

Charles Towsey of Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxford Gentleman

Mary Harriet Sparks

M. B. Moorhouse

TOWSEY TALES

W. Towsey
John Towsey
Henley upon Thames
Oxon.

Edmond Towsey

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NAME: Benjamin Moorhouse

BIRTH DETAILS: 1734, possibly in Yorkshire

DEATH DETAILS: 2 February 1819, Henley

CHART REF: Towsey Chart D1

MARRIAGE DETAILS: 11 April 1763, Henley

SPOUSE: Barbara Hayward

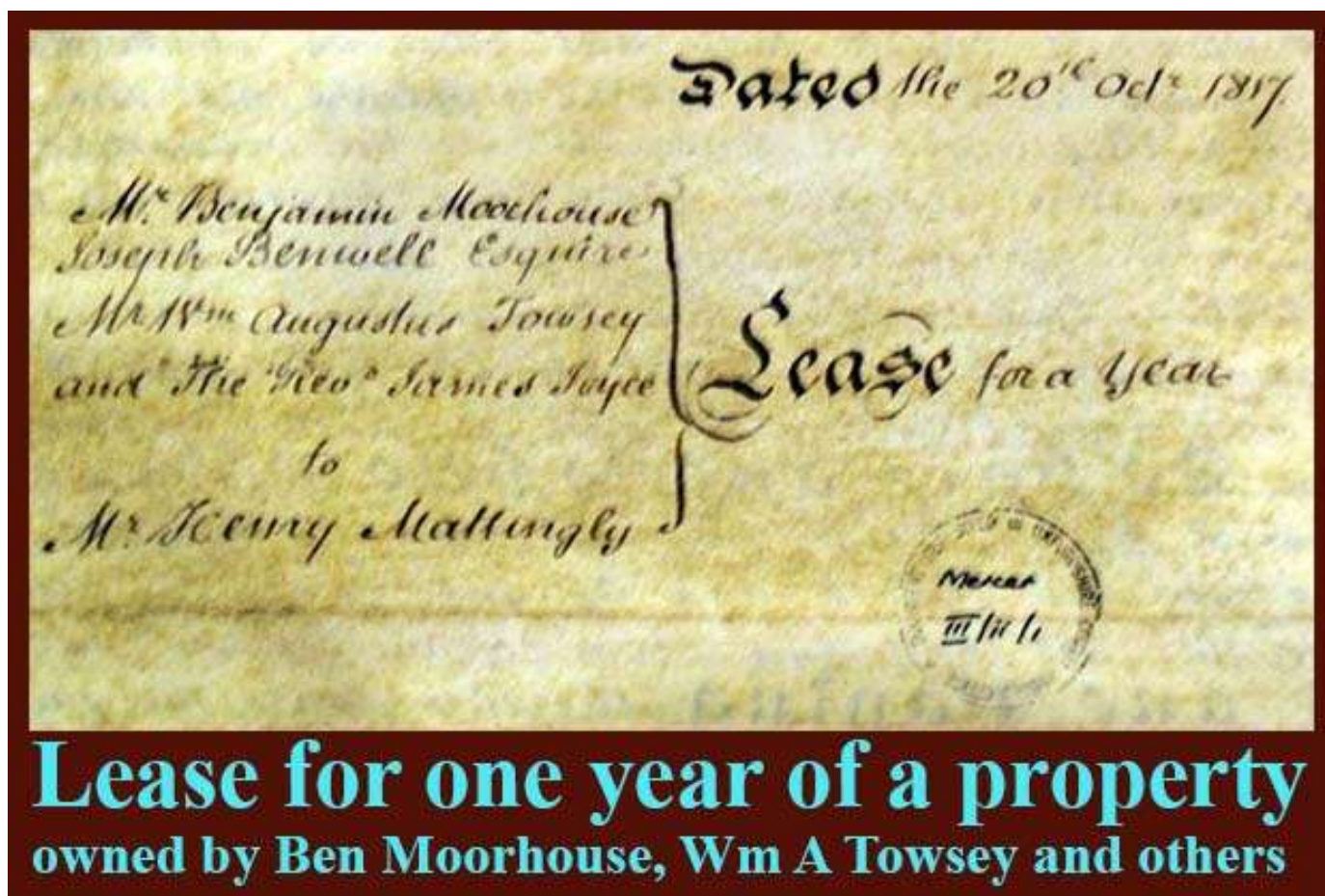
We do not know very much about the Moorhouse family, who do not seem to have any ancestors in the area. Most people called Moorhouse, at that time, were centred around Yorkshire, so perhaps Ben came from there.

The only confirmed record of a relative of his is that of his mother, Hannah, who died in Henley in 1786 at 90 years of age. It is quite likely that Ben brought her to Henley in her dotage.

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1789	By Land Lapsed rents	3.0	1791 Sep 29 2 1/2 Years Rent	17.10
	Rental for 110			
	For Tiptures of left by Oakley	5.2		
Dec. 31	Paid Land Tax	15		
Dec. 27	By Cash	8.13		
1792 Apr 30	Paid Land Tax	15	From March 1792	
Nov. 3	By Cash	15	1792 Sep 29 1 Years Rent	L A A
1793 Apr 20	dt	15	1795 Sep 29 3 Years at	
Nov. 1	dt	15	1797 Sep 29 1 Year	25 A
1794 Apr 30	dt	15	1798 Sep 29 2 Years	
Oct. 31	dt	15		
1795 Apr 20	dt	15		
1798 Dec 13	Cash	24.3		
			Shore of profits from March 1790	

Part of a rental balance sheet for a property owned by Benjamin Moorhouse, from 1789.

Ben Moorhouse was an auctioneer during the 1770s and 1780s, usually in partnership with someone called Byles and we know that he was a brandy merchant in 1794. This is shown on Towsey Chart D1, as is Ben Moorhouse's marriage to Barbara Hayward, the sister of a leading local businessman and burgess of the town, Richard Hayward.



WILL: BENJAMIN MOORHOUSE (Gentleman) of Henley-upon-Thames, Oxfordshire. Died 1819.

The rents from his leasehold properties and houses to go to Elizabeth Ann Towsey (daughter) for the education of her children.

To grandson Frederick, freehold house in Bell St. Henley.

To granddaughter Sophia Ann Towsey, his half share in a freehold estate at Southfield End, Rotherfield Greys, near Henley.

To granddaughter Elizabeth Towsey, freehold estate in New St. Henley, consisting of two houses with granaries and all outbuildings, except the barnyard, now in the possession of her father, which is to go to Frederick Towsey.

The £930 owed by W.A.Towsey; the first £100 to go to Charles A.Towsey, the remainder to be divided between the other grandchildren.