



BESSELSLEIGH CHURCH. BERKSHIRE.

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Barlinch Priory.

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THE small Augustinian priory of St. Nicholas of Barlinch, anciently Berlich or Berliz, is situated in the parish of Brompton Regis, and was founded in the time of Henry II (1154-1189) by William de Say. It must be carefully distinguished from another house with a similar name, the much more important Premonstratensian Abbey of Barlings in Lincolnshire.

Barlinch was always a small house, it was only worth £98 14s. 8½d. in 26 Hen. VIII (*Valor Ecclesiasticus*). When the house was surrendered it consisted of a prior and six canons. John Barwyke, prior, received a pension of 20 marks; the canons were: John Dyer, "clericus"; Thomas Matthew, who was transferred to Taunton Priory, and received a pension of £5 6s. 8d.; William Cocford, Thomas Wyther, William Hadley, and William Spencer. I am indebted to the Right Rev. Dr. Gasquet for kindly sending me this list. It has been printed in the *Proceedings* of the S.A.S., vol. XXXVIII, p. 333.

Barlinch priory had quite a small endowment, some £100 a year, and it seems always to have been in monetary difficulties; this, I suspect, is why we sometimes find only two or three canons taking part in the election of a prior.

As early as 1273 the prior acknowledges that he owes Henry de Stoke 20 marks, which, in default of payment, are

to be levied from his lands and chattels in Somerset;¹ and in 1539, just before the end came, the house was £60 in debt (see p. 88).

Priors of Barlinch.

1175	Walter	Wells Cath. MSS. 19, 38, 45, 46, 55.
1243	John	S.R.S. vi, 120.
1268	Robert	Wells Cath. MSS. 106; also in 1277 do. 148.
1288	Umfray	Collinson iii, 503.
1320	Hugh Price, resigned Jan. 13.	S.R.S. i, 177. Harl. MS. 6964, p. 59.
1329	Humphrey de Lymbiri, resigned ij Non. March, 1347.	
1347	Simon Pyle, confirmed ij Non March.	Bp. Ralph's Reg.
1379	William ²	Clerical Subsidy 3 Ric. II $\frac{4}{5}$.
1387	William Wroxhale ² John de Taunton	Wells Cath. MSS. 397.
1390	Robert	Inq. 14 Ric. II; also in 1405, Stafford's Reg. 188.
	John Porter, on whose death	
1430	Thomas Bury, confirmed Nov. 24; ob. 23 Jan., 1456	Harl. MS. 6966, f. 56, 119.
1456	Thomas Thornbury, ^{2a} el. Feb. 5, confirmed Feb. 19	<i>Ibid.</i> f. 119; also in 1464, Healey's <i>West Somerset</i> , 144n.
1478	William Hampne	Pat. Roll Ed. IV—Ric. III, 1476-85, p. 93.
1488	John Chestre, ob. 22 Sept.	Harl. MS. 6966, f. 144.

1. Close Roll, Ed. I, 1272-9, p. 112.

2. Probably identical.

2a. When he was elected there were seven canons in the monastery; he was suspended for dilapidation, Oct. 16, 1461. Harl. MS. 6966, f. 101.

- 1488 Robert Wynde,³ elect-
ed 4 Oct., deprived
1492 *Ibid.*
- 1492 Thomas Birde⁴ elected
Sept. 3 *Ibid.* f. 149.
Robert Wynde, re-
stored and resign-
ed 7 May, 1498. *Ibid.* f. 153.
- 1515 Thomas Birde, re-
signed Dec. 1, 1524 Harl. MS. 6967, f. 21b, 26.
- 1524 John Norman,⁵ elected
Dec. 2 *Ibid.* f. 47b.
also in 1534 Valor Eccles.
- 1537 John Berwick MS. Coll., vol. xxvii, fo. 86b.

[Thomas Birde, prior of Barlinch, was admitted to the vicarage of Brompton Regis Dec. 1, 1515, he resigned it July 20, 1519. Harl. MS. 6967, f. 21b, 26. He resigned the post of prior Dec. 1, 1524, on which occasion he was granted a pension of £6 13s. 4d. Every week he was to have 20 *panes albos* and 7 [*panes*] *conventuales* for his servant and 12 gallons of ale and every week two *portiones canonicales* or their value, and 20/- a year for the stipend of his servant, and one gown of livery; and each year the said brother Thomas was to have one *rochetam lineam canonicalem* and each 4th year one *habitum honestum canonicalem* and for his chamber sufficient wood and 1-lb. of candles per week and he was to have the best chamber in the priory next to that of the prior. Harl. MS. 6967, f. 47b.]

Benefactors of Barlinch Priory

(from the Charter of 1339).

William de Say, founder; Matilda de Say, his daughter;
William Scot; Joan de Ferrers and her son, John de
Avranche; John Forester; Geoffry de Buveneye; Luke de
Feskeford;^{5a} Richard de Turbervill; Isolda, Abbess of
Godstow;^{5b} Reginald de Mohun; Gilbert de Wyppelesden;

3. Elected by two canons.

4. He was a canon of Taunton, and was elected by three canons. Bp. Fox Reg., p. 164.

5. Elected by nine canons.

5a. Vexford in Stogumber.

5b. Wells Cath. MSS. 148. (See p. 106).

Adam de Withiwillle; Robert Fermy; Robert de la Were; Hugh, son of Bernard; William la Soythiche; William de Regny; William de Wittenor; Mark and Richard de Ouschiwys (or Cusehiwys); Amicia, daughter of Hugh of Holeford; Ralph, son of Richard, son of Bernard; Ralph, son of Bernard; John Moryn and Ralph Moryn; John Comyn; Matilda Kaye, daughter of Wm. le Scot; Robert Burnell; Ralph, son of Bernard, and Letitia de Say his wife;⁶ Mark, son of Sibil de Wetun; Lutitia de Say and Hugh her son; Adam Rufus; Avicia, daughter of Hugh of Holeford; Warin de Bassingburn;^{6a} William Mallunry; Robert Tryvet; Hugh Cocus; Robert de Pycatiston [Pixton]; William de Greynwyll; Ralph de Lolinton (see p. 106).

Besides the above benefactors, we find that John de Radyngton gave the priory the advowson of the church of Bradford, co. Som.; the licence for the alienation in mortmain is dated at Westminster, Feb. 12, 1381.⁷

On Sept. 29, 1382, John Walsham, Richard, late the parson of Brisford [Brushford], and Richard Bere gave glebe valued at five marks, and the advowson of the church of Bradeford valued at 20 marks.⁸ He is called John Waskham in a previous document, and also on p. 85.

In 1268 there is an engagement by Robert, prior, and the convent of Berliz to pray for the soul of Hugh de Romenal, their late benefactor, treasurer of Wells Cathedral.⁹ The document is in Latin, with two seals, one perfect the other broken. The perfect one is believed to be the only seal of the priory now existing. The original seal is $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches by 1 inch, the photograph here produced is 2 inches by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. The inscription is:

S' ROB'TI PÖRIS SCI NICHOLAI DE B'LIZ

6. Wells Cath. MSS., 19.

6a. In 1265 Sir Warine de Bassingburne was patron of Morebath. Bronescombe's Reg., 156.

