the decease of both of them	
			then the like limitation to such child or children as shall be heirs	
			of the body of Ruth by Richard Westcott by his last Will and	
			Testament in writing or by any other Deed or Writing by him signed	
			sealed and delivered in the presence of two or more credible	
			witnesses shall limit direct or appoint	
1681 Indenture	1. Edward Barrett Gent		Indenture	
	& John Hanbury, Gent		After the death of Thomas Gower the son leaving no issue the said	
	eldest son & heir of		Alice Gower by deed poll dated 12 April 1655 did authorise Edward	
	Jonas Hanbury late of		Barrett the son and Thomas Barrett to permit Elizabeth Gower or any	
	Droitwich Dec'd by		one she married to hold and enjoy the premises and the rents &	
	Elizabeth his wife		profits. Elizabeth did marry Jonas Hanbury after this date and had	
	2. Richard Westcott		three sons, John, Jonas & Thomas. Jonas died intestate and Elizabeth	
	Gent of Droitwich		administered his estate and in her will, 3 Nov 17 Chas II left the	
			premises to her three sons. Brother Jonas died intestate and admin	
			was granted to his brothers. Edward Barrett and John Hanbury in	
			consideration of £110 John Hanbury did grant bargain sell and assign	

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			to Richard Westcott all that half a messuage and also half all the houses backsides For the term of 950 years yet to come.	
1679 Church Levy	Richard Westcott			4s 4½d
1664 Hearth Tax	Richard Wescot			4 Hearths
20 February 1664/5				Administration & Inventory of Jonas Hanbury
24 October 1654			<p>Will of Alice Gower widow of John Gower, Gent NA Made 24.10.1654</p> <p>And to the intent that the trust and confidence expressed and declared in any by an Indenture dated 21.10.1651 between Edward Barret of Droitwich and Thomas Gower of Droitwich, Gent son & heir of John Gower Gent dec'd and the said Heir on their part and Thomas Barrett of Droitwich, Gent & Edward Barrett the youngerl sons of the said Edward Barrett on the other part may be in all things duely and fullie accomplished and performed as it is therein expressed according to the Tenor insent and true meaning of the said Indenture & of all & every the parties thereunto and according to the power & authoritie thereby to me made & given And for the consideration therein expressed I do by this my last Will & Testament nominate direct and appoint the said Thomas Barrett and Edward Barrett the Younger to permit and suffer Elizabeth Gower my Daughter and Sister of the said Thomas Gower and her Executors Administrators & Assigns of the said Elizabeth from and after my decease to have and enjoy All and every the Messuage House Edifices Barnes Stables Buildings gardens orchards Seales Cribbs vines vinegrounds Tenement and premises in the said Indenture mentioned situate lying and being in Droitwich aforesaid in the said Countie of Worcester with all and every the Appurtenances And to have receive and have the Rente Issues and Profits thereof to he and their own proper use and behoof for and during all the residue of the Term of 950 years in or by the said Indenture and the Fine therein mentioned or assigned to the</p>	

