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- (g) Notices of distinguished Worthies, Broadsides, Election Squibs, &c.
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The following obituary notice of the Hon. and Rev. George Bridgeman has appeared in the last volume of the *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society*. By the kindness of the Editor and of the author, Mrs. Baldwin-Childe, I have been allowed to reprint it in the present volume.

G. W.

IN MEMORIAM: THE REV. AND HON. GEORGE
THOMAS ORLANDO BRIDGEMAN,
HONORARY CANON OF LIVERPOOL.

By Mrs. BALDWIN CHILDE.

By the death of George Bridgeman, Rector of Wigan, Shropshire, Staffordshire, and Lancashire have sustained the loss of one of their most indefatigable and learned recorders of family and place history. He died at the Hall, Wigan, on Monday, Nov. 25th, 1895, and although since 1888 his health has caused anxiety to his friends, he worked bravely on, amid the arduous duties and numberless calls of a large parish, and literally died in harness.

His self-denying life, his devotion to his work, his loving sympathy and kindness and courtesy to all, and his enthusiastic interest in everything he undertook, will be long remembered by his many friends and parishioners. He lies buried near his wife's grave in the Churchyard of Blymhill, Staffordshire.

The Hon. George Thomas Orlando Bridgeman was the second son of the second (Bridgeman) Earl of Bradford, and was born at Castle Bromwich August 21, 1823.

The family of Bridgeman hails from Devonshire, and Edward Bridgeman was Sheriff of Exeter in 1578. His grandson and heir, John Bridgeman, was Rector of Wigan from 1616 to 1643

Chaplain to King James I, and consecrated Bishop of Chester 1618.

He died at his son's house at Moreton, near Oswestry, in 1652, and is buried at Kinnerley, Shropshire. His son and heir, Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and afterwards Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, purchased the advowson of Wigan shortly after the Restoration, and the presentation still remains with his descendant, the present Earl of Bradford. By his marriage with the daughter and heiress of John Kynaston of Moreton, near Oswestry, the connection of the Bridgemans with this county commenced, and was further increased by the marriage of Sir John Bridgeman (his grandson) with Ursula, sole heiress of Roger Matthews of Blodwell, Shropshire.

Through the marriage of Sir Orlando Bridgeman of Castle Bromwich, in 1719, with Lady Anne Newport, the Bridgemans became possessors of Weston in Staffordshire and the representatives (in the female line) of the ancient Shropshire family of Newport of High Ercall, which for many centuries has taken an active part in the history of the county.

An ancestor of the Newports was living in Shropshire in the reign of King John, and Thomas Newport, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1404, obtained the manor of High Ercall by marriage with Anne, daughter and sole heir of John de Ercalwe. William Newport, Sheriff of Shropshire 1472, greatly increased his family estate by his marriage with Elizabeth, one of the four daughters and coheirs of Sir John Burgh of Wattlesborough and Mawddwy. Her descendants share with those of her three sisters the representation of the ancient families of Clopton, Mawddwy, the Princes of South Wales, and the Princes of Upper Powys. Sir Richard Newport became, by his marriage with the heiress of Lord Chief Justice Bromley, the possessor of the beautiful estate of Eyton-on-Severn, near Wroxeter. The Peerages which were bestowed on the Newports are now extinct, and the immense possessions which they inherited through the successive heiresses of the Ercalls, Burghs, and Bromleys have passed away to others.

Mr. George Bridgeman was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, and took his M.A. degree in 1845. He spent one year at the Theological College at Wells, and in 1849 was ordained Deacon by George (Murray) Bishop of Rochester, his title to Holy Orders being Domestic Chaplain to his father. He

IN MEMORIAM:

HENRY SYDNEY GRAZEBROOK.

By the death of Mr. Grazebrook, the William Salt Archaeological Society has lost one of its most learned and valued contributors. Descended himself from an ancient family of freeholders, holding under the Grendons of Shenstone from the beginning of the thirteenth century, he early imbibed a taste for local antiquities, and if his duties at the Treasury had afforded him more leisure, he would have risen to a very distinguished place amongst English antiquaries. He wrote with ease and facility, and occasionally even with grace and humour; and so extensive was his knowledge of family and local history that his notes on the various Heraldic Visitations which he edited are a perfect mine of genealogical lore. The chief characteristic of his work was its accuracy, fulness and honesty, for his principle was never to put forward any matter of fact which he had not proved to his own satisfaction, and he would exhaust every source of information before committing himself to a statement in print. In knowledge of Heraldry I doubt if he has ever been surpassed, and he was a frequent referee in difficult and obscure questions of ancient Armorial Bearings.

Henry Sydney Grazebrook was the son of the late Mr. George Grazebrook, of the Race Course, Stourbridge, and nephew of the well known sportsman, William Grazebrook, who was for many years Treasurer and Deputy Master of the Albrighton Hunt. He was born on the 6th June, 1836. His father, Mr. George Grazebrook, was County Court Treasurer for a Worcestershire and Staffordshire district, and an old and esteemed friend of the late Lord Redesdale, who obtained for Henry Grazebrook a clerkship in the Treasury. This he retained till his death, but he was entered a student of the Inner Temple on 30th October, 1865, and was called to the Bar

on the 7th June, 1869. He had received an excellent classical education at the Bromsgrove School, and I have often envied him his knowledge of Latin, which was very much more profound than my own; in fact, his first essay in print was a *Carminarium Latinum*, which was published by Heming, of Stourbridge, in 1860.

The family of Grazebrook take their name from the township of Gressborough, in Rotherham, co. York, a manor held under the baronial house of de Busli; and owing to the similarity of the baptismal names borne by both families, such as Bartholomew, Roger, and Adam, it is not unlikely there was a connection by blood between them. However that may be, it is certain that early in the thirteenth century Bartholomew de Gresebrec, a cadet of the house, was enfeoffed by Robert de Grendon in a carucate of land in Shenstone which had formed the dower of Avicè de Bray, the mother of Robert. This Bartholomew was succeeded by his son Adam, who was succeeded again by a son Robert, and a suit brought by the latter against Theobald de Neville in 25 E. It affords some interesting information respecting their tenure under the Grendons. This suit will be found at page 37 of Vol. VII of *Staffordshire Collections*. From this Robert the descent has been carried down in an unbroken male line to the present representative of the family, John Philip Grazebrook, Esq., of the Court, Hagley, near Stourbridge.

Henry Sydney Grazebrook was a frequent contributor to the *Herald* and *Genealogist* between the years 1863-1868, but his first important archaeological work was *The Heraldry of Smith*, published in 1870, which contains a description of 113 coats of arms borne by families of that surname in Great Britain, Ireland, and Germany.

In 1873 he published the *Heraldry of Worcestershire*, and in 1877 *Collections for a Genealogy of the noble families of Henzey, Tyttery, and Tyzack, Gentilshommes Verriers, from Lorraine*.

In 1878 he printed in the *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* "Genealogical Memoranda of the Family of Grazebrook." He was also a frequent contributor to the *Midland Antiquary* and to *Notes and Queries*. He took a leading part in the Establishment of the William Salt Archæological Society in 1880, and was one of the original members of the Editorial Committee.

His contributions to this Society have been:—

Obligatory Knighthood, *temp.* Charles I, with the names of those Staffordshire gentlemen who compounded with the Commissioners for not taking upon themselves the Order of Knighthood at the Coronation of that King, Vol. II, Part 2.
“A copy of the Armes taken in the Visitation of the County of Stafford, made A.D. 1663 and 1664, by Wm. Dugdale, Esqr., King of Armes,” Vol. II, Part 2.

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An account of the Barons of Dudley, Vol. IX, Part 2.

An account of the younger branches of the family of Sutton, *alias* Dudley, Vol. X, Part 2.

The Shenstone Charters in the Great Coucher or Chartulary of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the Public Record Office, with Notes (*left unfinished*).

He died on the 19th June, 1806, at the comparatively early age of 60, and lies buried with many of his family in the Churchyard of Old Swinford.

C. W.

The William Salt Archaeological Society.

GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 15TH, 1895.

THE Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Society took place at the William Salt Library, Stafford, on the 15th October, 1895. Present: The Right Hon. the Lord Wrottesley, in the Chair; Major-General Edmund Manningham Buller, the Rev. F. P. Parker, the Rev. W. Beresford, the Rev. T. W. Daltry, Messrs. W. P. Brough, W. F. Carter, R. Fenton, Joseph Naylor, F. C. Perry, James C. Tildesley, Major-General the Hon. George Wrottesley, Honorary Secretary, and Mr. John W. Bradley, Assistant Secretary.

At the request of the Chairman, Major-General Wrottesley read the Report of the Editorial Committee, which was as follows:—

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1894-95.

The Editorial Committee have to report that Volume XV of *Staffordshire Collections* was issued to the Subscribers in June of this year, and 80 pages of another Volume of Records have been printed: the Contents of this will consist of Extracts from the Cheshire Plea Rolls of the reigns of Edward III, Richard II, and Henry IV; and from the Banco and Coram Rege Rolls of Richard II and Henry IV, in continuation of those printed in Volume XV.

These, with a further instalment of the Fines of the reign of Elizabeth, will make up a Volume of about 120 pages; but with respect to this latter Item, Mr. Jeayes, of the British Museum, is preparing for the Society an abstract of the Rydeware Chartulary, and if this is ready in time it is proposed to add it to this Volume, reducing in the same proportion the Fines of Elizabeth.

In addition to this Volume of Records, the Rev. George Bridgeman is writing a History of the Parish of Weston-under-Lizard, which is to be issued in a separate form, and sold to the public, in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the General Meeting of last year.¹

A Balance Sheet of the Receipts and Expenditure of the past year has been prepared for the Meeting, which shows a balance of £8 17s. 8d. in favour of the Society.

A sum of about £38 is also owing to the Society for arrears of subscriptions, some of which have been paid since the Balance Sheet was made up.

After the reading of the Report, a discussion ensued respecting the form and binding of the Volumes of the Parish Histories to be issued by the Society, much difference of opinion prevailing amongst the Members upon the subject. At length it was moved by Mr. Nayler, and seconded by the Rev. W. Beresford, that the binding of the proposed History of Weston-under-Lizard be kept uniform with the rest of the Volumes, and that this and other Histories should be re-numbered I, II, III, &c., and should bear on the cover the name of the Parish to which they refer. This was carried.

On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary, it was decided to give a gratuity of £2 2s. to Mr. E. W. Thompson for his services in making up the Balance Sheet for the past year.

It was announced to the Meeting that Mr. Fenton, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, had purchased for the Newcastle Free Library a complete set of the Publications of the Society at the price of £18 18s.

Mr. Fenton also announced the accession of three new Subscribers, viz. :—

The Free Library, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Mr. James Lovatt, Brampton Hill, Newcastle, and

The Rev. S. Llewellyn O'Connor Fenton, M.A., The Vicarage, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Two other new Members have also joined, viz. :—

Mr. T. Hughes, of Wychdon Lodge, Hixon, Stafford, and

Mr. M. J. Joyce, of 16, Great Cumberland Place, London, W.

¹ Owing to the lamented death of the Hon. and Rev. G. Bridgeman, it has been found necessary to postpone the issue of the History of Weston; Part I has been therefore extended to 300 pages by printing a larger Instalment of the Fines of Elizabeth, in addition to the Rydeware Chartulary.

On the other hand, four Members have withdrawn viz: —

Dr. Arlidge,
Captain G. W. Grice Hutchinson
Mr. Kitson, and
Mr. Gillow,

and the Society has lost by death four Subscribers viz. :—

Mrs. Gough,
Mr. George Fox,
Colonel Lane, and
Dr. Tylecote.

After the usual votes of thanks, the Meeting broke up.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1894, AND SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1895.

