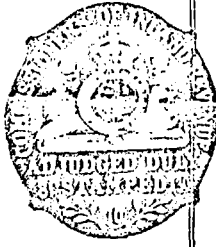
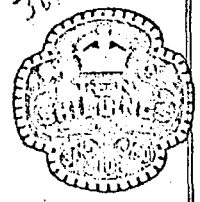


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THIS TRUST DEED made the Seventeenth day of September
 _____ One thousand nine hundred and thirty
BETWEEN SIR WILLIAM GENTLE J. P. of Ormesby House Great Yarmouth
 in the County of Norfolk (hereinafter called "the Donor") of the one
 part and ERNEST OSWALD FORDHAM of Steeple Morden Royston in the County
 of Hertford J.P. THE REVEREND HENRY ALLDAY GRIFFITH of Ashwell Rectory
 in the said County of Hertford PHYLLIS FORDHAM of Ashwell Bury Ashwell
 aforesaid J.P. WILLIAM ARCHIBALD APPLETON of Prospect House Ashwell
 aforesaid Secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions J.P.
JOHN MUSSON BRAY of Silver Street Ashwell aforesaid Clerk and ALBERT
WILLIAM SHELDRIK of High Street Ashwell aforesaid Bricklayer (herein-
 after called "the Trustees") of the other part WHEREAS :—

(a) By a Conveyance dated the nineteenth day of May One thousand
 nine hundred and thirty and made between Mark Victor Crump of
 the first part Louisa Redhouse of the second part and the
 Trustees of the third part a certain piece or parcel of land
 with the cottage or tenement erected thereon situate near the
 Church of the Parish of Ashwell in the County of Hertford
 which said premises with its abuttals are more particularly
 delineated in the plan drawn on the now reciting Conveyance
 were conveyed to the Trustees in fee simple as joint tenants—

(b) The purchase money paid on the execution of the said Conveyance
 was provided by the Donor out of his own moneys the Conveyance
 being made to the Trustees for the purpose of effectuating the
 intention of the Donor to make a gift of the said premises so
 that the same might be held in trust for the inhabitants of
 the Parish of Ashwell for the purpose of a Village Museum to
 preserve objects of interest associated with the past history
 of the said Parish of Ashwell and the immediate neighbourhood
 thereof upon the trusts hereinafter declared—

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that for effectuating
 the intention of the Donor IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED :—

THE Trustees and the survivors and survivor of them and every
 trustee for the time being of this Deed (all of whom are herein included
 in the expression "the Trustees") shall permit any buildings suitable
 for the purposes hereinafter mentioned to be erected on the said premises
 (hereinafter referred to as "the trust premises") in addition to the said
 cottage or tenement now standing thereon or on some part thereof and as
 and when need shall require shall permit all or any of the buildings for

the time being standing on the trust premises to be repaired pulled down altered or rebuilt in order to render the same better adapted for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

2. THE Trustees shall not be personally responsible for the maintenance or repair or insurance of the trust premises or for the payment of any charges thereof.
3. THE Trustees shall permit the trust premises and the buildings from time to time erected thereon to be used in perpetuity by the inhabitants of the Parish of Ashwell and persons visiting Ashwell for the purposes of a Museum with or without a Reading Room and Library.
4. THE management and control of the trust premises and affairs shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of the Trustees and the Chairman for the time being of the Parish Council.
5. THE Committee shall have power from time to time to make vary or rescind any rules and regulations for the administration of the trust and the conduct of their business and to appoint a Secretary as they shall think fit.
6. A Minute Book shall be kept by the Committee and the proceedings of the Committee shall be entered therein Two meetings at least shall be held by the Committee in every year and the Chairman of such Committee shall be appointed annually.
7. THE Trustees shall be at liberty at any time to sell the trust premises or any part thereof (with such consent if any as may be required by law) and in case of such sale shall execute and do all such deeds and acts as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying such sale into effect.
8. THE proceeds of any sale under the power hereinbefore contained or any statutory power shall after payment thereof of all expenses be applied either in purchasing other premises to be used for the purposes of a Museum with or without a Reading Room and Library or otherwise for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said Parish as the Trustees shall think fit.
9. UPON any sale purporting to be made in pursuance of the power of sale hereinbefore contained or any statutory power no purchaser or purchasers dealing bona fide with the Trustees shall be bound or concerned to see or enquire whether the occasion for executing or exercising such power has arisen or whether the provisions as to the appointment and retirement of trustees hereinafter contained shall have been properly and regularly observed and performed nor shall the Purchaser or Purchasers be concerned to see to the application of the purchase money.

10.

THE power of appointing new Trustee or new Trustees of this Deed shall be vested in the Trustees and the nomination of the Ashwell Parish Council or failing such nomination within six months after due notice shall have been given in writing to the Clerk of the Parish Council of the vacancy in the number of Trustees then in the Trustees alone and by way of extension and variation of the statutory powers the following provisions shall apply hereto :—

(a) The number of Trustees shall not exceed seven and shall not be less than five and upon any new appointment the number shall if possible be made up to at least the original number—

(b) Every future Trustee hereof shall be ordinarily resident within the Parish of Ashwell or within five miles thereof or be a member of the Parish Council—

(c) Any one of the Trustees may when there are more than five Trustees retire from the trusts hereof on giving two months notice in writing of his or her intention so to do to each of the other Trustees for the time being and upon the termination of such two months the Trustee giving the notice shall ipso facto cease to be a Trustee of this Deed Any notice sent by post to the last known place of abode in the United Kingdom of any Trustee shall be sufficient notice to him hereunder—

(d) If any Trustee becomes bankrupt or remains out of the United Kingdom for more than twelve months he or she shall ipso facto cease to be a Trustee—

(e) The Trustees may at any time after the expiration of five years from the date hereof transfer the trust premises to the Ashwell Parish Council so as to vest the same in such Parish Council upon the trusts hereinbefore declared concerning the same provided that the said Parish Council shall by resolution duly passed resolve to accept such transfer of the trust premises as aforesaid upon the said trusts hereinbefore declared concerning the same and to maintain the trust premises in future in pursuance thereof.—

11.

THE Committee may :—

(a) Accept any gifts suitable for preservation in the trust premises and decline any objects which are not in their opinion suitable for preservation—

(b) Accept suitable objects on loan to the trust premises—

(c) Make such regulations from time to time for the opening of the trust premises to visitors whether upon payment or not as are in their discretion desirable.—

THE Trustees shall endeavour in co-operation with the

Hertfordshire County Education Committee to utilise the trust premises as an object lesson in past history of the Parish of Ashwell for children attending the local schools.

IN WITNESS whereof the Donor and the Trustees have hereunto set their respective hands and seals the day and year first above written

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
said SIR WILLIAM GENTLE J.P. in the)
presence of:

William Gentle

Arthur Goodwin

Managing Clerk to

Ernest Oswald Fordham
10 Norfolk Street Grand 1st St

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
said ERNEST OSWALD FORDHAM in the)
presence of:

Ernest Oswald Fordham

W. Heath Bayless
Ashwell, Herts
Technical Printer

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
said HENRY ALLDAY GRIFFITH in the)
presence of:

Henry Allday Griffith

Walter A Bray
Ret Home
Ashwell Herts.
Builders Manager

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
said PHYLLIS FORDHAM in the pre-)
sence of:

Phyllis Fordham

Augustus M. Howell
Ashwell
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SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
said WILLIAM ARCHIBALD APPELTON in)
the presence of:

W A Appleton

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A. W. Howes
West End
Ashwell