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			said Thomas Barrett and Edsward Barrett the Younger which at my	
			decease shall be then to come and unexpired.	
1651			A Chirograph of the above Fine	
			In 1651 Indenture of that date made between the said Edward Barrett	
			by the Name of Edward Barret of Droitwich Gent and John Hanbury	
			Gent, eldest son & heir of Jonas Hanbury late of Droitwich deceased,	
			by Elizabeth his wife, on the one part and Richard Westcott of	
			Droitwich, Gent on the other part after reciting therein the	
			several hereinbefore recited Indenture Fine and also reciting	
			that after the death of Thomas Gower the son (who died without	
			issue) the said Alice Gower by her Deed Poll bearing date the	
			12 April 1655 Did for the conversions therein Make Nominate Direct	
			& appoint the said Thomas Barrett & Edward Barrett the son and	
			survivor of them and his and their Exors Admins & Assigns from	
			and after the decease of Alice should permit & suffer Elizabeth	
			Gower or such person as she shall then after marry and take to	
			Husband to hold and enjoy the said Premises and the rents profits	
			thereof until John Gower, brother and heir of Thomas Gower the	
			son should pay or cause to be paid to Elizabeth Gower her Exors,	
			Admins or assigns or to such person or persons as she should	
			marry and take to husband the sum of £400 and reciting that Thomas	
			Barrett was then dead and also reciting that Elizabeth Gower did	
			after the making of the recited Indenture, marry Jonas Hanbury who	
			had issue by Elizabeth, 3 sons viz John, Jonas & Thomas & reciting that	
			John Gower the son of Alice Gower failed in payment of £400 to	
			Jonas Hanbury, the father, or either of them and was then since	
			dead and also reciting that Jonas, the father, died intestate, after	
			whose death Elizabeth his widow took out Administration and after	
			by her last Will & Testament dated 3 November 1674 did give and	
			devise the Messuage or Tenement and Premises unto her 3 children,	

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			John, Jonas & Thomas and made them her Exors.	
			Also reciting that Jonas, the son, sometime after died intestate and	
			Administration was granted to his brothers John & Thomas Hanbury.	
			to his brothers John & Thomas Hanbury. It is thereby witnessed that	
			Edward Barrett and John Hanbury in consideration of £110 to him John	
			Hanbury that Richard Westcott, paid before the sealing did grant	
			bargain sell and assign and set over unto richard Westcott all that	
			moyety or one half of the said messuage & Tenement and also the	
			moyety of all and singular the houses, outhouses, edifices, buildings,	
			barnes, stables, gardens, orchards, courts, yards, backsides, comons	
			and common of pasture belonging to the messuage, the residue and	
			remainder of the term of 950 years then to come and unexpired.	
October 1651 Indenture BA 4963 Ref 261.4	1. Edward Barrett & Thomas Gower of Droitwich Gent son and heir of John Gower and Alice Gower his Widow and Executrix		It is thereby witnessed that the said Thomas Gower party thereto	
			in consideration of the natural love and affection which he had and	
			beare unto his said mother and to Elizabeth his only sister and for	
			her better advancement after the death of him the said Thomas	
			did covenant and agree to and with the said Thomas Barrett and	
			Edward Barrett that one Fine Sur Conigzance De Droit Come Ceo	
	2. Thomas Barrett of Droitwich Gent and Edward Barrett, sons of the said Edward Barrett		should be before the Feast of St John the Baptist then next be had	
			and levyd of the aforementioned premises from the date thereof	
			unto the full end and term of 950 years. To the several uses therein	
			mentioned, that Thomas Barrett and Edward Barrett and the survivor	
			of them should permit Alice to hold and enjoy the same premises and	
			the rents issues and profits thereof and take to her own use for and	
			during so many year of this term as she should happen to live and	
			after her decease in like manner to the said Thomas Gower and the	
			heirs of his body lawfully begotten and after the death of Alice and	
			in case Thomas Gower shall dye without issue of his body then and	
			after the death of Alice & Thomas Gower and the survivor of them	
			then to permit Elizabeth Gower and her Assignes or such other	

