

Manor of Lakenheath

Court held 13th May 1844

Copy of the Admission

of

M^r Charles Cash

The Manor
of
Lakenheath

At the Court Leet and General Court Baron of the
County of Huntingdon held at the Court House of the
City of Peterborough the 13th day of May 1844 before
the Reverend George Peacock Doctor in Divinity Dean of the
Cathedral Church of the Holy and undivided Trinity and
City and of the Chapter of the same Church Lords of the said
Manor holden in and for the said Manor on Monday the
13th day of May 1844 before Hugh Robert Evans the younger
Gentleman Steward there

It is thus enrolled

Whereas at a Court holden in and for this Manor on the 13th day of February
1843 it was presented by the then Homage that George Cash who held to him
and his Heirs of the Lords of this Manor by Copy of Court Roll certain premises before that
Court died seized thereof but because no one to the said Court came to be admitted Tenant
to the premises whereof the said George Cash so died seized therefore the first proclamation
was duly made &c And whereas at another Court holden in and for this Manor
on the 5th day of December 1843 the second proclamation was duly made &c Now at this
Court comes into Court Charles Cash Son of the said Testator and produces the Will of his
said Father bearing date the 19th day of July 1841 in which after devising certain portions
of an Allotment therein mentioned he gave and devised as follows "I do hereby give and
devise all those three acres of Land residue of my said Allotment of Land in Lakenheath
held unto my Son Charles Cash his Heirs and Assigns for ever Subject nevertheless and
I do hereby charge the same with the payment of fifty pounds to his Sister Mary within
twelve Calendar Months next after my decease And I do hereby direct that my said Son
Charles Cash his Heirs and Assigns shall make and for ever keep in repair the fences
on the North East and South sides of the said Land" And thereupon the said Charles

The Manor of Lakenheath to Charles Cash. 13th February and 19th July, 1843 and transfer on 15th May 1844. From the original transfer parchment deed donated by Prof. Ray Bonnet.

In 1843 GEORGE CASH bequeathed his copyhold tenancy* of 3 acres at 'Mill Hill' which he held from the still existent Manor of Lakenheath, (The Dean and Chapter of Ely), to his son Charles, who had to undertake to pay the annual rent or 'fine' of 2 shillings and to maintain the land and certain fences in good condition.

"I give and devise all those three acres of land to Charles Cash and his Heirs and Assignees for ever subject to the payment of £50 to his sister Mary".

And

"Charles Cash humbly prays the Lords of this Manor to admit him tenant to the premises.

This land was in the vicinity of the mound on which the bungalow is built opposite the present school on Mill Lane. The mound is the site of the smock-mill which was opposite the school. (See photo in **Lakenheath School, Education in the Village**).

A copyhold tenancy was similar to modern agreements which give security of tenure and this system of land transfer can be traced back to the middle ages. The copyholder had the right to bequeath the tenancy to another person. This was most likely the means by which the early tenant farmer families in the village of the middle ages eventually became land owners.

A copy of a written agreement was given to the tenant, who held the **copy proving his rights to **hold** the tenancy.*