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INTRODUCTION

The Fuller Collection, presented to the University of London Library in 1965, consists of seven cabinets and thirty-five boxes of miscellaneous documents and seals. For its creators, Captain A.W.F. Fuller and his father the Reverend Alfred Fuller, the main interest and unifying theme of the collection were the seals. Although unsealed documents were often included in the lots purchased at sales, a notably high proportion of the Fuller deeds bear seals, and as a collection of sealed documents it is remarkably rich and significant.

A handlist of the documents in the individual boxes was published in 1977.¹ Work proceeds on the documents in the cabinets. An interesting group of charters of Battle Abbey, in drawer 28 of the first cabinet, was edited in 1979.² In that year too a small collection of Scottish documents, in drawer 7 of the second cabinet, was described with interpretative notes.³

The subject of the present edition is the contents of drawer 16 of the second cabinet, a 'mixed bag' of thirty-nine documents, none of which has been published previously.⁴ Only one of these deeds is wholly in English (no.37), although two bonds have conditions in English (nos.36 and 39). The rest of the documents are in Latin. The seal tags of one document, however, are formed from scraps of a document written in medieval French (no.14).

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1. 'Handlist of Documents in the Fuller Collection in the University of London Library', vol. I, by Angela Mace. London, 1977. [Reproduced TS.]
 2. 'Charters of Battle Abbey in the Fuller Collection in the University of London Library', ed. J.E. Sayers *et al.* London, 1979. [Reproduced TS.]
 3. 'Some Scottish Documents in the Fuller Collection, University of London Library', by F.E.L. Carter. London, 1979. [Reproduced TS.]
 4. The press-mark is University of London Library, Fuller Collection, II/16/1-39.

The documents are arranged and numbered in roughly chronological order, and we have used this numbering in our edition. The ten earliest charters are undated; the first to bear a date belongs to the year 1340 (no.12), and thereafter all are dated. The chronological range is as follows:

c.1200 - c.1250	3 documents	nos. 1, 3, 6
c.1250 - c.1300	5 documents	nos. 2, 4-5, 7, 9
c.1300 - 1350	7 documents	nos. 8, 10, 12-16
1351 - 1400	10 documents	nos. 17-26
1401 - 1450	6 documents	nos. 27-32
1451 - 1500	3 documents	nos. 11, 33-34
1501 - 1550	2 documents	nos. 35-36
1551 - 1600	2 documents	nos. 37-38
1601 - 1650	1 document	no. 39

The charters are of varied origins, but there are discernible three main topographical groups - relating to Coventry, some Hampshire villages and some Kentish properties - and some miscellanea. The first and third groups and the miscellanea, accounting for twenty-five of the total of thirty-nine, were purchased on 13 December 1906, as shown by pencilled notes on the charters themselves. The second group, however, seems to have been bought on 9 January 1929, although only two of this group bear this pencilled date (nos. 18, 22), the rest having no note of the date of purchase.

The first topographical group consists of thirteen charters relating to tenements in Coventry, Warwickshire. They range in date from the early thirteenth century to the year 1394. Chiefly they are private deeds concerning small properties and houses in Coventry: in Earl Street (nos.1, 9, 13, 26), Gosford Street (no.20), Stoke (nos.3-4) and some unspecified tenements (nos.2, 5, 10). A charter of a slightly different type is the grant in 1378 of an annual life pension by the master and fraternity of the guild of the Holy Trinity (no.17); an endorsement suggests that the five marks' pension came from a rent in Earl Street. There is, too, a deed of some ecclesiastical interest - a release and quitclaim by the son of the late cook of the prior of Kenilworth to the prior and convent of the cathedral of Coventry, in 1345, of his right in a garden and land in the fields of Spon (part of the open fields of Coventry) (no.15).

A rather unexpected find among the Coventry deeds is a lease of 1347 by Queen Isabella of France, the widow of Edward II ('the she-wolf of France'), to William le Galois, perhaps a compatriot, in her park of Cheylesmore in Coventry; this is sealed by Isabella's privy seal (no.16). The parties and witnesses to this small collection of Coventry charters are substantial members of the community, including several borough officials - mayors, bailiffs, coroners - and tradesmen of various kinds. The charters were evidently at some time in the muniments of the corporation of Coventry, and eight have the stamp of the city arms (the elephant and castle) (nos.1-3, 9-10, 13, 17, 26). They were probably used by George Eld, the Coventry antiquary (fl. 1820), for his notes on the boundary and history of Coventry.¹

The second group comprises fourteen charters concerning Hampshire properties, ranging from the first half of the thirteenth century to the year 1445. Of these, twelve relate to two neighbouring villages, Sparsholt and Lainston, not far from Winchester, and two concern Kilham in the parish of Hursley, a few miles to the south of Sparsholt. Most of the Sparsholt charters are private deeds relating to various parcels of land (nos.6, 8, 22-23, 30) and one of the Lainston charters is also of this type (no.7). Most of those touching Lainston, however, concern the manor and advowson, which in the later fourteenth century were connected with the manor of Soberton, about fifteen miles away to the south-east (nos.18-19, 25; Lainston alone, nos.14, 27). Some of this documentation had its origin in a debt contracted and defaulted on by Richard of Winchester of Otterbourne, whose tenements and rents in Soberton and Lainston were released in 1383, following a writ of liberate, to Hugh le Craan, citizen and merchant of Winchester (no.19).

1. Coventry City Record Office, A. 219, cited in V.C.H. Warwicks. VIII, where on p.97, at n.36, there is a clear reference to the charter now numbered 3 below.

The Kilham deeds belong to this period also (nos.21, 24), and seem to be linked to the Lainston deeds in the person of Thomas Wolvele, citizen of Winchester (nos.24-25). At the end of the series is a charter of 1445 which is the only one to connect Sparsholt and Lainston (no.32). The parties and witnesses to the Hampshire charters, especially those of Lainston, seem to be of a higher social standing than the Coventry men, including members of knightly families, as well as mayors and bailiffs of Winchester and seneschals of the bishopric and cathedral priory.

The third group of documents contains five deeds of Kentish origin, all belonging to the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Two, of 1493 and 1532, concern Tenterden (nos.11, 35), and are linked by the family of Hale. The other three come from a small area in the easternmost part of Kent - Thornton near Eastry (no.28 of 1420), Sandwich (no.29 of 1436) and Hammill in Woodnesborough (no.34 of 1481). A Tenterden deed (no.35) and the Thornton deed (no.28) have a common factor in the Guldeford (Gyldefforde) family, and this may explain the coming together of these documents.

The remainder of the deeds in drawer 16 are of varied origin. Two are quitclaims from East Anglia: one concerns woods and meadows in the Suffolk village of Framsdon (no.12 of 1340) and the other a tiny tenement of one and a half acres in Great Carbrook, Norfolk (no.33 of 1457). Three are concerned with loans, an indenture of 1440 (no.31) and bonds of 1543 (no.36) and 1619 (no.39). The first two of these have London connections, and the last has a link with Tenterden and thus perhaps belongs with the other Tenterden deeds mentioned above. There is another London deed of some interest, a bargain and sale dated 1596, of a capital messuage in Thames Street, by the earl of Shrewsbury to the use of Sir Horatio Palavicino and his son Tobie (no.38). Finally, with no obvious link with any other deed in this drawer, is a lease by the earl of Derby, in 1581, of land in the lordship of Hawarden, Flint (no.37). This last is the only document to be written wholly in English.

This edition is the fruit of the enthusiasm and activity of a University of London Extension Class, working in the winter of 1978-9. It was in every way a truly joint project, with every member of the class sharing in the transcribing, editing, describing, measuring, researching, indexing and checking. As the general editor I sat at the centre of the web and often felt that I was the one to benefit most from the accumulated wisdom of the group. I take this opportunity to thank them most warmly for their hard work, good humour and friendship. They are: Victoria Barrow, Peter Chissell, Barbara Clapham, Diana Coldicott, Mark Frankel, Cedric Hoptroff, Dulcie Keene, Meriel Lucas, Jennifer Moss, Mabel Moss, Elizabeth Pumfrey, Rosemary Weinstein and Margaret Wells.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

In giving brief descriptions of the contents of the documents, in the form of headings to the texts, as also in the indexes, we have identified place-names where possible and spelt them in the modern form, following Bartholomew's Gazetteer. In the Index of Persons and Places the textual forms of place-names are given in round brackets after the modern forms. Places that we have not been able to identify are left in their textual form, with single quotation marks. We have standardised and modernised the spellings of personal names in the headings, notes and indexes.

The texts are given in full, but we have modernised the punctuation (which we kept to a minimum) and have retained capital letters only for persons and places. We have not extended abbreviated place-names. In the Latin we have rationalised the use of c/t, i/j and u/v. Square brackets indicate words or letters omitted in the original, and angle brackets are used for conjectural readings of words or letters illegible or damaged in the original. Dots between angle brackets are intended to suggest roughly the length of lacunae, one dot for each conjectured letter. In transcribing endorsements we have indicated line-ends by oblique strokes; dates in round brackets are our suggested dates of endorsements, judged mainly on palaeography.

The documents are measured in millimetres, the first measurement representing the width of the document at the top edge, and the second the depth down the left side. Where there is a fold, its depth is measured at the left.

For the seals, we have given the method of attachment, shape, size, colour, device and legend, and have tried to give a note of the state of repair. Measurements represent the width and depth of the surviving impression (not the size of the piece of wax). All the seals are of wax.

Where documents are not themselves dated, we have supplied our own estimates of date, giving the evidence in notes following the texts.

Gift with warranty by Henry the dyer of Worcester, with the consent of Petronilla his wife, to Robert Dale, of land in Earl Street, Coventry (Warwicks.), for an annual rent of 3s., and on payment of 3 1/2 marks in recognition.
? early 13th century

Endorsements: Earlestr' (16th-cent.); 20 (17th-cent.);
No 100 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 125 x 96 mm. (fold 17 mm.)

Fragment of seal (top part, with modern repair) on tag, with slits for two further tags. Pointed oval.
25 x 15 mm. Green. Device: possibly a plant. Legend:
+ SIG <.....>NIS (Lombardic).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus tinctor de Wigorn' concessu et bona voluntate Petronille uxoris mee dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto Dale illam terram cum pertinenciis que est in Coventr' in vico Comit' inter terram quam Robertus Gorsii tenuit et inter terram quam Editha quondam uxor Willelmi carectarii tenuit. Habendam et tenendam de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis libere et quiete cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis. Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui pro omni servicio et exactione ad me vel heredes meos pertinente tres solidos argenti ad quatuor terminos anni secundum usum Coventr' solvendos. Et ego cum Petronilla uxore mea et heredes nostri warrantizabimus predicto Roberto et hered^a(ibus) suis predictam terram cum pertinenciis imperpetuum contra omnes homines et feminas. Pro hac autem <d>^aonatione et concessione dedit michi predictus Robertus tres marcas et dimidiam argenti de recognitione. Et in hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto tam ego quam Petronilla uxor mea sigilla nostra apposimus. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Wilnhal', Thoma fratre suo, Osberto clerico, Willelmo buttario,

^a Small hole in document (repaired).

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Gilberto textore, Radulfo serviente, Ricardo de
H<...>^be, Rogero gardinario, Willelmo Crude, Galfrido
filio suo, Osberto Kempe, Radulfo molendinario et
aliis.

b Illegible through flaking

NOTE: Two of the witnesses, Roger the gardener and
William Crude, are mentioned in a fine of 25
November 1226 (Warwicks. Fines I (Dugdale Soc. xi)
no.370).

Gift with warranty by Richard de Hessebi of Coventry to Roger le Burcer (bursar) of Coventry, of a piece of land [in Coventry] for an annual rent of a 'consound', and on payment of 40s. in recognition.

late 13th century

Endorsements: 26 box (17th-cent.); no 13 (19th-cent.)
 Measurements: 201 x 185 mm. (fold 19 mm.)
 Seal on tag. Pointed oval. 20 x 30 mm. Green. Device:
 below a raised pellet, sideways, a bird, walking to
 right (top) with wings outstretched (? a magpie).
 Legend: S' RICARDI. DE HESEBI (Lombardic). Good
 impression (small modern repair on top rim).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus de Hessebi de Coventr' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Rogero le Burcer ejusdem ville et heredibus suis vel ejus assignatis quibuscumque quandam placiam terre mee que est retro curtilagium predicti Rogeri et continet in latitudine sicut domus dicti Rogeri sita in extremitate predicti curtilagii, illam scilicet placiam terre que jacet inter terram quam idem Ricardus tenuit ex una parte et inter terram quam Thomas de Baresham tenuit ex altera parte, in longitudine et latitudine secundum metas et divisas ibidem factas. Habendam et tenendam predictam placiam terre de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel assignatis vel cuicumque et quandocumque dare vendere legare vel assignare voluerit tam in egritudine quam in sanitate libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui vel assignati pro omni servicio seculari exactione ac demanda michi vel heredibus meis pertinente unam consolidam ad festum nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste. Et ego predictus Ricardus et heredes mei predicto Rogero et heredibus suis vel ejus assignatis predictam placiam terre contra omnes gentes warantizabimus aquietabimus et imperpetuum per predictum servicium defendemus. Pro hac autem donatione concessione et presentis carte mee confirmatione dedit predictus Rogerus predicto Ricardo

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quadraginta solidos argenti premanibus. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Roberto de Chilton', Gerardo de Alespaze^a, Ricardo le Formailer, Thoma de Baresham, Willelmo Crompe, Johanne Scot, Adam Ruscel, Adam le Blond, Richir de Weston' et multis aliis.

a In this charter, and in no.4 below, the scribes have used the letter z to represent phonetic [ts], being a French sound-substitution for OE and ME [θ] (usually represented th, ȝ or ȝ). We are most grateful to Mr. J.McN. Dodgson for his help on this point.

