

The following Indenture was obtained from the Northampton Archives (Ref Unknown) on the 23rd of January 2015. And is between Thomas Hawes and his son George Hawes, the date is unclear as it is based on the number of years into Charles I reign it is either 14th year (1638) or 24th year (1648). It makes more sense as twenty fourth rather than fourteenth so we have gone with that date

This Indenture made the third day of June in the **twenty** fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King defender of the faith

Between Thomas Hawes the elder of the town of Bedford in the County of Bedford gent of the one party and George Hawes one of the younger sons of the said Thomas of the other party

Witness that the Thomas Hawes the elder for and in consideration of the natural love and good affection which he hath and beareth unto the said George Hawes and for divers other good causes and considerations him there unto moving hath granted and by these presents doth give and grant unto the said George Hawes his heirs and assigns for ever

One annuity or yearly rent charge of sixty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be issuing and going forth out of All those his Messuages tenements or farm houses with the appurtenances situate and being in Covington in the County of Huntingdon now being in the several tenures or occupations of John Harris and Henry Welles or either of them, And also out of All those arable lands Meadows and pasture grounds with the appurtenances situate lying and being in Covington aforesaid now used & occupied by the said John Harris and Henry Welles to and with the said messuages tenements or farms,

And also, out of All that Close of pasture or inclosed ground with the appurtenances called the Orchard Close situate in the parish of Saint Paul in the town of Bedford aforesaid now in the occupation of the said Thomas Hawes,

And also, out of all those Closes with the appurtenances situate in the parish of Saint Cuthbert in the said town of Bedford now in the tenure of Edward Newman,

To have hold perceive take and enjoy the said annuity or yearly rent charge of sixty pounds by the year (from the day of the death of the said Thomas Hawes the elder) unto the said George Hawes and unto his heirs assigns for ever

To be yearly payable in and upon the two most usual feast days in the year (That is to say) the feast days of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Marie by equal portions at or in the south porch of the parish church of Saint Paul in Bedford aforesaid.

The first payment thereof to begin at such of the said feast days as shall first happen after the death of the said Thomas Hawes the elder

And the said Thomas Hawes the elder for himself his heirs and assigns doth hereby covenant premise grant and agree to and with the said George Hawes his heirs and

assigns That if it shall happen the said annuity or yearly rent charge of sixty pounds per annum or any part thereof to be behind and unpaid, by the space of fourteen days next after any of the said feast days in which the same ought to be paid at the place aforesaid That then it shall and may be Lawful to and for the said George Hawes his heirs and assigns into the said messuages tenements farms and all other the before mentioned premisses to enter and distrain (to seize a person's goods as security or payment) and the distress (exact act of seizure) and distresses then and there found to take lead drive carry away and impound and in pound to detain and keep until such time as he or they shall be fully satisfied the said annuity or yearly rent charge of sixty pounds per annum together with the arrearages thereof if any shall happen to be

In Witness whereof the said parties to these present Indentures have Interchangeably set their hands and seals the day & year first above written

