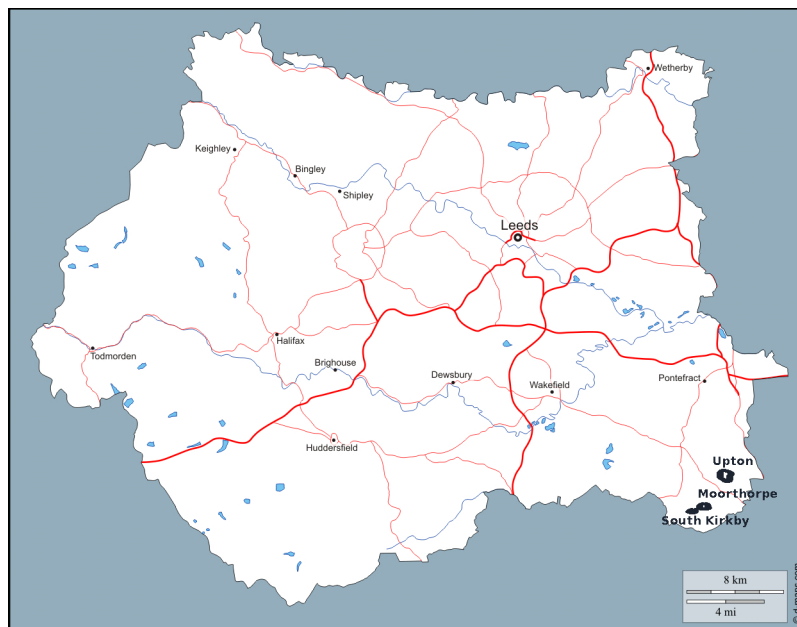


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Type	Single sheet parchment, two seal tags with extant seal wrappers (but no seals)
Date	18 August, 1664
Setting	Legal, Matrimonial
Produced by/for	Richard Conway, John Machon, and Francis Machon
Contents	Indenture agreement concerning rights of lands related to marriage dowry of Elizabeth, daughter of John Machon
Names Appearing in Document	Richard Conway, John Machon, Francis Machon, Elizabeth Conway (nee Machon), Anne Conway. Richard Raynold, Robert Hanley, Thomas Armroid, Thomas Loxley, Thomas Wilkinson, Thomas Trigot
Names Appearing as Witnesses	I. (John?) Bingley, Thomas Armroid, Anne Hogley, Anna Conway, Thomas Bolton
Region(s)/County	Yorkshire, South Kirkeby, Morethorpe, Upton
Property Names	Kirkbridgefield, Middlefield, Gallencroftfield, Carrefield-upon-Deynam-Furlong, Ballencroft Field, Between-the-Gates, Kirkbridges
Shelfmark	Ind.Eng.2
Location	Shelf 07/D/34
Accession Number	2011-045
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, although there is slight smudging on the upper and lower left of the sheet, as well as some minor fold-related damage near the middle. The text is ruled in plummet, with one verticle rule marking the left margin of the text block. Pricking is visible at both left and right margins.
Dimensions and notable features are as follows:	
Parchment	465 x 240mm, with 25mm plica (fold) at bottom
Text Block	450 x 205mm (measured from top of ascender on first line to bottom of descender on last line), 15mm margin at left
Text	English, 1 column, 32 lines in black ink with minor deterioration. Signature of John Machon on plica, and contemporary note of date and witnesses on dorse. Secretary Hand.
Seal	Two tags bear traces of small, red-wax seals, but seals are missing. Parchment seal covers (scraps with traces of writing on interior) remain.
Provenance	Acquired in 2011 by University of Victoria Special Collections by special donation from Roger Bishop.

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This indenture agreement concerns rights of lands related to the marriage dowry of Elizabeth, daughter of John Machon.



Locations:

South Kirkby (Kirkeby) and Moorthorpe (Morethorpe) and Upton lie in the county of West Yorkshire.