NOTE: Three of the witnesses, Robert de Chilton, Thomas de Baresham and Richir de Weston occur also in no.9 below.

Gift with warranty by Richard de Burton' to Robert of Stoke, of a croft and land in Stoke (in Coventry), with messuages and appurtenances, for annual rents of 1d. to Richard, one pair of gloves to the parson of 'Campeden', and 16d. to the earl of Chester, and on payment to Richard of 4 marks in recognition.

second quarter of 13th century

Endorsements: Stoke/ without date (16th-cent.); burton (16th-cent.); 57 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 198 x 74 mm. (fold 15 mm.)

Tag for seal.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus de Burton' dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto de Stokes et heredibus suis pro homagio et servicio suo croftam illam in Stokes cum mesuagio et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quam Willelmus Barbe de Averil tenuit, scilicet que jacet inter terram quam idem Robertus tenuit et viam que ducit ad Calewedon', et terram illam cum mesuagio et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quam Nicholaus Ture tenuit in eadem villa. Habendam et tenendam de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis libere quiete et hereditarie. Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui pro omni servicio et exactione unum denarium ad Pascha et domino Patric persone de Campeden' unum par cyrothecarum ad Pascha, preterea reddendo inde annuatim domino comite Cestrie sexdecim denarios, scilicet ad annunciationem beate Marie quatuor denarios, ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste quatuor denarios, ad festum sancti Michaelis quatuor denarios, et ad festum sancti Andree quatuor denarios. Et ego Ricardus de Burton' et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto Roberto et heredibus suis predictas terras cum mesuagio et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas. Pro hac autem donatione et concessione et warantizazione dedit michi predictus Robertus quatuor marcas argenti. Hiis testibus Simone clerico domini comitis, Willelmo le Bel, Ricardo de Aula, Magistro Ricardo

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Vinitero, Viell' de Folkeshull', Viell' filio ejus,
Willelmo le Mave, Galfrido de Wilnhal', Laurencio le
Harpur, Seer' de Stokes, Roberto de Pinel', Ricardo
filio ejus et aliis.

NOTE: Robert of Stoke was granted a lease in Stoke by a
fine of October 1221 (Warwicks. Fines I no.226).
This charter probably belongs to a similar period.
Of the witnesses, Richard de Aula occurs in 1202,
1208 and 1236 (ibid. nos.119, 174, 535, 546), Saer
of Stoke in 1202 (ibid. no.122), and Geoffrey of
Willenhall in 1240 and 1244 (ibid. nos.596, 612).
Viell of Foleshill, who occurs in 1224 (ibid.
no.366), had probably been succeeded by his son
Viell by 1247 (ibid. no.638).

Assignment by Ingram of Arthingworth (Northants.) and Margery his wife to Alexander called Vintner of Coventry, of the remainder of the term of a lease for years of land in Stoke near Gosford, Coventry, for a cash payment of 20s.

perhaps late 1280s or early 1290s

Endorsements: vinter Ardingworth (14th-cent.); relaxatio de Ludelowefeld (15th-cent.); no.23 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 213 x 63 mm. (fold 13 mm.)

Fragment of seal (only one quarter remaining, with modern repair) on tag. Round. 13 x 15 mm. Green. Device: a cross recercely, with four pellets between its arms.

Legend: <.....>GW<.....>.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Iggramus de Arzingworze^a et Margeria uxor ejus salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos reddidisse et quietum clamasse Alexandro dicto Vinetario de Coventr' totum terminum quem habuimus in tota terra de Stoke prope Goseford quem terminum Robertus de Lodelowe et dicta Margeria ceperunt ad terminum annorum et ad campi partem de Thoma Haldeyn et Alicia uxore ejus. Ita quod nos decetero in dicta terra aliquem terminum vel aliquam campi partem possimus exigere seu clamare sed omnino inde simus exclusi imperpetuum. Pro hac autem redditione et quieta clamatione dedit nobis predictus Alexander^b viginti solidos sterlingorum premanibus. In cujus rei testimonium scripta predicto Roberto et Margerie uxori ejus inde facta dicto Alexandro reddidimus et huic scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus Henrico Pistore tunc ballivo de Coventr',

a See above no.2 note a

b MS Alexandr'

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Willelmo le Parker' tunc coronatore, Johanne de Langeley, Ricardo de Mur', Rogero le Chamburley, Henrico de Lilleburn', Roberto Grantpe et aliis.

NOTE: The charter belongs after 1285, when Robert de Lodelowe occurs with his wife Margery (Warwicks. Fines II (Dugdale Soc. xv) no.990). If Alexander, here called Vintner of Coventry, is the Alexander of Coventry who fined against Thomas Haldeyn and his wife Alice in 1287 and 1291 (ibid. nos.1052, 1084), this charter probably belongs to a similar period. Henry Pistor, who occurs also below in nos.5 and 9, is said to occur c.1294 (V.C.H. Warwicks. VIII p.78). William le Parker occurs in 1289-90 (ibid. p.194). Robert Grantpe (Grauntpe) occurs in 1285 (Warwicks. Fines II no.990).

Quitclaim by Isabella daughter of Jordan le Celer of Coventry to Robert called Fraunceys and Nichola his wife, of her right in the property with houses [in Coventry] formerly held by her mother Alice Cosin.

late 13th century

Endorsements: No 38 (17th-cent.); no 41 (altered from 42) (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 209 x 94 mm. (fold 14 mm.)

Seal on tag. Pointed oval. 40 x 27 mm. Dark green.

Device: armed bird close facing right. Legend: S' ISSABELLE FILIE IURDAN' (Lombardic). Very good impression (small modern repair on rim).

Sciunt presentes quod ego Ysabella filia Jordani le Celer de Coventr' in ligea potestate et plena etate mea dedi concessi et omnino quietum clamavi pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum Roberto dicto Fraunceys et Nichole uxori^a <et> eorum heredibus seu assignatis totum jus meum et clamium quod habui vel alico^b modo habere potui in tota terra illa cum domibus suprasitis et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis que Alicia Cosin quondam mater mea tenuit, in longitudine et latitudine sicut se proportat secundum metas et divisas ibidem factas cum libero introitu et exitu. Habendam et tenendam^c totam dictam terram cum domibus suprasitis et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, una cum toto jure meo et clamio quod habui vel alico^b modo habere potui predictis Roberto et Nichole et eorum heredibus seu assignatis, faciendo inde dominis illius feodi servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Ita tamen quod nec ego dicta Isabella nec heredes mei nec aliquis nomine meo aliquod jus vel clamium magis de cetero possimus exigere vel clamare, set volo pro me et heredibus meis concedo quod inde imperpetuum scimus^b

a uxori interlined insertion; two letters cancelled
b Sic
c between tenendam and totam letter d underdotted for deletion

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exclusi. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Henrico Pistore tunc ballivo, Willelmo le Parker tunc coronatore, Ricardo de Cundore, Willelmo de Perlur, Ranulfo de Stafford', Willelmo fabro, Willelmo Galewey et aliis.

NOTE: Henry Pistor occurs also in nos.4 and 9.

Gift with warranty by Geoffrey of Sparsholt (Hants.), with the consent of Felicia his wife and Beatrice his mother, to Richard Porter, of various parcels of land in Sparsholt, for the service of enclosing one perch in the park at (?Bishops) Waltham, (Hants.) and an annual rent of 5s.; and on payment of 36 marks to Geoffrey, one mark to Felicia his wife and half a mark to Beatrice his mother, in recognition.

first half of 13th century

Endorsements: Carta duarum acrarum terre / in Spersold' (early 14th-cent.); Carta Galfridi filii Hugonis de Spersholt / facta Ricardo Portario de diversis terris et serviciis earum / et de clausura parci de Waltham de una / pertica (15th-cent.); With the boundes / mensonyd (16th-cent.)

Measurements: 183 x 174 mm. (fold 20 mm.)

Seal on tag (strip of written parchment). Pointed oval.

42 x 38 mm. Green. Device: a bird facing right.

Legend: + SIGIL<.....>. Poor impression (damaged at bottom, with modern repair).

Noverint presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus de Speresholt assensu et voluntate Felicie uxoris mee et Beatricis matris mee concessi et dedi Ricardo Portario et heredibus suis pro homagio et servicio viginti et ij acras terre in Speresholt quas Hugo Maig tenuit de me in campo versus orientem et vij acras et dimidiam quas Eadmundus Toldiro tenuit in eadem villa cum tota pastura quam habui in eodem campo et ix acras in Wateleg' cum tota pastura quam habui in eodem campo videlicet unam acram et dimidiam juxta Cumban' et iij acras que tendunt in eundem furlung' et ij acras in Burgfurlung' et la Rede Acram et acram et dimidiam contra portam Rannulfi le Dur et iiij^{or} acras in Ricrofte et totam terram meam ultra Twamburg' versus occidentem et Gerlescroft et Edevinge. Debet autem predictus R[icardus] et heredes sui pro servicio predictarum terrarum claudere j partiam in parco de Waltham et facere servicium domini regis quantum pertinet ad tantum terre. Preterea concessi et tradidi predicto R[icardo] et heredibus suis et viginti et tres acras terre retro la Churchulle cum tota pastura quam ibidem habui et tres acras de pastura de la Langelarde juxta terram Alani de Speresholt et preterea totam

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terram quam habui versus austrum juxta vicum qui tendit apud Sumburn' cum la Heiwuda excepta una acra quam Willelmus persona ibidem tenet et alia acra quam Rannulfus ibi tenet et tertia acra quam Reinerus ibi tenet. Concessi et etiam tradidi predicto R[icardo] et heredibus suis medietatem de la Dunes que est inter la Hokedich et Mereweie cum tota pastura que ad easdem terras pertinet. Tenendas et habendas illi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum jure hereditario libere et quiete pacifice et integre in bosco et plano, in pascuis, reddendo annuatim michi et heredibus meis quinque solidos sterlingorum in octabis sancti Egidii. Et pro hac donatione et concessione dedit michi dictus R[icardus] triginta et sex marcas argenti et dimidiam ad adquietandam terram meam de Judeis. Dedit etiam de recognitione predictae Felicie uxore mee unam marcam argenti et Beatricie matri mee dimidiam marcam argenti. Et ego G[alfridus] et heredes mei debemus warrantizare memorato R[icardo] et heredibus suis dictas terras contra omnes homines et feminas et contra omnes Judeos. Quod ut in posterum stabile perseveret et firmum presenti scripto et sigilli mei impressione communi. Hiis testibus Alano de Speresholt, Mauricio de Turevill', Radulfo de Chaucumb', Radulfo de Sumburn', Galfrido filio Mathei, Willelmo persona, Thoma de Chaucumb', Helya de Knaoel, Johanne de Crauleg', Arnaldo de Crauleg', Thoma de Stocton', Willelmo de Wallop', et Andrea et Willelmo filiis suis, Sigerio de Speresholt, Willelmo de Gimmeg', Hugone le Maig, Normanno de Camera, Johanne de Caritate, Henrico de Caritate, Vincentio presbytero de Speresholt, Stephano qui hanc cartam scripsit.

NOTE: Of the witnesses, Maurice de Turvill' occurs 1208 x 13 (Book of Fees, ed. H.C. Maxwell Lyte (1920-31) I p.46) and Ralph of Chaucombe occurs in c.1220 (Cart. of Winchester Cathedral, ed. A.W. Goodman (1927) no.329).

Sale with warranty by Geoffrey son of Herbert of Lainston (Hants.) to Robert son of Vincent the chaplain of Lainston, of ten acres with livestock in Lainston, with a messuage and garden, for an annual render to Geoffrey of a pair of gloves worth 1d. and an annual rent to the lord of the fee of 4s., and for a cash payment to Geoffrey of 8 marks.

third quarter of 13th century

Endorsements: Laynston (14th-cent.); 3.19th-cent.)

Measurements: 245 x 184 mm. (fold 23 mm.)

Seal on tag. Pointed oval. 30 x 20 mm. Olive green.

Device: A plant with six three-lobed leaves on a stem.

Legend: S' ADRAE DE REMHAM (Lombardic). Good impression (small modern repair on rim). Small round indentation (?thumb or finger) on reverse.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Herberti de Leynestone vendidi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto filio Vincencii capellani de Leynestone decem acras terre in campo de Leynestone cum uno mesuagio et gardino et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis infra villam et extra que pertinere possent et debeant ad predictas decem acras terre. Tenendas et habendas predicto Roberto et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis vel cuicumque dare legare vendere vel assignare voluerit libere quiete pacifice integre et hereditario, una cum tribus animalibus, duobus affris, triginta ovibus, cum uno hurtardo, quinque porcis pascentibus cum porcis domini et euntibus cum eisdem per totam dominicam pasture dicte ville de Laynestone libere absque pannagio et herbagio. Reddendo inde annuatim michi vel heredibus meis unum par cyrotecarum de precio unius denarii in nundinis sancti Egidii et domino feodi quatuor solidos sterlingorum videlicet ad festum sancti Michaelis xii denarios, ad natale domini xii denarios, ad pascha xii denarios, ad festum sancti Johanne Baptiste xii denarios, pro omni servicio exactione seculari et demanda michi vel heredibus meis pertinentibus salvo forinceco^a servicio domini

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regis quantum ad tantam terram pertinet. Ego predictus Galfridus et heredes mei predictas decem acras terre cum mesuagio et gardino et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis dicto Roberto et heredibus suis aut assignatis suis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus in perpetuum. Pro hac autem venditione mea et concessione et carte hujus confirmatione dedit michi predictus Robertus octo marcas sterlingorum premanibus. Et ut hec mea venditio concessio et carte hujus confirmatio rata sit et stabilis in perpetuum hanc presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus domino Olivero tunc senescallo prioratus sancti Swithini Wynton', domino Philippo de Spersolte tunc senescallo episcopi Wynton', Galfrido le Porter de Spersolte, Johanne Martino, Ad[am] Thuremund, Nigello Beck', Petro de Fulfloud, Johanne de la Berton', Willelmo Dosghel, Radulfo Payn, Michaele de Oterburne, Edmundo de Hersele, Willelmo Bonel, Helia de Sperkeford et aliis.

