

1266 High Road N 20
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Note: In the following: admitted = registered owner of,
mess = messuage (dwelling house),
surr = sold

In the Middle Age, land transactions were registered with the Lord of the Manor who held a manorial court called the Frank Pledge once or twice a year. The records were kept rolled up and so came to be known as the Court Rolls. Three copies were made on the same sheet of parchment, which was then cut up into three pieces. The vendor kept the first part, the purchaser had the second part and the Lord of the Manor the third part. In Medieval times legal documents were dated by the reign of the Monarch.

There were various Lords of the Manor of Whetstone in the parish of Friern Barnet including the Knights of St John of Jerusalem. All these early records have been lost. The Lordship passed in 1488 to the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, whose records are kept in the Guildhall in London. They are stored in several large boxes.

When the records begin, number 1266 was owned by the Fox family who also had land in Southgate near Fox Lane.

1487 (2 Henry VII)

Frank Pledge - Richard Ffoxe Essoin (Essoin means local landowner owing suit or allegiance to the court)

1492 (7 Henry VII)

Richard Fox surrendered a parcel of woods of ½ an acre abutting Longcroft belonging to Richard Copewood on the West and Goodyere's land on the North to Richard Copewood. Richard Fox surrendered a cottage, curtilage and garden called Chapmaynes Hawe formerly belonging to Margaret Burton and before that to John Peter to William Heybourne.

1494 (9 Henry VII)

Richard Fox surrendered 2 virgates of land called Smith's Grove to John Goodyere

1547 July (38 Henry VII)

William Ffoxe surrendered two tenements in Whetstone to his son & heir William Ffoxe, an infant and Longcroft of seven acres.

1551

Richard Ffoxe surrendered 2 messuages in Whetstone to Robert Fox of Bowes.

1556 15 June (Philip & Mary)

Richard Foxe of Bowes has surrendered 2 messuages in Whetstone Street and a close called Longcroft to his brother Robert Ffoxe

1564 (6 Elizabeth)

Survey of the Parish

Robert Ffoxe holds 2 messuages in Whetstone Strete and Longcroft alias Beldhamshott of 9 acres.

1588 (30 Elizabeth)

Rent Rolls

Robert Ffoxe holds Beldhamshotte, Pond Field and Longcroft of 9 acres. Rent 9 pence.

1589 (31 Elizabeth)

Robert Ffoxe surrendered Longcroft of 9 acres next to Mare Lane on the North, Beldham Lane to the West and Marefield in the East to his son & heir William Fox.

1589 5 May(31 Elizabeth)

Robert Fox, now dead, surrendered the tenement occupied by William Page and the tenement in the occupation of John Ffoxe to his son & heir. They abut the land of Henry Bellamie on the east & North, Robert Sannie on the South and the Queen's Highway on the West.

1613 3 May (7 James I)

Robert Ffoxe son & heir of John Ffoxe was admitted to the messuage and orchard in which John Ffoxe lived.

1616 18 May (10 James I)

Robert Fox, a customary tenant, surrendered all that messuage, stable and garden situate in Whetstone and called the Fox, now in the tenure of Robert Mitchell, to Robert Nicholl to the use of John Reeve.

1662

John Taper admitted to the Crown - Fine (i.e. Court Fee) £2.10s 0d.

1669 17 May

John Taper & Maria his wife surrendered the Crown to Richard Tillcock Fine for adm £7.0.0

?? 5 May

Joseph Standloe of the Inner Temple, London, Gent surrendered a messuage and tenement called the Crown before that the Fox containing $\frac{1}{2}$ a rod of land to the use of John Tapper

1675 17 May

Richard Tilcock surrendered the above to John Rolfe

1686

John Rolfe to Elizabeth Bunnan. Fine £7.0.0

1714

Elizabeth Bunnan dead, her property to her daughter Grace, wife of William Wood. Fine £9.0.0

1717

William & Grace Wood surr to Thomas Nixon Fine £6.0.0

1730 10 June

Death of Thomas Nixon, by his will to his widow & thence to his son Timothy Nixon.

1747 27 June

Timothy and Sarah Nixon sold the property to Thomas Howard & Sarah his wife.

1761

Death of Thomas Howard, property by his will of 10 Dec 1760 to his brother Thomas Bradwin

1766

Death of Thomas Bradwin, by his will of 4 June 1766 to his sons Thomas Bradwin of Walton and Abel Bradwin of Oxford, basket maker, a moiety each.

1770 8 June

Thomas Bradwin sold his half to Abel Bradwin.

1772

Licence to Abel Bradwin to let the property for 21 years.

1787 1 June

Abel Bradwin surrendered the property to John Cooper, collar maker of Whetstone.

1835 23 April

Copy of will of John Cooper

Bequeaths to his nephew Thomas Dawes Cooper "all my tow copyhold messuages...in one of which OI lately resided, situate on the east side of Whetstone near the turnpike gate and opposite to Totteridge Lane and held in the manor of Friern Barnet".

1838 8 June

Admission of Thomas Dawes Cooper "All that messuage or tenement formerly called the Crown Inn but which said messuage or tenement hath long since been converted into and now consists of two messuages or tenements one of which with a stable and the whole of the garden is in the occupation of James Butt and ? Wright and the other in the occupation of James White to which premises John Cooper was admitted on 1 June 1787"

1840 29 July

Agreement to sell

1 Thomas Dawes Cooper. Highgate. Ssaddler
2 Joseph Burgess. Whetstone. Tailor
property as above. Price £317

1871 14 June

Mortgage for £155

12 Joseph Burgess. Whetstone. Tailor

2. Robert Gilmour. Whetstone. Draper

Security "All those three mess or ten situate in Whetstone one of which with a stable washhouse and coal shed thereunto belonging and the whole of the garden and yard thereto in the occupation of the said Joseph Burgess and the other two in the occupation of ? Evans widow and Robert Cannon."

Endorsed Deed cancelled 20 July 1888

1886 26 March

Copy will proved 6 April 1872

Joseph Burgess of Whetstone devises'

1 to John Joseph Gilmour son of Robert Gilmour of Whetstone a copyhold cottage near the Torrington Arms Finchley Common in the occupation of Widow Pratt price ???

2 money invested in mortgage to his brother Samuel Burgess of Dunstable Beds, interest to Mary Ann Tippler, wife of George Tippler of Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

3 all my copyhold premises in Whetstone now in the respective occupations of William Evans and Miss Elizabeth Barnett to the said Mary Ann Tippler for life, then to George Tippler for life then to their son George Tippler.

1904 17 Feb

Admission

Recites previous admission from 1841: Mary Ann Tippler admitted 31 July 1873: 3 messuages one with stable & yard in occupation of Solomon Carr, others in occ of Eliza Evans, widow, and Emma Smeaton, now 3 mess with gardens & appurtenances, on the east side of the High Road next to the Post Office.

1920 4 March

Admission

George Joseph Tippler

Recites previous admissions

3 mess now in occ of Messrs Whipple Wheeler & Wright

Miss Beatrice Tippler

Horace William Garrod

1925 17 Dec

Deed of enfranchisement

1 Ecclesiastical Commissioners

2 George Joseph Tippler, 24 Fallow Court Ave. Finchley. Gent

3 Annie Garrod, wife of H W Garrod

All that three mess formerly called the Crown Inn long converted into 3 mess or ten with gardens buildings and appurtenances, next to the Post Office and now known as the White House. Bank House and Fair Oak.