Historically, South Kirkby existed before the Norman conquest, and was named by the Vikings. *Kirk* refers to church, while *by* is the old Norse word for village. In a similar manner, Morethorpe (Moorethorpe) translates to “farm on the moor.”⁶ In the Domesday Book, the village is mentioned as a single manor

consisting of Frickley, South Elmsall, and Moorthorpe. According to the document written by Dave Weldrake, “Before the Conquest the manor had belonged to two Anglo-Saxon noblemen called Sweinn and Arnketill. After the Conquest William gave the manor to Ilbert de Lacy. Ilbert had dozens of manors in the north of England. He ran them all from his castle at Pontefract so his holdings became known as the Honour of Pontefract” (South Kirkby).

Names:

The names of all the people mentioned in the document appear in the parish or Yorkshire records. However, the large number of people with similar names makes it impossible, without field research, to positively identify those who are mentioned in the document.

Conway: The only Richard Conway in the records for South Kirkby was born on 5 February 1636. In the records, there are 6 children who were baptized, all of whom had Richard listed as father, in the years after his marriage to Elizabeth Machon (using the date of the Indenture as approximate date of marriage).

Machon: The Machon family was a large family, and different branches of the family can be found throughout Yorkshire. It is nearly impossible to identify anyone with any certainty

without actual field work. John Machon is the father of Elizabeth (wife of Richard Conway). Elizabeth may have been born on 12 December 1641, as that is the only record found of an Elizabeth Machon born to a John Machon in South Kirkby.

Others: Although all other names were checked on local registries, the lack of data in some instances or the high incidence of people with the same name in other instances, does not allow for clear identification at this point in time. These other names include: Francis Machon, Anne Conway, Richard Raynold, Robert Hanley, Thomas Armroid, Thomas Loxley, Thomas Wilkinson, and Thomas Trigot.

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Indenture of Richard Conway,
concerning rights of lands related to dowry of elizabeth, daughter of John Machon
England (Yorkshire) 18 August 1664

1. This Indenture made the eighteenth day of Auguste in the sixteenth yeare of the raign of our soveraign Lord king Charles the second et cetera and in the yeare of our Lord God
2. one thousand six hundred sixtie and foure Betweene Richard Conway of Morethorp in the parish of South Kirkeby and County of Yorke husbandman of the one parte, and Iohn Machon
3. of South Kirkeby in the said County yeoman and ffrancis Machon of Upton in the County of York husbandman on the other parte Witnesseth that the said Richard Conway as well
4. for and in consideracion of a marriage had and solemnized betweene the said Richard and Elizabeth his now wife, one of the daughters of the said Iohn Machon and for the love and affection he hath
5. to his wife a[s] alsoe for and in consideration of the summe of Thirty pounds of good and lawfull money of England which he the said Richard Conway is to have of the said
6. Iohn Machon with the said Elizabeth his daughter for her marriage portion and for the settling of a competent iointure for the said Elizabeth and assuring *and* conveying of the tenement *and*
7. landes hereafter in these *presentes* mentioned to the severall vses intentes *and* purposes hereafter herein expressed: **Hath** given granted aliened enfeofed and confirmed and by these *presentes*
8. doth fully and freely give grant alien enfeoffe and confirm vnto the said Iohn Machon and ffrancis Machon their heires and assignes All that his Messuage cottage or tenemente scituate
9. in Morethorpe aforesaid wherein Anna Conway widow now dwelleth with the houses *and* buildings thereto belonging, one garth or crofte therevnto adioining by estimacion an acre
10. and six sellions of earable land by estimation an acre *and* a halfe lying and being in kirkbrigfeild the middlefeild and gallencroftefeild, and two sellions of earable land by
11. estimation three roodes, one whereof lies in the Carrefeild upon deynam furlong between the land of Richard Raynold south *and* Robert Hanley north *and* the other in Ballencrofte