NOTE: Of the witnesses, Philip of Sparsholt occurs 1248 x 50 (Cart. of God's House, Southampton, ed. J.M. Kaye (1976) I p.211), Adam Thormond and Nigel Beck occur together in 1262 (Cart. Winchester no.142), and Ralph Payn occurs c.1270 (ibid. no.332).

Gift (indented) with warranty by Andrew le Porter of Sparsholt to Andrew Payn of King's Somborne (Hants.) and Alice his wife, of half the tenement and land which he (the donor) had in Sparsholt, for an annual rent of 100s. during the donor's life-time and for one year after his death, and for a cash payment of 20 marks.

early 14th century

Endorsements: Carta andr' le porter facta / andr' le payn de medietate / tenementi et terre in spersolte (late 14th-cent.); 7 (?18th-cent.)

Measurements: 287 x 206 mm. (fold 11 mm.)

Seal on tag. Pointed oval. 35 x 22 mm. Green. Device: a fleur-de-lys, with a star on either side of central petal, and crescent moon on left and ? sun on right of lower stem. Legend: *S' ANDREE PAYN (Lombardic). Good impression (small modern repair at bottom).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Andreas le Porter de Spersholte frater et heres Ricardi le Porter de Spersholte dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Andree Payn de Somburn' Regis consanguineo meo et Alicie uxori sue medietatem totius tenementi et terre quod habui in villa de Spersholte cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et juribus quibuscumque que michi jure et hereditarie acciderunt per mortem dicti Ricardi le Porter de Spersholte quondam fratris mei, exceptis tribus acris terre arabilis et dimidia acra de toto integro tenementi et terre que habui in dicta villa de Spersholte que dedi Roberto Payn consanguineo meo ad terminum vite sue. Habendam et tenendam totam medietatem totius tenementi et terre predicte cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et juribus quibuscumque una cum medietate dotis cum acciderit dictis Andree et Alicie uxori sue et heredibus dicti Andree et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi libere quiete bene et in pace integre jure hereditarie imperpetuum, ut in domibus gardinis edificiis homagiis villenagiis cotariis redditibus serviciis wardis releviis maritagii eschaetis herietis pannagiis tayllagiis boscis pratis planis pascuis pasturis liberis communis et consuetudinibus dicte medietati totius tenementi et terre predicte pertinentibus. Reddendo inde annuatim

capitalibus dominis feodi redditus et servicia de predicta medietate tenementi et terre debita et consueta, et michi quam diu vixero et per unum annum ultra centum solidos ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet ad Natale domini viginti quinque solidos, ad Pascha domini viginti quinque solidos, ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste in Nativitate viginti quinque solidos, et ad festum sancti Michaelis viginti quinque solidos. Et si contingat dictos Andream Aliciam uxorem ejus vel heredes dicti Andree seu assignatos in solutione dicti redditus terminis prescriptis in parte vel in toto deficere, quod absit, ex tunc statim licite sit michi in predicta medietate totius tenementi et terre predictae cum omnibus suis pertinenciis supradictis intrare tamquam in feodo et hereditate mea et omnia que in ea sunt absque aliqua contradictione vel perturbatione dictorum Andree et Alicie uxoris sue vel heredum dicti Andree seu assignatorum plenarie optinere. Et ego dictus Andreas le Porter et heredes vel assignati dictis Andree Alicie uxori sue et heredibus dicti Andree et assignatis suis totam medietatem totius tenementi et terre predictae cum omnibus suis pertinenciis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus. Pro hac autem mea donatione concessione et presentis carte mee confirmatione dederunt michi dicti Andreas et Alicia uxor sua viginti marcas sterlingorum premanibus. In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte in modum cyrographi confectae sigilla nostra alternatim sunt appensa. Hiis testibus Ad[am] de Stock' tunc senescallo prioratus Wynton', Johanne de Theddene tunc ballivo de la Berthon', Valentino Beck', Johanne de Hursel', Petro Rossel', Ricardo Frylend', Willelmo de Oterburn' et aliis.

NOTE: Richard le Porter of Sparsholt, who had died by the time of this charter's issue, was probably still alive in 1308 (Comptus Rolls of St. Swithun's, ed. G.W. Kitchin (1892) p.469). Andrew Payn and his wife Alice occur in 1326 and 1330 (Cart. Winchester nos.78, 342), and Andrew Payn occurs with Valentine Bekke in [1333] (ibid. no.422); Valentine Beck also occurs in 1316 and 1332 (ibid. nos.465, 176); John de Thuddene occurs in 1317, 1327 and c.1330 (ibid. nos.545a, 469, 314).

Gift by Richard de Weston', merchant, to Hugh le Cras, chaplain, of a house in Earl Street, Coventry, for a cash payment of £80.

late 13th century

Endorsements: Cras (14th-cent.); 26 box (17th-cent.); No.142 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 239 x 103 mm. (fold 20 mm.)

Seal (with modern repair) on tag. Round. 27 mm. Green.

Device: six-petalled (stylised) flower. Legend:

+ S' RICARDI : DE WESTONE (Lombardic).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus de Weston' mercator dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi domino Hugoni le Cras capellano capitale mansum meum in vico Comitum in quo manere solebam illud scilicet quod jacet in latitudine inter terram Henrici Ballard ex parte una et terram Edithe^a Schathelot ex parte altera et extendit in longitudine ab alto vico usque ad terram que solebat esse bovi cum edificiis suprascitis et omnibus pertinenciis suis simul etiam cum omnibus bonis et catellis mobilibus et in mobilibus^b et omnimodis vasis et utensilibus in eodem manso inventis. Habendum et tenendum prefato Hugoni et heredibus suis vel ejus assignatis de dominis feodalibus de quibus ego tenui predictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis bene in pace libere quiete hereditarie et in perpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim prefatus Hugo et heredes sui vel ejus assignati de prenominato tenemento dominis feodalibus servicia debita et consueta ad terminos in villa de Coventre statutos. Pro hac autem donatione concessione et carte hujus confirmatione dedit michi prefatus Hugo quatuor vengenti^b libras sterlinggorum^b premanibus. In cujus rey^b testimonium hanc cartam presentem sigilli mei in pressione^b roboravi. Hiis testibus

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Henrico Pistore tunc ballivo, Roberto de Chiltona,
Richero de Weston', Henrico Ballard, Thoma de Barsam,
Adam Russel, Willelmo Otting', Rogero clerico, Petro
de Egisfeld' et multis aliis.

NOTE: Richard de Weston was member of Parliament,
merchant and bailiff of Coventry in 1295 (V.C.H.
Warwicks. VIII p.248); he occurs also in 1299
and 1305 (Warwicks. Fines II nos.1140, 1210).
Henry Pistor, bailiff, occurs above in nos.4 and
5. Robert de Chiltona occurs in 1289-90 (V.C.H.
Warwicks. VIII p.194), and in no.2 above,
together with Thomas de Baresham and Richir de
Weston. Henry Ballard occurs in 1291 and 1300
(Warwicks. Fines II nos.1080, 1088, 1156).

Grant with warranty and quitclaim by John son of William le Masun of Tylebrook to Robert of Stoke, of various rents in Coventry, Stoke, Radford (all Warwicks.) and Eccleshall (Staffs.)

first quarter of 14th century.

Endorsements: Coventre (15th-cent.); chief (.) in Coventr' Stok' / Eccleshall' etc. (16th-cent.); 47 (?18th-cent.)

Measurements: 249 x 145 mm. (fold 21 mm.)

Seal (with small modern repair on rim) on tag. Round.

27 mm. White. Device: an eight-pointed star of leaves, of which five are ragged. Legend: X S' I (.....) D (.) TILBROK (Lombardic).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes filius Willelmi le Masun de Tylebrok' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto de Stok' et heredibus suis unum obolatum annui redditus cum pertinenciis percipiendum annuatim de Alexandro filio Alexandri le Vyneter de Coventr' et Willelmo filio Roberti de Lodelowe et heredibus eorum de toto tenemento quod tenuerunt de magistro Guydone de Tylebrok' in Stok' videlicet de illo crofto quod quondam fuit Johannis de Lodelowe. Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Roberto et heredibus suis redditum duorum alatilium percipiendum annuatim de Willelmo de Walton' et heredibus suis. Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Roberto et heredibus suis redditum unius obolati percipiendum annuatim de Henrico in le Hurne de tenemento illo in vico de Sponne. Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Roberto et heredibus suis redditum unius obolati cum pertinenciis percipiendum annuatim de tenemento Johannis de Catysby et Alexandri le Shermon quod fuit quondam Willelmi de Stivichale. Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Roberto et heredibus suis redditum duorum denariorum cum pertinenciis percipiendum annuatim de tenemento Willelmi Colle juxta ecclesiam sancti Michaelis Coventr' quod fuit quondam magistri Guydonis de Tylebrok'. Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Roberto et heredibus suis redditum duorum denariorum cum pertinenciis percipiendum

annuatim de tenemento quod Johannes de Norton' tenuit in Lodelowelone. Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Roberto et heredibus suis redditum duorum denariorum cum pertinenciis percipiendum annuatim de tenemento Bartholomei de Bourton' in Lodelowelone quod fuit quondam magistri Ricardi de Aula in Coventr'.

Concessi etiam et remisi et omnino quietum clamavi pro me et heredibus meis predicto Roberto et heredibus suis totum jus et clameum quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui in uno denariato annui redditus cum pertinenciis quem magister Guydo de Tylebrok' recipere solebat de eodem Roberto pro tenementis que de eo tenuit in Stok' Coventr' Radeford et Eccleshale.

Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta redditus et servicia cum pertinenciis eidem Roberto et heredibus suis libere quiete et solute de dominis feodi illius per servicia debita et consueta. Ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei in predictis redditibus et serviciis aliquod jus vel clameum decetero exigere poterimus seu clamare sed inde omnino imperpetuum simus exclusi. Preterea ego predictus Johannes et heredes mei omnia predicta redditus et servicia cum pertinenciis eidem Roberto et heredibus suis contra omnes mortales warantizabimus acquietabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium hanc cartam presentem sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus Roberto dicto Pistore, fratre Johanne magistro hospitalis sancti Johannis, Roberto de Chilton', Alexandro de Stonleye, domino Henrico vicario ecclesie sancti Trinitatis, Johanne de Halys, Nicholao le Deyster', magistro Roberto de Kenylleworth', Ricardo de Wyken' clerico et aliis.

NOTE: William de Lodelawe occurs in 1318 (Warwicks. Fines II no.1500); his father Robert was still living in 1285 but had died by the late 1280s or early 1290s (see no.4 above). Alexander Vintner of Coventry, probably father of the Alexander of

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this charter, occurs in the late 1280s or early 1290s (no.4). Master Guy of Tilebrook, evidently dead by the time of this charter's issue, occurs in 1278 (Warwicks. Fines I no.939) and in the late 13th century (V.C.H. Warwicks. VIII pp.74, 193, 349). William Colle occurs in 1311 (Warwicks. Fines II no.1332) and Nicholas le Deyster (of Smithford) in 1323 and 1324 (ibid. no.1911). Robert son of Henry Pistor was bailiff of Coventry in the early 14th century (V.C.H. Warwicks. VIII p.78). Robert de Chilton is perhaps not the witness of nos.2 and 9 above, but Robert son of Peter de Chilton who occurs in 1313 (Warwicks. Fines II no.1367).

Demise by Thomas Strekybold of Tenterden (Kent) to John Hale of lands, tenements, rents and services in Tenterden. Tenterden, 14 September [1493].

Document fragmentary, lacking about 100 mm. down left side.

No endorsements.

Measurements: 180 x 124 mm. (fold 18 mm.)

Seal on tag. Irregular octagon. 14 x 10 mm. Dark red-brown. Device: a merchant's mark of a cross and banner, with the lower foot of the cross forming the upright for a letter 'h' (perhaps with the cross as 'T' to be read as 'Th'). No legend.

<Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Thom>as Strekybold de Tenterden' dimisi liberavi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni Hale <de Tenterden' filio Johannis Hale de> Tenterden' predicta omnia illa terras et tenementa redditus et servicia cum suis pertinenciis jacentia et existentia in parochia de <Tenterden' que cum Ricardo Daye Willelmo Pi>ers et Thoma jan[itore] juniore jam defunctis olim habui ex dono et feoffamento Henrici Hale <..... .. e>xceptis uno mesuagio cum gardino et crofto terre annex[at]is jacentibus in tenura de Menstr' ac <..... .. >ac tres acras terre jacen' super dennam de Dulvynden'. Dimisi etiam et concessi prefato Johanni Hale <..... .. > jacen' et existen' in Tenterden' antedicta que cum predictis Ricardo Daye Willelmo Piers et Thoma <jan[itore] juniore olim habui ex dono et feoffamento Johanni>s Hale defuncti patris antedicti Johannis Hale. Dimisi insuper et liberavi predicto Johanni Hale illas <terras > cum venella vocata Chichelelane eisdem terris spectant' pariter jacen' in Tenterden' predicta super dennam <..... .. que cum> Ricardo Daye Willelmo Piers et Thoma jan[itore] habui ad usum Johannis Hale patris antedicti Johannis ex dono et <feoffamento Thom>e jan[itoris]

Release and quitclaim by Isabella Hilt, elder daughter of the late Richard Hilt of Brantham, to Ralph le Joignour of Hoo, of her right in 'Bullingesheg' wood and meadows in Framsdan (all Suff.).