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Arrears on Vols. I, II, and III, as per account to September 15th, 1885	19 19 0			Balance from last account	35 12 3
Still unpaid	19 19 0			Oct. 20. Mr. John W. Bradley—his honorarium for 1893-4	15 0 0
Vol. IV. Arrears as per last account	1 1 0			Dec. 1. Do. on petty cash account	1 10 0
Still unpaid	1 1 0			1895.	
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Still unpaid	1 1 0			July 2. Messrs. Harrison, for printing, binding, and issuing Vol. XV.	106 8 0
Vol. VII. Arrears as per last account	1 1 0			Sept. 13. Messrs. Wright and Roberts for stationery	1 18 6
Still unpaid	1 1 0			Amount received by Mr. Bradley for Index of Wills (<i>see contra</i>) and 1s. in stamps received as part of Mr. Okeover's subscription, used for petty cash purposes and not paid into Bank	1 8 6
Vol. X. Copy sold to G. W. Grice-Hutchinson and postage	1 1 7		Sept. 15. Balance, being profit	8 17 8
Vol. XI. Arrears as per last account	1 1 0				
Still unpaid	1 1 0				
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AND FROM THE
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EXTRACTS FROM THE PLEA ROLLS.

CHESTER PLEA ROLL. No. 40. 2-3 E. III.

On the Tuesday after the Feast of St. Gregory. 3 E. III.

Cestria. Licens for John, son of Richard de Sutton,¹ to enfeoff John de Hyldeslegh, clerk, and Peter de Rithre, clerk, of the Castle and Hundred of Malpas, and of the manors of Shokkelache, Bradeley, Ageton, and a moiety of Chirche Cristelton, and of two parts of the manors of Overe Fulwich and Nether Fulwych and of the fourth part of the manor of Rowe Cristelton, and the Sergeanty of the Pelege of Malpas in co. Chester and other tenements, and of three parts of the advowson of the church of Malpas, which was held of the King *in capite*, and likewise that he might grant the reversion of the manor of Meyton, which Robert de Sutton held for his life of the inheritance of John, son of Richard, to the same John de Hyldeslegh and Peter, and with license for the said John and Peter to enfeoff John de Cherleton of the same for his life, with remainder to John, son of John, son of Richard de Sutton and Isabella, daughter of the said John de Cherleton, and the heirs of the bodies of John and Isabella. Dated 10 May, 2 E. III. *m.* 11.

Cestria. John de Hildeslegh, clerk, appeared and acknowledged his deed, and asked that it should be enrolled. By this deed John de Hildeslegh granted to Sir John de Sutton, knight, son of Richard de Sutton £100, to be received annually from the manors, etc., which he held in co. Chester, by the feoffment of the said John, son of Richard. Dated 10 February, 3 E. III. *m.* 11.

On the Tuesday after the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. 3 E. III.

Cestria. John de Ardene the elder and Joan his wife sued William de Baggelegh the elder and Ameria his wife for a messuage, sixty acres of land and an acre of meadow in Echeles, which they claimed as the right of Joan and in which William and Ameria had no entry except by a demise which Richard de Stocport, the father of Joan, and whose heir she was, had made to Richard de Ruyhull for a term which had expired. The defendants called to warranty William de Baggelegh the elder, who warranted the tenements to them, and called further to warranty Nicholas, son of Nicholas de Eton, and prayed he might be summoned in the counties of Northampton and Cambridge, Lyecester and Warwick. *m.* 16.

Cestria. The same John and Joan sued the same defendants for a messuage and thirty-four acres of land, and an acre of meadow in Echeles, which they claimed as the inheritance of Joan, and in which the defendants had no entry except by a demise which Nicholas de Eton, the former husband of Joan, had made to Hamon de Ruyhulle, and to which she could not object during the lifetime of her husband. The same process was followed as in the last suit. *m.* 16.

¹ John de Sutton, the cotemporary Baron of Dudley, who had inherited a fourth part of the Cheshire Barony of Malpas.

On Tuesday the Feast of St. James. 3 E. III.

Cestria. John, son of Urian de St. Pierre,¹ sued William, son of William de Bulkylegh, and Roger his brother, for entering his park at Pecforton, and taking and chasing his game. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them at the next Court. *m.* 18, *verso.*

Cestria. William de Chetelton and John his son were sued by Robert, son of Robert de Bulkylegh and Lettice his wife, for common of pasture and estovers in Batynton, which was appurtenant to their freehold in Alstainstone, and which they claimed as right of Lettice. A concord was made between the parties. *m.* 18, *verso.*

Cestria. Isabella, late wife of Richard de Vernon the elder, who had brought a writ of dower against William, son of Richard de Vernon, and Matilda, late wife of Richard de Vernon the younger, withdrew her suit.² *m.* 19.

Cestria. Isolda, late wife of Urian de St. Pierre, sued David de St. Pierre for a third of a messuage and sixty acres of land in Wich-Malbank, which she claimed as dower. David called to warranty John, son of Urian de St. Pierre, who was to be summoned for the next Court. *m.* 19, *verso.*

CHESTER PLEA ROLL. No. 42. 4-5 E. III.

At the Court held on the Tuesday the Feast of St. Denis.
4 E. III.

Cestria. Adam, son of Vivian de Aston of Staffordshire, was outlawed for the death of John, son of Thomas de Brokelehulle. *m.* 2, *verso.*

At the Court held on the Tuesday after Trinity. 5 E. III.

Cestria. Robert, son of Roger de Malpas, sued John, son of Richard de Sutton, for beating, wounding, and ill treating him at Malpas. John did not appear, and it was testified that he held no lands or chattels in the county, except a rent of £20, which had been taken into the King's hand. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain and produce him at the next Court. *m.* 11, *verso.*

CHESTER PLEA ROLL. No. 43. 5-6 E. III.

On the Tuesday the Morrow of St. Bartholomew. 6 E. III.

Cestria. John de Ardene the elder³ sued Richard de Sidyndon for two parts of the manor of Sidyndon held of him by homage and fealty, and a scutage of 26s. 8d., when a scutage of 40s. was levied, and a service of 6s. 8d. annually and suit of his Court of Alderdelegh every fortnight, and by finding a man armed with a barded horse and four men on foot at Aldeford in time of war at his own cost, and as Richard, son of Richard, was illegitimate and had left no issue, the manor fell to him as an escheat. Richard did not deny the above facts, and John recovered seisin. *m.* 19.

¹ John de St. Pierre was lord of the Hyde, in Brewood, which he held of the Bishop of Lichfield.

² The Vernons named in this suit were not of Shipbrooke, co. Chester, but of Harlaston, co. Stafford.

³ John de Ardene, lord of Aldford, co. Chester, was also lord of Elford, co. Stafford.

CHESTER PLEA ROLL. No. 44. 6-7 E. III.

At the Court held on Tuesday after St. Gregory. 7 E. III.

William, son of William, son of William, son of William de Burmyncham, (Birmingham) sued Hardewyne de Chalons for fourteen messuages, twenty boates of land, ten acres of meadow, one hundred acres of heath, and 60s. of rent in Chirche Cristelton, Rowe Cristelton and Little Cristelton, which William de Malpas gave to William de Burmyncham (Birmingham) in frank marriage with Margery his daughter, and which should descend to him as their heir, and he gave this descent.

William de Burmyncham = Margery.

William.

William.

William, the plaintiff.

Hardewyne appeared by his *custos*, and asked for a view, and a day was given to the parties at the next Court. A view to be taken in the interim.¹ *m. 7.*

CHESTER PLEA ROLL. No. 45. 7-8 E. III.

At the Court held on the Tuesday the Morrow of St. Peter ad Vincula. 3 E. III.

Cestria. Hugh, son of Hugh de Audelegh sued John, son of Geoffrey Byroun,² for a messuage, a mill, and twenty acres of land in Alsacher, which he claimed as heir of his brother James, son of Hugh de Audelegh. John called to warranty John, son of Richard de Alsacher, and asked for the aid of the Court to summon him in co. Stafford. The King's writ for the purpose was issued on the 3rd September, 8 E. III, the suit being moved into Banco, and heard at York at Michaelmas Term, 8 E. III, when it was remitted to be heard in the county of Chester, but was dismissed on account of an informality. *m. 16.*

CHESTER PLEA ROLL. No. 47. 9-10 E. III.

At the Court held on the Tuesday on the Morrow of the Translation of St. Swithin. 10 E. III.

Cestria. John de Molyneux and Clemence, his wife, and Richard, son of Robert de Bulkylegh and Agnes his wife sued John de Ardene the elder, and Joan his wife, and two others, for unjustly disseising them of common of pasture in Echeles appartenant to their tenements in Chedde.

¹ The suit does not occur again, in fact the claim was a hopeless one, for the land had been given away before the Statute "*de donis conditionalibus*." The first named William de Birmingham had been killed at Evesham in rebellion against the King, and the second William of the pedigree, had sold the manor to Peter de Chalons, the ancestor of Hardewine, in order to enable him to redeem his other lands. Peter de Chalons was the second husband of Isabella, the widow of Sir William de Birmingham, killed in 1265. See Notes on the Liber Niger, vol. I, Staff Coll. p. 190.

² Geoffrey Byron held land in Biddulph and other places in co. Stafford. See suit on p. 149, vol. XII.

John de Ardene stated he was lord of the manor of Echeles and as lord had approved the wastes of the manor according to the statute, having left sufficient pasturage to the tenants.

The plaintiffs stated that an agreement had been made between Geoffrey de Chedle, the ancestor of the said Clemence and Agnes, whose heirs they were, and Richard de Stokport, lord of Echeles, whose status John de Ardene now held, by which neither the said Richard nor his heirs should approve any waste in Echeles to the east of a brook called le Blakesiche, without the assent and will of the said Geoffrey and his heirs, and they produced the indentures in Court, and stated that the pasture in question was situated to the east of the brook. And John de Ardene then pleaded that the plaintiffs held no land in common, to which common of pasture was appurtenant, and on this issue appealed to a jury. After several adjournments through defect of juries, the suit was dismissed on the petition of John de Ardene on a technical plea. *m. 18, dorso.*

Gaol Delivery made at Stafford before William de Shareshulle and John de Peyto. 8 E. III. No. 127.

Staff. Adam de Penne, who had been indicted before Richard de Peshale, sheriff of co. Stafford, for feloniously killing Peter de Furco, the proctor of the dean of Lichfield at Stafford, and for feloniously abducting Alice, the Lady of Knyghteley, with goods and chattels to the value of 20 marks from Knyghteley, was brought before the Justices and pleaded not guilty, and put himself on the country. A jury acquitted him of both charges. *m. 2.*

Staff. Thomas of Chelle Parva, who had been indicted before the same Sheriff at Abbots Bromley, for feloniously robbing Agnes the wife of Robert del Delves of three oxen, two cows, and two calves to the value of 5 marks at Draycotelys, pleaded not guilty and put himself on the country and was acquitted. *m. 2.*

Staff. John de Couleye, who had been indicted before William de Wolseleye, the Coroner, for feloniously killing Roger de Beyghturton, of Onne, at Little Onne, was acquitted. *m. 2.*

Staff. Juliana, formerly wife of John atte Nore of Chilynton, and Robert son of Robert in le Lone of Codeshale, who had been indicted before William de Wolseleye, the Coroner, for feloniously killing John atte Nore, at le Whitemor in Chylynton were acquitted. *m. 2.*

Gaol Delivery made at Stafford before William de Shareshulle and Roger Hillary, Justices assigned, etc., on the Monday after the Feast of St. Lucy. 9 E. III. No. 127.

Staff. Richard, Prior of Trentham, who had been indicted before John de Hynkele, the Sheriff, at his Tourn of Pirhull, for feloniously killing William son of William Grace at Trentham in 5 E. III, and for receiving Thomas le Cokesknave who had been indicted for the same felony, and likewise that he, together with John de Hanchirch had feloniously killed William, son of William de Staundon, at Staundon in 7 E. III, and had knowingly received the said John after the felony, and likewise that he, together with Richard atte Yate and William his brother had feloniously robbed John Lovet of Clayton, of a horse in 8 E. III, and had afterwards knowingly received the said Richard and William, was brought before the Justices and put himself on the country and was acquitted by a jury, and the Sheriff stated that John de Hanchirche had died whilst in his custody, and

claiming from the seisin of one Agnes de Thurstanestone against John Donne and Cecily his wife in 32 E. III, in which John, son of William and Cecily his wife, had sued John Donne and Cecily his wife for the manor as the right and inheritance of Cecily the wife of John, son of William, and made out a descent from the said Agnes de Thurstanestone as follows.—

Agnes de Thurstanestone.

David.

John.

Margaret.

John.

Cecily, the plaintiff.