7. P.R. Ric. II, 1377-81, p. 599. 8. P.R. Ric. II, 1381-85, pp. 53, 167.

9. Wells Cath. MSS., 106. The photograph of the seal has (with the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of Wells) already appeared in *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries* (vol. x, p. 305).



THE SEAL OF ROBERT,
PRIOR OF BARLINCH.

With regard to the name Romenal or Rumenal, we read of the marsh of Romeney or Romenhale.¹⁰

The following places mentioned in the foundation deed (printed at the end of this Paper) are to be found on the ordnance map, and are all in the neighbourhood of King's Brompton :

Northcott, Stolford, Smallmour, Combshead, Foxhanger, Browford, Blagdon Hill, Westcott, Cooksly, Withy Farm, Woolcot [Wlfetecote], Upton, Four Chimnies [? Chymme-worth], Bittiscombe,¹¹ Greenslade, Hareford, Pixton, Ven, Bury, Surridge, Morebath, Chilly Bridge, Witherham, Lincombe, Warmoor, Hickham (Hycombe), Rainsbury, Perry (Piriham), Shircombe, and Hoan (la Heen).

I cannot find Radeshanger, but there is Mousehanger.

LIDDON FAMILY.

William de Liddon, and the place name Liddune, are mentioned in the foundation deed. Mr. Dicker of Winsford has kindly told me that Lyddon's Hill is in the parish of Brompton Regis, at the junction of two roads on the main road from Dulverton to that parish, above the Exe valley, and not far above Barlinch.

In 1327,

Johane de Lyddone¹² was assessed at . . . ijs.

Adam de Lyddone „ „ . . . vid.

The Liddons were an old Winsford family living at Edbrooke Farm in that parish for centuries ; that place now knows them no more ; to this family belonged, I believe, though perhaps remotely, the late Canon Liddon. The name occurs in the register of Knowstone (Devon).

We learn from *Feudal Aids for Somerset*, p. 333, that in 1316 there were four landowners in Brompton Regis :

10. P.R. Hen. VI, 1429-36, p. 23.

11. There was a chapel here dedicated to St. Peter, mentioned in will of John Skynner, of Upton, 20 June, 1542 (author's MSS. Collections).

12. S.R.S. iii, 177.

The Prior of Berlich,
Robert Wythecombe,
Geoffrey de Besilles,
John de Lynch.

The same authority (p. 406) tells us that in 1428 the church of Winsford paid a pension of 10s. to the prior; and the church of Brompton Regis one of 3 marks.

William de Mohun.

Reginald his son, aged 5 at Christmas next, is his next heir.
Devon, *Extent*, Saturday before St. Luke, 10 Ed. I.

Otery Mohun. The manor (extent given), including £9 11s. 9d. rent from the prior of Berliz for tenements in Marinelegh [Mariansleigh chapel in the deanery of S. Molton], with the advowson of the church, held of the aforesaid heir of John de Mohun, doing service of two knights' fees.¹³

[The Reginald de Mohun of the charter, see p. 103, is probably the one who died in 1257.]

1345. William Toli, a poor clerk of Dunmow, in the diocese of London, who fought when Henry, patriarch of Constantinople, was killed by the Turks. For a benefice in the gift of the Bishop of London, notwithstanding that he has papal letters for a poor clerk's benefice in the gift of the Augustinian Abbot (*sic*) and convent of Orlyche (Barlinch), which letters he lost at sea on his return to England.

Granted for the amount of 25 marks with cure of souls, 15 without.

Avignon, 16 Kal. Jan.¹⁴

[The editor of the Papal Registers thinks that Barlinch is meant, but the mention of abbot instead of prior makes this a little doubtful.

"Trésor de Chronologie" (p. 2199), says that Henri, bishop of Nègrepont, became patriarch of Constantinople in 1341; he was killed at the defence of Smyrna, 14 Jan., 1345.]

1379. Letter of William, prior of the priory of Barlych, the

13. Inq. p.m. 10 Ed. I. Calendar, vol. ii, Ed. I, No. 436.

14. Cal. of Papal Registers, Petitions I, 1342-1419, p. 50.

deputy of John bishop of Bath and Wells, to John, prior of the priory of Taunton, relating to the collection of the clerical subsidy in the archdeaconry of Tanton.¹⁵

Dat. at Tanton, July 1, 1379.

At the end the following clergy are mentioned as assistant collectors :

Simon Cherde, R. of Chylton.

John Kyke, V. of Wembdon.

John Lovel, R. of Porlock.

Adam Byke, V. of Minehead.

Robert Schitterne, V. of Kingston.

Peter Whyte, R. of Buckland St. Mary.

Thomas Maddygley, R. of Monkton.

Robert Edyngdon, R. of Thornfalcon.

INQ. P.M. 14 RIC. II (1390-1).

The jury say that John Taunton, prior of Berliche, predecessor of the now prior, acquired 1 messuage 2 carucates of land, called Redeshanger, in Kingsbrumpton, and in Shortcombe 8 mess. 41 virgates of land, and in Kingsbrumpton a croft called Hycombe, and that William Wrexhall, the present prior, acquired the advowson of the church of Bradford and 3 messuages and 1 croft containing 80 acres of land in Bradford, and that all the lands, etc., in Kingsbrumpton and Shortcombe were held in the time of their alienation of Mathew Besiles, ancestor of Peter Besiles, who is now living, and that the said advowson, 3 messuages and 1 croft in Bradford, were held of John Wascam, but by what service is unknown.

1445, March 16 Licence at the request of John, archbishop
Westminster. of Canterbury, the chancellor, for the prior
and canons of the house and church of St.
Nicholas, Berlyche, whose original endowment is diminished,
to acquire in mortmain lands and rents to the value of 20

15. Clerical Subsidy (B. and W. diocese), 3 Ric. II $\frac{4}{5}$.

marks a year from the said archbishop, Nicholas Radeford or other persons, without fine or fee, to pray for the good estate of the king, the archbishop and Nicholas and for their souls after death, and for the soul of Henry V, and to do and support other charges and works of piety according to the ordinance of the said benefactors. [P.R. Hen. VI, 1441-6, p, 359.]

1462. There is an early Chancery Proceeding of 2 Ed. 4 (1462) [Series II, p. 446] in which Richard Hill is the plaintiff, and William, prior of St. Nicholas, Berlyche, is the defendant, relating to a tenement in Morebath, co. Devon.

Mekely beseecheth your lordship your pore Oratour Richard Hill that whereas your said Oratour at the courte of William prior of Berliche holden at Morebath the Wednesday next after the feast of St. Luke, 2 Ed. IV, took of the prior a tenement there after the custom of the said manor of Morebath for term of his life and paid 5 marks 6s. 8d. for a fyne and so was admitted tenant of the same and now because your said Oratour hath no writing ensealed of the said lease, the prior hath put him from the said tenement against all manner of reason and conscience and as he hath no remedy at the Common Law, may your lordship grant a writ sub pena to be directed to the said prior commanding him to appear before the king in chancery, etc., etc.

plegii de } Johes Furres de Chilmelegh, in co. Devon, gent.
prosequendo } Johes Clyverdon de Exon, gentilman.

GRANT OF TWO FAIRS.