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			person or persons as Thomas Gower the son of Alice Gower or the survivor of them by any writeing under his or her hand and seale	
			or by his or her last Will and Testament in writeing in the presence	
			of two or more credible witnesses should nominate direct or appoint	
			to hold and enjoy the same premises and the rents issues and	
			profits thereof to receive and take until such Person or persons	
			which shall be heir of the said Thomas Gower the Son or such other	
			person or persons to be in that behalf nominated and appointed	
			by the said Thomas Gower the Sone and Alice Gower or the	
			survivor of them by his or her last Will & Testament in writeing.	
3 April 1643			Burial of John Gower, Gent at St Andrew's Church	
4 May 1642			Will John Gower, Gent of Droitwich Probate 5.11.1656 PCC	
			Whereas I am seized and interested for the term of my natural life	
			of the annual summe of £20 issuing out of a certain messuage lands	
			with the appurtenances in Tibberton in the County of Worcester	
			called Eve Lench Farm by the grant of John Wyntour Esquire deceased	
			as by the said grant under the hand and seale of the said John Wyntour	
			(relation thereunto had) more fully and plainely may appear. And	
			whereas also the summe of £400 of current money of England of the	
			said annual sum of £20 owed and behind and unpaid unto me for 20	
			years now past by Sir George Wyntour Knight and Baronett son and	
			heir of the said John Wyntour deceased the foresaid summe of £400	
			being all that I have who sowith to apportion and educate my	
			children.	
			I do hereby give and devise and bequeath unto Alice my wife	
			therewith to Educate my said children and to apportion all or such	
			of them as my said wife shall think most fitt and needfull item for	
			the discharge and due payment of all my debts I doe likewise give	
			and devise and bequeath unto my said wife whome I hereby make	
			Executrix of this my last Will and Testament all my goods Cattells &	
			Chattells whatsoever as well real and personal estate.	

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			I make and appoint Edward Barrett, Gent my Father-in-law and	
			Thomas Gower, Gent my brother to be Overseers of this my last	
			Will and Testament giving them for their pains therein to be taken	
			the summe of 20/- a piece.	
			Executrix	Alice Gower - Wife
			Overseers - Edward Barrrrett, father-in-law & Thomas Gower	
			Witnesses	George Davies & Thomas Gower
James 1 1624	1. John Gower of		Indenture reciting therein that Thomas Gower,	
BA 4963 Ref 261.4	Droitwich Gent		deceased late father of John Gower by his Indenture of Leasing	
	2. William Barrett of		bearing date 10 November in the 8th year of King James Reign (1611)	
	Droitwich Gent &		made between Thomas Gower the Elder of Droitwich, Gent and	
	William Andrews		and John Gower one of the younger sons of Thomas Gower the Elder	
	Gent		on the other part. Thomas Gower for the consideration therein	
			mentioned did demise grant set and to farm lett unto John Gower,	
			his Exors and assigns All that great messuage or tenement in	
			Droitwich in the Parish of St Andrews between the lane commonly	
			called Leadsmiths Lane on the East part, the Messuage then in the	
			ocupation of John Payne on the West Part, the Street on the	
			south part and the brook commonly called Sallow Brook on the	
			North part. And also all and singular Halls, Chambers, Rooms, Sollers,	
			Cellars, Houses, Edifices, Buildings, Stables, Backsides, Ways, Entrys,	
			Outhouses, Yards and Gardens together also with two seals one	
			hovell three cribs and all grounds easements profits commodities	
			emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever to the said Great	
			Messuage belonging or in any wise appertaining. All which	
			premises Thomas Gower the Elder then lately had and purchased	
	Richard Foster and		from Richard Foster, then late of Droitwich, Gent, dec'd and Francis	
	Francis Foster his son		Foster, son and heir of Richard which premises were then in the	
			holding of John Gower the Elder and of sundry undertenants, to	
			hold to John Gower his Exors and assigns from the date of the same	

