

MANORS FOR SALE.

Since before Domesday Book was written - Mendlesham in Suffolk has had a Lord of the Manor - and now, with 28 others, the title goes up for auction. Yaxloe, which cradled the family of America's General Sherman is another Suffolk village whose lordship's for sale. What Harwell, Berkshire, now cradles is world news - but Harwell was a village a thousand years before the atomic age. Today, no lands go with these titles - only the titles themselves, and the old manorial records.

Many a proud baron, many a mediaeval knight would turn in his grave to hear these ancient names being bandied about a London auction room - though just how they got their titles in the first place is perhaps better forgotten. What an I bid for Herringball and Dikewood with Skeith?

General Sherman's ancestral Yaxloe goes to an American - we might have guessed. And Great Snoring - just carries on.