- 1478, Ap. 9 Grant to William Hampne, the prior and the
Westminster. convent of St. Nicholas, Berliche, of two fairs
 yearly at their town of Bery [Bury in Brompton Regis], co. Som., one on the feast of the Assumption and the day preceding and the day following, and the other

on the feast of St. Nicholas and the day preceding and the day following, with a court of pie-powder and all issues, profits, and amercements, provided that it be not to the harm of neighbouring fairs.¹⁶

Injunctions at Barlinch.

In the Exchequer K.R. Ecclesiastical Documents preserved at the P.R.O. [Bundle 3, 3/4], there are certain injunctions ordered at the monastery of Berlŷch, these are said to belong to the XVI century.

The bishop hears that the ancient number of canons is not kept up, and orders that two extra canons shall be admitted before the feast of St. Michael next ensuing. He further orders that no one shall go outside the monastery for the sake of recreation or any other cause without the permission of the prior; further, that no one shall leave the dormitory after compline unless with the permission of the sub-prior, obtained in the refectory at the last meal. All the canons are to have their meals in the refectory or some other honest place, when one of the canons is to read the bible to them, and the lives of the saints and the fathers, according to the rule of St. Augustine. No canon is to retain for himself more than one servant; silence is ordered in the church, cloister, dormitory, and refectory; signs are to be used; no canon shall reveal the secrets of the house under pain of imprisonment for one month. No canon shall contradict the prior or sub-prior or a senior in things relating to religion, under pain of abstinence of bread and water, *fferiis quartis et sextis*, for one month. The prior is to provide proper food for the canons, and to cause one to instruct them in grammar. A light is to be kept burning in the church day and night before the altar, and the dormitory, which is ruinous, is to be repaired.

16. P.R. Ed. IV and Ric. III, 1476-85, p. 93.

1539 Letter of John Tregonwell to Cromwell.¹⁷ At Bar-
 Nov. 9. lynche in Somerset belonging to the Canons Austins
 the prior will resign if Sir John Barwyke, the sub-
 prior may succeed. He is a man of discretion, and though
 you have given me authority to receive resignations and
 order the elections of abbots and priors, without your special
 pleasure I will attempt nothing of the same. The lands are
 £100 yearly, and the house is £60 in debt and in some de-
 cay. This day I ride to Barnstaple and other parts of
 Devonshire. Barlynche, 9 Nov.

The ordinary would have elected Barwyke as the house is
 not of the King's foundation. Mr. Phetypace of Beselles
 Lyghe is the founder. I have showed the parties that the
 whole matter is in your hands and that they must sue to
 you.

Annuities.

23 May, William Norman came into the Court of
 30 Hen. VIII. Augmentations and exhibited a certain
 writing under the conventual seal of the late
 monastery of Barlyche, suppressed and dissolved by the
 authority of parliament, to this effect:—

John Norman, prior of the monastery of St. Nicholas of
 Berlyche and the convent of the same place, have granted
 to William Norman, of Bradford in co. Som., for his good
 service done to them, an annuity of 26s. 8d. issuing from
 their manor of Bradford, *cum una toga de secta*, to be paid
 to the said W. Norman for the term of his life quarterly,
 with power of distrain.

“Given in our Chapter House, 4 Oct., 18 Hen. VIII.”¹⁸

Edmund Gregory received an annuity of 60s. per annum.¹⁹

17. Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, vol. ix, No. 795.

18. Bodl. Libr., Rawlinson MS., B. 419, f. 382.

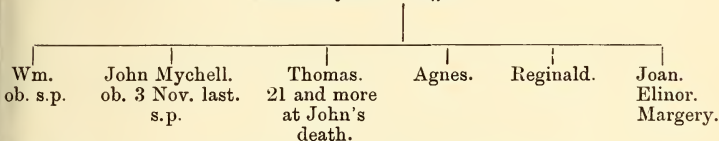
19. Archbold's "Somerset Religious Houses," p. 154.

THE MICHELL FAMILY AND BARLINCH.

Walter Michell, Esq., of Cannington. Inq. p.m. 3 Hen. VII [No. 257]. Among other property in Somerset he held tenements in Hillfarrance worth 20s. of the prior of Berlyche, service unknown.

John, son of Walter Mychell, Esq. Inq. 8 Hen. VII [No. 756]. The same lands in Hillfarrance are mentioned. The following pedigree is given in the Inquisition.

Walter Mychell. = Agnes.



Among grants in May, 1545, we find the following :—

1545. Richard Michell, warrant for livery of lands in co. Somerset, as son and heir of Richard Michell, deceased, who by an office found 13 Dec., 31 H. VIII, died seised in fee of the manor of Northborn, with lands in Northborn and Durleghe holden of the honor of Trobidge, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster, and also of lands in Hillfarrance, holden of the King as of the late priory of Barleghe. Dated 25 April, 37 H. VIII, *del.* Westminster, 4 May.²⁰

Site of the Priory.

The site was granted by Henry VIII to Sir John Wallop; in his will, given in *Testamenta Vetusta* 732, he speaks of “my manor of Bury and Barlich.”

On June 16, 30 Hen. VIII, we find a warrant of Sir Richard Ryche to Thomas Pope, the treasurer of the Augmentations, to pay to Sir John Wallop, Kt., £50, being half a year's rent of the site and demesnes of the late monastery of Barlegh and other manors granted by the King to the said Sir John by patent previous 29th May.²¹

20. Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, XX, Part I, g. 846(8).

21. 8th Report Hist. MSS., Ap. II, p. 25b.

In her will, dated Dec. 5, 1547, Magdalene Trystram of King's Brumton, widow, mentions "The lease I have in the House and demesnes of Barlegge."²²

*Sale of the Barlinch Property.*²³

Hulfraunce, Farm of the manor of. Request to purchase :
also farm of the rectories of Upton and Bittescomb.
John Charles and Richard Parker. 12 Mar. 37. H.
VIII.

Certain woods, the property of the convent. No request.
Humphrey Colles.

Cathanger, rent in. Request to purchase. Sir Arthur Darcy,
Kt. 2 July, 37 H. VIII, sec. 3.

Upton and Byttescombe, farm of the rectories of. Request
to purchase. Thomas Goodwyn. 19 Sept., 36 Hen.
VIII, sec. 2.

Wyn[s]ford, farms in. Request to purchase. Sir Richard
Graynfeld. 27 July, 38 Hen. VIII.

Broforde and Hilfraunce, farm of the rectory of. Right to
purchase. Richard Parker, of Tavistock, Devon.
6 July, 35 Hen. VIII.

Morebath, farm of the rectory. Request to purchase. George
Rolle, Esq., of Stevynston, and George Heydon, of St.
Mary Ottery, Gent.

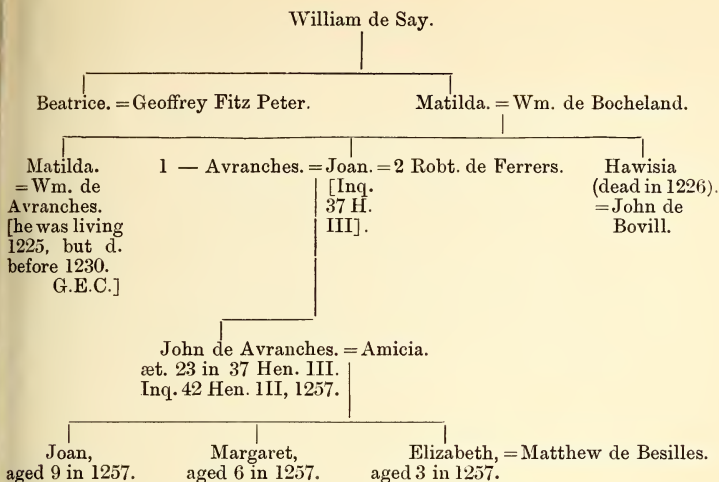
Vexford and Cathanger, in the parish of Stogurcy, rents in.
Request to purchase. Wm. Lord Stourtone. 7 July,
35 Hen. VIII, sec. 1.