And John Donne and Cecily his wife had appeared in Court and acknowledged the seisin of the said Agnes de Thurstanestone, the ancestor of Cecily, and in the pleadings had stated that, David, son of Patrick de Haselwall by his deed had quitclaimed to William, son of Patrick de Haselwall, all his right and claim to the moiety of the manor, and John Donne and Cecily held the status of William, son of Patrick, and the process was continued till a Court held on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Benedict, 33 E. III, when John Donne and Cecily made default, and John, son of William and Cecily, recovered seisin of the moiety in question. And they stated that the Fine in virtue of which William de Atherton and Agnes claimed the manor was levied in the period between the seisin of Agnes de Thurstanestone and their recovery of this moiety.

The plaintiffs stated that nothing had descended to Agnes in fee simple from Richard de Vernon, and as regarded the moiety claimed by John, son of John, they acknowledged the seisin of Agnes de Thurstanestone, and stated that after the death of Agnes, the said David had enfeoffed William, son of Patrick de Haselwall in fee simple. Both parties appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Tuesday after the Feast of Trinity. *m.* 11.

Cestria. Robert de Sutton, son of Richard de Sutton, formerly living in Ryssheton (Rushton) in co. Stafford, indicted for felony had no appearance at five Courts was outlawed. *m.* 16.

Cestria. The suit of Thomas, son of Robert de Swynerton, knight, against John, son of John Savage, and Matilda his wife and others, was dismissed, the plaintiff not appearing at the Trinity Sittings. *m.* 21.

DE BANCO. MICH., 6 H. IV.

Staff. William Swyneshed of Joneston, sued John Chalnere of Chorlton for a messuage, a toft, 20 acres of land, and an acre of moor, in Chorlton, which John Swyneshed, Chaplain, gave to John, son of Adam de Swyneshed and Alice his wife *temp.* E. III, and to the heirs of their bodies, and which should descend to him, as their son and heir. The defendant pleaded that he held the tenements jointly with Hugh Colclogh, who was not named in the writ. William stated that on the date of writ which was the 1 June, 4 H. IV, John was sole tenant, and appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for three weeks from Easter. A postscript states the suit was moved by writ of *nisi prius*, to be heard at Stafford, on the Saturday after the Feast of St. Lucy, 7 H. IV, when a jury returned a verdict that at the date in question John was sole tenant. William was therefore to recover seisin of the tenement. *m.* 138, *dorso*.

Warw. John Cockes of Lylleburne was attached at the suit of William Bagot, chivaler, for breaking into his close and houses at Walton, and taking his goods and chattels to the value of £20, in 5 H. IV, and for treading down and consuming his corn and grass, to the same value with his cattle. John Cockes stated that long before the date in question, the prior of Kirkeby Monachorum was seised of the manor of Walton, and had demised it to one John Marchall of Paylington for his life, and John Marchall had demised the manor to him, to be held at will. William replied that on the date of the trespass, the close and houses were his sole freehold. John prayed the help of the Court, to enforce the attendance of John Marchall, in order to verify his plea, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon the said John for the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 212.

Staff. John, son of Henry Broun of Lichefeld, sued John Staesmor of Rouley, William atte Grene, and Richard Page of Dudley, for breaking into his close at Rouley, and cutting down and carrying away his trees and underwood to the value of £10, and for treading down and consuming his corn and grass with their cattle to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 249, *dorso.*

Staff. Thomas, son of Nicholas de Swynerton, sued Thomas Shepherd of Charnes, William Blest, Cartwright, and Reginald Couper of Charnes, for killing his mare at Charnes, which was worth 40s., and taking a mare and colt belonging to him from the same place worth 40s. The defendants did not appear and the Sheriff returned they held nothing, etc. He was therefore ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 259, *dorso.*

Staff. Elizabeth formerly wife of Nicholas de Stafford, knight, sued Roger Chatreley, Robert Marchall, Richard de Rudeverde, William Halysgrene, John Curteys, John Wyztwyke and John Haleys, for a debt of £40. And they did not appear, and the Sheriff returned that Roger and John Haleys were dead. He was therefore ordered to distrain Robert and Richard who had found bail and to arrest the others and produce them on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 347.

Staff. John Tochet, chivaler, and Margaret formerly wife of Roger Hillary, chivaler, sued William Robynson of Chelle, for entering their free warren at Tunstall, and chasing and taking hares and rabbits. William did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 410.

Staff. John Tochet, knight, and Margaret, formerly wife of Roger Hillary, sued Roger Bagenald of Onecote, John Bagenald, Adam Henderson, John In Coke of Onecote, John Page, Henry Lord, John Sharpcliffe and Margaret formerly wife of Roger Bagenald, and others, for breaking into their houses at Onecote, and taking timber from them to the value of 100s. and for treading down and consuming their corn and grass at the same place, with their cattle to the value of 100 marks. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St Hillary. *m.* 501, *dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Thyknes sued in person John de Prestbury, on a plea that whereas by reason of his tenure of a house in Newcastle under Lyme he was bound to maintain and repair a certain gutter between his house and the house of the said Thomas, and all the other tenants of the same house from time out of memory had been used to maintain and repair the said gutter, the said John had not maintained and kept it in repair, by reason of which the timber and walls of the house of the plaintiff had become rotten by the fall of rain upon them, and for which he claimed £20 as damages. John did

not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing, etc. He was therefore ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St Hillary. *m. 502, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Oudeby, *clericus*, sued John Gresbroke of Middleton to render him a reasonable account for the time he was his Bailiff in Shenstone. John did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his Bailwick, etc. He was therefore ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m. 502, dorso.*

Staff. William Fouchere and Elizabeth his wife sued Giles del Hyde, William del Hyde, chaplain, and Thomas Wryghte, chaplain, for twenty-two acres of land, two acres and a half of meadow, two acres and a half of wood, and the moiety of a messuage in Codeshale, which they claimed as the right of Elizabeth by writ of formedon. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m. 520.*

Staff. Richard de Redhill and Elena his wife sued Agnes del Bache of Little Pype, for waste and destruction in the houses, woods, and gardens which she held in Little Pype as dower of the inheritance of Elena. Agnes did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce her on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m. 520.*

William Swyneshed of Jonescot, near Eccleshale, kinsman and heir of William Elys *alias* called de Castell of Cobyn-ton, viz., son of Alice daughter of the said William came to Court, and prayed that his deed might be enrolled and it was enrolled in these words. Here follows a deed by which William released to the Prior and Convent of the Cathedral Church of St Mary of Coventry, all his right in a messuage, forty acres of land and two acres of meadow in Cobyn-ton, which formerly belonged to William his grandfather, witnessed by Thomas Puseley of Cobyn-ton, William Hore of Stony-thorpe, John Derset of Thurlaston and others and dated 21 July, 5 H. IV.

Edward Boteler, knight, came to Court and prayed that his deed might be enrolled, and it was enrolled in these words. Here follows a deed by which Edward Boteler, knight, granted to Henry Bishop of Norwich, Thomas Lord Bardulf, and others, his manor of Buryhatele in co. Bedford, 40⁰ of rent in Potton, and all his rents, reversions, etc., in Grendon, in co. Northampton, and Nether Oldyngton, Overoldyngton and Warton, in co. Stafford, witnessed by Robert Fraunceys, knight, Thomas de Bromflete, knight, John Curson, Thomas de Swynerton, Robert Swynerton, and others, dated 21 May, 2 H. IV.

And another deed by which the same Edward appointed Ralph de Swynerton, John de Aston, and another his attorneys to deliver seisin of the same to the feoffees above named.

DE BANCO. EASTER, 6 H. IV.

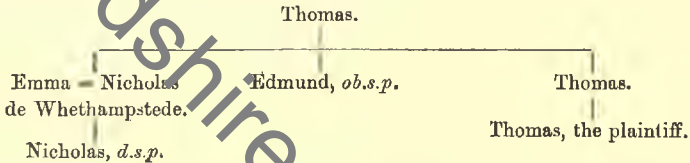
Staff. Nicholas Bradshawe, sued Roger Porter of Cresswalle, for breaking into his free warren at Cressewalle, and cutting down his trees and underwood, and taking his hares, and rabbits, and pheasants, and partridges, of warren. Roger did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m. 2, dorso.*

Staff. William Boteler of Werington, sued John the Vicar of the Church of Pattyngeham, John Preist of Patyngeham, Stephen Sareson, Richard Neovene, William Gilbert, John Mariot, Thomas Webbe, Richard Kemmeson, Adam atte Pvrre, John Mey, Richard White, William Cartwryght,

¹ Sir Edward Boteler of Norbury, co. Stafford.

Richard Webbe, William Burmyngeham, Edmund Bailly, Thomas atte Fenne, William Smyth, and Walter atte Clee, all of Patyngeham, for breaking into his close at Wrottesley¹ and treading down and consuming his corn and grass, with their cattle to the value of 10 marks. None of the defendants appeared and the Sheriff had returned they could not be found, and had been ordered to arrest and produce them at this date, and the Sheriff now made the same return, and was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. A postscript shows adjournments of the suit up to Trinity term, 3 H. IV. *m.* 43.

Wigorn. A long suit extending over several membranes in which Thomas Luttelton claimed the manor of Frankeley, from Thomas Burdet, knight, Thomas Maureward, knight, Edward Stafford Bishop of Exeter, and others, by virtue of a Fine, which was levied in 9 E. I, between Nicholas de Whethampstede and Emma his wife complainants, and Magister John de Leicester defendant. Thomas claiming to be the right heir of Emma according to the pedigree given below.—



Two of the defendants, viz., Thomas Maureward and John Alderwych, denied that Thomas Luttelton was kinsman and nearest heir of Edmund, or that he was the blood of Edmund at all, and they stated that they held the tenements jointly with Magister William Laughton, by the feoffment of Alice, formerly wife of Thomas Stafford, knight, and they produced the deed of Alice, which was dated from Frankeley, 3 H. IV.

Two others of the defendants, viz., John Mulsho, and Alice, his wife, likewise denied that Thomas was heir of Edmund, or of his blood, and they stated that they were the sole tenants of the manor, and the other defendants named in the writ, held nothing in it, and that so far from Nicholas, son of Emma, having died without leaving issue, he left a son, named Thomas, who had issue, Edward, who was now alive and was the lineal descendant of Nicholas, son of Emma.

Thomas stated that his writ should not be quashed on these grounds because he had previously sued by writ of *scire facias* the said Thomas Burdet, Thomas Cruwe, the Bishop and the other defendants including the said Alice under the name of Alice Stafford, formerly wife of William Sperron, and likewise Robert, Parson of Arewe, Robert Mauvesyn, knight, and John Slyghe, and which writ was returnable at Trinity term, 3 H. IV, at which term the defendants had come into Court and the process was continued till Michaelmas, 5 H. IV, when the writ was quashed owing to the death of Robert Mauveysyn, and he had then sued out another writ against the said defendants and the said Alice and John Mulsho, who had married her, and which writ was returnable on the Morrow of St. Martin, when it was quashed owing to the death of Robert, Parson of Arewe, and he had then sued out another writ which had been quashed in like manner through the death of John Slyghe, and he had then sued out another writ against the present defendants who were tenants of the manor at the date of it, and he appealed on this issue to a jury. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon a jury for the Quindene of Holy Trinity.

¹ Sir William le Boteler was *custos* of the manor of Wrottesley during the minority of Hugh, son of John Wrottesley, who was only two years old at his father's death in 1403. (Court Rolls at Wrottesley and Cheshire Inquisition. 4 H. IV.)

A postscript states that the process was continued till Hillary term, 7 H. IV, when it was moved by writ of *nisi prius*, to be heard in the County and the Justices returned at Easter term that the defendants had made default, upon which Henry Hervyle (Heronville), and Margaret his wife, and William Swynfen and Joyce his wife, appeared in person, before the Court, and stated that a certain Roger de Tangeley, the Parson of Grafton, and Robert Roweley, the Parson of Awe, were formerly seised of the tenements in question and by their deed which was dated from Frankley, 1 H. IV, had granted them under the name of the manor of Frankely to a certain William Spernore, and the said Alice, who was then his wife (which manor they held by the feoffment of the said William Spernore), to be held by the said William and Alice, and the male heirs of the said William, and failing such, to the right heirs of William, and by which gift the said William and Alice were seised of the manor, and William had died, leaving no male issue, so that the right of reversion after the death of Alice, descended to the said Margaret and Joyce, as daughters and heirs of William Spernore, and Alice had afterwards granted to one Cornelius de Wirley all her right and status in the manor, and the said Cornelius then granted the tenements to the said defendants, and to one Robert, Parson of Awe, Robert Mauveysin, knight, and John Slyghe who were now dead, and the defendants therefore held only for the life of Alice, and they prayed they might not lose their inheritance by their default, and that they might be admitted to defend the action, but that inasmuch as the said Margaret, William Swynfen and Joyce were under age, that the suit should remain till their full age.

