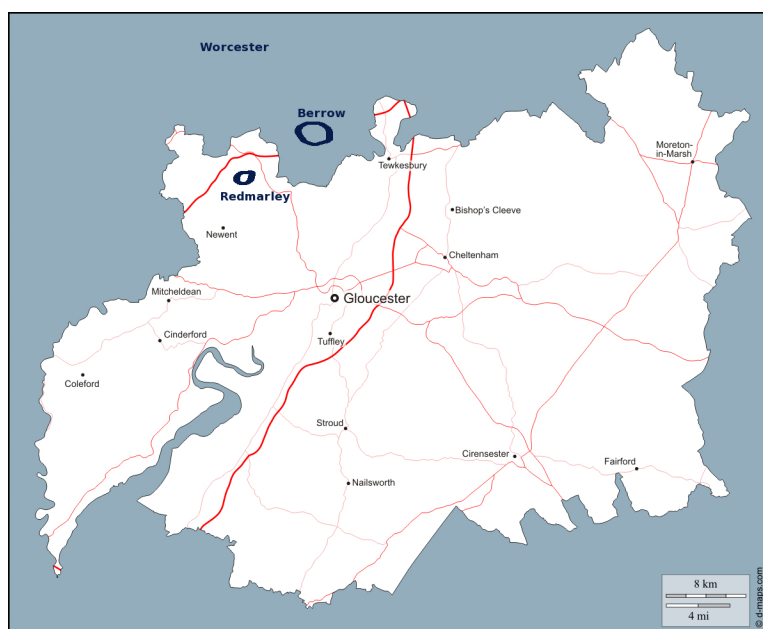


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Type	Single sheet parchment, one seal tag with red wax seal attached
Date	19 June 1586
Setting	Legal, Commerce
Produced by/for	William Wodley, John Barston, Henry Churchey
Contents	Indenture agreement concerning transfer of lands from William Wodley and John Barston to Henry Churchey
Names Appearing in Document	William Wodley, John Barston, William Barston, Henry Churchey, Flores (Florence?) Clarke
Names Appearing as Witnesses	John Claerke, John Coxe, John Good
Region(s)/County	Redmarley D'Abiotot, Berrow, Worcestershire
Property Names	Linges End, Warmarsh (or Warmarch) Field, Linges Green
Shelfmark	Ind.Eng.1
Location	Drawer 5A/05
Accession Number	1994-014
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 excellent condition. There is no visible pricking or horizontal ruling, but one plummet line rules the left margin.
Dimensions and notable features are as follows:	
Parchment	465 x 255mm, with 27mm plica (fold) at bottom
Text Block	425 x 206mm (measured from top of ascender on first line to bottom of descender on last line), 40mm margin at left
Text	English, 1 column, 32 lines in black ink, with signature of Henry Churchey on plica and contemporary note of witnesses on dorse. Secretary Hand. Faint modern pencil dates and initials on dorse, probably added by collectors, may assist with assessment of provenance.
Seal	Red wax seal in excellent condition bears initials I.C., probably those of one of the witnesses (either John Claerke or John Coxe)
Provenance	Part of the Charles Buchanan Fond, this item acquired in 1994 by University of Victoria. Buchanan purchased the item from Harrods (London) in 1976.

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This indenture is an agreement between Henry Churchey of Ridmarley Debitot and William Wodley of Berrow and John Barston of Ridmarley Debitot. Wodley is granting lands to Churchey.



Locations:

Ridmarley (Redmarley) is located in the Forest of Dean district of Gloucestershire, South West England. The Civil Parish of Redmarley was moved from Worcestershire to Gloucestershire in 1931.

According to the official website of Redmarley (<http://www.redmarley.org.uk>) the village name is of Anglo-Saxon origins, and means the “clearing around the reedy pond” (Redmarley), and the first record of the village is dated to 619. The second part of the name, Debitot

(D’Abitot), is first mentioned in 1352, and according to the village history page, is likely also of Anglo-Saxon origin, but could also be considered a Norman French name from the period.

