

parents Grevile and Jane, whose residence (not locally) is unknown. Clearly, if he did live in the house on Horse Fair, this would now be vacated. For fifteen years the occupants remain unknown.

### **The 1680s: the Tyler family and Richard Hartley**

However, the next deeds, in November CII 29 [1677], lease and release, shows the property still belonged to Josiah Jackman, still living at Stourton and treating it as just an investment. The sub-lease was now being taken by **Thomas Walters**, a Chipping Norton “Mealeman”. The rest of this group of deeds, 1677-8/9, show this lease was being transferred to an Enstone innholder, **Thomas Carter**, with no reference to any earlier occupants, except Walters and William Perryn! Witnesses were John Crispe junr., Willm. Walter [his mark] and John Spicer, none of them local. When, six years later, in 1684, it again changed hands, the property had been “late in the occupation of **Richard Tyler**”. Richard and his son **Philip** (b.1657), both carpenters, were to sign the AOR in 1696. Richard probably died in 1698 (the same name occurs in 1712/3), and may have been back in the house by then, as Philip was to be its occupant in the 1690s. This 1684 deed, the last of this group, shows the lease was now being acquired by **Richard Hartley** of Banbury, yeoman.

There had been a Hartley or Hartlet (the names were interchangeable) family for generations in Banbury. Several children of Passover Hartley (d.1653) were baptised before the 1650s. No record has been found of Richard’s baptism, or of other Hartley children after 1651. The one relevant entry in the parish register is for the burial of Joann wife of Richard Hartlit on 20 April 1689.

### **The end of the century: the Cheetham family**

The third group of four deeds, 1689-90, records Richard Hartley’s sale of the lease of the house, “late in his tenure”, in August 1689, three months after the death of his wife. The purchaser was Mary Cheetham, also of Banbury, widow.

A witness of these was **Anthony Newlove**. He was the second (of 236 signatories) of the AOR in 1696. He was buried in Banbury church, as “Mr Anthony Neulove, gent.”, with a mural inscription (long destroyed) recording he was “son of Antony Newlove of Hespringham, Lincoln, gen.” born 1663, died 18 May 1703. He witnesses most of the remaining deeds and was clearly a legal adviser, if not actually an attorney. The participation of such a leading member of Banbury’s hierarchy together with other associates confirms Mary Cheetham’s gentry status.