Ipswich, 4 May 1340.

Endorsement: 106 (? 19th or 20th cent.)

Measurements: 240 x 93 mm. (fold 10 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 20 mm. Red. Device: in a cusped circle, a shield of arms, a star, on a chief two crosses paty. Legend: * SIGILLVM WILL'I DE BRA(>)AM (Lombardic).¹

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Isabella Hilt senior filia quondam Ricardi Hilt de Braham salutem in domino. Noveritis me remisisse relaxasse ac omnino pro me heredibus et assignatis meis imperpetuum quietumclamasse Radulpho le Joignour de Hoo heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus et clamium quod unquam habui habeo seu quovismodo habere potui seu potero in futurum in toto illo bosco vocato Bullingesheg' et etiam in uno campo vocato Bullingesheg'medewe in villa de Framisdene quod quidem boscum et campum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis michi prefate Isabelle post decessum predicti Ricardi quondam patris mei et Johanne uxoris predicti Ricardi matris mee hereditarie accidebant. Ita videlicet quod nec ego predicta Isabella nec heredes mei nec aliquis per me seu nomine meo in predictis boscis et campis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ut predictum est aliquid juris vel clamii decetero exigere poterimus vel vindicare imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Ricardo Wyght, Henrico del Mont, Johanne le Bergh', Willelmo le Jay, Johanne le Danmulle et aliis.

1. A seal of William de Braham (37 Edward III, 1363-4), not identical with the above, is preserved at the Public Record Office, E40/11579.

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Dat' apud Gyppeycum die Jovis proxima post festum
Inventionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi
tercii post conquestum quartodecimo.

Grant with warranty by John de Weston', son of Richard de Weston' of Coventry, to Jordan de Shepele and Henry de Dodenhale of Coventry, of an annual rent of 26s. 8d. from a tenement in Earl Street, Coventry.

Coventry, 20 April 1343

Endorsements: xxvi s viij d de tenemento quondam / Willelmi Palm' in vico comitis (contemporary); Joh' de Westone (late 14th-cent.); 26 box (17th-cent.); no 148 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 250 mm. x 100 mm. (fold 6 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 25 x 27 mm. Dark brown. Device: in a cusped circle, a shield of arms, a cross dexter, the rest obliterated. Legend: * SIGILLVM IOHANNIS DE WESTONE (Lombardic). Poor impression. Indentation on reverse.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes de Weston' filius Ricardi de Weston' de Coventr' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Jordano de Shepele et Henrico de Dodenhale de Coventr' viginti et sex solidatas et octo denariatas redditus annualis percipiendas annuatim ad quatuor anni terminos in Coventr' pro redditu usuales de toto illo tenemento cum pertinenciis quod Johannes de Wartre de me tenet in vico Comitibus in Coventr' inter tenementum Roberti de Sutton' ex una parte et tenementum Nicholai de Haxtale ex altera parte in latitudine et longitudine sicut se plenius proportat. Habendum et tenendum redditum annualem predictum de toto tenemento predicto et de qualibet parte ejus ad quorumcumque manus devenerit annuatim percipiendum et per quamcumque districtionem ibidem inventam levandam et distringendum prefatis Jordano et Henrico et eorum heredibus ac assignatis quibuscumque libere quiete et pacifice imperpetuum. Et ego predictus Johannes de Weston' et heredes mei warrantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus redditum annualem predictum prefatis Jordano et Henrico et eorum heredibus ac assignatis erga quoscumque imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presenti carte est appositum. Hiis testibus Johanne le Warde tunc ballivo, Simone Pakemon

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coronatore, Rogero le Hunte, Ricardo de Keresleye,
Ricardo de Helond et aliis. Dat' apud Coventr' die
dominica proxima ante festum sancti Georgii martiris
anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu septimo
decimo.

Release and quitclaim by Henry of Laverstoke (Hants.) and Stephen son of the late John of Laverstoke to John of Winchester, son and heir of Sir Richard of Winchester, of their right in the manor and advowson of Lainston, which they held for life on a lease from Sir Richard.

Winchester, 30 June 1343

Endorsement: Layaston / Monday in crastino Petri et Pauli / 17^o Ed¹; 3¹: (17th-cent.)

Measurements: 250 x 103 mm. (fold 15 mm.)

Fragments of two seals (with modern repairs) on tags (strips of written parchment in French); with slit for third tag. Seal fragment on left: Round. 8 x 17 mm. Dark red-brown. Legend: <.....> OR <(>) IO <..>. right: Round. 13 x 18 mm. Dark red-brown. Device: in a cusped and traceried circle, the rest obliterated. Legend:> LAVERST <...>.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Henricus de Laverkestoke et Stephanus filius quondam Johannis de Laverkestoke salutem in domino. Noveritis nos relaxasse remisisse et omnino pro nobis et heredibus et executoribus nostris imperpetuum quietum clamasse Johanni de Wynton' filio et heredi Ricardi de Wynton' militis totum jus et clameum nostrum quod habuimus seu aliquo modo habere potuerimus in manerio de Layneston' cum pertinenciis et advocacione ecclesie predicti manerii quod quidem manerium cum advocacione predicta habuimus ad terminum vite nostre ex dimissione predicti Ricardi de Wynton' militis. Ita quod nec nos predicti Henricus et Stephanus nec heredes nec executores nostri aliquid jus seu clameum in predicto manerio seu advocacione predicta decetero exigere poterimus infuturum set ab omni jure et juris actione simus exclusi per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigilla nostra apposuimus. Data apud Wynton' die Lune in crastino apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum Anglie septimodecimo. Hiis testibus Nicholao de Shirefelde, Johanne le Lyndraper, Willelmo Pynge, Thoma de Layneston', Johanne Frilende et aliis.

Release and quitclaim by John, son of Master Robert late cook of the prior of Kenilworth (Warwicks.), to the prior and convent of Coventry, of his right in a garden and land in the fields of Spon, next to Coventry, which the prior and convent had previously leased to his father, mother and himself for the term of each of their lives for an annual rent of 12s.

Coventry, 28 March 1345

Endorsements: Carta Johannis filii magistri Roberti quondam / coci de Kenell' (later 14th-cent.); Thesaur' / Relaxatio Johannis filii magistri Roberti / quondam coci P[r]ioris] de Kenell'worth' / facta P[r]ior]i et con[ventui] Coventr' de uno / gardino et certis terris in Sponna (later 14th-cent.); No.9 (19th-cent.).

Measurements: 290 x 92 mm.

Five seals sideways and tandemwise on two tongues.

- First tongue:
1. Round. 20 mm. Red. Device: in a cusped and traceried circle, a shield of arms, three saltires, on a chief three saltires, a bar. Legend: {.....}: COVENTRE (Lombardic). Modern repair round rim.
 2. Round. 20 mm. Green. Device: in a circle, a shield of arms, a chevron with three scallops, between three birds. Legend: + S' {...} DE SCE {...}.
 3. Round. 14 mm. Green. Device: in a cusped circle, a shield of arms, a cross. Identical with 4, but with legend removed. Small modern repair on rim.
- Second tongue:
4. Round. 19 mm. Green. Device: in a cusped circle, a shield of arms, a cross. Legend: {.....} S: N{..} AEI{..}. Modern repair round top.
 5. Fragment (with modern repair). 14 mm. Green. Device: two figures under a double gothic canopy.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes filius Magistri Roberti quondam^a Coci prioris Kenell' portionarius rectorie ecclesie de Wrokcestre Coventr' et Lich' diocesis salutem in domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum religiosi viri prior et conventus ecclesie cathedralis Coventr' per quoddam scriptum

^a quondam interlined insertion

suum indentatum et sigillo suo communi signatum eidem Roberto patri meo et Alicie matri mee ac michi ad terminum vite cujuslibet nostrorum tradidissent et dimisissent unum gardinum et alias certas terras per perticulas divisas cum pertinentiis in campis de Sponne juxta Coventr', reddendo inde eis per annum duodecim solidos redditus ad quatuor anni terminos in Coventre usuales per equales portiones. Ego tamen ex certa causa et neccessaria relaxavi remisi et penitus quietumclamavi de me et assignatis meis eisdem priori et conventui et eorum successoribus totum jus et clamium quod in dictis gardino et terris cum suis pertinentiis habui vel aliquo modo habere potero virtute dimissionis predictae, ita quod nec ego nec aliquis nomine meo aut ex mei dimissione quicquid in predictis gardino et terris cum pertinentiis suis de cetero exigere vel vendicare potero seu poterit quovis modo, sed ab omni actione clamio et demanda imperpetuum simus exclusi. Necnon supradictis priori et conventui predictum scriptum suum^b per manus Thome de Smethecote familiaris domine Aline Burnell' et Rogeri de Upton' procuratoris et ballivi mei sponte reddi feci. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigilla predicti Thome et Roberti de Beresworth' ac Willelmi de Teynton' de Coventr' hiis apponi etiam procuravi in testimonium firmiter veritatis. Dat' apud Coventr' quinto Kalendas Aprilis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum decimonono.

b suum interlined insertion

Gift with warranty by Queen Isabella, the Queen Mother, to William le Galois, of two acres in Cheylesmore, Coventry, for an annual rent of 3s. 4d.

Castle Rising (Norf.), 14 June 1347.

Endorsements: ij acres of land in / Ch<.>smore parke (16th-cent.); Queen Isabell (17th-cent.); No. 82. (?17th-cent.); No. 61 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 288 x 125 mm. (fold 18 mm.)

Fragment of seal (with modern repair) on tag. Round. 18 x 25 mm. Red. Device: shield of arms of France Ancient, on a field of roundels with fleur-de-lys and trefoils.¹ No legend.

Isabella Dei gracia regina Anglie domina Hibernie et comitissa Pontivi omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem in domino. Noveritis nos dedisse concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Willelmo le Galois duas acras terre cum pertinenciis in parco nostro de Cheillesmore in Coventre, secundum quod dicte due acre terre per metas et bundas in longitudine et latitudine ibidem extenduntur. Habendas et tenendas predictas duas acras terre cum pertinenciis predicto Willelmo heredibus et assignatis suis de nobis ad totam vitam nostram. Reddendo inde nobis annuatim sive assignatis nostris tres solidos et quatuor denarios argenti ad quatuor anni terminos in Coventre pro redditu usuales per equales portiones pro omnibus serviciis secularibus consuetudinibus exactionibus et demandis. Et nos predicta Isabella predictas duas acras terre cum pertinenciis prefato Willelmo heredibus et assignatis suis ad totam vitam nostram pro dicto redditu in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Dat' in castro nostro de Risyngs quartodecimo die Junii anno regni regis Edwardi filii nostri carissimi vicesimo primo.

1. Privy seal of Isabella of France, illustrated in T. F. Tout, Chapters in the Administrative History of Mediaeval England V (1930) pl.III, and p.288 and n.

Grant (indented) with warranty by John Haghe, master of the guild of the Holy Trinity, St Mary, St John the Baptist and St Katherine of Coventry, and the brothers and sisters of the guild, to John of Leicester and Margery his wife, for the term of Margery's life, of an annual pension of 5 marks.

Coventry, 8 June 1378

Endorsements: indentata de quodam annuall' / redditu v marcas Johannis de leycestre et margerie uxoris ejus (contemporary); Earle Street / 26 box (17th-cent.); No. 7 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 245 x 135 mm. (fold 20 mm.)

Two seals on a split tag.

1. Round. 15 mm. Red. Device: a crowned letter I between palm-branches. No legend.
2. Round. 14 mm. Red. Device: a star of David. No legend.

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Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit Johannes Haghe magister gilde sancte Trinitatis sancte Marie sancti Johannis Baptiste et sancte Katerine Coventre ac confratres et sorores ejusdem gildo salutem in domino. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu concessisse Johanni de Leycestre et Margerie uxori ejus ad totam vitam predicte Margerie quinque marcas argenti percipiendas annuatim de thes[auro]^b nostro ad aulam beate Marie in Coventre. Habendas et percipiendas predictas quinque marcas argenti de thes[auro]^b nostro predicto prefatis Johanni de Leycestre et Margerie ad totam vitam^c ipsius Margerie ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad festa sancti Michaelis Archangeli, sancte Andree apostoli, annunciationis beate Marie et nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste per equales portiones. Et nos vero predicti magister confratres et sorores ac successores nostri predictas quinque marcas percipiendas annuatim in forma supradicta prefatis Johanni

a-a Written across indenture
b thes' written over erasure
c vitam interlined insertion

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de Leycestre et Margerie ad totam vitam ipsius Margerie contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus. In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune^d gilde nostre predicte quam sigilla dictorum Johannis et Margerie alternatim sunt apposita. Hiis testibus Adam Botener tunc majore ville Coventre, Johanne Styward, Ricardo Clerk tunc ballivis ejusdem ville, Johanne Percy, Johanne de Toftes, Johanne Botener, Ranulpho Palmere et aliis. Dat' apud Coventre octavo die mensis Junii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum primo.

d commune written over erasure

Gift with warranty by Richard Auditour, parson of 'Lemyngg', to Nicholas Brus and Agnes his wife, of the manors of Soberton and Lainston (Hants.), and grant of the advowson of Lainston, with reversion to the heirs of Agnes and her late former husband, Richard of Winchester.
Soberton, 31 October 1383.