Names:

In searches of the parish registers in the region⁴, numerous d’Abitot / Debitot / Dabitot births, marriages and deaths were noted. Historical records do show that this family had a relatively large interest in this region for several centuries.

Churchey: Initial searches in the parish records of Redmarley show that an Alyce Churchey, daughter of Henry Churchey, was christened on March 22 in 1572 in Redmarly D’Abitot, Worcestershire. There is also a record of a Henry Churchey in Langdon Parish marrying Margerie on 17 November 1567.

Wodley: Searches in the parish records have found two William Wodleys born on 4 April 1545 and 11 April 1552 respectively. For neither of these men information on the father was entered. There were also two John Wodleys, although neither of their birth dates could be found. One

⁴ Parish records searched include Redmarley and Berrow, although broader searches in the Worcestershire archives will bring additional results.

John Wodley married Sible (no last name) who died on 29 April 1596, while John died on 15 May 1581. The Second John Wodley, a shoemaker, married Elizabeth Holforde on 3 February 1546. Elizabeth died on 18 February 1576. They had a daughter, Elizabeth, for whom no birth record was found, who died on 23 July 1586.

Barston: John Barston is mentioned in the parish records as having married Elizabeth. Elizabeth died on 20 April 1602, a widow. Children of John and Elizabeth included: Margery born 9 March 1588; John, died on 25 October 1585; Florice, born on 29 September 1586 and died on 12 January 1586⁵; Richard, born on 14 October 1584 and died 16 June 1628. William, born on 12 November 1583 and died 8 January 1590, and John, born on 5 April 1590 and died likely in 1645.

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 Indenture of Henry Churchey,
 concerning transfer of lands from William Wodley and John Barston
 England (Worcestershire) 19 June 1586

- 1 **This Indentuer made** the Nienty*n*/th day of Iunne in the eight and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England
- 2 ffraunce *and* Ierland Queene defender of the fayth *et cetera* Betwene Henry Churchey of Ridmarley debitot in the county of worcester yeomen on thone *partye* William wodley of
- 3 the Berrow in the county aforesayd *and* Iohn Barston of Ridmarley debitot aforesayd in the county aforesayd yeomen on the other *partye* **wittnesseth** that wheras the sayd *william \wodley/*
- 4 of the Berrow in the county aforsayd did *and* hath by his sufficient deede amongst other thinges for divers good *and* great causes *and* considerac[i]ons him thervnto especially movinge clyerly
- 5 and absolutly geven graunted barganed sould assigned *and* sett over vnto the aforesayd Henry Churchey of Ridmarley aforesayd in the county aforesayd certen *parcels* of errable land
- 6 pastuer or inclosed ground scituat lijng *and* being \in Ridmarley aforesayd/ in a place called Linges end *and* warmarch field contayning by estimac[i]on sixteene acres or theraboutes being butted ~~butted~~ bounded
- 7 meared *and* marked in manner *and* forme following videlicet to closes leasows pastuers or inclosed ground contayning by estimaton eleven acres or theraboutes extending in length from
- 8 the land of the foresayd William wodley on the est end vnto the land of William Barston father of the sayd Iohn Barston on the west end Betwene the land of the foresayd
- 9 william wodley on the north side *and* the land of the foresayd william Barston on the sowth side on litle close *parcell* of the sayd land contayning by estimation one acre or
- 10 theraboutes shoting in length from the ground of the foresayd william wodley on the est end vnto A green or high way called Linges greene on the west end betwene
- 11 the land of the foresayd \william wodley/ on the north side *and* the land of the foresayd william Barston on the sowth side and also a certen *parcell* of now arrable land scituat

