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A dealer in old documents from the south of England recently wrote offering to sell a document relating to sale of land in Halifax in 1830 and bearing the name of William Grandage.

By request he then sent the document for viewing.

It was a Conveyance for land at King Cross, Halifax, for erection of a Methodist Chapel.

The document consisted of 4 sheets of parchment 775mm. wide + 590mm long, joined along the base and signed and sealed with ten signatures and seals. It was indented on the top edge of the first sheet and commences as follows.

" This Indenture made the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Between Joseph Hodgson of Woodlands in the township of Northowram in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York, gentleman, of the first part, William Riley of King Cross in the Parish of Halifax aforesaid Woolsorter of the second part and the said William Riley John Kenyon of Washer Lane in the said Parish of Halifax Dyer Thomas Kenyon the Elder of King Cross aforesaid Prester Thomas Kenyon the Younger of Washer Lane aforesaid Dyer William Grandage of Scarr Bottom in Skircoat in the said Parish of Halifax Dyer James Bedford of Scarr Bottom aforesaid Dyer Joshua

Bedford of Scarr Bottom aforesaid Dyer and George Mitchell of Scar bottom aforesaid Miner of the third part Whereas the said parties hereto of the second and third parts lately contracted and agreed with the said Joseph Hodgson for the Purchase of the Piece or Parcel of Land hereinafter described and the Inheritance thereof in fee simple at or for the price or sum of Fifty one pounds twelve shillings. "

The signatures of all these persons are at the end of the document, Joseph Hodgson being the seller and the others being the Trustees of the Chapel to be used as a Meeting House by the people belonging to the Methodist New Connexion.

The document gives all details of the transaction and rules for the appointment of new trustees as necessary, keeping of records, and the eventual sale of the land when no longer required. Also rights of way for the Hodgsons onto the main road from their adjoining land.

There is also a map of the piece of land.