Endorsements: Irrotulata in dorso claus' cancellar' regis infra / scripti mense Novembris anno infrascripto (contemporary); Carta Ricardi Auditor / de Soburton' (?contemporary); et / Laynston' / nota (?contemporary); Sabati proxima ante festum Omnium / Sanctorum 7^o Ri: 2¹: (17th-cent.); A: D: 1383: (?18th-cent.)

Measurements: 282 x 167 mm. (fold 21 mm.)

Seal (with modern repair at top) on tag. Round. 22 mm.

Red. Device: a shield of arms, a border engrailed, rest indecipherable, with greyhound supporters.

Legend: S' <.)OANNIS . LE . SPISER DE SARV<.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Auditour persona ecclesie de Lemyngg' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Nicholao Brus et Agneti uxori ejus nuper uxori Ricardi de Wynchestre defuncti maneria mea de Suburton' et Leynston' cum pertinenciis et advocacione ecclesie de Leynston' que quidam maneria cum pertinenciis et advocacionem ecclesie predicte nuper adquisivi de prefatis Ricardo de Wynchestre et Agnete per finem inde in curia domini regis levatum. Habenda et tenenda predicta maneria cum pertinenciis et advocacionem predictam predictis Nicholao et Agneti uxori ejus ad totam vitam eorundem Nicholai et Agnetis et post decessum predictorum Nicholai et Agnetis volo et concedo ego predictus Ricardus Auditour quod maneria predicta cum pertinenciis et advocatio ecclesie predicte Ricardo filio dictorum Ricardi de Wynchestre et Agnetis nuper uxoris ejus ad vitam ipsius Ricardi filii dictorum Ricardi de Wynchestre et Agnetis nuper uxoris ejus remaneant, ita quod post decessum ejusdem Ricardi filii dictorum Ricardi de Wynchestre et Agnetis nuper uxoris ejus predicta maneria cum pertinenciis et advocatio ecclesie predicte predictis Agneti uxori Nicholai heredibus et assignatis ipsius Agnetis remaneant imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego

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vero predictus Ricardus Auditour et heredes
mei predicta maneria cum pertinenciis et
advocationem predictam predictis Nicholao et Agneti
ut predictum est contra omnes gentes warantizabimus
imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti
carte sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Suburton' die
Sabati proxima ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni
regis Ricardi secundi septimo. Hiis testibus Hugone
Crane, Willelmo Inge, Michaelae de Suburton', Willelmo
Faukener, Johanne Haywode et aliis, videlicet
Gilberto Esteneye, Rogero Englefelde, Ricardo Stake,
Thoma Doppynge, Willelmo Playfot et Ricardo Hore et
multis aliis.

Indenture following a writ of liberate, between John Sandes, sheriff of Hampshire, and Hugh le Crann, citizen and merchant of Winchester, whereby the sheriff delivered to Hugh lands, tenements and rents in Soberton and Lainston, which had been in the possession of Richard of Winchester of Otterbourne, who had defaulted on a debt to Hugh of £100, by recognizance in the staple of Winchester. Winchester, 18 November 1383.

Endorsements: Soberton' et Laynston' (?contemporary); et de / Drayton' (15th-cent.); Indentura liberationis terrarum et tenementorum / Ricardi Wynchestre (15th-cent.); .18. Nov. 7. Ri. 2. (17th-cent.)

Measurements: 301 x 161 mm. (fold 21 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 19 mm. Red. Device: shield of arms couché, a ragged cross, between initials L and B, surmounted by a crenellated gate-house, with port-cullis raised, between sprigs.

aA V E M A R I A G^a

Hec indentura facta inter Johannem Sandes vicecomitem Sutht' ex parte una et Hugonem le Craan civem et mercatorem civitatis Wynton' ex parte altera testatur quod idem vicecomes virtute cujusdam brevis domini regis sibi directi liberavit prefato Hugoni unum mesuagium, unum gardinum, unum molendinum aquaticum, quaterviginti acras terre, sex acras prati, quandam pasturam pro ovibus, decem acras subbosci et sexaginta et sex solidatas et octo denariatas redditus cum pertinenciis in Soberton', necnon quoddam curtillagium, unum gardinum adjacens, centum acras terre, quandam pasturam pro ovibus et duodecim solidatas redditus cum pertinenciis in Laynston', quequidem mesuagium gardinum molendinum terram pratum pasturam boscum et redditum cum pertinenciis Ricardus de Wynchestre de Otereourn' habuit in comitatu Sutht' die lune proxima post festum sancte Agathe virginis anno regni domini E[dwardi] nuper regis Anglie avi domini regis nunc

a-a Written across indenture

quinquagesimo primo, quo die prefatus Ricardus coram
 Stephano Hayme tunc majore stapule Wynton' ad
 recognitiones debitorum^b in eadem stapula accipiendas
 deputato recognovit se debere prefato Hugoni centum
 libras quas ei solvisse debuit in vigilia Pasche tunc
 proxima sequenti et eas ei nondum solvit ut dicitur,
 necnon unum mesuagium unum gardinum unum columbare et
 unam carucatam terre cum pertinenciis in Drayton' que
 idem Ricardus diu post diem recognitionis predictae
 adquisivit sibi et heredibus suis imperpetuum,
 quequidem mesuagia molendinum columbare gardina
 curtillagium terra pratum et boscus cum pertinenciis
 unacum redditu predicto ad quinquaginta et novem
 solidos et quatuor denarios ultra diversos redditus de
 eisdem resolutis extenduntur per annum. Tenenda
 mesuagia molendinum columbare gardina curtillagium
 terram pratum boscum et redditum predicta cum
 pertinenciis prefato Hugoni et assignatis suis
 quousque sibi de debito predicto unacum dampnis misis
 et expensis que in hac parte sustinuit sibi fuerit
 plenarie satisfactis. In cujus rei testimonium
 altere^c parti hujus indenture penes prefatum Hugonem
 remanenti prefatus vicecomes sigillum officii sui
 apposuit altere^c vero parti hujus indenture penes
 prefatum vicecomitem remanenti prefatus Hugo sigillum
 suum apposuit. Dat' apud Wynton' octodecimo die
 mensis Novembris anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post
 conquestum septimo.

b debitorum interlined insertion
c MS alteri

Release and quitclaim by John Barwe of Coventry, smith, to John Styward and others (named), of his right in three messuages in Gosford Street, Coventry.

Coventry, 6 October 1384.

Endorsements: Carta <?b>. <?set> Joh<.> Scha<?s>ell'
(?15th-cent., virtually illegible); No 58 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 256 x 160 mm. (fold 24 mm.)

Seal on tag (strip of written parchment). Round. 24 mm.

Red. Device: in a panel composed of four large lobes alternated with four small lobes, a squared quatrefoil, and within it a shield of arms, a bend sinister three besants, in the quarter a star. Legend: SIGILL' IOH'IS DE TO<?R>INTON.

Noverint universi per presentes me Johannem de Barwe de Coventre smythyer remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Johanni Styward, Johanni Percy, Ade Botenere, Johanni Botenere, Ricardo de Dodenhale, Ricardo Luff, Ricardo Clerk, Johanni Lybert, Johanni de Northewode, Ricardo Verdon et Symoni de Langham heredibus et assignatis eorum totum jus meum et clamium quod habui habeo seu quovismodo habere potero vel potui infuturum, in tribus mesuagiis cum pertinenciis in vico de Gosford in Coventre que predicti Johannes Styward, Johannes Percy, Adam, Johannes Botenere, Ricardus, Ricardus, Ricardus, Johannes Lybert, Johannes de Northewode, Ricardus et Symon et ego conjunctim habuimus ex dono et feoffamento Ade Walsheman de Coventre. De quibus duo mesuagia similiter jacent inter tenementum quod Rogerus Mareschall' modo tenet ex parte una et tenementum Ricardi atte Halle ex parte altera in latitudine et extendunt se in longitudine a vico predicto usque ad terram Roberti de Brygesford, et aliud tenementum jacet apud pontem de Gosford inter aquam currentem ex parte una et terram Thome de Meryngton ex parte altera in latitudine et extendit se in longitudine a vico predicto usque ad terram predicti Thome de Meryngton. Ita quod nec ego predictus Johannes de Barwe nec heredes mei nec

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aliquis alius nomine meo seu nostro aliquid juris seu clamii in predictis tribus mesuagiis cum pertinenciis exigere vel vendicare poterimus infuturum, set ab omni actione inde simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto quiete clamancie sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Marton tunc majore ville Coventre, Roulando Damet, Johanne Bonde tunc ballivis ejusdem ville, Johanne Crosse, Johanne Drapere, Nicholao Feryby, Ricardo Frebern et aliis. Dat' apud Coventre sexto die mensis Octobris anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum octavo.

Release and quitclaim with warranty by William Ryngborn' to John Tremayn, of his right in all lands and tenements in Kilham in the parish of Hursley (Hants.).

Winchester, 5 June 1386.

Endorsement: Kilham Martis proxima ante / festum Sancti Barnabe 9^o R 2^o (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 264 x 88 mm. (fold 16 mm.)

Seal on tag, with tag (strip of written parchment) for a second seal. Round. 21 mm. Red. Device: hung from the fork of a tree, with two branches covered with foliage, in a cusped circle, between four stars, a shield of arms, a fleury ground, three stars on a bend. Legend: :Sigillu' Wi<.....>geborne: (black letter). Indentation (?ring) on reverse.

Noverint universi per presentes me Willelmum Ryngborn' remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Johanni Tremayn heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus meum et clameum que habeo habui seu aliquo modo habere potero in omnibus terris et tenementis pratis pascuis pasturis communibus et omnibus aliis suis pertinenciis apud Kilham infra parochiam de Hursle in comitatu Suthampton', Ita quod nec ego predictus Willelmus nec heredes mei nec aliquis alius nomine nostro aliquid juris vel clamei in predictis terris et tenementis pratis pascuis pasturis communibus et omnibus aliis suis pertinenciis exigere <vel v>^aendicare poterimus nec debemus set ab omni actione juris sim et simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. Et ego vero predictus Willelmus et he<redes mei omnia>^b predicta terras et tenementa cum omnibus suis pertinenciis supradictis prefato Johanni Tremayn heredibus et assignatis s<uis contra>^c omnes gentes warantizabi<mus et imp>^aerpetuum defendemus.

a. Hole in charter, to left of centre (repaired)

b. Hole in charter, as noted; text supplied from scrap of draft of this charter forming second seal-tag

c. Hole on right edge of charter (repaired)

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In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem sigillum officii majoris civitatis Wynton' hiis apponi procuravi. Hiis testibus Waltero Bolour tunc majore civitatis predicte, Willelmo Bolt et Waltero Drapere tunc ballivis ejusdem civitatis, Stephano Haym, Hugone Craan et aliis. Dat' Wynton' die Martis proxima ante festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum Anglie nono.

Gift with warranty by John Polayn, Thomas Fysshere and William Tygehale to John Fromond and Matilda his wife of all the lands and tenements in Sparsholt (Hants.) which they previously had of the gift of the said John.

Sparsholt, 31 December 1388

Endorsements: Spersolde (15th-cent.); ult: Decemb: 12^o

Ri: 2ⁱ (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 246 x 70 mm. (fold 10 mm.)

Three seals tandemwise on tag.

1. Round. 19 mm. Green. Device: ? a mason's mark or monogram of indecipherable letters. Legend: * SO <...> GL <..> S (illegible, ?gibberish).
2. Round. 18 mm. Green. Device: a letter H, with palm branch to left and a sprig between the feet. No legend. Small modern repair on rim.
3. Round. 13 mm. Green. Device: a letter T between sprigs. No legend. Good impressions.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Polayn Thomas Fysshere et Willelmus Tygehale dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni Fromond' et Matillidi uxori sue omnia illa terras et tenementa nostra cum omnibus et singulis ubique suis pertinenciis in Sparsholt' que nuper habuimus ex dono et concessione predicti Johannis. Habenda et tenenda omnia terras et tenementa predicta cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Fromond' et Matillidi uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johannis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per redditus et servicia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum. Et nos predicti Johannes Polayn Thomas et Willelmus heredes et assignati eorum omnia terras et tenementa predicta cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis^a Johanni Fromond' et Matillidi uxori sue heredibus ac assignatis ipsius Johannis contra omnes gentes warentizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium

a prefatis interlined insertion in same hand

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presentibus sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus.
Hiis testibus Johanne Soudes chir[urgo], Henrico
Popham, Johanne Dovedale, Willelmo Ryngeborn',
Willelmo Purchas, Ricardo Scoteneye, Johanne Hampton'
et multis aliis. Dat' apud Spersholt' ultimo die
Decembris anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post
conquestum duodecimo.

Gift (indented) with warranty by John Fromond to John Polayn, Thomas Fysshare, clerk, and William Tygehale of all his lands and tenements in Sparsholt, with conditions. Sparsholt, 1 December 1388.

Endorsements: Feoffamentum Johannis Fromond de / terris in Spersolde sub conditione (?contemporary); 1^o Decemb^r 12 Rich 2di (17th-cent.)

Measurements: 240 x 113 mm. (fold 12 mm.)

Seal (broken on left side, with modern repair) on tag.