THE FOUNDERS OF BARLINCH.

The pedigree of Say is rather complicated, and it is hardly
too much to say that no two authorities are agreed upon it.
We believe the following to be correct as far as it goes.

22. Brown's "Somerset Wills," III, 116.

23. Archbold's "Somerset Religious Houses," p. 203.



This pedigree is borne out by the foundation deed, and shews how the patronage of Barlinch priory, vested in the SAYS, passed through the Avranches to the family of Besilles of Besilsleigh, near Abingdon; the following documents attest the pedigree.

1201 Confirmation of a covenant made in the presence
10 March. of Hen. II (1154-89) between Beatrice de Say
and Matilda her sister, daughters of William de
Say. Beatrice married Geoffrey Fitz-Peter, and Matilda
married Wm. de Bocheland.²⁴

5 Hen. III, Robert de Ferrars paid a fine of 500 marks to
1221. King John for marrying Joan, daughter of
Wm. de Bocland.²⁵

10 Hen. III, The King renders to William de Avranches
1226. and Matilda his wife, and to Joan who was the
wife of Robert de Ferrers, all the land which

24. Charter Rolls, John and Hen. III, vol. i, p. 90 (1837).

25. *Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, ed. by C. Roberts (1835), vol. i, p. 64-5. See also P.R. Hen. III (1216-25), p. 113.

Hawisia, who was the wife of John de Bovill, held of the King. Matilda and Joan are co-heirs of Hawisia.²⁶

Inq. p.m., 37 Hen. III (1252).

Joan de Ferrers held of the King in chief the manor of Brumpton [King's Brompton] by the service of a fourth part of one knight's fee, and it is worth yearly £20. John de Everenges, son of the said Joan, is her nearest heir, and is of the age of 23 years.

This inquisition shews that Joan's first husband must have been a member of the Avranches family.

Inq. p.m., 42 Hen. III, No. 407 (1257).

John de Avereng (writ 13 Nov., 42 Hen. III) died on Thursday before St. Martin last; his daughters, Joan, 9 years old, Margaret, 6, and Elizabeth, 3, are his next heirs.

Essex. Dakeham town, etc., 78 acr. of worn out land (*terra susana*).

Somerset. Bromland, land held of the king in chief by service of $\frac{1}{4}$ knight's fee, worth £6 yearly, which £6 the prior and convent of Berliz hold of the said John and his heirs for 115s. yearly.

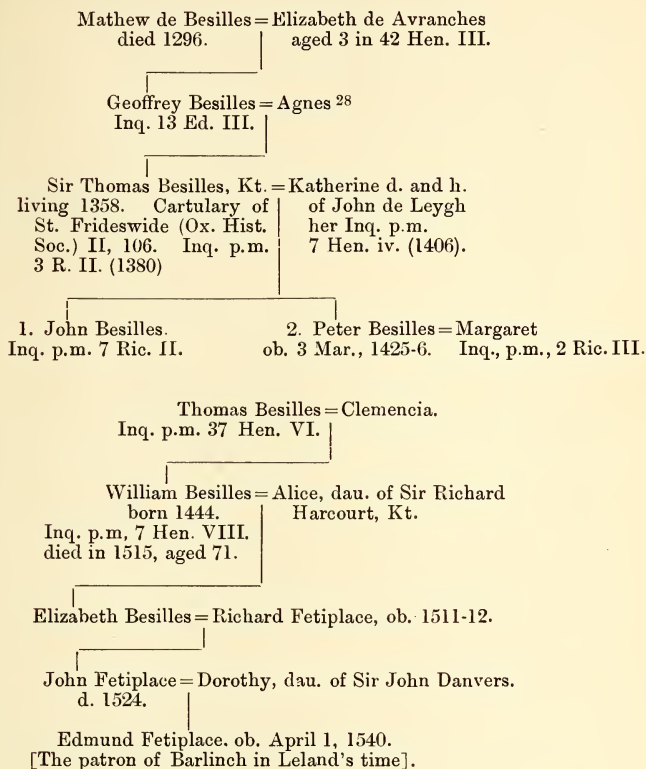
Oxford. The escheator is to permit Amice, late the wife of the said John, to have her quarentine²⁷ in the manor of Rotcot. [Radcot is in the parish of Langford, co. Oxon.]

Matthew de Besilles married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John de Avranche (Reliquary, vol. XXIII, p. 214, where it is erroneously stated that the said John was son of William de Avranche, by Maud, daughter and co-heir of William de Buckland, whereas Maud was his aunt).

26. *Ibid.*, p. 141; and Feet of Fines, S.R.S., vi, 361.

27. A widow's quarentine is explained by Digby in his "History of Real Property," 5th ed., p. 129: "vidua maneant in domo mariti sui per 40 dies post mortem ipsius infra quos assignetur ei dos sua."

We have now traced the patronage of the priory into the family of Besilles.



It will be noticed that there is a break in the above pedigree after Peter Besilles. The pedigree makers²⁹ give Thomas as Peter's son, but Peter's Inquisition post mortem distinctly states that he died without heirs.

Appended are some Inquisitions proving the above pedigree.

28. Pedigree in Reliquary, vol. xxiii, p. 214, gives Ellen, dau. of Wm. Damsell, as Geoffrey's wife, she may have been his first wife. A pedigree of Fetiplace is given in "Parochial Topography of the Hundred of Wanting," by W. N. Clarke, 1824, p. 68.

29. Reliquary, vol. 23, p. 214.

Inq. p.m. 24 Ed. I.

Mathew Besilles held the manor of Brumpton Regis of the King in chief by service of the fourth part of 1 knight's fee in right of (*de hereditate*) Elizabeth his wife.

Geoffrey is his son and heir of the age of 20 years.

Inq. 8 Ed. II, No. 513.

Elizabeth late the wife of Mathew de Besiles.

Oxford. Rettecote. The manor which John Wogan holds for life rendering £9 yearly, with reversion to the said Elizabeth and her heirs, held of the King in chief by service of $\frac{1}{4}$ knight's fee.

Geoffrey de Besiles her son, aged 24 and more is her next heir.

Somerset. Braumpton Regis. The manor (full extent given with names of free tenants) including a fishery in the stream (*rivulo*) called Hadiho, and the priory of Berlich which the prior holds in frank almain owing suit at the court of the manor, held of the King in chief by service of $\frac{1}{4}$ knight's fee.

Heir as above aged 30 and more.

[Interesting as shewing that only approximate ages can be gained from this class of document.]

Inq. 12 Ed. II.

Geoffrey de Besilles and Agnes his wife hold the manor of Brompton in Bromland of the King in chief by service of $\frac{1}{8}$ knight's fee.

Inq. p.m. 3 Ric. II.

Thomas Besilles chivalier held on the day on which he died the manor of Kingesbrompton of the King in chief.

John Besilles is his son and heir of the age of 19 years.

