

## Manor of Stainswick

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Special Court Baron of the Rev. Martin Joseph Routh, D.D. President of the College of St Mary Magdalene in the University of Oxford and the Scholars of the said College, Lords of the said Manor there holden the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1828 before William Ward, Gent, Deputy Steward for this purpose appointed.

At this court came Richard Coster late of Longcot in the County of Berks but now of Little Hinton in Wilts, Gent, and John Bowles late of Fernham but now of Longcot, Gent, and in consideration of the sum of £2125 & 17shillings to Richard Coster paid by John Hibbard of Little Hinton, Gent, before the making of this Surrender and also in consideration of £579 & 3 shillings at some time paid to John Bowles by John Hibbard (total being £2705 for the purchase of the Hereditaments hereinafter mentioned to be Surrendered) and surrendered and released into the hands of the Lords of this Manor by the hands of acceptance of the Deputy Steward for that purpose appointed by the rod according to the custom of the Manor.

All that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances situate and being in Longcot with the said Manor late **Hardings**. And also all those three several allotments, plots, pieces or parcels of land hereinafter particularly described which by virtue or in consequence of an Act of Parliament carried out 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1797. (This refers to the Enclosure of the Common Fields).

The land mentioned is a plot in the Town Green

Land in Little South Mead and Great South Mead

Other people mentioned

Sarah Bowles

Edward Cooper

John Hughes King

John Williams

Thomas Mayow

William Fereman

It also mentions a Cottage and Close in Longcot (formerly **Higg's**)

To sum up - John Hibbard has purchased the land and premises previously owned by Richard Coster and John Bowles. But because it fell under the old jurisdiction of the Manor of Stainswick, John Hibbard had to attend the Court and ask to be admitted as a Tenant - and of course pay several fees for the privilege. All this malarky was eventually swept away by various laws.