

**Early Admissions to Old Hall referring back to 1728 and culminating in the admission of John Thomas in 1788**

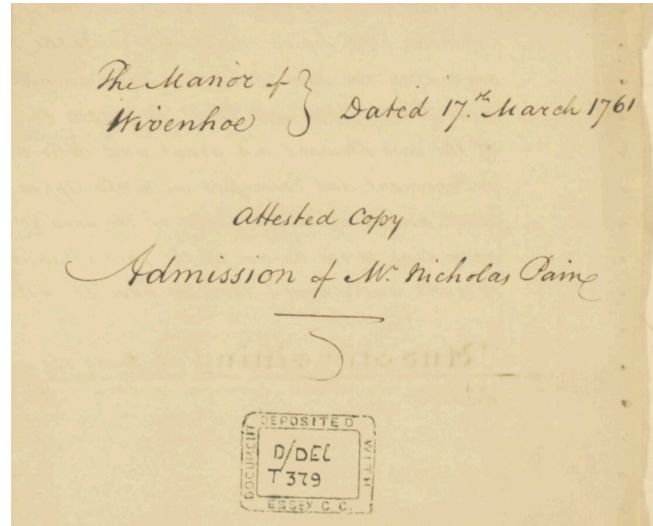
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**The Manor of Wivenhoe dated 17th March 1761**

**Attested copy**

**Admission of Mr. Nicholas Pain to parcel of Old Hall**

**Wivenhoe} At the View of Frankpledge** and General Court Baron of Nicholas Corsellis Esquire Lord of the said Mannor there holden for the said Mannor by adjournment on Fryday (sic) the twenty seventh day of March in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc. And in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty one Before Charles Gray Esquire Steward there It is thus inrolled (sic)



**And also** at this Court it is presented by the Homage aforesaid That John Clark late a Customary Tenant of the said Mannor since last Court died Seised of All that Tenement formerly divided into several Tenements parcel of Old Hall holden of the said Mannor by copy of Court Roll

To which he was admitted to him and his Heirs at a Court here held for the said Mannor the twenty fourth day of April One thousand seven hundred and twenty eight

In trust for the Poor People of the Profession of Seventh day Sabbath

Now at this Court came Nicholas Pain of Colchester in the County of Essex Surgeon and brought into Court the last Will and Testament of the said John Clark bearing the date the fifteenth day of August One thousand seven hundred and sixty the tenor whereof as touching the Premises follows in these Words

Item I give all that my Customary or Copyhold Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances situate in Wivenhoe in the said County of Essex and now late in the Occupation of Thomas Corder unto my friend Nicholas Pain and his Heirs In Trust and for the Use of the Poor Members of the Church of the Sabbatarians in and about Colchester aforesaid to the said Nicholas Pain first deducting out of the Rents and Profits of the said Tenements all the Charges Taxes of and of reasonable profit for his trouble in looking to the same

And if there shall be no poor of the Sabbatarians in or near. Colchester then I give the Said Profits unto the Poor Sabbatarians nearest unto Colchester aforesaid

And thereupon the said Nicholas Pain humbly desired to be admitted to the said Premises accordingly to the Tenor of the said Will to whom the Lord of the said Mannor by the Rod and by the hands of the said Steward did grant and deliver Seisin thereof

To have and to hold the said Messuage or Tenement and Premises with the Appurtenances unto the said Nicholas Pain and his Heirs In Trust accordingly to the Tenor of the said Will of the Lord by the rod at the Will of the Lord according to the Custom of the said Mannor by the Rents and Services therefore before due and of right accustomed

And he gave the Lord a Fine And so he was Admitted Tenant as aforesaid

**And still sitting** the Court the said Nicholas Pain in open court did Surrender to the Use of his Will

Examined with the Court Rolls  
the 13th January 1821 and we attest the same as a true copy