Round. 23 mm. Green. Device: a shield of arms, three fleur-de-lys. Legend: * S<. ?ILA>RD <.....>.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Johannes Fromond dedit concessit et hac presenti carta sua indentata firmiter confirmavit Johanni Polayn, Thome Fysshare clerico et Willelmo Tygehale omnia terras et tenementa sua cum omnibus et singulis ubique suis pertinenciis in Spersholt' in comitatu Suth'. Habenda et tenenda omnia terras et tenementa predicta cum omnibus suis pertinenciis^a prenominato Johanni Thome et Willelmo heredibus et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum,^b sub modis formis et conditionibus subsequenter, videlicet quod ipsi Johannes Thomas et Willelmus habita inde seisina de terris et tenementis predictis secundum formam et effectum hujus carte indentate, quod ipsi tunc debent dare et concedere predicta terras et tenementa integra cum omnibus et singulis ubique suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Fromond et Matillide uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johannis Fromond quancunque requisiti fuerint per predictum Johannem Fromond seu per predictam Matillidam seu per heredes seu assignatos predicti Johannis Fromond. Et si contingat predictos Johannem Polayn Thomam et Willelmum heredes et assignatos suos

^a pertinenciis interlined insertion
^b // sign before sub

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conditiones predictas non observare seu contravenire, quod tunc bene liciat^c predicto Johanni Fromond heredibus et assignatis suis in omnibus terris et tenementis predictis cum omnibus suis prenomatis ubique pertinenciis reingredi reintrare et in pristino statu suo gaudere et retinere presenti carta indentata et seisinā super ea inde habita non obstantibus. Et predictus Johannes Fromond heredes et assignati sui omnia predicta terras et tenementa cum omnibus ubique suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Polayn Thome et Willelmo sub modis et formis et conditionibus supradictis contra omnes gentes warantizabunt acquietabunt et defendent imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus partes predictae sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Hiis testibus Willelmo Ryngborn', Stephano Haym, Thome Warner, Hugone Cran, Roberto Cholmesle et multis aliis. Dat' apud Spersholt' primo die Decembris anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum duodecimo.

c Sic

Gift with warranty by John Tremayn of Winchester to Thomas Wolvele of Winchester and Henry Godeman, chaplain, of messuages, lands and tenements in Kilham (Hants.).
Kilham, 8 May 1391.

Endorsements: Carta de Kyllam (15th-cent.); 8^o Maii 14^o
Ri: 2^{do} (17th-cent.); 8. May. 14. Rⁱ. 2. (?18th-cent.)
Measurements: 340 x 100 mm. (fold 30 mm.)
Seal on tag. Round. 22 mm. Brown. Device: a shield of arms, a chevron between three birds. Legend: Sigill'. Ioh'nns<.....> (black letter). Thumb indentation on reverse.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Tremayn de civitate Wynton' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thome Wolvele de civitate predicta et Henrico Godeman capellano omnia mesuagia terras et tenementa mea cum suis pertinenciis apud Kylham simul cum communi pastura dictis mesuagiis terris et tenementis spectante in comitatu Sutht'. Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta mesuagia terras et tenementa cum communi pastura et suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Henrico heredibus et assignatis ipsius Henrici imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego predictus Johannes et heredes mei omnia predicta mesuagia terras et tenementa cum communi pastura et suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Henrico heredibus et assignatis ipsius Henrici contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Stephano Hayme, Hugone Crane, Thoma Warner, Marco le Vayre, Willelmo Moryve et aliis. Dat' apud Kilham predictam octavo die mensis Maii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi quartodecimo.

Release and quitclaim with warranty by John Kyng chaplain to Thomas Wolvele citizen of Winchester, of his right in the manors of Soberton and Lainston and in the advowson of the church of Lainston, and in a tenement in Winchester.
Winchester, 29 June 1393.

Endorsement: Suberton' Layneston' / et Tenementum in Winton' (?contemporary).

Measurements: 310 x 123 mm. (fold 22 mm.)

Seal on tag. Oval. 23 x 18 mm. Red. Device: a crescent-shaped vessel, on which are mounted ? two branches from which spring three flowers (or two hands elevating a vase containing three flowers). Legend:
* PE<?N>SET <?DEL.> PARET. (Lombardic).

Noverint universi per presentes me Johannem Kyng capellanum remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me heredibus seu assignatis meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Thome Wolvele civi civitatis Wynton' heredibus seu assignatis suis totum jus et clameum meum atque juris actionem que versus eum habeo habui seu aliquo modo habere potero ratione cujuscunque juris seu tituli in maneriis de Soburton' Layneston' cum pertinenciis et in advocacione ecclesie de Layneston' necnon in uno tenemento cum pertinenciis quod situm est in civitate Wynton' inter tenementum Willelmi Morreve ex parte orientali et tenementum predicti Thome ex parte occidentali. Ita quod nec ego predictus Johannes heredes seu assignati mei aliquid juris vel clamii seu aliquam actionem juris vel cujuscunque alterius tituli versus predictum Thomam heredes seu assignatos suos in maneriis predictis cum advocacione predicta necnon in tenemento^a predicto cum suis pertinenciis decetero exigere vel vendicare poterimus infuturum set ab omni actione juris sumus^b exclusi imperpetuum per presentes.

a MS intenemento

b Sic

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Et ego vero predictus Johannes et heredes mei maneria
predicta cum advocacione predicta necnon tenementum
predictum cum suis pertinenciis predicto Thome
heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes
warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum.
In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum
apposui. Et ad majorem securitatem sigillum commune
civitatis predictae hiis apponi procuravi. Hiis
testibus Roberto atte Oke tunc majore civitatis
predictae, Johanne Peverell et Waltero Jordan tunc^c
ibidem ballivis, Stephano Haym, Hugone Craan, Johanne
Blake, Willelmo Jugge, Johanne Grape et multis aliis.
Dat' apud Wynton' die dominica proxima post festum
sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Ricardi
secundi post conquestum Anglie decimoseptimo etc.

c MS tuc

Release and quitclaim with warranty by Margaret, daughter of Nicholas of London, to Richard Blaby, chaplain, and Thomas Leyghton' of Coventry, of her right in a messuage in Earl Street, Coventry.

Coventry, 6 August 1394.

Endorsements: 20 (17th-cent.); Earlestr (17th-cent.); No 35 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 132 x 344 mm. (fold 20 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 19 mm. Red. Device: possibly a stag's head with antlers. No legend.

Noverint universi per presentes quod ego Margareta filia Nicholai de London' in pura mea virginitate remisi relaxavi ac omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamavi Ricardo Blaby capellano et Thome Leyghton' de Coventre et heredibus suis totum jus meum et clameum quod habui seu quovismodo habere potero in futurum in toto illo mesuagio cum pertinenciis in Coventre quod jacet in vico Comitum inter tenementum quondam Roberti de Boseworth' ex parte una et tenementum Johannis Percy ex parte altera in latitudine et in longitudine a predicto vico usque ad bundas aule Gylde sancte Marie in Coventre. Ita quod nec ego dicta Margareta nec heredes mei nec aliquis alius nomine meo seu nostro aliquid juris seu clamei in predicto mesuagio cum pertinenciis de cetero exigere poterimus seu vendicare set ab omni actione cujuscumque juris seu clamei inde simus exclusi imperpetuum. Preterea ego Margareta et heredes mei predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis prefatis Ricardo et Thome heredibus et eorum assignatis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic quiete clamencie sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Crus tunc majore ville de Coventre, Willelmo de Attelburgh' et Ricardo de Knolles tunc ballivis ejusdem ville, Johanne de Northwode, Rollando Damet, Willelmo de Goot', Roberto de Blatherwyk' et aliis. Dat' apud Coventre sexto die mensis Augusti anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum decimo octavo.

Gift with warranty by Thomas Wolvele to John atte Brugge of Basing (Hants.), of the manor of Lainston, and grant of the advowson.

Lainston, 28 July 1402.

Endorsements: Feoffamentum Thome Wolvele de / manerio de Laynest' / Johanni Brugge (contemporary); 28 Julii 3^o Hen: 4ⁱ: (17th-cent.)

Measurements: 296 x 88 mm. (fold 18 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 13 mm. Dark green. Device: in a linked circle, a shield of arms, on a bend a greyhound running. No legend. Indentation perhaps of a ring on reverse.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas Wolvele dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni atte Brugge de Basyngge heredibus et assignatis suis manerium de Layneston' cum suis pertinenciis una cum advocacione ecclesie de Layneston' predicta. Habendum et tenendum manerium predictum cum suis pertinenciis ac advocacionem ecclesie predictae predicto Johanni atte Brugge heredibus et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta libere et quiete jure hereditario imperpetuum. Quod ego vero predictus Thomas et heredes meis manerium de Layneston' predict', cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ac advocacionem ecclesie predictam, prefato Johanni atte Brugge heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus acquietabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Fromond', Henrico Yakesle, Waltero Haywode, Ricardo Donyntyn', Thoma Emmory, Johanne Wodelock, Willielmo Cubbul et aliis. Dat' apud Layneston' predict' vicesimo octavo die mensis Julii anno regni regis Henrici quarti a conquestu Anglie tercio.

Release and quitclaim by Joan, widow of William Gyldefforde, and Edward Gyldefforde, esquire, their son, to Edmund Langeley of Thornton, esquire, and others (named), of their right in forty acres in Thornton, near Eastry (Kent).

12 May 1420.

Endorsement: 8. H. 5. / Thornton (17th-cent.)

Measurements: 255 x 118 mm. (fold 12 mm.)

Two seals on a split tag.

1. Round. 11 mm. Red.. Device: sideways a bird facing left (top). Legend: + lest<.....>. Lower part broken, with modern repair.
2. Round. 24 mm. Red. Device: a shield of arms couché, party sinister a saltire between four birds, party dexter ? a chief with a bend embattled, surmounted by a helm facing to sinister, with a plume, visor open, on a fleury ground. Legend: S' edeward Gyldeford (black letter). Small modern repair on rim.

Noverint universi per presentes nos Johannam nuper uxorem Willelmi Gyldefforde et Edwardum Gyldefforde armigerum filiumque predictorum Willelmi et Johanne remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro nobis et heredibus nostris quietumclamasse imperpetuum Edmundo Langeley de Thornton' armigero Johanni atte Gate clerico Henrico Hermer et Johanni Barbour de Tylmanston' totum jus nostrum et clamium que seu quod habemus habuimus seu quovismodo in futurum habere poterimus in illis quatragenta^a acris terre arabilis et pasture quas dudum Willelmus Haldenne perquisivit apud Thorntone juxta Esstry de Alexandro Arment' jacentes divisim apud Thornton' per parcelas prout in quadam indentura ex dimissione nostra eiisdem Edmundo Langeley Johanni atte Gate clerico Henrico Hermer et Johanni Barbour inde facta plenius continetur. Ita quod nec nos predicti Johanna et Edwardus nec heredes nostri nec aliquis alius pro nobis seu nomine nostro aliquid juris clamii proprietatis seu possessionis in predictis quatragenta^a acris terre seu aliqua earum

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parcella nec de firma seu redditu unius quarterii
ordei palmalis, inde nobis aut heredibus nostris
annuatim durante termino viginti annorum solvendo seu
reddendo, exigere vindicare calumpniare petere seu
clamare poterimus in futurum set a quocumque juris
clamii et actionis titulo amodo inde petendo simus et
erimus penitus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. In
cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto quietum-
clam[ationis] sigilla nostra apposuimus. Dat'
duodecimo die mensis Maii anno regni regis Henrici
quinti Anglie post conquestum octavo.

Gift with warranty by William atte Sole of East Langdon and Joan his wife to John Helmeth' baker of Sandwich, of a messuage in the parish of St. Peter, Sandwich (all Kent).

Sandwich, 13 March 1436.

Endorsements: Lecta et recognita coram Roberto Whyte Majore / ville Sandewici et quibusdam sociis suis in plena / Curia ibidem die et anno infrascripto etc. (contemporary); S. Petr. / H. sexti (later 15th-cent.); Lukkybot (early 16th-cent.); Sandwych (16th-cent.); 14 H 6 (1435) (17th-cent.); St Peters Sandwich / N 1 (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 335 x 106 mm. (fold 23 mm.)

Two seals on split tag.

1. Round. 18 mm. Red. Device: a crowned letter G, enclosing letter I, both between branches. No legend.
2. Round. 10 mm. Red. Device: probably a garb. No legend.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Willelmus atte Sole de Eastlangdon' in comitatu Kanc' et Johanna uxor mea dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni Helmeth' de villa Sandewici pistori totum illud mesuagium nostrum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis quod nuper habuimus ex dono et feoffamento Nicholai Dene situatum in parochia Sancti Petri ville Sandewici predicti inter mesuagium hered[is] Thome Mayhewe versus east et communem cursum aque vocatum le Delfe ac mesuagium hered[is] Willelmi Rede versus south' et mesuagium Stephani Dubbar' ac terram hered[is] Simonis Porte versus west et regiam stratam versus north'. Habendum et tenendum totum predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Helmeth' pistori heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et nos predicti Willelmus atte Sole et Johanna uxor mea et heredes nostri totum predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Helmeth' pistori heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

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In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus. Dat' apud Sandewicum predictum terciodecimo die mensis Marcii anno regni regis Henrici sexti Anglie post conquestum quartodecimo. Hiis testibus Roberto Whyte tunc majore ville Sandewici, Johanne Grene, Thoma Molend[inario], Thoma Martyn', Roberto Catour', Stephano Dubbar', Roberto Clerk' et aliis.

Release and quitclaim by John Rokeley to Michael Skylllyng' and William Godefray, of his right in Stockbridge, 'Strete', King's Somborne and Sparsholt (Hants.)

