

Rules for Passing on and Receiving Land

Abstract of Customs

1. All grants “ sibi and suis” Declared to be estates of inheritance.
2. The wife of every customary tenant dying seized of a customary estate of inheritance to have her freebench (that is to say) an estate in the customary tenement whereof her husband dies seized for her life and to be admitted to her freebench on paying up1d.
3. All grants of customary Estates to be made “sibi et suis”.
4. Descents the same as of Common Law subject to widow’s free bench.
5. Tenants may surrender their customary estates out of Court into the hands of two copyholders and such surrender to be presented at the next court
6. Fine to the Lord on every admittance had upon surrender one years chief rent and the like on admission of any person that comes in as Heir by descent.
(Chief rent - a perpetual fen?duty not a lease for a limited period.
7. Tenants may fall Timber and Trees.
8. Tenants may lease for 3 years or any other number of years determinable on the death of the person making such lease without licence from the Lord.
9. Herriot due to the Lord on surrender and death of Customary Tenant (viz) The Best Beast or Goods.
10. Is Herriot due on the death of the Freebencher - YES
11. Is any due on surrender of a Reversion — YES
12. Admit by the Rod.