Thomas Luttelton in reply repeated his plea that the defendants were in seisin of the manor at the date of his last writ and appealed to a jury on this issue, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for the following Trinity term.

A further postscript shows that the process was continued till Michaelmas term, 8 H. IV, when Margaret, William Swynfer and Joyce, appeared by their *custos*, and Margaret stated that Henry Hervyle had died since the last adjournment and she defended the suit and prayed that it might remain till their full age. Thomas Luttelton did not deny that Henry Heronville was dead, and he repeated his plea as before, and appealed to a jury. A further postscript shows the suit was moved by writ of *nisi prius* at Easter term, 8 H. IV, to be heard at Worcester on the Thursday after the Feast of St. Ceddæ following, when Margaret, William and Joyce, challenged the panel, and it was quashed, and a new writ of *scire facias* was issued returnable on the Morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 192.

Staff. William Newport, knight, and Margaret his wife, sued Baler, yne de Wyrley, for a debt of ten marks, and Richard de Rounale, for a debt of 40s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 206.

Staff. Henry Herovyle sued John Hvkeman, of Wenesbury, and two others for digging in his several soil at Wedenesbury and carrying away earth to the value of £10, and for treading down and consuming his corn and grass with their cattle to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 314, *dorso*.

Derb. Staff. Nicholas Thurmot and Joan his wife sued Robert de Aston and Joan his wife, William de Rodburn and Katrine his wife, daughters and heirs of Henry de Stanydelf, who had been called to warranty by the Abbot of Burton-on-Trent, for seven messuages, two carucates and a half of laud, twenty acres of meadow, and 12s. of rent in Caldewalle and Drakelowe, which Emma de Caldewalle had given to John de Stapenhulle and the heirs of his body, and which, after the deaths of the said John, and

William and Joan remitted all right to John and Johu and to the heirs of John Orcharde, for which John and John gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 33 Elizabeth.

Between John Machyn, Robert Cosse and John Lovett, complainants, and John Craddocke, deforciant of 12 messuages, 9 gardens, 4 orchards, 100 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath and 10 acres of moor in **Buckenhall Eves**.

John Craddocke remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Machyn, for which the complainants gave him 130 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Creswell, gentleman, complainant, and Walter Phypton and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of 8 acres of meadow, 5 acres of pasture and 10 acres of moor in **Alderley**.

Walter and Elizabeth remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £80.

On the Quindene of Easter. 33 Elizabeth.

Between John Cope, gentleman, complainant, and Rowseus Rickthorn, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 10 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow and 20 acres of pasture in **Lutteley** in the parish of **Linfyld**.

Rowseus and Elizabeth remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them 130 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 33 Elizabeth.

Between John Porter, John Dentric, Robert Wyght and Richard Heathe, complainants, and Thomas Heaton otherwise Eyton and Margaret his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, 2 tofts, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 30 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, an acre of wood and 8s. 4d. of rent issuing from a messuage, a garden, 40 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture and 50 acres of wood in **Bothom** and **Chadulton**.

Thomas and Margaret remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Porter, for which the complainants gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Leveson, armiger, John Goughe, William Smythe, John Lye and Michael Widdowes, complainants, and John Lane, armiger, and Jane his wife, deforciant of 44 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture and 10 acres of wood in **Wolverhampton** and **Wednesfeyld**.

John Lane and Jane remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Thomas, for which the complainants gave them 150 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 33 Elizabeth.

Between John Machyn and Thomas Browne, complainants, and John Woodde, John Ashton, and James Walton and Katherine his wife, deforciant of 6 messuages, 4 cottages, 2 water mills, 10 gardens, 6 orchards, 40 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 60 acres of furze and heath and 10s. of rent in **Meere, Stocke, Trentham, Longton, Normycote, Careswall, Weston, Bucknall-Eves** and **Fenton**.

The deforciant remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Machyn, for which the complainants gave them 400 marks of silver.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 33 Elizabeth.

Between John Wyrley, armiger, Thomas Leveson, armiger, Thomas Repyngton, armiger, and Roger Fowke, gentleman, complainants, and Thomas Comberford, armiger, and Drothy his wife, and William

The deforciantes remitted all right to Lawrence and Thomas and to the heirs of Lawrence, for which Lawrence and Thomas gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Robert Lees and John Lees, complainants, and Alkeman Lees and Alice his wife, deforciantes of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 12 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in 500 acres of furze and heath in Alveton and wise Alton.

Alkeman and Alice remitted all right to Robert and John and to the heirs of Robert, for which Robert and John gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between William Stonywell, complainant, and John Stonywell, the elder, deforciant of 6 messuages, 4 cottages, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 400 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood and 1,000 acres of furze and heath in Longdon, Chorley otherwise Charley, Great Block otherwise Blockeswich and Walsall otherwise Walsall.

John remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him 200 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Berdmore and James Launder, complainants, and Richard Rogers, gentleman, John Rogers, gentleman, and Mary his wife, and Humphrey Berdmore, gentleman, and Alice his wife, deforciantes of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 72 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 4 acres of furze and heath and 18s. of rent in Hatton and Swynerton.

The deforciantes remitted all right to Edward and James and to the heirs of Edward, for which Edward and James gave them 20 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Arthur Dyot, complainant, and Edward Cambridge, gentleman, deforciant of 8 acres of meadow, 8 acres of pasture and 2 acres of wood in Elmhurst and Curborowe.

Edward remitted all right to Arthur and his heirs, for which Arthur gave him £40.

On the Morrow of St. Martin. 33 Elizabeth.

Between William Batche, complainant, and Humphrey Hopkys and Elizabeth his wife, and John Hopkys and Anne his wife, deforciantes of 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 35 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 25 acres of pasture and 4s. 6d. of rent in Overpenn and Netherpenn.

The deforciantes remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £80.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between John Trevyn and Thomas Procter, complainants, and John Woode and Elizabeth his wife, deforciantes of 15 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow and 10 acres of pasture in Draycott and Fosbrooke.

John Woode and Elizabeth remitted all right to John Trevyn and Thomas and to the heirs of John Trevyn, for which John Trevyn and Thomas gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Philip Hollyns and James Whitehall, complainants, and William Morrys and Thomas Morrys, deforciantes of a moiety of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 16 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture and 16 acres of wood in Whyston and Kynzley.

William and Thomas remitted all right to Philip and James and to the heirs of Philip, for which Philip and James gave them 130 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Shelley and William Coton, complainants, and Sampson Eadeswyke otherwise Eryswyke, gentleman, and William Fynney, deforciant of the manor of **Smaleryse** and of 4 messuages, 2 tofts, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 120 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath, 10 acres of moor and 20*d.* of rent in **Smaleryse** and **Souther**.

Sampson and William Fynney remitted all right to Thomas and William Coton and to the heirs of Thomas, for which Thomas and William gave them 130 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 33 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Wylbraham, gentleman, and Roger Wylbraham, armiger, Solicitor General of the Lady the Queen of her Kingdom of Ireland, complainants, and Henry Blunte, armiger, George Blunte, gentleman, son and heir of the said Henry, and John Purselowe, armiger, and Dorothy his wife, deforciant of 10 messuages, a water mill, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 1,070 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 500 acres of furze and 1,000 acres of moor in **Teyne**, **Overtteyne**, **Nethertheyne** and **Chekeley**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Richard and Roger and to the heirs of Roger, for which Richard and Roger gave them £450.

On the Octaves of the Purification of the Blessed Mary. 34 Elizabeth.

Between John Creswell and Daniel Garrye, complainants, and Richard Jurden, deforciant of 5 messuages, 13 acres of land and 10 acres of pasture in **Wolverhampton**.

Richard remitted all right to John and Daniel and to the heirs of John, for which John and Daniel gave them £80.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 34 Elizabeth.

Between Edmund Sutton, the elder, and Edmund Sutton, the younger, complainants, and Francis Sheratt and Jane his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, a garden, an orchard, 40 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood and common or pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Bagnol** otherwise **Bagnold**.

Francis and Jane remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Edmund Sutton, the elder, for which the complainants gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 34 Elizabeth.

Between John Marshall, complainant, and Thomas Worthington and Lettice his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 6 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow and 4 acres of pasture in **Longdon**.

Thomas and Lettice remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 34 Elizabeth.

Between William Hunt, son of Robert Hunt, complainant, and Edward Broughton, gentleman, and Anne his wife, and the said Robert Hunt, deforciant of 12 acres of meadow in **Wall** and **Shenston**.

The deforciant remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 34 Elizabeth.

Between William Baylye, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Warynge, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, and Edmund Warynge, son and heir apparent of the same Thomas, deforciant of a messuage, 2 barns, a garden,

40 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 12 acres of wood and 10 acres of furze and heath in **Barsford** and **Chedulton**.

John and Elizabeth remitted all right to William and Ralph and to the heirs of William, for which William and Ralph gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Agnes Harewell, widow, complainant, and William Harewell, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of a cottage, a garden and 12 acres of pasture in **Wolverhampton**.

William and Elizabeth remitted all right to Agnes and her heirs, for which Agnes gave them £80.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between George Woodward, complainant, and Ralph Bagnold, deforciant of a moiety of a messuage, a barn, a garden, 4 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow and 4 acres of pasture in **Longnor**.

Ralph remitted all right to George and his heirs, for which George gave him £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Leigh, armiger, and Anne his wife, complainants, and James Nowell, gentleman, and Mary his wife, deforciant of 10 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture and 5 acres of wood in **Russhall**.

James and Mary remitted all right to Edward and Anne and to the heirs of Edward, for which Edward and Anne gave them £80.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between George Agar, gentleman, complainant, and Richard Hunter and Margaret his wife, deforciant of a fourth part of a messuage, a cottage, a garden, an orchard, 30 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow in **Barton under Needwood**.

Richard and Margaret remitted all right to George and his heirs, for which George gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between William Underehill, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Saltford, gentleman, and Anne his wife, deforciant of 4 acres of meadow and 20 acres of pasture in **Wolverhampton**.

Thomas and Anne remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £60.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Robert Gorwey, complainant, and Humphrey Pype, armiger, deforciant of a messuage, a toft, a garden, an orchard, 12 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow and 40 acres of pasture in **Russhall** and **Shelfelde**.

Humphrey remitted all right to Robert and his heirs, for which Robert gave him £100.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Simon Potter and John Potter, complainants, and Raphael Potter, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 16 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow and 14 acres of pasture in **Shenston** and **Little Aston**.

Raphael remitted all right to Simon and John and to the heirs of Simon, for which Simon and John gave him £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Humphrey Wightwicke, complainant, and John Smyth and Joan his wife, and Francis Smyth and Alice his wife, deforciant of 6 acres of pasture in **Netherpenne**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Humphrey and his heirs, for which Humphrey gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between John Austen, one of the attornies of the Court of the Lady the Queen of the Bench, complainant, and Thomas Craddocke, gentleman, and Margaret his wife, deforciantes of a messuage, a barn, a garden and an orchard in the vill of **Stafford**.

Thomas and Margaret remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them 100 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of St. Hillary. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Edmund, Lord Shefeild, Thomas Stanhope, knight, John Morison, knight, Edward Stanhope, armiger, John Stanhope, armiger, and Samuel Bevercotes, armiger, complainants, and John Hollys, armiger, deforciant of the manor of **Yoxall**, and of 10 messuages, 10 cottages, 2 water mills, 2 dovecotes, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath and 40s. of rent in **Yoxall**, and of the advowson of the church of **Yoxall**.

John Hollys remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Thomas, for which the complainants gave him £200.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between John Roden, complainant, and Robert Baker, deforciant of a messuage, 10 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 3 acres of pasture, an acre of wood and common of pasture for all cattle in **Church Eyton** and **Wood Eyton**.

