

Notes on the Woods Lease Book Indexes

The first section of each lease book is an alphabetical index. Over the period the lease books were created there was some variation in the manner of indexing, but the following principles are generally employed.

Leases are indexed under the name of the lessee and also of the Forest where they obtain. Index page B, for example will have a section dedicated, if applicable, to Bere Forest and also a section of lessees whose names begin with B. Leases created in Bere Forest for the period covered by that lease book are recorded here, together with the page number where they can be found. Information recorded will usually comprise the name of the lessee, the date of the lease and the specific nature and location of the contract.

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In order to make the lease books files easier to manage, we have split them into sections of about 25 pages. We have tried never to split a lease across two files. Each filename includes the number of the lease book and its page range within the title, for example *WLB11-p080-p103.pdf*. The page numbers referred to are the page numbers that correspond with the entries in the index.

Nothing is entirely consistent across the indexes. Sometimes, for example, in order to keep the reader on their toes, a rather more pedantic clerk has indexed Alice Holt under Holt, Alice.