

ANALYSIS – YAS MD247 / 55 (1628)

Document Reference:	YAS MD 247 / 55
When ? <i>Date of document</i>	27 November 1628
Who? <i>Names with occupation & place</i>	<p><u>Parties</u> 1. Mabel Wigglesworth, widow, Coniston and her son, Robert 2. Anne Rayner, widow, Kilnsey, and her son, James</p> <p><u>Witnesses</u> Thomas Battie, Henry Ibbotson</p> <p><u>Also mentioned:</u> Jean Jackson, Kilnsey</p>
Signatories	Mabel Wigglesworth (mark), Robert Wigglesworth, Thomas Battie, Henry Ibbotson
Why ?	<i>Type / Purpose of document (eg. Apprenticeship, property transfer, promissory note, arrest warrant, etc) ²</i>
	Lease conveyance
Where? <i>All place-names mentioned – even if only mentioned in passing: Include field-names, buildings, farms, as well as parishes, towns, etc.³</i>	<p><u>Property concerned</u> Dooracrook, Kilnsey</p> <p><u>Places of residence etc</u> Kilnsey; Conistone</p> <p><u>Also mentioned:-</u> Byrom Close Jean Jackson's lane (un-named)</p>

¹ *Active Code : Document citation reference*

² *Do not use "Indenture" – this only gives a physical description of the document, not its specific purpose or function*

³ *If relevant, indicate type of place – eg. if a field is common land, or a new enclosure; or if a building is a barn, house, workshop, etc*

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<p>What?</p> <p><i>References to things, events, happenings, topics, etc</i> <i>Include here references to past events (such as previous property transfers)</i></p>	<p>Widow Anne Rayner and her son, James, paid £11 to widow Mabel Wigglesworth, and her son Robert, for the 2,860 year lease on Dooracrook, a field in Kilnsey.</p> <p>The location of this field is clearly defined by its relationship to surrounding features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. On the north & NE – a quick hedge boundary with Byrom Close (belonging to Anne Rayner)2. On the S & SE – adjoins River Wharfe3. On the W & NW – a boundary of mere stones to Jean Jackson’s land (half-acre) <p>An annual peppercorn rent could be demanded each 1st January.</p> <p>Over the next 7 years Mabel and Robert Wigglesworth were entitled to demand that the Rayners produce legal proof of their right to sell this property to them.</p>
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<p>Queries & Local Issues to note</p> <p><i>Anything which should go into the project Timeline as of specific interest to Kilnsey’s local history or which raises questions about local affairs⁴</i></p>	<p>Anne Rayner appears to be expanding her holdings by buying up the neighbouring field.</p> <p>Note how both widows are acting with the support of their sons, but it may be assumed that the 2 women were the driving forces behind the transaction.</p> <p>There is, coincidentally, a 3rd widow mentioned as a landowner in Kilnsey.</p>
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⁴ Eg. Illustrating changes in population, changing property ownership, changing land use, local economy

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To add to Subject Index. ⁵	Women and property Widows Mere stones Boundaries Peppercorn rents Hedges – quick
Mapping <i>Data to be used for mapping exercise</i> ⁶	Location of Dooracrook (1/2 acre) 1. On the north & NE – a quick hedge boundary with Byrom Close (belonging to Anne Rayner) 2. On the S & SE – adjoins River Wharfe 3. On the W & NW – a boundary of mere stones to Jean Jackson's land (half-acre)

⁵ Eg. Debts, women, agriculture, land use, rents, taxation, etc.

⁶ Eg. changes in property ownership, field names, changes in land use, references to structures such as new houses, repair of fences, ditches, etc

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<p>Research topics & Historical Context</p> <p><i>Topics with a broader regional or national context to help place Kilnsey in a wider context⁷</i></p>	<p>The role of women / widows in property transactions - sons providing legal backup</p> <p>The small-scale accumulation of holdings into larger holdings</p>
<p>Glossary</p>	<p>Quickwood Mere/meare stones</p>

⁷ Include here queries and questions such as "Why pay tenths to the king but no tithes?"