Robert remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave him £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Rowland Rudge, complainant, and William Wyatt and Joan his wife, and Thomas Turner, deforciantes of 16 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture and 20 acres of wood in **Shenston**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to Rowland and his heirs, for which Rowland gave them 130 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Michael Alleret, complainant, and Richard Swynfen, gentleman, and Joan his wife, deforciantes of 2 acres of land and half an acre of meadow in **Tymore** and **Whittington**.

Richard and Joan remitted all right to Michael and his heirs, for which Michael gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Alexander Jervies, complainant, and John Addenbroke, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, a barn, a garden, an orchard, 2 acres of land and 3 acres of pasture in **Westbromwiche**.

John remitted all right to Alexander and his heirs, for which Alexander gave him £60.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between William Crompton, armiger, complainant, and John Coyne, armiger, and Thomas Coyne, gentleman, and Jane his wife, deforciantes of 2 messuages, 2 tofts, a water mill, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 100 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Careswall** otherwise **Cavereswall** and **Weston Coyne**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £200.

In five weeks from Easter Day. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Eleanor Huntbache, daughter of Thomas Huntbache, com-

and John Browne, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, 2 gardens and 3 acres of land in **Madeley**.

Thomas Browne and John remitted all right to Thomas Bowyer and his heirs, for which Thomas Bowyer gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Britebancke, gentleman, and Edward Grendon, complainants, and Humphrey Chaderton, gentleman, deforciant of 3 messuages, 2 cottages, 5 barns, 5 gardens, 5 orchards, 40 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 3 acres of pasture, 40 acres of furze and heath and 10 acres of marsh in **Whitton**, **Tymemore** otherwise **Tymehorne**, **Tamehorne** and **Fisherwicke**.

Humphrey remitted all right to Richard and Edward and to the heirs of Richard, and granted that he would warrant the said tenements against all claiming by **John Chaderton**, deceased, father of the said Humphrey, and his heirs, for which Richard and Edward gave him £100.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Jorden, complainant, and Walter James, gentleman, and Martha his wife, deforciant of the manor of **Womburne** and **Swyndon**, and of a messuage, 2 cottages, a water mill, 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 60 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 100 acres of furze and heath, 10 acres of moor and 29s. 6d. of rent in **Womburne**, **Swyndon** and **King's Swynford**.

Walter and Martha remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, and granted that they would warrant the said manor and tenements against the heirs of **Edmund James**, armiger, **William Uvedale**, armiger, **Humphrey Foxall** and **John Walker**, deceased, for which Edward gave them 130 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Walter Mynors, armiger, and William Powker, complainants, and Robert Newes and Scolastica his wife, deforciant of a messuage, 2 acres of land and 3 acres of meadow in **Uttorator**.

Robert and Scolastica remitted all right to Walter and William and to the heirs of Walter, for which Walter and William gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between William Bowyer, armiger, complainant, and Rowan Bulkeley, gentleman, and Margaret his wife, and William Bulkeley, gentleman, deforciant of an annual rent of £23 8s. issuing from 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 900 acres of land, 180 acres of meadow, 900 acres of pasture, 36 acres of wood and 300 acres of furze and heath in **Stallynaton** and **Stone**.

The deforciant remitted all right to William Bowyer and his heirs, for which William Bowyer gave them £468.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Almount, complainant, and Anthony Gilberte and Joan his wife, deforciant of 2 burgages and 2 gardens in **Burton on Trent**.

Anthony and Joan remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Otwel Stubbs, complainant, and Thomas Bullock, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 20 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture and common of pasture in **Leeke**, **Lowe** and **Frith**.

Thomas remitted all right to Otwel and his heirs, for which Otwel gave him £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 35 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Jodrell, gentleman, Thomas Dockseye and John Jodrell, complainants, and Thomas Parker, gentleman, deforciant of 3 messuages,

Whereas the aforesaid John and Margaret hold the said tenements for the term of the life of the said John and Margaret and of Katherine Madeley their daughter, the reversion thereof after their decease belonging to the said Thomas and his issue, the said John and Margaret have granted the said tenements to the said Thomas and his issue, and whatsoever they have therein for the term of the said lives, for which Thomas gave them £10.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Parkes, complainant, and William Darbie and Margery his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 30 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow and 30 acres of pasture in **Rowley**.

William and Margery remitted all right to Thomas and his heirs, for which Thomas gave them £120.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Scott, complainant, and William Freeman and Eleanor his wife, and Thomas Freeman and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden and 6 acres of pasture in **Great Barre**.

The deforciant remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £50.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Lowe, complainant, and Roger Betenson and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of 3 acres of land in **Sutton**.

Roger and Elizabeth remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between William Comberford, armiger, complainant, and Thomas Cotton and Anne his wife, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 8 acres of land and 2 acres of pasture in **Wedderbury**.

Thomas and Anne remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £50.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Barbor *alias* Taylor, Robert Orgill, Michael Merry and Thomas Wood, complainants, and Edward Blount, armiger, deforciant of a messuage, 3 cottages, a garden, an orchard, 70 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow and 2 acres of pasture in **Braunston**.

Edward remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Thomas Barbor, for which the complainants gave him 130 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Thorneburye, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Fowall, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 burgages, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 100 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle and common of turbary in **Chedull**.

Thomas Fowall remitted all right to Thomas Thorneburye and his heirs, for which Thomas Thorneburye gave him £80.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Cheshire and Thomas Johnson, complainants, and Walter Baggott, armiger, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, a toft, a water mill, a barn, a garden, an orchard, 50 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Leigh** otherwise **Lee** and **Feild**.

Walter and Elizabeth remitted all right to John and Thomas and to the heirs of John, for which John and Thomas gave them £300.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Parkes, complainant, and Edward Baggeley and Anne his wife and Thomas Fletcher and Elizabeth his wife, deforciantes of 4 acres of meadow and 4 acres of pasture in **Sedgley**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to Thomas Parkes and his heirs, for which Thomas Parkes gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Walter, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Petit otherwise Petye, gentleman, deforciant of 4 acres of pasture in **Ranton**.

Thomas remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave him £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Harryson, complainant, and Thomas Wall, the elder, and Thomas Wall, the younger, son and heir apparent of the said Thomas Wall, deforciantes of a cottage, a barn, a garden, a faldage, 30 acres of land and 20 acres of meadow in **Oneull**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to Thomas Harryson and his heirs, for which Thomas Harryson gave them £80.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between William Walhowse, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Wynnyngton otherwise Willyngton, deforciant of a messuage, a barn, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood and 10 acres of furze and heath in **Great Sardon**.

Thomas remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him £80.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Parkes, complainant, and Edward Lord Duddeley, deforciant of a messuage, 100 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 180 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood and 20 acres of furze and heath in **Sedgesley** otherwise **Sedgeley** and **Bryreley**, and of all tithes of grain and hay in **Sedgesley** otherwise **Sedgeley** and **Bryreley**.

Lord Duddeley remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave him £400.

In one month from Easter Day. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Ellacott, complainant, and Hugh Smoote¹ and Susan his wife, and Christopher Smoote, deforciantes of 5 messuages, 3 cottages, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 80 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture and 4 acres of wood in **Schelfeld**, **Bloxwich**, **Bromwich**, **Wallsall**, **Rusthall** and **Rowley**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £120.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Mary Egerton, widow, complainant, and Thomas Wynter and Anne his wife, deforciantes of a messuage, a cottage, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 30 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, 12 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Beffcotte** and **Cowley**.

Thomas and Anne remitted all right to Mary and her heirs, for which Mary gave them £80.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between William Bradeley, complainant, and Edward Lord Duddeley,

¹ This name may be Sinoote.

deforciant of 34 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow and 140 acres of pasture in **Sedgeley**.

Whereas the said Edward has and holds the said tenements to himself and the issue male of Edward Sutton, knight, Lord Duddeley, deceased, father of the said Edward, the remainder thereof belonging to the Queen, her heirs and successors, the same Edward remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him £100.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between William Bache, complainant, and Richard Smyth and Alice his wife, deforciantes of a messuage, a curtillage and a garden in **Wolverhampton**.

Richard and Alice remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Persehowse, the elder, gentleman, and John Persehowse, the younger, gentleman, complainants, and Francis Phippes and Alice his wife, deforciantes of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture and 6 acres of wood in **Wednesburie and Delves** otherwise **Wasted Delves**.

Francis and Alice remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Persehowse, the elder, for which the complainants gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between William Warowse, gentleman, complainant, and James Maclesfeild otherwise Maxfeild, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 cottages, 4 barns, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 100 acres of land, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood and 20 acres of furze and heath in **Hatherton** otherwise **Haderton**.

James remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him £200.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Baylyes, Walter Rastell, Richard Pye and John Traunter, complainants, and Humphrey Pye, armiger, and Susan his wife and Samuel Pye, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciantes of 4 cottages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 20 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow and 3 acres of pasture in **Dorlaston**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Thomas, for which the complainants gave them £60.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Beresford, armiger, complainant, and Henry Maysterson and Ellen his wife, and James Varnon, deforciantes of 12 messuages, 4 cottages, 5 tofts, 16 gardens, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood and 200 acres of furze and heath in **Waterfall**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave them £400.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Scott, complainant, and William Freeman and Eleanor his wife, and Thomas Freeman and Elizabeth his wife, deforciantes of an acre of meadow and 26 acres of pasture in **Great Barre**.

The deforciantes remitted all right to Thomas Scott and his heirs, for which Thomas Scott gave them £40.

On the Morrow of the Ascension of the Lord. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Hugh Grainger, complainant, and John Grainger, deforciant of 3 messuages, 2 cottages, 140 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood and 100 acres of furze and heath in **Tresull, Seadon and Overton** otherwise **Orton**.

John remitted all right to Hugh and his heirs, for which Hugh gave him £300.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Gravenor and Edward Hale, complainants, and Edward Jurden and Thomas Jurden, son and heir apparent of the said Edward, deforciants of the manor of **Womburne** and **Swyndon**, and of 3 messuages, 3 tofts, 7 cottages, a water mill, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, 120 acres of furze and heath, 10 acres of moor and 29s. 6d. of rent in **Womburne, Swyndon, King's Swynford, Dunley, Whittington, Kynfare, Compton, Enfeld, Morffe and Lutteley**.

The deforciants remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John, for which the complainants gave them £300.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Giffard, gentleman, complainant, and John Wilks and Margery his wife, and Thomas Parshouse, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 12 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow and 18 acres of pasture in **Nechells, Bilston and Wednesfeld**.

The deforciants remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £60.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Roger Kinge, complainant, and Edmund Wyverton, gentleman, and Joan his wife, Richard Hoby, armiger, and Margaret his wife, and John Clerke, gentleman, and Jane his wife, deforciants of 3 acres of meadow and half an acre of wood in **Ambulcote** and **Kynsyrnford**.

The deforciants remitted all right to Roger and his heirs, for which Roger gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between William Okell, William Chaunce, William Fawnes, and William Gybbins, complainants, and Nicholas Hardwicke and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 40 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture and common of pasture for all cattle in **Sedgeley, Stingsall** (*sic* **Ettingshall**), **Coleseley** and **Woodseaton**.

Nicholas and Elizabeth remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of William Okell, for which the complainants gave them £80.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Thornes, armiger, Richard Dodd, armiger, Simon Smyth, gentleman, and John Bentley, gentleman, complainants, and John Fernyhagh, gentleman, and William Fernyhagh, gentleman, son and heir of the aforesaid John, deforciants of 4 messuages, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, 40 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Waterfall** and **Calton**, also of all kinds of tithes in **Earnhall** and **Hondon**.

The deforciants remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Richard Thornes, for which the complainants gave them £40.

On the Quindene of Easter. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Francis Higginbothom, gentleman, complainant, and John

Bradburie and Otwell Bradburie, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, 20 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 5 acres of wood, 12 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Rushton James**.

John and Otwell remitted all right to Francis and his heirs, for which Francis gave them £40.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Robert Pershall, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Al'att, deforciant of 5 messuages, 3 cottages, 3 tofts, 5 gardens, 5 orchards, 60 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture and 80 acres of furze and heath in **Eccleshall, Croxton, Great Sugnell and Little Sugnell**.