19 February 1438

Endorsements: Relaxatio Johannis Rokelay facta Michaeli Skylllyng' / et Willelmo Godefray de terris et tenementis in / Stokebrygg' Strete Sombourne Regis et / Spersholt et cum pertinenciis etc. (15th-cent.); Relaxatio Johanni^a Rocley facta Michaeli / Skylllyng' et Willelmo Godfray de terris / et tenementis in Spersholt Stocbryg' Kynges / Somborn' et Strete (late 15th-cent.); 19. Feb. 16. H. 6. (17th-cent.); 19 Febru: 16^o Hen: 6^{ti}: (?18th-cent.).

Measurements: 259 x 109 mm. (fold 23 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 9 mm. Red. Device: a bird spreading its wings, facing to right (? a rook).

Legend: <?ioucli>.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes Rokeley salutem in domino sempiternam. Noveritis me prefatum Johannem remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro et de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Michaeli Skylllyng' et Willelmo Godefray totum jus meum et clameum que habeo habui seu quovismodo in futurum habere potero in omnibus terris tenementis reversionibus redditibus et serviciis cum suis pertinenciis in Stokebrygg' Strete; Sombourne Regis et Spersholt in comitatu Sutht'. Ita quod nec ego prefatus Johannes nec heredes mei aliquod jus clameum titulum seu demandam in predictis terris tenementis reversionibus redditibus et serviciis cum suis pertinenciis de cetero exigere vendicare seu calumpniare poterimus in futurum sed ab omni actione et juris clameo inde simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Dat' decimo nono die Februarii anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum sextodecimo.

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Indenture of agreement concerning a loan of £100 by Sir William Oldehall' to Sir Brian de Sandford', by recognition of statute staple, on the security of a tenement in Monkwell Street, London.

10 July 1440

Endorsement: Muguelstreate (16th-cent.)

Measurements: 281 x 108 mm. (fold 18 mm.)

Seal (damaged, with modern repair) on tag (strip of written parchment). Round. 36 mm. Red. Device: a shield of arms couché, a lion rampant, surmounted by a helm facing to dexter, with mantling (decorative, with cut edges, filling the field) and crest, in a crown a lion's head. Legend: <.....> Old<....>e militi (< (black letter).

Hec indentura testatur quod licet Brianus de Sandford' miles per quoddam scriptum suum obligatorium super statuto stapule teneatur et obligetur Willelmo Oldehall' militi in centum libris legalis monete Anglie solvendis eidem Willelmo certo termino solutionis in eodem scripto obligatorio contenti prout in eodem scripto obligatorio plenius continetur ac cum prefatus Brianus dederit et concesserit prefato Willelmo Oldehall' militi et Johanni Lavenham unum tenementum situatum in parochia sancti Olavi in Mugwelstrete in warda de Farndon' infra London' videlicet inter tenementum predicti Willelmi Oldehall' ex parte australi et tenementum pertinens hospitali beate Marie extra Bisshopegate London' ^aex parte boreali^a. Habendum et tenendum eisdem Willelmo et Johanni heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. Predictus Willelmus concedit per presentes prefato Briano quod si tenementum predictum non evincatur

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1. Seal very similar, but not identical to that described and illustrated in R.H. Ellis, Catalogue of Seals in the Public Record Office: Personal Seals I (1978) no.P586 (Sir William Oldhall, 1456).
a-a Interlined insertion

extra possessionem dictorum Willelmi et Johannis heredum et assignatorum suorum nec alicujus eorum per actionem vel ingressum prosecutam vel factam per aliquem heredum predicti Briani ratione alicujus tituli habiti ante predicta donum et concessionem extunc predictum scriptum obligatorium pro nullo habeatur. Si vero tenementum predictum evincatur extra possessionem dictorum Willelmi et Johannis heredum vel assignatorum suorum per actionem vel ingressum prosecutam vel factam per aliquem heredum predicti Briani ratione alicujus tituli supradicti absque fraude et malo ingenio ipsorum Willelmi et Johannis heredum vel assignatorum suorum extunc predicta obligatio in suo robore permaneat et virtute. In cujus rei testimonium partes predictae partibus hujus indenture sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Dat' decimo die Julii anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie decimo octavo.

Gift with warranty by Nicholas Laynston' to William Cormaill', alias Knollys, and William Godefray, of lands and tenements in Lainston and Sparsholt.

7 October 1445

Endorsement: Carta feoffamenti Nicholai Laynston' / fact[i] Willelmo Cornwyll' etc. (contemporary)

Measurements: 283 x 93 mm. (fold 22 mm.)

Seal on tag. Round. 8 mm. Red. Device: a grid of three across three lines, roughly drawn. No legend.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Nicholaus Laynston' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo Cormaill' alias dicto Knollys et Willelmo Godefray omnia terras et tenementa mea communas commoditates quecumque cum pertinenciis in Laynston' et Spersholt in comitatu Sutht' que nuper fuerunt Johannis Laynston' patris mei predicti Nicholai. Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta terras et tenementa communas et commoditates cum pertinenciis prefatis Willelmo Cormaill' et Willelmo Godefray heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego vero prefatus Nicholaus et heredes mei omnia predicta terras tenementa communas et commoditates cum pertinenciis predicto Willelmo Cormaill' et Willelmo Godefray heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et defendemus imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Hampton', Johanne Mottesfont, Johanne Emory, Willelmo Curraunt, Johanne atte Mille et multis aliis. Dat' septimo die Octobris anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo quarto.

Release and quitclaim with warranty by Robert Toftes of Great Carbrook to Robert Gurham clerk and Robert George of Carbrook, of his right in one and a half acres in Great Carbrook (Norf.)

Carbrook, 1 October 1457.

Endorsement: Toftes / to / Curham^a & others / Feofment / 1 Oct^{ri} 36 Hen 6 (?early 19th-cent.)

Measurements: 315 x 108 mm. (fold 19 mm.)

Seal sideways on tag. Round. 13 mm. Dark red. Device: a letter T. No legend.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit Robertus Toftes de Karbrook Magna salutem in domino. Cum Johannes Toftes pater dicti Roberti Toftes per plurimos annos in vita sua habuit et pacifice ut de suo jure proprio tenuit unam acram et dimidiam terre arabilis jacentes in Karbrook predicta, in incluso vocato Belond inter terram Alexandri Rodeland capellani ex parte australi et inclusum Georgii Chambre vocatum Burdlesholm ex parte aquilonari et abuttant super comunam de Karbrook vocatam Broodmoor versus occidentem et super caput de Skulton' versus orientem. Easdemque unam acram et dimidiam terre^b dictus Robertus Toftes filius et heres predicti Johannis Toftes habuit tenuit et pacifice gavisus est ultra quam triginta quatuor annos post diem obitus dicti Johannis patris sui ex concessione et ejus assignatione legitima, habendas et tenendas eidem Roberto heredibus et assignatis suis etc. Sciatis me predictum Robertum Toftes concessisse dedisse remisisse relaxasse et omnino de me et pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Roberto Gurham clerico et Roberto George de Karbrook predicta heredibus et assignatis eorum totum jus meum et clameum que unquam habui habeo seu quovis modo habere potui vel potero in futurum ratione quacumque de et in

^a Sic
^b terre interlined insertion

supradictis una acra et dimidia terre cum pertinenciis. Habendas et tenendas easdem unam acram et dimidiam terre cum pertinenciis prefatis Roberto Gurham clerico et Roberto George heredibus et assignatis eorum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Ita videlicet quod nec ego predictus Robertus Toftes nec heredes mei neque aliquis nomine nostro aliquod jus vel clameum in predictis una acra et dimidia terre neque in aliqua inde parcella decetero exigere vendicare seu clamare quovis modo poterimus in futurum, sed ab omni inde actione juris et clamei simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. Et ego predictus Robertus Toftes et heredes mei predictas unam acram et dimidiam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis prefatis Roberto Gurham clerico et Roberto George heredibus et assignatis eorum contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Thoma Gaudron', Johanne George, Johanne Gaudron', Johanne Bilston', Roberto Sewyn et aliis. Dat' apud Karbrook predicta primo die mensis Octobris anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum tricesimo sexto.

Gift with warranty by William Langley, esquire, and William Carpenter of Knowlton to John Baker of Goodnestone and Peter Stowr of Chillenden, of four acres and three roods in Hammill in the parish of Woodnesborough (all Kent).

Hammill, 21 April 1481.

Endorsements: Whytfelde iiij acre / iij rode (?late 15th-cent.); 21. Ed. 4 / Hamold (?early 18th-cent.)

Measurements: 335 x 140 mm. (fold 20 mm.)

Two seals on tags.

1. Round. 12 mm. Red. Device: in a cusped circle, a shield of arms, a bar, on a chief three roundels. No legend.
2. Round. 13 mm. Red. Device: a sailing ship, with 'leyn' written above. No legend.

Sciant^a presentes et futuri quod nos Willelmus Langley armiger et Willelmus Carpenter de parochia de Knolton dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni Baker de Godwynston' et Petro Stowr de Cillynden' quatuor acras et tres rodas^b terre divisim jacentes^c apud Hamwold in parochia de Womsbergh' unde tres rode terre jacentes apud Grete inter terram^d hospitalis sancti Thome versus est et fossatam ducentem inter libertatem domini archiepiscopi Cantuar' et Baroniam versus west et due acras terre jacentes ibidem inter terram nuper Stephani Lynton' versus west et terram Roberti Merch' versus est et tres rode^e terre jacentes inter terram heredis Johannis Knyth versus west et est et dimediam acram terre jacentem inter terram heredis Thome Watt versus est et west et tres rodas terre jacentes inter terram heredis Thome Watt versus est et west. Habendas et tenendas predictas quatuor acras et tres rodas terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Baker et Petro Stowr heredibus et eorum assignatis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde

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MS terre
MS roddis

debita et de jure consueta et nos predicti Willelmus Langley et Willelmus Carpenter et heredes nostri predictas quatuor acras et tres rodas^f terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Baker et Petro Stowr heredibus et eorum assignatis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigilla nostra apposuimus. Dat' apud Hammold' predict' vicesimo secundo die mensis Aprilis anno regni regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo primo. Hiis testibus Thoma Godwyn', Thoma Eldergate, Petro Darby, Johanne Ore, Johanne Andrewe, Johanne Frenne seniore^g; Roberto Halke et Willelmo Prest et multis aliis.

MS roddis
MS senior

Gift with warranty by Sir Edward Guldeford to Edward Felip' and John Wode, both of Tenterden, and Thomas Hales of Thanington, of lands and tenements in the dennes of French Hay and Knock (par. Tenterden, Kent), at the request and for the use of John Hales, baron of the Exchequer, who paid £60 to the donor; with power of attorney for livery of seisin.

23 September 1532.

Endorsement: lxij acres upon the dennes of Frenghey / and Knocke (16th-cent.)
 Measurements: 395 x 132 mm. (fold 16 mm.)
 Seal on tag. Round. 15 mm. Brown. Device: a blazing firebrand (Edward Guldeford's crest). No legend.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Edwardus Guldeford miles filius et heres Ricardi Guldeford militis pro sexaginta libris legalis monete Anglie per Johannem Hales unum Baronum de Scaccario domino regis decimo nono die hujus instantis mensis Septembris solutis ac ad specialem instanciam ipsius Johannis Hales dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Edwardo Felyp' de Tenterden' in comitatu Kancie Johanni Wode de Tenterden' predicta et Thome Hales de Tanyngton' in comitatu predicto filio predicti Johannis Hales omnia illa terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis jacentia et existentia super dennas de Frenghehey et Knok in predicta parochia de Tenterden' in predicto comitatu Kancie que nuper fuerunt predicti Ricardi Guldeford militis. Que quidem terre et tenementa jacentia super dictam dennam de Frenghehey vocantur Litill' Frenghehey et Grenys continent per estimationem quadraginta et sex acras terre arabilis pasture et bosci quorum terrarum et tenementorum major pars quondam fuit Thome Heymes senioris olim de Tenterden' predicta et residuum eorumdem terrarum et tenementorum quondam fuit Johannis Frenghehey et predicta terre et tenementa jacentia super dictam dennam de Knok vocantur Meanelandes continentque per estimationem sexdecim

1. Cf. British Museum Cat. of Seals III nos. 10322-3.

acras terre pasture et bosci. Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis prefatis Edwardo Felip' Johanni Wode et Thome Hales heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum predicti Johannis Hales heredibus et assignatis suorum in perpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego predictus Edwardus Guldeford et heredes mei omnia predicta terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis prefatis Edwardo Felyp' Johanni Wode et Thome Hales heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum supradictum contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum per presentes. Et ego predictus Edwardus feci constitui locoque meo posui Willelmum Robyn de Tenterden' predicta et Radulfum Playse de civitate Cantuar' et eorum utrumque meos veros et legitimos attornatos conjunctim et divisim ad intrandum vice et nomine meis in omnia predicta terras et tenementa cum pertinenciis ac quoscumque inde seisitos sive tenentes et occupatores ammovendum et expellendum ac plenam et pacificam possessionem et seisinam inde michi pro me et nomine meo capiendum ac plenam et pacificam possessionem et seisinam de omnibus illis terris et tenementis predictis Edwardo Felyp' Johanni Wode et Thome Hales deliberandum habendum eis heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum predicti Johannis Hales heredum et assignatorum suorum juxta vim formam et officium hujus presentis carte mee ratum et gratum habens et habiturus totum et quicquid dicti attornati mei conjunctim aut divisim fecerint aut unus eorum fecerit in premissis per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium ego predictus Edwardus Guldeford huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Dat' vicesimo tercio die predicti mensis Septembris anno regni domini regis nunc Henrici octavi vicesimo quarto.