- 12 lijng *and* being in warmarsh fielde contayning by estimation fower acres or theraboutes extending in length from the land of fflores Clarke of the Berrow on the
- 13 north end vnto the foresayd greene or high way on the sowth end Betwene the land of the foresayd william wodley on both sides together with all his right title
- 14 estate interest possession auctoritie *and* demaund *which* he the sayd william wodley had or by any wayes or meanes might could or ought to have of in or to the same
- 15 **To have** and to howld all his sayd right title estate clayme interest power *and* demaund of in *and* to all the sayd *parcells* of errable *and* inclosed ground with their appertinenc[es]
- 16 vnto the said Henry Churchey his heires *and* assignes *and* to every of them in as ample *and* large maner *and* as fully wholie suerly *and* effectually as hit did apperteyne *and*
- 17 belonge vnto him the sayd william wodley And to use dispose *and* determyne geve graunt *and* assigne the same/ to his owne will *and* pleasuer as lawfully as he the sayd william
- 18 wodley his heires *and* \or/ assignes might or could doe if his present writing or deede had not byn made as by the sayd deede bering date the eyghte *and* twentithe daye of \Januarye in the twenti/
- 19 yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lady Elizabeth more at large hit doth *and* may appear · **now** me the sayd henry churchey for divers good *and* great
- 20 causes *and* considerac[i]ons me at this tyme likewise especially moving to have geven graunted barganed sould remysed *and* released *and* by these presentes do fully clierly
- 21 and absolutly geve graunt bargayne sell remyse *and* release vnto the foresayd william wodley *and* Iohn Barston their heires *and* assignes *and* every of them
- 22 all *and* every the premisses *and* parcels of arrable pastuer *and* inclosed ground in these presentes particulerly named resited declared *and* ment together with all that my
- 23 right title estate clayme use interest possession auctoritie power *and* demaund whatsoever or howsoever *which* I the sayd Henry Churchey my heires or assignes
- 24 had or have or by any wayes or meanes can may or ought to have of in *and* to the same **To have** and to hould all every *and* singular the premisses before
- 25 resited *and* every parte therof withall *and* every their appertinances vnto the sayd william wodley *and* Iohn Barston their heires *and* assignes for ever So as neyther
- 26 I the sayd Henry Churchey my heires nor assignes nor any of vs any maner of right title vse interest possession or demaund in or to the sayd resited

- 27 *premisses* or any *parte* or *parcell* therof shall or may hereafter challendg or have but that
we *and* every of vs shal be by these *presentes* for ever excluded of and
- 28 from all *and* all maner of acc[i]on sute right title vse interest or demaund in or to the
same or any *parte* or *parcell* therof all *which* sayd *premisses and* every *parte*
- 29 *and* *parcell* therof I the sayd Henry Churchey do covenant *promise and* graunt by these
presentes for me my heires *and* assignes to *and* with the sayd william wodley *and* Iohn
Barston
- 30 their heires *and* assignes are cliered *and* absolutly freed from any manner of eidempnitie
or other incumbrances whatsoever had made comitted or done by me the sayd Henry
- 31 my heires or assignes or any of vs or any other *persone* or *persons* lawfully clayming by
from or vnder vs or any of vs *and* so shall continew for ever **In Witnesse**
- 32 whereof the *parties* above named to eyther *parte* of these *presentes* have enterchayngably
put to theyr handes *and* seales the day *and* yeare first above written

PLICA:

by me henry churcheye

DORSE:

(top center)

Sealed *and* delivered in the *presense* of
these whose names are subscribed *and* liuerye *and* seysin geuen

Iohn Coxe

Iohn Good

Iohn Claerke

(lower left, in modern pencil)

1586

(lower right, in modern pencil)

1578 AD/W.D.

Textual Notes

1. It appears as though the day has been changed, where the /Tw/ of twentyth has been scraped out and replaced with an /Ni/, retaining the original 'e' of /twen/. An 'n' has been inserted above the line tow complete the new day, /Nienty\n/th. Scrape marks are also visible above and below the 'n' of /June/.
3. Insertion of text has been made above the line. Similar insertions of text occur at line 6, 6,

11, 17, and 18.

18. The end of the line seems to have been left intentionally blank for the subsequent insertion of the text */eyghte and twentithe daye of \anuarye in the twenti/*. This insertion appears to be in the same hand as that of the words */by me/* and the signature of Henry Churchey on the Plica.
 - The seal attached to the document bears the initials IC, which are likely those of John Coxe or John Claerke (the witnesses to the document).