Thomas remitted all right to Robert and his heirs, for which Robert gave him £40.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Henry Wolriche, gentleman, complainant, and Robert Bankes and Margery his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden and 4 acres of land in the vill of **St. Ford and Marston**.

Robert and Margery remitted all right to Henry and his heirs, for which Henry gave them £40.

On the Octaves of Holy Trinity. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Burtou armiger, Thomas Wodcock, gentleman, and Richard Cotes, gentleman, complainants, and John Mitton, armiger, deforciant of the manors of **Weston under Lizard, Tamhorne otherwise Tamynhorne, Newton and Bovyngton otherwise Bovyngton**, and of 24 messuages, 4 cottages, 9 tofts, 2 m. ds. 2 dovecots, 2 gardens, 24 orchards, 1,800 acres of land, 486 acres of meadow, 1,360 acres of pasture, 500 acres of wood, 1,200 acres of furze and heath, 200 acres of Moor, 100 acres of marsh, and £27 Os. 6d. of rent in **Weston under Lizard, Beighterton, Tamhorne otherwise Tamynhorne, Wigginton, Eford, Newton, Buffield, Bovyngton otherwise Bovyngton and Whittington**.

John remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Thomas Burtou, for which the complainants gave him £1,400.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Bridgwood, complainant, and James Nowell, gentleman, and Edward Nowell, gentleman, deforciant of a messuage, 18 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, and 10 acres of furze and heath in **Pelsall**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Edward Bridgwood and his heirs, for which Edward Bridgwood gave them £200.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 40 Elizabeth.

Between John Henson, complainant, and William Cauldwall and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of 2 burgages, a cottage, 3 gardens and an acre of pasture in **Burton-upon-Trent**.

William and Elizabeth remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them 70 marks of silver.

In three weeks from the day of Holy Trinity. 40 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Wood otherwise Deane, the elder, gentleman, complainant, and Walter Wood otherwise Deane, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of a messuage, 2 cottages, a dovecote, 3 gardens, 140 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 160 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, and 12 acres of furze and heath in **Codsall otherwise Codsoll**.

Walter and Elizabeth remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave them £240.

4*l.* of rent and common of pasture in **Hawardea** otherwise **Harden**, **Bloxwiche** and **Walsall**

Gregory and Ellen remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £41.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between John Gravenour, gentleman, and Humphrey Jorden, gentleman, complainants, and Thomas Tomyns, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 cottages, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 120 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 60 acres of furze and heath and common of pasture for all cattle in **Morffe**, **Enveld**, **Lutley** and **Bobynston**.

Thomas remitted all right to John and Humphrey and to the heirs of John, for which John and Humphrey gave him £300.

In three weeks from the day of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between John Panton, armiger, and Thomas Wilford, armiger, complainants, and William Cooper, armiger, and Katherine his wife, deforciants of a messuage, a cottage, a barn, an orchard, 30 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow and 400 acres of pasture in **Ockeley** and **Croxall**, and of a free fishery in the waters of **Trent** and **Mease**.

William and Katherine remitted all right to John and Thomas and to the heirs of John, for which John and Thomas gave them £600

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between Humphrey Comberford, gentleman, and John Persehowse, gentleman, complainants, and Samuel Pyn, gentleman, Humphrey Hoo, gentleman, Anthony Hod, gentleman, and William Perrie, deforciants of 40 acres of pasture in **Bradely** and **Sedgeley**.

The deforciants remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Humphrey Comberford, for which the complainants gave them £100.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Fraunces, complainant, and Walter Whitehall, gentleman, and Ellen his wife, George Whitehall, gentleman, and Richard Whithall (*sic.*), gentleman, deforciants of 15 acres of meadow and 8 acres of pasture in **Great Bloxwich**, **Little Bloxwich** and **Russhall**.

The deforciants remitted all right to Richard Fraunces and his heirs, for which Richard Fraunces gave them £60.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between John Dethicke and Edmund Harryson, complainants, and William Collier and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants of a messuage, 10 acres of pasture and 10 acres of furze and heath in **Walsall**.

William and Elizabeth remitted all right to John and Edmund and to the heirs of John, for which John and Edmund gave them £80.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between Nicholas Kynnersley, gentleman, and James Willington, gentleman, complainants, and Lawrence Wright, gentleman, Ralph Wright, gentleman, and Thomas Wright, gentleman, deforciants of the manors of **Overcastorne** and **Nethercastorne**, and of 6 messuages, 2 cottages, 200 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath and 200 acres of moor in **Overcastorne**, **Nethercastorne**, **Ilam**, **Ilam More**, **Stanshope**, **Wetton** and **Mathfeld**.

The deforciants remitted all right to Nicholas and James and to the heirs of Nicholas, for which Nicholas and James gave them £200.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Parkes, complainant, and John Bardell, gentleman, and George Badger, deforciants of 6 messuages, 2 tofts, 6 gardens, 40 acres of

issue of the said Margaret, and failing such, to Robert Comerlage and Anne his wife and their issue, and failing such, to Anthony Spicer and Elizabeth his wife and their issue, and failing such, to Edward Jackson and Isabella his wife and their issue, and failing such, to Richard Silvester and Dorothy his wife and their issue, and failing such, to remain to the right heirs of the said William Quyntine for ever. And also after the decease of the said Richard Jackson the residue of the said tenements shall remain to Robert Quyntine and Isabella his wife and their issue, and failing such, to the said William Quyntine and his issue, and failing such, to Richard Gibbons and Eleanor his wife and the issue of the said Eleanor by the said Richard, and failing such, to the said Anthony Spicer and Elizabeth his wife and their issue, and failing such, to the said Roger Comerlage and Anne his wife and their issue, and failing such, to the said Edward Jackson and Isabella his wife and their issue, and failing such, to Richard Silvester and Dorothy his wife and their issue, and failing such, to the aforesaid Thomas Webbe and Margaret his wife and their issue, and failing such, to remain to the right heirs of the said Robert Quyntine for ever.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 41 Elizabeth.

Between Sampson Ereswick, armiger, Walter Fowler, armiger, and Thomas Wolseley, armiger, complainants, and John Coyney, armiger, deforciant of the manor of **Weston Coyney and Holme**, and of 40 messuages, 2 mills, 2 dove-cotes, 180 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 180 acres of pasture, 120 acres of wood, 2,000 acres of furze and heath, 2,000 acres of moor, 40 acres of land covered with water, and 50s. of rent in **Weston Coyney, Holme, Caerswall otherwise Cavereswall, Stoke upon Trent, Adderley Greene Meare and otherwise Hals, Buckenhall otherwise Bucknall and Kyrrhill**.

John remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Sampson, for which the complainants gave him £1,000.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 42 Elizabeth.

Between John Draycott, armiger, complainant, and Ralph Browne and Dorothy his wife, deforciant of 20 acres of pasture and 200 acres of furze and heath in **Normycott otherwise Mernycott**.

Ralph and Dorothy remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £100.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 42 Elizabeth.

Between Walter Gifford, armiger, John Talbott, armiger, and Thomas Asteley, complainants, and George Onslowe, gentleman, and Jane his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 120 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 160 acres of pasture and 20 acres of wood in **Gnosall and Churcheyton**.

George and Jane remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Walter, for which the complainants gave them £120.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 42 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Barbor, gentleman, complainant, and Walter Cawarden, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, deforciant of 4 messuages, a cottage, 5 barns, 6 gardens, 5 orchards, 110 acres of land, 14 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, and 10 acres of furze and heath in **Mavesyn Ridware, Hill Kidware and Pipe Ridware**.

Walter and Elizabeth remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £100.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 41 Elizabeth.

And afterwards recorded on the Octaves of St. Hillary. 42 Elizabeth.

Between Peter Whitmore, complainant, and Thomas Whitmore, deforciant

acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood, common of pasture for all cattle, and common of turbary in **Waterfall**, **Gryndon**, **Calton**, and **Cawdon**.

George remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave him £160.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 45 Elizabeth.

Between John Astley, complainant, and John Bardell, gentleman, and Michael Nyckyns, gentleman, deforciant of 3 messuages, 3 cottages, 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 4 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 4 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Abbottes Bromley** otherwise **Parretes Bromley**.

The deforciant remitted all right to John Astley and his heirs, for which John Astley gave them £50.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 45 Elizabeth.

Between George Midlemore and Jane his wife, complainants, and Cecilia Warner, widow, deforciant of 4 messuages, 3 cottages, 7 gardens, 7 orchards, 100 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath, 20 acres of moor, and common of pasture for all kinds of beasts in **Wittington**, **Wednesburye**, **Tymhorne**, **Tamhorne**, and **Fisherwicke**.

Cecilia acknowledged the said terements to be the right of Jane, for which George and Jane granted them to Cecilia for her life, with remainder to the said Jane and her heirs for ever.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 45 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Devereux, arranger, complainant, and Luke Bott and Eleanor his wife, William Ashforte and Susau his wife, William Ridyall and Winifrid his wife, Winmar Huute and Agnes his wife, and John Botte, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 4 acres of moor, 2 acres of marsh, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Great Barr**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave them £80.

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THE Rydeware Chartulary is a quarto volume containing sixty-six folios of parchment, which are filled on both sides with handwriting of the early part of the fourteenth century. At the end of the volume are a few memoranda of later date in a more modern hand, but they are of no interest and are mostly illegible from damp and discoloration.

An excellent description of the Chartulary, together with a short abstract of its contents has been given by Mr. Jeayes, in an Appendix to the *Gresley Charters*.

The Chartulary itself, however, contains its own history at fol. 3, in these words:—

“Thomas de Rydeware fiz e hey Wauter de Rydeware fit fere cete livre en l’an de Reigne le Roi Edward fiz le bon Rei Edward, le secunde, de tus le tenementz qil tint en sa main [en Rideware] en Scheyle, en Fridlesham e en Ketelburstone e en [Rossingthone].”

The words in brackets are no longer legible but have been added from the account of the Chartulary in Nichol’s “*Leicestershire*.”

In addition to the manors above named, the Chartulary contains valuable information respecting the manors of Boyestone, co. Derby, Draycote under Needwood and Callingwood in co. Stafford. These manors were in possession of younger branches of the family at the date of the compilation of the Chartulary, and were therefore omitted in the list of Sir Thomas Rydeware’s manors.

The Chartulary has been in the possession of the Gresley family for more than three centuries, having come into their hands with the other title deeds of the manor of Seal in Leicestershire. It was probably compiled by a monk of Merivale, for it is embellished in the style of a monastic Chartulary, spaces being left for ornamental initial letters to the deeds. Some of these have been filled up, and others have been left vacant. The book contains also some cotemporary pen-and-ink sketches in outline of considerable merit, a specimen of which, and of the writing of

the Chartulary, has been added to this volume, through the kindness and courtesy of Sir Robert Gresley, to whom the Society are also indebted for permission to print the contents of it.

The Chartulary had been transmitted by Sir Robert Gresley the present baronet, with the rest of his ancient deeds, to the care of Mr. Jeayes, of the MS. Department of the British Museum, who had been entrusted with the task of making an abstract in English of the Gresley Charters. The Committee of the William Salt Society, wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain an abstract of the contents of the Chartulary, requested Mr. Jeayes to undertake this service for them, but, with a view of reducing the cost, to limit the abstract to those deeds which related to Staffordshire or threw light on the history of the Rydeware family. When the present writer, however, came to revise the work, he found that many other parts of the Chartulary were of considerable interest, and it was thought advisable to make a complete abstract of its contents. This additional work was undertaken by the writer of these notes, and the deeds abstracted by him have been marked with an asterisk, with a view to relieve Mr. Jeayes of any responsibility for this portion of the work.

It would appear, at first sight, almost a work of supererogation to write a history of the former owners of Rydeware Hampstall, for a very full account of them occurs in Shaw's "History of Staffordshire." That history, however, was written at the close of the last century, before the rich stores of the Public Record Office had been thrown open to the public; and without wishing to detract from the value of Shaw's work, it must be admitted that he often shewed very little discernment in the use of the materials at his disposal. It is therefore proposed to preface the Chartulary with an account of the family from whose archives it has emanated.