12. feild between the landes of Thomas Armroid north and Richard Raynold south and three sellions of earable and meadow ground by estimation an acre more or lesse, one sellion
13. thereof, halfe an acre in the field called, betweene the gates, the land of Thomas Loxley on the east, a balke *and* a land in the tenure of Richard Raynold on the west *and* buttes on the highway as well north as
14. south, two sellions other *parcell* thereof halfe an acre lying together in kirkebrigfeild a land in the tenure Thomas Wilkinson south *and* the heires of Thomas Trigot *esquire* deceased north *and* buttes
15. on the river running from kirkebrigs east with their and every of their *rightes* members and appurtenances together with all wayes waters woodes vnderwoodes *profites* comodities comon of pasture
16. and hereditamentes whatsoever to the said Messuage landes *and* premisses belonging or in any wise appertaining, all which said Messuage cottage or *tenement*, landes groundes *and* premisses *with* thappurtences are scituate
17. lying and being within the boundes *prescinctes* townships *and* parish of South kirkeby and Morethorp aforesaid and now in the tenure and occupation of the said Richard Conway *and* Anna Conway
18. or one of them their assignees or vnder tenants **To Have *and* to Hold** all and singuler the said Messuage Cottage or *tenement*, earable, meadow ground landes and premisses before granted
19. enfeofed and conveyed, or mentioned to be herein or hereby granted *and* conveyed with their and every of their *rightes* members and appurtenances whatsoever *and* the reversions and remainders
20. thereof vnto the said Iohn Machon and ffrancis Machon their heires and assignes *and* to the survivor *and* his heires, to and for the severall vses intentes and purposes (*and* upon truth *and* confidence) in
21. these *presentes* expressed *and* declared *and* to none other vse intent or purpose whatsoever that is to say to and for the vse and behoofe of the said Richard Conway for and during the terme of his
22. naturall life and imediately from and after his decease, then to the vse and behoofe of the said Elizabeth his now wife for and during the term of her naturall life, if she shall happen to survive
23. the said Richard her husband and from *and* imediately after the deceases of the said Richard and Elizabeth *and* the survivor of them then to the vse and behoofe of the heires males or females of the bodies of þe said

24. Richard Conway and Elizabeth his now wife betwixt them issuing and lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for default of such issue to \be vse *and* behoofe of/ the right heires of the said Richard
25. Conway forever and to none other vse intent or purpose whatsoever **And the said** Richard Conway for himselfe and his heires forever the said Messuage
26. Cottage or tenement garth or Crofte earable meadow landes hereditamentes and premisses before granted enfeoffed settled conveyed and assured or ment mentioned or
27. intended to be before in these *presentes* given granted enfeoffed and conveyed and every *parte* and *parcell* thereof with their and every of their *rightes* members and
28. appurtenances whatsoever or to the severall vses *intent*es limitations and purposes before in and by these *presentes* expressed limitted and declared and to none
29. other vse intent or purpose whatsoever vnto the said Iohn Machon and ffrancis Machon and their heires and the survivor of them *and* his heires against him the said Richard
30. Conway his heires and assignes and every of them and against all and every other *person* and *persons* whatsoever lawfully claiming shall and will Warrant and forever defend by
31. these *presentes* **To Be** holden of the cheife lord or lords of the fee or fees of the premisses by the *rentes* and services therefore due and of right accustomed **In witnesse**
32. whereof the said parties first above named to these *present* Indentures interchangeably have set their *handes* and seales the day and yeare firste above written. /

PLICA:

Iohn Machon (signature)

DORSE:

(top left)

Sealed signed and delivered
in the sight and *presence* of

I: Bingley *for*

his **T** marke

Thomas Armroid

her **a** marke

Anne Hogley

her **A** marke

Anne Conway

his **T** marke

Thomas Bolton

(midline, right)
18th August 1664.

Textual Notes

3. The letter 'R' of the name of Richard has been re-written over a parchment scraping at the end of the line, and the words /as well/ have been written over a scraping.
 5. Due to fading of the ink, the word between /wife/ and /alsoe/ is difficult to read and may read as /as/ or possibly /and/.
 23. Even at this late date (1664) the scribe uses the archaic / þ/ (thorn) to preserve space; the same letter is used in line 24.
- The dorse contains the 'marks' of the parties and witnesses to this document. Represented in bold face in the transcription, they are the letters written by the less literate witnesses.