

He and his wife held the copyhold of Dines Hall and Caxtons referred to in the following deed:—

Dines Hall, Hosdenes (?) and Caxtons. The fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Seven Hundred and forty-three.

Be it Remembred that on the Day and Year above written the Reverend Thomas Smythies of Lavenham in the County of Suffolk, Clerk, and Anne his Wife (late Anne Summers, Spinster, a Customary Tenant of the said Mannor came before George Brooke, Gentleman, Steward of the said Mannor, and she the said Anne being first Solely and Secretly Examined by the said Steward and Consenting) did by the Rod Surrender out of their Hands into the Hands of the Lady of the said Mannor by the Hands and acceptance of the said Steward according to the Custom thereof All and Singular the Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever of them the said Thomas Smythies and Anne his Wife or either of them, holden of the said Mannor by Copy of Court Roll, to such use and uses Intents and purposes as the said Anne Smythies shall (notwithstanding her Coverture) in and by her last Will and Testament in Writing Declare, Limett, or Appoint.

Taken and acknowledged  
the Day and Year above  
written before me,

(Signed) THO'S SMYTHIES.  
ANNE SMYTHIES.

(Signed) GEO. BROOKE, Steward.

Anne Smythies (*née* Summers) was the daughter of Henry Summers of Sible Hedingham, co. Essex, Esq. (Morant), and the following document concerning her seems sufficiently curious to warrant its reproduction in full. The original document was formerly in possession of Rev. James Blatch, Vicar of Basingstoke. (See A 25, below.)

#### LICENCE FOR A LADY TO CURE THE KING'S EVIL.

Robert Nash, Doctor of Laws, Vicar General in Spirituals of the Right Reverend Father in God Thomas by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Norwich, lawfully constituted. To our well-beloved in Christ M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Smythies, the wife of the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smythies of Lavenham in the county of Suffolk and Diocese of Norwich, health in Our Lord. Whereas We have received sufficient and credible testimony of your skill and knowledge in the art of cureing blotches, breakings-out, and such-like diseases, called the King's Evil, and whereas we have received your consent and subscription to the articles of religion agreed upon by the Archbishops, Bishops, and Clergy of both provinces at the Convocation holden in London in the year of our Lord Christ 1562 and confirmed by regal authority; and also your oath of allegiance to his Majesty King Geo. 2 according to a late Act of Parliament in that case made and provided; have thought fit to licence and by these presents do licence you publickly to use and practice the said art of cureing blotches, breakings-out, and such-like diseases, called the King's Evil, within the Diocese of Norwich, and will this our licence to endure during our pleasure and your good demeanour, and no longer nor otherwise.

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1743.

(Signed) JOHN NARKER, Notary Publick, Dep. Reg.

(The Episcopal seal affixed.)

By the will of William Smythies of Witnesham Thomas Smythies inherited a copyhold house in Witnesham,\* with all the copyhold lands adjoining (see A 10, above). This was probably Cardons Hall (see A 31, below).

Thomas Smythies died without issue (affidavit made by Rev. John Smythies in 1815).

\* Erratum.—In the pedigree, for "Walter Belchamp" read "Witnesham."