The district of the Rydwares consists of an extensive tract of country on the east of the county of Stafford, immediately north of the River Trent, which flows at this point of its course in a direction nearly due east and west.

The district contains altogether about 8,600 acres now divided into three parishes: the largest of these, Mavesyn Ridware, has 4,700 acres; Hamstall Ridware has 3,000 acres and Pipe Ridware 816 acres.

At the date of Domesday it comprised five manors, which are described as follows:—

1. The church of St. Chad, *i.e.*, the Lichfield Bishopric, held in Rideware a manor which was held of the church by Alric, and contained one plough land. This was Pipe Ridware, or Little Ridware.
2. Earl Roger (of Montgomery) held in Rideware one hide and two virgates of land, which were held of him by Azelinus. This was Mavesyn Rideware, and it contained four plough lands.
3. The same Earl held in Rideware one virgate of land, which was held of him by Walter. This was the Nethertown, and the tenant Walter is shown by later evidence to have been Walter de Somerville, the tenant of the neighbouring manor of Whichnor. As Whichnor was held by Walter of Robert de Stafford, it was in the fitness of things that this manor should be transferred, on the forfeiture of the Montgomery family in the reign of H. I to the Stafford line; and we find this to have been the case from the pages of the Chartulary.
4. The church of St. Thomas held in Rideware one virgate of land, which had been given to that house by Earl Algar before the Conquest; Godric held it of the monks, and it contained one plough land. This was a part of Ridware Hampstall.
5. Robert de Stafford held in Rideware a manor of three virgates of land, which was held of him by Herman, and contained four plough lands. These last three manors comprise the present parish of Hamstall Ridware.

The number of plough lands gives approximately the extent and value of each of these separate manors. The hide, or virgate (the latter being one-fourth of the hide) shews the rateable value of each. The ancient possessions of the church had not been hidated, and paid no taxes, and it will be noted that no hidage is named at Pipe Ridware.

In addition to these manors, the Burton Chartulary shews that the Abbot of Burton possessed an estate in the Ridewares called Ridwarelege, which was held of them *temp.* H. II by Hugh de Rideware and Roger his son. The identity of this Hugh and Roger has been always a puzzle hitherto to historians.

The family of whose history I now propose to treat were the

De Comite de Ferariis ut de honore Leycestrie. Willelmus de Rideware tenet dimidium feodum .i. militis in Scheyle de dicto Comite.

§. Abbas de Mirival tenet de Willelmo de Meysham qui tenet de dicto Comite dimidium feodum in parva Scheyle. §. Willelmus de Bramcote tenet de Ricardo de Caunvile qui tenet de dicto Comite dimidium feodum in Bramcote, Neuton, et Durantesthoipe §. Willelmus de Bramcote tenet de dicto Comite tertiam partem unius feodi in eadem villâ de Bramcote.

Fol. 8b. Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Anglie, etc. Archiepiscopis, etc. Sciatis nos concessisse, etc., Thome de Rideware quod ipse et heredes sui inperpetuum habeant unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem lune apud manerium suum de Schele in Com. Leic. et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis videlicet die sancte Margarete virginis nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum, etc.

No. 2. Hiis testibus. Venerabili patre W. Wigornensi, episcopo, cancellario nostro, Gilberto de Clare, comite Gloucestrie et Hertfordie, Johanne de Warena comite Sarri, Henrico de Percy, Roberto de Clyfford, Willelmo de Roos de Hamelack, Radulfo filio Willelmi, Edmundo de Malo Lacu senescallo hospicii nostri et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Berewycum . . . duodecimo die Martii anno regni nostri quarto . . . ato sigillo. Primum mercatum tentum apud Schele decimo . . . m. ccc. xi et anno regni, etc.

A.D. 1311,

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Fol. 9. Willelmus de Ferraris Comes Derbore, omnibus hominibus suis et amicis francis et anglicis, sauten, etc., Sciatis me dedisse, etc., Willelmo de Rideware pro homagio et servitio suo totam terram Radulfi de Scheyle liberam et quietam de omni servitio ac me pertinente sicuti predictus Radulfus tenuit, etc., excepto tenemento Luciani quod teneo in manu mea. Ad tenendum de me, etc., in feudo et hereditate per servitium dimidii militis. Hiis testibus, Roberto filio Walkelini, Johanne de Boscheville Henrico filio Walkelini, Roberto filio ejus Petro filio Walkelini, Roberto de Ferraris, Henrico de Ferraris, Rogero de Sumerville Jordano de Toke, Henrico filio Sewali, Gilberto de Boscheville, Willelmo de Sancto Leodegario et multis aliis.

No. 3.

* No. 4. Sciant tam presentes, etc., ego Bertramus filius Willelmi de Calpna dedi, etc., Willelmo de Rideware et heredibus suis octo virgatas terræ in Durandestorp, etc., Reddendo mihi et heredibus meis annuatim duodecim sagittas, etc. H.T. Roberto filio Walkelini, Johæ de Buscheville, Willelmo de Gresselee, Willelmo de Tikehale, Roberto filio Petri, Radulfo de Edenighale, Ricardo fratre suo.

* Sciant, etc., Dominus Radulfus camerarius de Deresby vendidi, concessi, etc., Willelmo domino de Rideware hamstal et heredibus suis totam terram, etc., quam emi de Remigio de Arundel in villâ de Scheyle et extra sicut Radulfus Glesmere illam tenuit, etc. Pro hac, etc., dedit mihi predictus Willelmus dominus de Rydeware decem marcas argenti. H.T., Domino Willelmo de Caunville, Roberto Selveyn, Radulfo de la Bache, Radulfo de Burgo, Willelmo de Esseb; Petro de Durandesthorp, Willelmo de Stivintone et aliis.

Fol. 9b. Sciant., etc., quod ego Radulfus filius Goymeri de Seyle dedi, etc., Waltero filio Willelmi de Henovera et heredibus suis tres dimidias acras terræ, etc., in campo de Seyle. H.T., Johanne Wyschard de Scheyle, Henrico filio persone, Philippo filio Engenulphi, Nigello de eadem villâ, Willelmo Grym clerico.

¹ See Agnes de Scheyle's deed at fol. 11b of the Chartulary, which shows that the grant of Seal to William de Rydeware was made by the second Earl William, and was therefore subsequent to 1191.

Solveyn, Radulfo de la Bache, Petro de Durandesthorp, Galfrido Messore in in Scheyle, Willelmo de Tatumhulle, Nicholao fratre suo, Willelmo de Stivinton.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc., Willelmus, Prior de Gressele et ejusdem loci canonicus salutem, etc. Noveritis nos concessisse, etc., Willelmo filio Walteri de Rydeware et heredibus suis, illud messuagium cum edificiis et cum orto et gardino, etc., quod habuimus in magna Scheyle de dono et feoffamento Willelmi filii Henrici persone de Scheyle juxta mesuagium et gardinum predicti Willelmi de Rydeware. H.T., Roberto Mauveysyn de Rydeware Roberto Solveyn, Roger de Nortone, Willelmo de Bolinstone, Willelmo de Stivinton, Petro de Durandesthorp, Willelmo de Ginel, Radulfo Wichard, Henrico filio le Clerc.

Fol. 17.
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Sciunt, etc., ego Walterus de Rydeware dedi, etc., Roberto Messore de Scheyle, unam virgatam terre in Scheyle, etc., scilicet illam virgatam terre quam antea tenebat de me, etc., reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis quatuor solidos. H.T., Willelmo de Vernum, Waltero de Stanton, Osberto de Scheyle, Petro de Durandesthorp, Henrico Wischard, Henrico de Scheyle, Rogero templario, Ricardo clerico, Johanne Bouche, Radulfo Geymer Nigello de Scheyle.

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Sciunt, etc., ego Galfridas de Gressele dedi, etc., Rogero de Rydeware, et heredibus suis Walterum filium Pagani de Lintone cum tota sequela sua in curia domini W. de Ferraris Comitis Derbye. H.T., Roberto de Cardoyle, Roberto de Bellasyde, Thomas de Edinsovere, Galfrido de Becco, Jordano de Sumertone, Rogero de Wednislega, Roberto de Thorp.

Fol. 17b.
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Hec est concordia facta vigilia ascensionis domini anno r. r. Henrici .xl. septimo pro bono pacis et stabili amicitie inter Willelmum dominum de Rydeware ex parte una, et Radulfum ad poscum de Scheyle ex altera, etc. Testibus domino Henrico tunc capellano, Henrico Clerico de Scheyle, Roberto de Wyveslesle, Willelmo Gryme clerico.

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Sciunt, etc., quod ego Pelagia quondam uxor Willelmi le Hasting concessi, etc., Willelmo domino de Rydeware Hamstal et heredibus suis, totam tertiam partem meam quam habui in Scheyle et extra totus terre et mesuagii quod quondam fuit Willelmi de Hasting viri mei, etc. H.T., Petro de Durandesthorp, Galfrido Messer, Henrico filio clerici, Willelmo de Stivingtone, Ricardo Fitz de Scheyle.

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Universis, etc., A. dei gratia Eveshamensis Abbas et L. eadem gratia Conventensis Prior, etc., salutem; ad universitatis noticia volumus pervenire controversiam que vertebatur inter monachos de Wenlac et Willelmum Clericum super ecclesia beati Petri de Scheyle nobis a domino Papa delegati in hujusmodi amicabilem compositione esse sopitam, videlicet quod prelati Willelmus prenominatam ecclesiam de Scheyle libere et quiete in perpetuum possidebit, solvendo ecclesie beate Milburge de Wenlac octo solidos quatuor denarios annuatim, etc. H.T., Symone Abbate de Pershore, Willelmo frumentino, Willelmo Clerico de Uttochasthore, Matheo clerico, Luciano de Scheyle, Rogero de Stanton, Roberto de Scheyle.

Fol. 18.
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Omnibus, etc., H. humilis Prior de Wenlac, etc., salutem. Noveritis, etc., quod causa que vertebatur, inter nos et Radulfum de Scheyle et Willelmum Clericum, super ecclesia beati Petri de Scheyle et Radulfum de Sceyle et Willelmum Clericum super ecclesia beati Petri de Scheyle sub hac forma coram iudicibus super hac causa terminanda a domino papa delegatis, A: videlicet Abbate Eveshamense, et L. Priore Conventensi, conquievit, ex precepto siquidem domini pape vocatus in causam Radulfus de Scheyle a predictis iudicibus advocacionem donationis memorate ecclesie de Scheyle quam nobis longo ante peterat et carta sua nobis confirmaverat veritati satisfaciens in presentia predictorum iudicum recognovit et nobis resignavit, reddendo scilicet absolute

et absque omni retentione donationem suam dicte ecclesie in manu iudicis (*sic*) et iudeces in manu nostra instituti itaque hoc ordine in predicta ecclesia pre-nominatum Willelmum ut personam in perpetuum libere et quiete remanere concedimus, etc. Scilicet quod ipse Willelmus reddet nobis annuatim nomine pensionis octosolidos et quatuor denarios, etc. H. T., Alano de Buldewas, Hugone de Petinton, Huberto de Prescepe, Radulfo filio ejus, Thoma de Leya, Malcolino de Harleya, Willelmo filio Rogeri, Rogero dispensatore, Rogero Welcum, Rogero Sivermund, Alano filio Alani, Roberto de Scheyle, Willelmo Burnel, Waltero venerabile Abbate de Lilesul, Henrico canonico ejus.

fol. 18b.

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Universis, etc., W. in ecclesia de Dudelega Prior humilis, et ejusdem loci monachus (*sic*) salutem. Quia quidem de populo nomine Tirricus ex adverso veniens sese in ecclesiam de Scheyle absque presentatione et voluntate nostra interfuit cum jus patronatus illius ecclesie ad nos quodammodo aliquando pertinebat, universitate vestre significamus dictum Tyrricum in eandem ecclesiam nullum per nos habere ingressum, etc. Datum apud Duddeleya in vigilia Michanie domini anno domini, m. cc. lxx. quinto.