Alexander Glover  
John Spurling

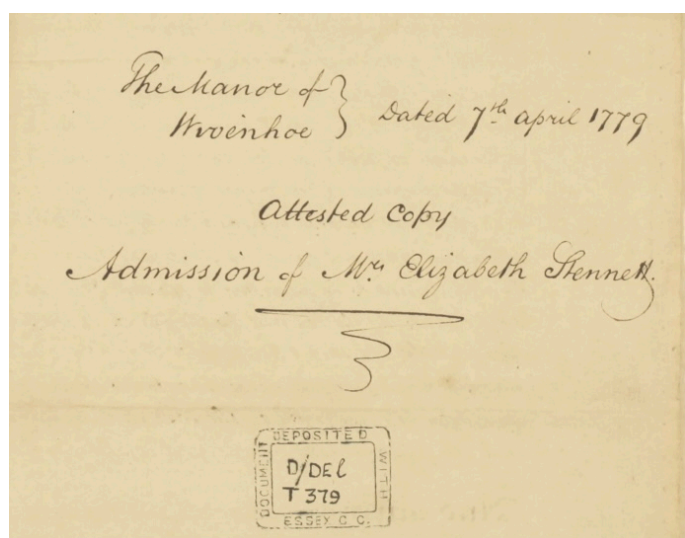
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**The Manor of Wivenhoe dated 7 April 1779**

**Attested Copy**

**Admission of Mrs Elizabeth Stennett to Parcel of Old Hall**

**The Manor of Wivenhoe} At the  
View of Frank Pledge** and General  
Court Baron of the Reverend  
Nicholas Corsellis Clerk Lord of the  
said Manor then holden for the said  
Manor on Wednesday in Easter  
Week (to wit) the seventh day of  
April in the Year of our Lord one  
thousand seven hundred and  
seventy nine And in the nineteenth  
Year of the Reign of our Sovereign  
Lord George Third by the Grace of  
God of Great Britain France and  
Ireland King Defender of the Faith  
etc. before Francis Smythies Esquire  
Deputy Steward of Charles Gray Esquire Chief Steward there it is thus in rolled  
(sic)



Whereas at a General Court Baron here holden for the said Manor the twenty seventh day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty one Nicholas Pain was admitted to him and his Heirs (In Trust for the poor people of the Profession of Seventh day Sabbath) to

All that Tenement formerly divided into several tenements parcel of Old Hall and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll

And Whereas at the latest General Court Baron here holden for the said Manor the fourth day of November last past it was presented by the then Homage that the said Nicholas Pain since the then last Court died seized of the said Premises

And because no Person then came to crave Admittance to the said Premises although Proclamation was thrice made thereof according to the Custom of the said Manor therefore it was commanded the Bailiff to seize (As by the Rolls of the said several Courts do appear)

Now at this Court came Elizabeth Stennett Widow and brought into Court the last Will and Testament of the said Nicholas Pain bearing date the fifteenth May in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy the Tenor whereof as touching the said Premises follows in these words

"First I having surrendered all my Copyhold Lands and Tenements to the use of my Will Do give and devise unto my friend Elizabeth Stennett of the Parish of St Nicholas in Colchester aforesaid Widow All that Customary or Copyhold Messuage of Tenement (formerly divided into several tenements) parcel of Old Hall with the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate lying and being in the County of Essex aforesaid late in the occupation of Thomas Corder and now of Benjamin Frost his Undertenants or Assigns

To hold the said Messuage or Tenement and Premises with the Appurtenances unto the said Elizabeth Stennett her Heirs and Assigns In Trust for the Use and Benefit of the Poor Members of the Church of the Sabbatarians in and about Colchester aforesaid She the said Elizabeth Stennett her Heirs and Assigns first deducting out of the Rents and Profits of the said Premises all Taxes Charges and Expenses which she and they shall pay lay out and expend for and on Account thereof together with a reasonable allowance or profit for her and their trouble in looking after the same Premises