Inq. p.m. 7 Ric. II.

John Besilles held on the day on which he died the manor of Brompton Regis of the King in chief.

Peter Besilles is *consanguineus et heres* of the age of 21 years.

Inq. 7 Hen. IV.

Katherine who was wife of Thomas de Besyles, chivalier, held on the day on which she died the third part of the manor of Kingesbrympton in dower of the King in chief by service of $\frac{1}{4}$ knight's fee and 1 mess. 32 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow in Hertescombe and 1 toft and 16 acres of land in Wolfcote of Peter de Besyles chivalier as of his manor of Kingesbrympton by what service is unknown.

Peter Besyles chivalier is son and next heir of the said Thomas and Katherine.

Inq. p.m. 3 Hen. VI.

Peter Besilles held the manor of Brompton Regis and the advowson of the priory of Berlich of the King in chief by military service, that Peter died 4 Hen. VI and that Robert Crauford [or Cranford] is his heir of the age of 50 years.

Peter's Inq., taken again 14 Hen. VI, says that he held the manor of Brompton Regis worth beyond reprises 10 marks. He died 3 March 4 Hen. VI without an heir. Thomas Coventre of Oxon gentleman, William Fitz Waryn of Appelton co. Berks armiger, and Thomas Somerton gentleman had the issues and profits from the time of the death of the said Peter till the day of the taking of this Inquisition.

Inq. p.m. 1 Ric. III, No. 39.

Margaret who was the wife of William Warbilton and formerly the wife of Peter Besilles, kt.

1484, July 8.

Commission to enquire what lands Margery late the wife of William Warbilton Esq. and late the wife of Peter Besilles deceased, tenant in chief, held in the co. of Southampton their value, when she died and her heir.³⁰

EARLY CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS (II, p. 557).

Plaintiffs. Wm. Warbilton Esq. and Margery his wife executrix of Sir Piers Besiles kt. and Thomas Coventre and

30. Patent Rolls Ed. IV and Ric. III, 1476-85, p. 493.

others her co-exors *re* embezzlement of the purchase money of manors and lands late of the s^d Sir Piers viz. Bokland and Lye, Radecote and Grafton, Kyngisbrympton, Kingeston and Chesterton in Berks, Oxon, Somerset, Dorset and Warwick versus Thomas Somerton.

Wm. de Warbleton of Warbleton (Sussex), Sherfield (Hants), and Apuldrefield in the parish of Cudham, Kent, was born in 1381, was M.P. for Hants and sheriff, and died in 1469 s.p. He married Margaret, daughter of Hannys, who had Apuldrefield for life. She died 18 May, 1483, having previously married Sir Peter Besilles of Bessels Leigh, co. Berks, who died 3 March, 1425-6 sine prole.³¹

Sir Peter Besilles in his will written in Norman French and given at the end of this paper, mentions "Thomas filz a Margerie Hames," and leaves him certain lands for the term of his life.

It would seem as if this Thomas, son of Margery Hames or Hannes, was born out of wedlock and eventually was legitimized, or at any rate called himself Thomas Besilles.

1463, A petition in Chancery of William Hannes s. and h. July 12. of Thomas Hannes and Isabel his wife d. and h. of

John Sturmy late of Wachennesfeld co. Berks gentleman that whereas the said Thomas and Isabel were seized as in her right of certain lands and tenements in Wachennesfeld and Fresshedon, Esthorp and Merston co. Wilts and by fine in the King's court at Westminster at Easter 31 Hen. VI acknowledged the same to be the right of Thomas Besiles and the latter granted the same again to them and the heirs of their bodies and afterwards the said Thomas died and lately divers persons untruly pretended that the said John Sturmy should have enfeoffed Wm. Hoddys of Burton co. Berks, etc., etc.³²

[This document shews connection between Hannes (= Hames) and Besilles].

31. Topographer and Genealogist, vol. iii, p. 180.

32. Patent Roll Ed. IV, 1461-7, p. 274.

Inq. p.m., 37 Hen. VI, No. 22.

Somerset. Thomas Besyls taken at Monksilver co. Som.
19 Oct. 38 H. 6. The jury say that T. B. had no lands in chief on the day he died. He died 2 Dec. (last past) Wm. Besyls s. and h. aged 15 years or more.

Berks. Thomas Besyls taken at Twyford co. Berks,
31 Oct. 37 H. 6 [1458]. The jury say that he died penultimo die Sept. last [29 Sep., 1458]. Wm. Besyles s. and h. aged 14 years; and that he held no lands in capite but they say that Wm. Warbelton arm. and Margery his wife, John Hyde and the s^d Thomas jointly were seized of the m^s of Carswell and Langworth and 19^s rent of assize in Abyndon, parcel of the m of Langworth in their demesne as of fee and so seized said Wm. Warbelton, Margery, John, and Thomas by their charter granted s^d m^s to Richard de la Hay, and John Lydyard arm. to hold the same to Richard and John and their heirs and assigns for ever as appears more fully in their charter, by wh. gift or grant the s^d Rich. and John L. were seized in their demesne as of fee. Also they say that s^d Richard died after whose death all right in s^d m^s accrued to John L. and he was alone seized of the m^s and s^d John so seized by his charter gave the manors to s^d Thomas and Clemencia his wife and heirs of Thomas for ever to be held of the chief lord of the fee and s^d Thomas so seized died and s^d Clemencia survived. m of Langworth is worth nothing, and there are there 40 acr. arable land worth $1\frac{1}{2}^d$ per ann. 12 ac. meadow worth 18^d per ann. and 12 acr. pasture worth 4^d and 40^s rent payable at 2 terms equally, and they say that he is seized of the m of Carswell and it is worth nothing and that there are 40 acr. arable land worth $1\frac{1}{2}^d$ 12 acres meadow worth 16^d 18 acres pasture worth 4^d and s^d m of Carswell is held of the Abbot of Abyndon but by what service they know not, and that in s^d m the court is held every 3 weeks and is worth nothing beyond fees and expenses of the seneschall

(bailiff) and that he held no other lands of the King or anyone.³³

Inq. p.m., 30 July, 2 Ric. III.

Margery Warbelton taken at Bampton co. Oxon. The jurors say on oath that she held no land of the King in capite, but they say that Robert Harecourte, Knt., Richard Hulcote arm. Richard Brehill, and Thomas Lewes, now all dead, were seised in their demesne as of fee of the manors of Rodecote and Grafton in co. Oxon. and so seised by their charter (produced) dated 16 July, 1 Edw. IV, they gave the said manors to Wm. Warbelton arm. and the said Margerie then his wife, wh. manors the s^d Robert, Richard, Richard and Thomas lately held of the gift and feoffment of the said Wm. Warbelton, to have and to hold the s^d manors to Wm. Warbelton and Margery for the term of their life without "impetitia" of waste.

That after the death of sd. Wm. and Margery, the s^d manors remained to William Besyles (s. and h. of Thomas Besyles) and Alice his wife dau. of Richard Harecourt, Kt. (lately arm.) and to the heirs of the s^d W. B. and Alice, and failing these to Humphrey, George, Christopher, and Thomas, sons of Thomas Besyles, and to Alice his dau., wife of John Coderyngton arm.

