

Jakeman still kept the chief lease as an income-producing asset for twenty further years until he eventually passed it to Thomas Walters of Chipping Norton who promptly disposed of it to Thomas Carter of Enstone in 1678. Josiah, born in Thorpe Mandeville, grew up at Middleton Cheney, lived in 1650s Banbury but then moved to Stourton before retiring to Banbury – a life over eighty years and three counties.

Richard Hartley had the house for just five years from 1684 until the death of his wife in 1689.

It was then bought by Mary Cheetham, but she lived there a sadly short time, dying the following year. It remained in the ownership of the Cheetham family until 1698 when her son John came of age. His aunt's husband disposed of it to a colleague in Shrewsbury, probably to liquidate a mortgage, and he, Walter Patteshull, soon sold to a Banbury baker, Richard Rymill in 1701. There the documentary trail ends, but the bakers, Richard and his son between them, may have carried on there for another fifty years, perhaps rebuilding or refronting the house.

## APPENDIX

The documents just acquired (together with the ORO deeds) fall into several groups, some misleadingly numbered or dated. The subsequently discovered (ORO) deeds fill a gap and fit in with the final group.

- A. **1658 Apr 12.** *Jackman to Hibberdine* [1].
- B. **1677 Nov 15/16; 1677/8 Mar 19.** *Jackeman to Walter(s)* [ORO. BL IX/i/1-3].
- C. **1678 Dec 3.** *Thomas Walters to Tho. Carter* [2 & 3]; and **1684 Oct 19.** *Carter to Hartley* [4]. ('5' is mis-numbered.)
- D. **1689 Aug 1.** *Hartley to Cheetham* [6; two versions, one marked "Richd. Rymill House"]; **1689.** *Covenant* [no number];  
**1689 Aug 3.** *Release (1693 Dec 12,* added note) [7];  
**1690 Apr 3.** *Will of Mary Cheetham,* proved (PCC) 1690 Jul 6 [8].
- E. **1697/8 Feb 26** *Phillips to Petteshall* [ORO BL IX/ii/1].  
**1698 May 9** (mistakenly dated '1689' on exterior). *Cheetham Trustees to Pateshall* [no number].  
**1698 May 10** [misleadingly numbered '5']. *'Mr Pateshall's Purchase Deed'*.
- F. **1701 Oct 18.** *Pateshall to Rymill* [no number].

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