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			Indenture unto the End and Term of One thousand years from	
			thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended by the	
			said Indenture of Assignment Witnessed that John Gower as well	
			in consideration of a Marriage then agreed upon to be had and	
			solemnized between him John Gower and Alice, eldest daughter of	
			Edward Barrett and of the sum of £200 paid to him by the said	
			Edward Barrett as a Marriage portion with the said Alice and to the	
			end intent and purpose that the Great Messuage and other premises	
			in the said recited Indenture of Lease remain and be to the several	
			uses intents and purposes thereafter limited and declare John	
			Gower did grant assign and set over unto Edward Barrett and William	
			Andrews and their Assigns the Great Messuage or Tenements, Seals,	
			Cribs, grounds hovell and all other premises in the above recited	
			Indenture demised to hold unto Edward Barrett and William	
			Andrews their Exors and assigns for and during the residue and	
			remainder of the said Term of 1000 years and should permit John	
			Gower and Alice and their assigns to receive the rents issues and	
			profits thereof during their joint lives and from and after their	
			several deceased then to permit and suffer the heirs of their two	
			bodies lawfully to be begotten to receive the rents issues and	
			profits thereof.	
23 June 1623			Marriage of John Gower to Alice Barrett at St Peter' church	
10 November 1611	1. Thomas Gower (By		Indenture of Leasing	
BA4963 (8 James I)	the name of Thos		The said Thos Gower did demise Grant Set and to farm lett unto	
Ref: 261.4	Gower the Elder of		the said John Gower his Executors and Assigns All that great	
	Droitwich) Gent		messuage or tenement (Situating in) Droitwich aforesaid in the	
	2. John Gower (one of		Parish of St Andrews Between the Lane commonly called	
	the younger sons of the		Leadsmiths Lane on the East part, the Messuage or tenement then	
	said Thos Gower the		in the occupation of one John Payne on the West part, the Street	

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	Elder)			on the south part and the Brooke commonly called Sallow Brook on the North part. And also all and singular Halls, Chambers, Rooms,
				Sollers, Cellars, Houses, Edificies, Buildings, Stables, Backsides,
				ways, Entrys, Outhouses, Yards and gardens together also with two
				seals, One Hovell, three Cribs and all _____ Grounds, Easements
				Commodities, Emoluments and Hereditaments whatsoever to the
				said Great Messuage belonging or in any wise appertaining, All
				which premises the said Thomas Gower the Elder then lately had
				and purchased of and from Richard Foster then late of Droitwich,
				Gent Deceased & Francis Foster son and heir of the said Richard
				which said premises were then in the holding or occupation of the
				said Thomas Gower the Elder and of sundry his undertenants. To hold
				unto the said John Gower his Executors & Assigns from the Date of
				the same Indenture unto the End and Term of One Thousand Years
				from thence next Ensuing and fully to be complete and ended His
				by the said Indenture of Assignment Witnessed that the said John
				Gower as well in Consideration of a Marriage then Agreed upon to
				be had and solemnised between him the said John Gower and Alice
				Eldest Daughter of the said Edward Barrett and of the sum of £200
				paid to him by the said Edward Barrett as a Marriage porcion with
				the said Alice and to the End intent and purpose that the said
				Grand Messuage and other Premises in the said recited Indenture
				of Lease mentioned & demised remain and be to the several
				uses intents and purposes thereafter limited and declare the said
				John Gower did Grant Assign and set over to the said Edward
				Barrett and William Andrews and their Assigns the aforesaid
				Great Messuage or Tenements Seales, Cribs _____ Grounds Hovell
				& all other the premises in the above recited Indenture demised
				To Hold unto the said Edward Barrett and William Andrews their
				Executors and Assigns for and during the residue and remainder
				of the said Term of 1000 years upon Trust and Confidence that the

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			said Edward Barrett and William Andrews their Executors and	
			Assignes should permit and suffer the said John Gower and Alice and	
			their Assignes to receive the Rents Issues and Proffits thereof	
			during their Joint Lives and from and after their several deceases	
			then to permit and suffer the heirs of their two Bodys lawfully to	
			be begotten to receive the Rents Issues and profits thereof and for	
			want of such heirs then to permit and suffer the Executors	
			Administrators and Assigns of the said John Gower and Alice to	
			receive the Rents Issues and profits thereof during the remainder	
			of the Term of 1000 years.	
Before 1611	Richard Foster and		All which premises the said Thomas Gower the Elder then lately	
	Francis Foster his son		purchased from Richard Foster then late of Droitwich Gent	
			deceased & Francis Foster son and heir of the said Richard	
1585			Thomas Gower marriage to Elizabeth Dethick (<i>Marriage bond the Hive</i>)	