Margery died 18 May, 1 Ric. III, and John Hannys of co. Salop is *consanguineus and heres* of the s^d Margery, being son of Richard Hannys brother of the s^d Margery and is of the age of 40 years and more.

*Will in Norman French of Piers de Besyles.*³⁴

Dated 24 Oct., 3 Hen. VI., 1424.

Touching the manors lands etc. which belonged to the said Mons^r Piers or Dame Katherine his mother of which feoffment

33. Mr. E. A. Fry most kindly sent me this Inquisition.

34. Lambeth Registers. Chichele, Pt. I, 393.

was made to John Wakeryng and others, first that Thomas filz a Margerie Hames shall have for the term of his life all the lands in Longeworth with the appurtenances in Fyfyhyde and Swerdeswyke which belonged to the s^d testator and that the reversions of these lands and all his other lands shall be sold by the feoffees of the exōrs of the s^d testator except the manor of Beselsleigh with the appurtenances in Comenore, Eton, Appulton, and Sandford and the manor of Kyngeston with the parcels in Chesterton and Dorset in the co. of Warwick wh. manors etc. the said Margerie shall have for the term of her life without waste in the same ; that the sale of the said manors etc. shall not be made in mortmaine nor to any other person of the enemies of the s^d testator. Item that all his debts be paid and that one missal one manuel and one porteose of Salesbury use be bought and given to the church of Lygh and that one missal and one porteose to the church of Seint Jakes in the ville of Rotcote, one missal and one porteose to the chapel of our Lady in the manor of Rotcote : that a portion (parcell) be spent on singing 2, 3, or 4 thousand masses according to the good advice of his exōrs, a portion in works of mercy, a portion in the marriage of girls and other women, a portion on bad roads [from the house of the Friars to the said mons Piers *et dehors* by the advice of his exōrs], a portion to pave the chancel of the ch. of Bokelond. Item that the s^d Thomas be found to school according to the good advice of his exōrs : that £30 be given to the chapel of our Lady in the manor of Rotcote for the reparation of the same, and for the chantry to which the testator's father devised £20, his mother c^s and himself c^s *pour mesine la reparation* ; a portion for singing masses called the trental of Seint Gregory for the souls of his father, his mother, his sisters, his brothers, sisters, ancestors and friends on which his exōrs shall spend £500. Item that all the lands in Abendon shall be given to the new bridge in Abendon and that the portion of the tithe of Lyegh and the

pension of 2^s due from the abbey of Abendon be annexed to the parsonage of Lyegh to make an obite for the testator, his father, mother etc. to be held yearly *lendeman* of the Nativity of our Lady. Item all his lands rents etc. in Oxenford be given for a college to be made for white nuns or canons to live there and pray perpetually according to the ordinance of the said testator as it appears by his writing. That the manor of Kyngesbrympton with the Hundred of the same with all appurtenances in the Co. of Somerset be given to the priory of Berlegh in perpetual alms to pray according to the ordinance of the s^d testator as it appears by his writing : That £120 be paid to the friars preachers to make 6 windows in their church in Oxenford in the North ile in manner as is commenced : To pray for him his parents and ancestors in the churches of Langford 10/-, Canfield 6/8, Mertham 10/-, parish church of Rotcote 20/-, Besilsliagh 40/-, Appulton 20/-, Chesterton co Warw 10/-, Leukenore 40^d, Akhampstede chapel 6/8, Comenore 20^d, St Eleyne of Abendon 2/-, Longworth 2/-, St Piere en le Bayly Oxenford 6/8, Kyngesbrympton 6/8 ; and to each of his servants according to their deserts by the good advice of his exōrs : The exōrs to re-imburse themselves for all charges and that suite be made for a house in Oxenford called Tynge wykes yn in the catstret as the evidences of the same require And that one mill be made in Sandfordbroke for the use of the manor of Lyegh and the tenants of Sandford and others and also that Andrew Grynel, John Talke, and Eleyne his sister be found in sustenance for the term of their lives or otherwise, that each of them have one penny each day of their lives. In testimony of wh. the s^d Mons^r Piers set his seal at Besilsliagh *lendeman de toutes seintes* and if the s^d Margery is not able to enjoy the manor of Lyegh etc. in peace, then she must be recompensed out of the testator's other lands.

Proved 25 Oct. 1426 [and the ultima voluntas] and administration granted to Thomas Coventre the exōr named therein.

Ultima Voluntas.³⁵

1424. In dei nomine Amen. die Mercurii in vigilia S.

Thome Apostoli anno 1424 Ego Petrus Besyles, miles, compos mentis etc. . . . corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia fratrum predicatorum, Oxon, iuxta patrem meum : lego ecclesie de Cath. Sar. 6s. 8d., ecclesie B.M. Lincoln 3s. 4d., ecclesie de Buklond 40s.

Residuum. Margerie uxori mee.

Executores. Margeria, uxor mea, Johannes Wykes, Joh. Huyde de Dencheworthe, Thomas Coventre and Thomas Chalkley, to each of whom 40s.

Proved 7 March, 1424.

[N.B.—The other will concerning the lands was not proved till 25 Oct., 1426.]

DUGDALE, VI, 385.

Prioratus de Berliz, in agro Sumerssetensi.

NUM. I.

Carta Regis Edwardi Tertii, Donatorum Concessionones recitans et confirman.

[Cart. 13 Edw. III. m. 3. n. 7.]

REX archiepisc. &c. salutem. Inspecimus cartam claræ memoriæ domini H. dudum regis Angliæ progenitoris nostri, in hæc verba. “Henr. Dei gratia rex Angl. dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Norm. et Aquit. et comes Andeg. Archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis nos pro salute animæ nostræ, et animabus antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum, concessisse hanc cartā nostrā confirmāsse Deo et ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai de Berliz, et priori et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus et imperpetuum servituris, omnes donationes et concessionones subscriptas, eis rationabiliter factas; videlicet ex dono Matildis de Say molendinum suum molarem de Hertford, cum tota secta et cum omnibus consuetudinibus, quas homines sui de Brunlond solent facere prædicto molendino, et etiam in tali statu in quo fuit quando eis dedit molendinum prædictum. Et totum cursum aquarum à vado, quod dicitur Alreford, usque ad pontem qui est inter duos molendinos. Et totam terram quæ est inter illas aquas et extra, à via quæ vocatur Wodeway usque in viam quæ dicitur Muleway, ad emendationem et sustentationem stagni. Ex dono ejusdem Matildis ecclesiam de Bruneton, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et decimam expensæ suæ in pane et coquina; et decimam coreorum omnium animalium silvestrium; et quicquid Will. de Say pater suus eis rationabiliter dedit et cartā suā confirmavit in terris et ecclesiis, et decimis, et in omnibus aliis rebus, sicut cartā prædicti Willielmi de Say patris sui eis testatur. Ex dono ejusdem Matildis communem pasturam per totam terram suam de Brunlond, ad omnia genera pecorum; et liberum introitum, et liberum exitum in nemore suo de Berlico, et pasturam in eodem nemore prædictis canonicis et hominibus suis omnibus ad