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Sciunt, etc., ego Radulfus de Scheyles pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro me ipso et heredibus meis dedi, etc., Deo et Sancte Mildeburge et Sancto Jacobo de Dudelega et monachis ibidem, etc., ecclesiam de Scheyle, etc., salva tamen tenura persone que modo tenet et dicitur Rogerius, etc. Hujus autem donationis sunt testes; Huctridus presbiter, Heborardus dyaconus, Baldewynus scriptor, Adam clericus, Robertus filius Wydonis, Osbertus de Wegewicum, Herbertus filius Gualteri, Ricardus de Wenloc, Ricardus Pietor, Huctridus prefectus, Gledewynus, et multi alii. Et in apud totus conventus de Wenloc in cujus audientia hec predicta donatio fuit facta per salterium Sancte Mildeburge super altare.

fol. 19.

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Universis, etc., Frater R. dictus Abbas de Gledone et P. dictus Abbas Sancte Marie de prato Legrecestre et magister A. de Wilna salutem. Noverit, etc., causam que vertebatur inter Willelmum personam ecclesie de Scheyle et Willelmum filium Radulfi de Meisan et Lucianum filium Roberti discot nobis a domino papa commissam super communia quodam predictus Willelmus persona petebat versus eos in bosco suo de Uverescheyle de husbota et de haybote que pertinent ad ecclesiam suam de Scheyle, etc., amicabilem conquevisse sub hac videlicet forma quod predictus W. et L. concesserunt in perpetuum, etc., matri ecclesie de Scheyle quatuor quadrigatas linguorum ad arandum, etc. H. T., Roberto presbitero de Snopeston, Ricardo de Hastings, clerico, Willelmo filio Petri capellano de Scheyle, Willelmo clerico de Utokeshale, Willelmo de Charneles, Robert de Bromcote, Willelmo filio Walkelini de Stratton, et Waltero filio suo Warino de Snipeston, Willelmo de Wyvelesle.

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fol. 19b.

Omnibus, etc., Willelmus de Rydeware filius et heres Walteri de Rydeware, etc. Noveritis me dedisse, etc., Deo et ecclesie beati Petri de Scheyle et Roberto ejusdem ecclesie rectori, etc., decimam de venditis totius bosci mei in parochia de Scheyle cum aliquo de bosco vendidero. Preterea dedi, etc., predicte ecclesie housbote et haybote sufficienter in perpetuum in predicto bosco de Scheyle, etc., omnibus litibus prius inter ipsos motis per istam cartam sopitis coram decano Leycestrie et ejusdam loci officialis usque in hunc diem. Acta apud Lincoln die veneris proximo post festum Sancti Martini anno domini m. cc. xl. vii., etc. Hiis testibus, Domino Henrico Mauveysyn, Magistro Alexandro Blundo, canonico Lichfeld, Roberto persona de Rydewarhamstal, Willelmo persona de Clifton, Willelmo persona de Rydeware Mauveysyn, Robert Pescher capellano.

¹ Sic perhaps "dirigit."

² and ³ Probably "quadriganda" and "quadrigandi."

virgatas. Dom: Edmundus de Appelby in Sheil iiij virgatas. Dom: Roger de Dorandesthorp tenet xij virgatas terre, sex sine medio, et sex per medium.

Dom. Willelmus Caumvyle vij virgatas, Abbatissa de Pollesworthe, Dominus de Bromcote, Ricardus de Sutton et Johannes filius Matilde et alii tenentes de bek (*sic*) de eadem viij virgatas, Prior de Gresleye cum tenentibus vi virgatas, Prior de St. Thoma iiij virgatas, Prior Hospitalis in Sheil iij virgatas et dimid.; Johannes Oky, de templo j virgata, Willelmus Wichard pro ecclesia iij virgatas, Hugo de Aula in Dorandesthorp ij virgatas, Willelmus de Igwardelby in Wyvelesdone ij virgatas terre et octavam partem unius molendini aquatici.

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Hec indentura testatur quod dominus Thomas de Rydeware miles tradidit concessit, etc., Waltero Waldeschef manerium suum de Fridesham in Comitatu Berkshyra excepta advocacione ecclesie ejusdem. Habendum, etc., ad totam vitam predicti domini Thome, reddendo inde annuatim predicto domino Thome sexdecim marcas argenti, etc. Et si continget quod Walterus filius predicti domini Thome et Joanne uxoris ejus quibus predictus Walterus Waldeschef pro sustentatione sua in decim marcis annuis de predicto manerio teneat, sine herede de corpore suo, etc., obierit, tunc bene liceat predicto domino Thome predictum manerium ingredi post primum annum post confectionem istius scripti, etc., salvis tamen predicto Waltero Waldeschef cattallis suis in eodem manerio, etc. H.T., Domino Hugone de Meignel, Philippo de Somerville militibus, Johanne de Myners, Roberto Mauveysyn, Willelmo de Walton, Henrico Mauveysyn, Johanne de Tamworth, et aliis. Datum anno domini 1323.

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The deeds on this folio can only be deciphered at intervals owing to discolouration and decay of the parchment. A memorandum at the foot of it is as follows:—

Mem^m, quod Elyas de Baxtere dedit Priori de Gresleye tempore domini . . . Prioris illud mesuagium quod dictus Elyas inhabitavit in Scheyle et quatuor acras . . . tempore quo Ricardus de Gaythorp et domina Angnes de Stafford uxor ejus emerunt manerium de Sheyle nomine dotis dicte domine Angnetis quando dominus Thomas de Rideware fuit infra etatem et in custodia Thome Comitis de Lancaster . . . et quia dicta dimissio . . . contra statutum de religiosis . . . facta fuerunt in manus dicti domini Thome per dominum Malcolinum de Meldone Seneschallum dicti domini Thome. . . .

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Omnibus Sancte matris ecclesie filiis, etc., Willelmus Clericus de Scheyle salutem. Noveritis me concessisse, etc., Petro filio Henrici de Clifton et heredibus suis, si heredes de sponsa habuerit, et si non habuerit, de fratre in fratrem, de sorore in sororem donec legitimum heredem habuerit, duas virgatas terre in Scheyle quas Henricus de Vado tenuit, etc. Et cum quodam parco quod jacet inter parcom monachorum et parcom Luciani de Sheyl. Tenendas in feodo, etc., de ecclesia Sancti Petri de Sheyl. Reddendo inde annuatim unam libram incensi, etc. H.T., Johanne sacerdote, Roberto Wychard, Lamberto francigena, Roberto de Hastangi, Johanne Poter, Walrano de Childcote, Rogero filio Anketelli, Henrico Bussell, Ricardo Bussell, et multis aliis.

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Fet a remembrer q l'abbe de Miraval tent en Chirchesckeyle del demise Dame Isabelle de Rideware treuz et une verge de terre, pur les quelles le dit Abbe ad paye a la dite dame . . . [The rest is illegible.]

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Hec est finalis concordia facta apud Eboracum a die Sancti Michaelis in tres septimanas anno r.r. Edwardi tertii primo, inter Isabellam que fuit uxor Thome de Rideware, querentem, et Ricardum de Twifoid, capellanum, deforciantem de septem mesuagiis, septem virgatis terre, sex acris prati et decem

solidatis redditus cum pertinenciis in Ednyghale, et postea apud Westmonasterium, etc., anno r.r. ejusdem Regis Edwardi sexto concessa et recordata, etc., unde placitum conventionis, etc., quod predicta Isabella recognovit predicta tenementa, etc., esse jus ipsius Ricardi, Et pro hac recognitione, etc., idem Ricardus concessit predictæ Isabelle unum mesuagium unam virgatam terre et dimidiam, pratum, et redditus predictos cum pertinenciis de predictis tenementis cum homagio et totis serviciis Johannis de Frefford, et Roberti de Geseleye et heredum suorum de totis tenementis qui de predicto Ricardo prius tenuerunt in predicta villa, et idem mesuagium, unam virgatam terre et dimidiam et predictum pratum cum pertinenciis ei reddidi in eadem curia. *in leod' et tenend' etc.* Et preterea idem Ricardus concessit pro se et heredibus suis quod duo mesuagia et una virgata terre et dimidia cum pertinenciis que Johannes de Tameworthe tenuit ad terminum vite, et quod unum mesuagium et una virgata terre et dimidia cum pertinenciis que Willelmus de Mersl' tenuit ad terminum vite, et quod unum mesuagium et medietas unius virgate terre cum pertinenciis que Robertus atte Mere de Lullinton capellanus tenuit ad terminum vite, et quod unum mesuagium et medietas unius virgate terre cum pertinenciis que Henricus Sele et Ricardus Sele tenuerunt ad terminum vite, et quod unum mesuagium et medietas unius virgate terre cum pertinenciis que Simon Cristian de Bromleye et Johannes filius ejus tenuerunt ad terminum vite, et quod medietas unius virgate terre cum pertinenciis quam Hugo Halpony et Sara uxor eius tenuerunt ad terminum vite, et etiam quod medietas unius virgate terre cum pertinenciis quam Johannes Godelech et Elena uxor eius tenuerunt ad terminum vite de hereditate predicti Ricardi de Twifford in predicta villa die quo hec concordia facta fuit, et que post decessum ipsorum Johannis de Tameworth, Willelmi, Roberti, Henrici, Ricardi Sele, Simonis et Johannis filii ejus, Hugonis et Sarre, Johannis Goderich et Blene ad predictum Ricardum de Twiford et heredes suos de ierunt reverti post decessum ipsorum Johannis de Tameworth, Willelmi, etc., integre remanant predictæ Isabelle. Tenenda simul cum predictis tenementis que ei per eandem remanent de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia, etc., et post decessum ipsius Isabelle omnia predicta tenementa integre remanebunt Edmundi filio Thome de Rideware et heredibus de corpore suo procreatis, etc. Et si contingat quod predictus Edmundus obierit sine herede de corpore suo procreato, tunc post decessum ipsius Edmundi predicta tenementa integre remanebunt Thome patri ejusdem Edmundi et heredibus de corpore suo procreatis, Tenenda, etc. Et si contingat quod idem Thomas obierit, etc. tunc predicta tenementa integre remanebunt Johanne sorori ejusdem Thome, etc. Et si contingat quod eadem Johanna obierit sine herede, etc., tunc integre remanebunt Elizabeth sorori ejusdem Johanne, etc. Et si contingat quod eadem Elizabeth obierit sine herede, etc., tunc, etc., integre remanebunt Amye sorori ejusdem Elizabeth, etc. Et si contingat quod eadem Anya obierit sine herede, etc., tunc, etc., integre remanebunt rectis heredibus Thome de Rideware. Tenenda de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia que ad predicta tenementa pertinent in perpetuum.

Johannes de Beek dominus de Durandesthorp tenet in eadem villa xviii virgate (*sic*) terre de manerio de Neuton in Comitatu xij virgatas sine medio et sex per medium ac molendinum de Domina Matilda, abbata de Pollesworth, Dominus de Bromkote, Ricardus de Stretton, Johannes filius Matilde, et alii tenentes de Bek de eadem tenura viij virgatas terre.

Hugo de Aula de Donasthorp tenet de eadem tenura ij virgatas terre.

Prior de Sancta Thoma tenet de eadem tenura et in eodem dominio iiij virgatas terre.¹

¹ By gift of Geoffrey Sauvage. See the Chartulary of St. Thomas by Rev. F. Parker, Vol. VIII of "Staff. Coll.," p. 166.

Dominus de Segrave tenet in eodem dominio iij virgatas terre.

Dominus de Stretton tenet per medium vi virgatas terre.

Johannes filius Ricardi filii Hugonis de Stretton tenet ii virgatas terre de feodo . . .

Ricardus filius Johannis Molde tenet de eadem tenurâ de Beek ii virgatas terre.

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Willelmus Phelyppe tenet de eodem ii virgatas terre.

Willelmus atte Wode tenet de eodem i virgatam terre.

Henricus le fitz tenet eodem modo i virgatam terre.

Robertus Brewe tenet dimid: virgatam terre de eodem dominio.

Rogerus atte Halle de Durandesthorp tenet i virgatam terre.

Nicholas Ingwardby tenet v acras terre et octavam partem molendini aquatier de Willusley similiter.

Johannes filius Walteri de Gresley de Durandesthorp tenet . . . terras et tenementa in eadem villâ de feodo predicto per medium.¹

Fol. 66.

This folio contains some memoranda of no interest in a more modern hand, and mostly illegible from discolouration of the parchment.

¹ Across the top of this folio is a list of twenty-six cottager tenants in the same fee, holding from one to five acres each.

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