[Signed on fold:] Edward Guldefford

Bond in £40 by Thomas Hollys of Newstead (Lincs.), esquire, son and heir of the late Sir William Hollys, to Robert Wood, citizen and brewer of London, with conditions.

12 March 1543.

Endorsement (in same hand as text): The condicion of this obligacion is suche that if the withinbounde Thomas Hollys his heires executours and administratours and every of them well and truly observe kepe and perfourme all and singuler covenantes grauntes articules and agreamentes (whiche on his and their partie ar to be observed kept and perfourmed) especified and conteyned in certein indentures made bitwene the said Thomas Hollys on that one party^a and the withinnamed Robert Wood on that other party^b whereof the date is the day of the datte withinwritten that is [to]^b say after the tenour fourme effect and true meanyng of the same indentures. That then this present obligacion be voyde and of none effect. Or els that yt stond and abide in full strength and vertue.

Measurements: 352 x 76 mm.

Seal on tongue. Shield-shaped. 15 x 12 mm. Red.

Device: a shield of arms, a bend between a dog sinister and a dolphin dexter. No legend.

Noverint universi per presentes me Thomam Hollys de Newstede in comitatu Lincoln' armigerum filium et heredem Willelmi Hollys militis nuper Aldermanni London' defuncti teneri et firmiter obligari Roberto Wood civi et pandoxatori London' in quadraginta libris sterlingorum, solvendis eidem Roberto aut suo certo attorney vel executoribus suis primo die mensis Maii proximi futuri post datum presentium ad quam quidem solutionem bene et fideliter faciendam obligo me heredes et executores meos per presentes. Sigillo meo sigillata data duodecimo die Marci anno regni Henrici octavi dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regis fidei defensoris et in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremi capitis tricesimoquarto.

[signed:] H. Bright

per me Thomam Hollys

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Sigillavit et liberavit in presencia Edwardi servientis dicti scrutatoris

^a party interlined insertion
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Lease (indented) by Henry (Stanley) earl of Derby, to Thomas Whytley, gentleman, of six parcels of land called 'Six Lands' in Aston, in the lordship of Hawarden (Flint), for the term of twenty-one years, for an annual rent of 6s., and in consideration of a payment of £3.

20 February 1581

Endorsements: my lease from the / Earle of Derby (contemporary); Ayston in / Hawarden / Thomas Whytley gent' (contemporary); Ex[aminat]ur (16th-cent.)

Measurements: 281 x 234 mm. (fold 20 mm.)

Seal (with modern repair at top) on tag. Round. 22 mm.

Brown. Device: an eagle preying on a swaddled child (Stanley crest). Legend on a garter: +HONI SOIT <.) UI <.) AL Y <.....> (Roman).

This Indenture made the twentyth day of February in the three and twentyth yere of the reigne of Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, defender of the faith etc., betwene the right Honourable Henry Erle of Derby of the noble order of the garter knight of the one partie and Thomas Whytley, gentleman, servaunte of the said Erle of the other partie, witnesseth that the saide Erle for and in consideracion of the somme of three poundes of lawffull money of Englande to be paide by the saide Thomas Whytley to the saide Erle or his heires or to his or theire receyvour generall or receyvour or baylyff of Hawarden in the county of Flynte for the tyme beinge to his or theire use upon or before the syxte daye of Julye nexte to be after the date hereof, haith demysed graunted betaken and to ferme letten and sette and by these presentes dooth demyse graunte betake and to ferme let and sette unto the saide Thomas Whytley and his assignes all those syxe parcells of lande called Syxe Landes of the said Erle with thappurtenances in Ayston within the lordshippe of Hawerden afforesaide in the said county of Flynte, conteynynge by estimacion twoo acres of lande nowe or late in tholdinge or occupacion of the saide Thomas Whytley gentelman or of his assignes of the yerely rente of syxe shillinges. To have and to holde the saide syxe parcells of lande called Syxe Landes with

thappurtenaunces unto the saide Thomas Whytley and his assignes from the day of the date of these presentes unto thende of the terme and for and duringe all the terme of twenty and one yeres than nexte folloinge fully to be complete determynd and ended. Yeldinge and payinge therefore yerely duringe the said terme to the said Erle his heires and assignes the said yerely rente of syxe shillinges of lawfull money of Englande at the feastes of the natvitie^a of Sainte John Baptiste and Saynte Martin the Bysshoppe in wynter by even porcions and yeldyng and doinge to the saide Erle and his heires for the premysses duringe the said terme all other such sutes services heriottes duties and customes as heretofore have beene accustomed to be yelden paide or doone for the same and as becommeth a tenaunte to doo unto his landyslorde for such syxe parcells of lande. Providet allwayes that yf yt shall happen the saide yerely rente of syxe shillinges to be behynde unpaide in parte or in all by the space of eightene dayes next after eyther of the said feastes at which yt oughto be paide yf yt be lawfully asked. Or yf the saide Thomas Whytley gentelman or his assignes occupyeing the saide syxe parcells of lande called Syxe landes shall wylfully and obstinately refuse and fayle to yelde and doo any of the said sutes services heriottes duties and customes when he or they shalbe lawfully commaunded to yelde and doo the same, or shall make or cause to be made any wylfull waste in or upon the saide syxe parcells of lande called Syxe Landes or any parte thereof excepte the makinge of marle pyttes hedges and dyches and the digginge and takinge of marle for the betteringe & amendinge of the same or any parte thereof, or shall demyse sette over assigne graunte or exchange the saide syxe parcells of lande called Syxe Landes or any parte thereof to any person or persons withoute the lycence & consente of the saide Erle or his heires

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or of twoo of his or theire comysshioners or surveyours for the tyme beinge, or yf the saide Thomas Whytley gentelman doo not pay or cause to be paide the saide somme of three poundes and every parte thereof in maner and forme afforesaide, that then yt shalbe lawffull to & for the saide Erle his heires and assignes into the saide syxe parcells of lande called Syxe Landes with thappurtenances to reentre and the same as in his or theire former estate to reteygne have agayne and repossede this Indenture or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge. In witnes whereof to these presentes the said parties interchaungeably have putto their seales the day and yere afforesaide.

[signed:] H. Derby

Bargain and sale (indented) by Gilbert (Talbot), earl of Shrewsbury, to Edward Whalley, gentleman, of Fleet Street, London, and Felix Chambers, servant, to the use of Sir Horatio Palavicino of Babraham (Cambs.) and Tobie his second son, of a capital messuage in Thames Street, London; with power of attorney for livery of seisin.

21 August 1596

Endorsements: Sigillat' et deliberat' in / presencia / [signatures:] Roberti Bouth / Gio Batta Sinsh<...> / Johannis Breres / Rogeri Urmiston (contemporary); Memorandum quod vicesimo primo die Augusti anno ^a infrascripto / 1596 plena et pacifica possessio et seisin capta et deliberata / fuit per infranominatum Johannem Breres unum attornatorum infracontentium / infranominati Felici Chambers de et in quodam loco sive / domo existentis parcella capitalis mesuagii infrascripti pro et / in nomine totius illius messuagii et ceterorum omnium terrarum et / tenementorum in infrascripta carta contentium, quam pro et in nomine / omnium illorum terrarum et tenementorum in indenturis infrascriptis Edwardo et Felici et heredibus suis imperpetuum, ad seperale / opus usus et intentiones in dictis contenta specificata et declarata In presencia [signatures:] Gulielmi Hammond / Jno Langham / per me William Relfe (contemporary) 1596. / feofment of Coldharbarow / from Gilbt Earle of / Shr: to Edw: Whalley / & Felix Chambers: dat' / xx^o. Augusti (? early 17th-cent.); 20. Aug: 38 Eliz: / 1596 (late 18th-cent.); (9) (19th-cent.)

Measurements: 277 x 223 mm. (fold 38 mm.)
Seal on tag. Round. 22 mm. Red. Device: a talbot passant (Talbot crest). Legend on a garter: HONI:S<..> QUI M<..>E (Roman).

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit Gilbertus comes Salop' prenobilis ordinis garterii miles salutem in domino sempiternam. Sciatis me prefatum comitem tam pro et in consideratione cujusdem pecunie summe mihi^b pre manibus solute quam pro et in complemento et performance quarundam conventionum concessionum et agreementorum in quibusdam indenturis tripartitis contentis gerentibus datis die dat' presentium factis inter me prefatum comitem ex prima parte, Horatium Palavicino de Badburgham

^a anno, interlined insertion in same hand
^b Sic

alias Babram in comitatu Cantabr' militem et Tobiam Palavicino secundum filium predicti Horatii ex secundo parte, et Edwardum Whalley de Fletestreete London' generosum et Felicem Chambers servientem predicti Horatii ex tertia parte, dedisse concessisse barganizasse liberasse feofasse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse ac per presentes dare concedere barganizare liberare feofare et confirmare predictis Edwardo et Felici et heredibus suis totum illud capitale mesuagium vocatum Coldharborow scituatum et existens in vico vocato Thamystrete in parochia Omnium Sanctorum vulgariter nuncupata Litle Allhallowes in civitate London', ac omnia alia mesuagia terras tenementa et hereditamenta quecumque contenta specificata expressa et declarata in dictis indenturis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis universis^c ac omnia scripta et evidencias premissa vel aliquam inde parcellam concernentia vel tangentia.^c Habendum et tenendum predictum capitale mesuagium ac omnia et singulam premissa cum pertinenciis predictis Edwardo et Felici et heredibus suis imperpetuum ad seperalia opus usus intentiones provisiones conditiones proposita et agreamenta in dictis indenturis specificata contenta expressa et declarata. Et ego vero prefatus comes et heredes mei omnia et singula premissa cum pertinenciis universis prefato Edwardo et Felici et heredibus suis ad opus usus et intentiones supradictas contra omnes homines warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. Noveritis insuper me prefatum comitem constituisse ordinasse appunctuasse et loco mei posuisse dilectos mihi^d in Christo Johannem Breres et Rogerum Urmiston meos veros et legitimos attornatos conjunctim et divisim ad intrandum pro me, vice et nomine meo in predictum mesuagium et cetera omnia premissa cum pertinenciis vel aliquam partem vel parcellam

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Interlined insertion in another hand
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premissorum pro et in nomine totius ^evel alicujus
 partis premissorum^e ac plenam et pacificam possessionem
 et seisinam inde capere et post hujusmodi possessionem
 et seisinam sic inde captam et habitam deinde pro me
 vice et nomine meo eandem plenam et pacificam
 possessionem et seisinam predictis Edwardo et Felici
 vel eorum alteri vel ^fsuorum vel alterius eorum certis
 attornatis executoribus vel assignatis suis dare et
 deliberare ^{ad} opus usus condiciones et provisiones
 supradictos^g habendum et tenendum secundum vim formam
 et officium hujus presentis scripti mei inde confecti
 raturum et gratum habens et habiturus totum et quicquid
 dicti attornati mei fecerint^h vel alter eorum fecerit
 in premissis, vel in aliqua parte premissorum ut meum
 proprium et peculiare actum et factum imperpetuum per
 presentes. In cujus rei testimonium ego prefatus comes
 huic presenti scripto meo indentato sigillum meum
 apposui. Dat' vicesimo die Augusti anno regni domine
 nostre Elizabethæ dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie
 regine fidei defensoris etc. tricesimo octavo. 1596.
 [Signed on the fold:] Gilb: Shrewsbury

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Bond in £500 by Edward Eccleston, esquire, of Eccleston near Knowsley (Lancs.), to Sir John Honiwood of Grays Inn (Middx.) and John Austen, gentleman, of Tenterden, with conditions.

2 July 1619

No edorsements.

Measurements: 253 x 223 mm.

Parchment pricked on left and right, and ruled in lead point. Fragment of seal (with modern repair) on tongue. ? oval. 20 x 10 mm. Red. Device: a shield of arms, a cross, in the quarter a fleur-de-lys. Legend no longer survives.

Noverint universi per presentes me Edwardum Eccleston de Eccleston juxta Knowesley in comitatu Lanc' armigerum teneri et firmiter obligari Johanni Honiwood de Grays Inne in comitatu Middles' militi et Johanni Austen de Tenterden in comitatu Kanc' generoso in quingenti libris bone et legalis monete Anglie solvendis eisdem Johanni Honiwood et Johanni Austen seu eorum certis attornatis executoribus vel administratoribus suis. Ad quam quidem solutionem bene et fideliter faciendam obligo me heredes executores et administratores meos firmiter per presentes sigillo meo sigillatas. Dat' secundo die Julii anno regni domini nostri Jacobi dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie et Hibernie decimo septimo et Scotie quinquagesimo secundo anno domini 1619.

The condicion of this obligacion is such that if the above-bounden Edward Eccleston and Mary his wife theire and either of their heires executors administrators and assigns and every of them do well and truly hould observe performe fullfill and keepe all and singuler the covenantes grantes articles and agreements which on there or any of their partes or behalves ar or ought to bee held observed performed fullfilled or kept contayned specified and declared in one payer of indentures of the date of the abovewritten obligacion made betweene the said Edward and Mary of the one parte and the above named Sir John Honiwood and John Austen of the other

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part according to the purport true intent and meaninge
of the said indentures. That then this present
obligacion to be voyd and of noe effect otherwise to
bee of full force and vertue.

[signed:] Edw Eccleston'

[in another hand, at bottom left:] Sigillat' et
deliberat'

in presencia [signatures:] The: Malbone Ja: Garnett
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a Illegible through stain

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