35. Chichele, Pt. I, 382a.

omnia genera pecorum. Ex dono ejusdem Matildis totam terram quam Will. Norman tenuit de eadem in manerio suo de Brunton per cartam et omnes nativos ejusdem terræ, cum sequela sua ; scilicet terram de Durham, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono ejusdem Matildis totam terram quam Will. Scot tenuit de ea in manerio suo de Brunton per cartam ; et totum servitium quod prædictus Willielmus Scot et hæredes sui debuerunt sibi facere et hæredibus suis de prædicta terra ; et quicquid idem Willielmus Scot prædictis canonicis dedit et rationabiliter dare potuit et eis cartâ suâ confirmavit, in terris et omnibus aliis rebus. Ex dono Johannæ de Ferrariis totam terram quam Joh. Forestarius eis dedit in Wlfetecote, et cartâ suâ confirmavit, salvis decem solidis sibi et hæredibus suis annuatim solvendis, et regali servitio quantum pertinet ad tantundem terræ in eadem villa. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ talem ac tantam libertatem, quod si contingat homines sive tenentes memoratæ ecclesiæ Sancti Nicolai, in euria sua seu hæredum suorum implacitari pro assisa cervisiæ, vel pro aliqua quacumque causa, ita quod cadant in misericordias, quod supradicti canonici et eorum successores imperpetuum capiant et habeant omnes fines et misericordias omnium hominum suorum quos habuerint infra manerium de Brunlond. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ totam montanam de Upton, cum pertinentiis, quæ fuit dominicum suum, prout metæ divisæ dividunt, circumdant, et proporant. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ totam terram de Broford, et de Sydeham ; videlicet duos ferlingos terræ in Broford, et unum ferlingum terræ in Sydeham, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis : et unam clawam terræ, quæ jacet inter terram de la Wycherewe et magnam stratam quæ se extendit de la Wlfecross versùs Cholmebrigg. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ totam terram montanæ de Blakedone, quæ jacet in occidente viæ, quæ venit de Wlfetecote, et extendit usque Blakedonesgate. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ omnes terras, redditus, libertates, et possessiones, quas antecessores sui dictis canonicis in manerio de Brunlond dederunt, et omnes terras, redditus, libertates, et possessiones, habitas et habendas, quas iidem canonici habent vel habebunt in dicto manerio de dono aliorum liberorum de dicto manerio tenentium. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ redditum novem solidorum, quem Walterus Cridel et hæredes sui sibi et hæredibus suis annuatim reddere debuerunt pro terra quam tenent in Wlfetecote, et Blakedone, et Morteslad, et redditum quinque solidorum, quem Rogerus Cridel et hæredes sui sibi et hæredibus suis annuatim reddere debuerunt pro terris quas idem Rogerus Cridel tenet in Wlfetecote et Blakedone : et quatuor solidatas redditus de tenementis quod Will. de la Fenne de ea tenuit in la Fenne. Et duas solidatas annui redditus de terra quæ fuit Will. de Burton in Uppetone, et totum jus et clamium quod ipsa vel aliquis hæredum suorum habere potuerunt in dictis tenementis, et totum servitium hominum prædictorum, et hæredum suorum. Ex dono ejusdem Joh. totum nemus cum tota gleba quod est in plano subtus montem alti nemoris de Berlic ex parte occidentis. Ex dono ejusdem Joh. totum servitium et redditum quod Will. quondam vicarius de Brunton sibi debuit pro uno ferlingo terræ cum suis pertinentiis in Radeshangre, et unum pratum quod jacet inter terram de Radeshangre et Blakedone, quod dictus Willielmus de ea tenuit, et unam clawam terræ cum pertinentiis, quam Robertus de Radeshangre de ea tenuit, et totam terram quam Robertus de Greneslad et Henr. de Langesdon de ea tenuerunt in monte de Uppetone ; et totam terram cum suis pertinentiis quam Joh. Forestarius de ea tenuit in Piriham et extra. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ decem solidatas annui redditus de tenementis quæ de ea tenuit quondam Robertus de Wlfetecote in Wlfetecote ; et totum servitium cum pertinentiis, quod idem Robertus sibi facere consuevit pro memoratis tenementis, pro quibus solvit dictos decem sol. per annum. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ duas ferlingatas terræ cum pertinentiis in Brunlond, quas Will. de Liddon quondam tenuit in Sywyll. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ totam terram simul cum redditu, quam Robertus de Radeshangre tenuit de ea in Radeshangre, per cartam : et totam terram, quam Jordanus de Wlfetecote tenuit de ea, scilicet dimidium ferlingum in Wlfetecote ; et alium dimidium ferlingum in Blakedon, et totam terram quam Ric. Kichenoch de ea tenuit in Wlfetecote, simul cum redditu suo. Ex dono Johannis de Averenges totum servitium Will. de Uppetone et hæredum suorum, quod sibi et hæredibus suis facere debuerunt ; videlicet quinque solidos annuos, et

totum aliud servitium, tam in wardis quàm releviis, et omnibus aliis escaetis, quæ sibi vel hæredibus suis de ipso Willielmo vel hæredum suorum accidere poterunt. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ (*sic*) totam terram quam Will. le Draper et Christina vidua, et Robertus Bulewrot de eo tenuerunt in le Fenne cum omnibus pertinentiis. Et totam terram de Hinddisite, cum omnibus pertinentiis. Ex dono ejusdem Johannis totam terram de Cubesheved cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, et totam terram cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, quam habuit in Hertford, excepto molendino fullonico cum hominibus ibidem manentibus, tam liberis quàm villanis; et totam servitium Nicholai de Wifletecote et hæredum suorum, quod sibi facere debuerunt pro terra de Hurcenescumbe; et unam clawam terræ cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, quam Malina aliquando tenuit, quæ videlicet jacet subtus gardinum ecclesiæ de Brunton. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ (*sic*) totam terram de Shortecumbe, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; et totam terram de Swetewyll, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; et totam terram de la Hille, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; et totam terram quam Petrus de Chymmeworth aliquando tenuit in Chymmeworth, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; et totam terram de Eldlond cum suis pertinentiis; et totum servitium, quod Johannes de Smale-mora sibi debuit pro terra quam de eo tenuit in Cumbesheved. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ (*sic*) totam terram quam Henr. de Stoford, de eo tenuit in Stoford, cum suis pertinentiis; et totam terram quam Tho. de Stoford de eo tenuit in Stoford cum suis pertinentiis. Et totam terram quam Galfridus Cridel et Walterus de Chuneworth de eo tenuerunt in Chuneworth, cum suis pertinentiis. Et totam terram de Nuere-Chuneworth cum suis pertinentiis. Et totam terram de Berlichford cum suis pertinentiis: et totam terram quam Rob. de Hycumbe de eo tenuit in Hycumbe cum suis pertinentiis: Et totam terram quam Rob. de Bremdon de eo tenuit in Bremdon cum suis pertinentiis. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ (*sic*) totam terram de Rinesburi, et totam terram de la Heg, et totam terram de la Pile, et totam terram de Suthgreneslade, et totam terram de Blancheslade; et totam terram de Northgreneslade. Ex dono ejusdem Johannæ (*sic*) totam terram suam de Suthlangedone, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; et totam terram quam Adam Chapman tenuit in la Fenne. Et totam terram quam Johannes de la Fenne tenuit in eadem villa, et totam terram quam Henricus tenuit in eadem villa, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Ex concessione ejusdem Johannis omnes donationes, rationabiles concessionones, et libertates, quas Johanna de Ferrariis mater sua dedit et concessit sive confirmavit eisdem, scilicet in terris, aquis, boscis, pratis, et molendinis, et exitibus ac quibuscumque rebus aliis, et libertatibus, sicut in instrumentis suis plenius continetur. Ex dono Galfridi de Buveneye totam terram de Cathangre, quæ est in manerio de Stokes,³⁶ cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; quam scilicet Alicia de Curcy in sua viduitate et legali potestate dedit et concessit, et suâ cartâ confirmavit Ricardo fil. Hugonis de Buveneye, fratri suo, pro homagio et servicio suo; scilicet totam terram illam quam Godefridus Præpositus tenuit; et terram quam Galfridus Dunning tenuit, et terram de Brech, et terram quam Rog. Rogeri tenuit; et terram quam Matildis vidua tenuit; et boscum qui appellatur Swynhangre, cum suis pertinentiis. Ex dono Luce de Feskeford totam terram suam de Feskeford, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Ex dono Ricardi de Turbervill totam planam terram quæ jacet subtus pedem montis de Execlive, et extendit se in longitudinem à nemore Roberti de Stockham usque ad nemus quod fuit Roberti de Hel. Quare volumus, &c. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. vicesimo die Octobris anno regni nostri quadragesimo." [1256]. Inspeimus etiam quandam aliam cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hæc verba: "Henr. Dei gratia rex Angl. &c. Omnes donationes, concessionones, et confirmationes, quas Matildis de Say, Johanna de Ferrariis, Johannes de Averenches, Reginaldus de Moyun, Lucas de Felkeford, et Galfridus de Boveneye fecerunt priori et conventui de Berlyz de terris, redditibus, tenementis, et libertatibus in com. Somerset, et Devon. ratas habentes et gratas eas prædictis priori et conventui pro nobis et hæredibus nostris imperpetuum concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ prædictorum donatorum et patronorum, quas dicti prior et conventus inde

