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Summary

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

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- Surrender document relating to James Lister of Shibden Hall : 30 Nov 1764 : (MISC 4150b) : also mentioning a Samuel Lister; ink on folded sheet of parchment.
- Document relating to Jeremy Lister and land at Hipperholme : 27 Feb 1767 : (MISC 4150c) : ink on folded sheet of parchment; encloses itemized bill, signed "Marshall," to "Jeremiah Lister," for legal fees.
- Lease indenture between John Carr and Anne Lister : 6 Jul 1826 : (MISC 4150d) : ink on folded sheet of parchment.
- Conveyance of property in Northowram from John Carr and others to Anne Lister : 7 Jul 1826 : (MISC 4150e) : property comprises three closes and a road; ink on three folded sheets of parchment.
- Deed of covenants from Hannah Hammerton and others to Anne Lister : 2 Jan 1835 : (MISC 4150f) : to a surrender and for the title of a copyhold estate in Northowram; on 8 folded sheets of parchment.
- Admittance, from Hannah Hammerton to Anne Lister : 13 Feb 1835 : (MISC 4150g) : ink on folded sheet of parchment.
- Admittance, from Anne Lister to Jane and Ann Preston : 12 May 1837 : (MISC 4150h) : ink on folded sheet of parchment.
- Copy of affidavit of Samuel Washington : 18 Dec 1849 : (MISC 4150i) : in support of facts "in the matter of Ann Walker spinster of unsound mind" under the Lunacy Acts; ink on sewn paper fascicle, 3 leaves.
- Conveyance of the estates of Anne Lister to new trustees : 5 Jun 1854 : (MISC 4150j) : to William Gray, Robert Parker, and John Rawson; ink on folded sheet of parchment.
- Court paper regarding the administration of Ann Walker's estate under the Lunacy Acts : 3 Oct 1855 : (MISC 4150k) : ink on sewn paper fascicle, 7 leaves.
- Mortgage for securing £3000 of land at Southowram by John Lister : 1 Aug 1877 : (MISC 4150L) : ink on two folded sheets of parchment.
- Reconveyance of Oak End Farm and other land at Southowram to John Lister : 3 Dec 1886 : (MISC 4150m) : ink on folded sheet of parchment, with very large red wax seal.

Key Terms

Geographic Names

Halifax (England)

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Names

Lister, Anne, 1791-1840 -- Estate.
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Lister, John, 1845-1933
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