And if there shall be no Poor of the Sabbatarians in Colchester aforesaid Then in Trust for the Use and Benefit of the poor Sabbatarians that shall live nearest the said Borough of Colchester after first deducting the Taxes Charges and Expenses and allowances aforesaid out of the Rents and Profits of the said Premises"

And thereupon the said Elizabeth Stennett humbly desired to be admitted to the said Premises according to the Tenor of the said Will To whom the Lord of the said Manor by the Rod and by the Hands of the sad Deputy Steward did grant and deliver Seizin thereof

To have and to hold the said Messuage Tenement and Premises with the Appurtenances unto the said Elizabeth Stennett and her Heirs In Trust according to the Tenor of the said Will of the Lord by the Rod and the Will of the Lord according to the Custom of the said Manor by the Rents and Services therefore before due and of right accustomed

And she gave the Lord a Fine and so she was admitted Tenant as aforesaid

And sitting the Court the said Elizabeth Stennett in open Court did Surrender to the Use of her Will}

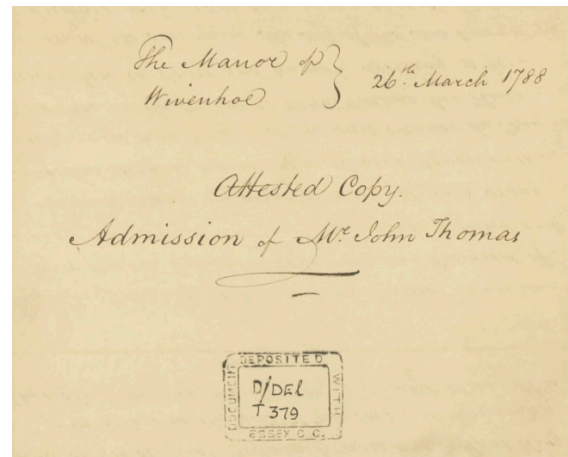
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**The Manor of Wivenhoe dated 26 March 1788  
Attested Copy  
Admission of Mr John Thomas to Parcel of Old Hall**

**The Manor of Wivenhoe} At the View of  
Frank Pledge** and General Court Baron of  
The Reverend Nicholas Corsellis Clerk  
Lord of the said Manor here holden in and  
for the said Manor on Wednesday in Easter  
Week (to wit) the twenty sixth day of March  
in the twenty eighth Year of the Reign of  
our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the  
Grace of God of Great Britain, France and  
Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so  
forth And in the Year of our Lord One  
thousand seven hundred and eighty eight  
Before John Round Esquire Steward there  
It is hereby inrolled (sic)



Also at this Court the Lord of the said Manor for continuing the Antient Rents Customs and Serviced heretofore due for a certain Copyhold Tenement and Premises of which Elizabeth Stennett some years since died seized and which was afterwards forfeited and seized into the hands of the Lord of the said Manor for want of a Tenant doth grant the same (that is to say)

All that Tenement formerly divided into several Tenements parcel of Old Hall with the Appurtenances and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll to John Thomas of Wivenhoe in the County of Essex Farmer his Heirs and Assigns for ever

Who being present here in Court and humbly desiring to be administered to the said Premises pursuant to the said Grant of the Lord of the said Manor by the Rod and by the hands of the said Steward Doth grant himself seizin thereof

To have and to hold the said Tenement and Premises with the Appurtenances unto the said John Thomas his Heirs and Assigns he and they paying to the Lord of the said Manor for the time being a Fine at the Will of the Lord upon the death of a Tenant or Alienation of the said Premises of the Lord by the Rod and the Will of the Lord according to the Custom of the said Manor by the Rents and Services therefore before due and of right accustomed and he Giveth the Lord a Fine for this grant and so he is admitted Tenant

And sitting the Court the said John Thomas did Surrender to the Use of his Will}

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Alexander Glover  
John Spurling