habent, rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus, R. de Clare comite Glouc. et Hertford, &c. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. vicesimo die Octobris anno regni nostri quadagesimo." Nos autem donationes, concessiones, et confirmationes prædictas; necnon donationem, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Isolda nuper abbatissa de Godestowe, et ejusdem loci conventus, per scriptum suum fecerunt præfatis priori et conventui, de tota terra quam præfati abbatissa et conventus habuerunt in Swyrigg et Grymeshegh, in manerio de Morba, cum omnibus villanis et eorum sequelis, redditibus, serviciis, escaetis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis quibuscumque. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem, quas Reginaldus de Mohun per scriptum suum fecit præfatis canonicis, de Marnneleke,³⁷ cum advocacione ecclesiæ ipsius manerii, et cum molendinis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis et acquietatione relevii de eodem manerio. Donationem insuper, concessionem, et confirmationem, quas Gilbertus de Wyppellesden, per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra, quam idem Gilbertus habuit in Chogelog, et in Westecote, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et de Johanne Albo cum tota sequela sua. Donationem, &c. quas Adam de Withiwillle per cartam suam fecit præfatis priori et conventui de tota terra sua de la Heen, cum pertinentiis. Donationem, &c. quas Robertus Fermy per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de decem et octo denariis, de quodam tenemento quod Rogerus la Ware tenuit in Milvertona. Donationem, &c. quas Robertus de la Were per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis, de quinque solidatis annui redditus de terra de Lacumba, quam Adam de Lacumba et de duabus solidatis annui redditus de quadam terra in Weremora, quam Alanus le Franscays, et de octo denariis annui redditus de quadam terra in Weremora, quam Petronilla Tatrix aliquando tenuerunt. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Hugo fil. Bernardi per scriptum suum fecit præfatis canonicis de tota motura hominum suorum de Brunel, et de uno ferlingo terræ in Fugeshangre, quem Radulphus filius Bernardi eis incartavit. Donationem, &c. quam Will. la Soythiche, per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de toto marisco de Brunnemeirs, cum pertinentiis. Donationem, &c. quas Will. de Regny dominus de Asholt per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de uno ferlingo terræ cum pertinentiis in manerio de Nortwynesford, quem Walterus de Northecote aliquando tenuit, unâ cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ. Confirmationem etiam quam Wil. de Wittenor per scriptum suum fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra cum pertinentiis quam Gilbertus de Wyppellesde Marchus et Ric. de Ouschiwys, Amicia filia Hugonis de Holeford eisdem canonicis vendiderunt; et de toto servicio, quod Robertus Treveth³⁸ eis vendidit, necnon de servicio omnium hominum de Cokeslegh, tam liberorum quam villanorum, cum wardis, releviis, escaetis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Concessionem insuper quam Radulphus fil. Ricardi filii Bernardi per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra quam iidem canonici habuerunt in feodo prædicti Radulphi de Bruneland, videlicet de uno ferlingo terræ in Fugeshanger, quem tenuerunt de dono Radulphi fil. Bernardi, et de quodam alio ferlingo terræ in eodem hamello, quem Will. Scot vendidit præfatis canonicis, et de uno ferlingo terræ in Liddune, quem Joh. clericus tenuit, et de tota motura hominum præfati Radulphi de Brunneland. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Johannes Moryn per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de una acra terræ cum pertinentiis in Hilleferun, cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Radulfus Moryn per scriptum suum fecit præfatis canonicis de uno mesuagio et una carucata terræ cum pertinentiis in Hilleferun, ac advocacionem ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Joh. Comyn per cartam suam fecit præfatis priori et canonicis de tota terra sua in manerio de Morba, quæ appellatur Tilbeham, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Matildis Kaye filia Willielmi le Scot, per scriptum suum fecit præfatis priori et canonicis de sex solidatis annui redditus qui per mortem Margeriæ sororis prædictæ Matildis sibi hæreditariè descendebant. Donationem etiam, &c. quas

37. *i.e.* Mariansleigh (Devon).

38. The 1661 edition of Dugdale reads *Treneth*. This is the only variation which a careful comparison of the two editions has revealed.

Robertus Burnell per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de manerio de Morbath, cum terris, homagiis, releviis, redditibus, serviciis, escaetis, villanis, et eorum sequelis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis ad dictum manerium spectantibus. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Robertus de la Were, per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de una placea terræ in Werham ad faciendum unum stagnum ibidem; et de libero ingressu et egressu ubique super terram ipsius Roberti ad dictum stagnum emendandum et reparandum. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Will. Scot per scriptum suum fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra sua de Fugeshangre, quam habuit ex donatione Hugonis filii Bernardi. Concessionem etiam, &c. quas Hugo filius Bernardi per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de uno ferdingo terræ in Fugeshangre, quam Will. Scot prius tenuit. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Radulfus filius Bernardi, et Leticia uxor ejus per cartam suam fecerunt præfatis canonicis de uno ferlingo terræ in Fugeshangere. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Marchus filius Sibillæ de Wetun per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra cum pertinentiis quam idem Marchus habuit in Withynges, una libra ceræ in Chobahangre. Donationem insuper et concessionem quas Luticia de Sey et Hugo filius suus per cartam suam fecerunt præfatis canonicis de uno ferlingo terræ cum pertinentiis in Liddune. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Ada Rufus per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de omnibus terris et dominicis quæ idem Rufus habuit de Willielmo Manniry in la Witheges, una cum servicio Joseph de la Wythehes, et hæredum suorum; necnon de tota terra quam habuit in Kokeslegh de Roberto Trevet. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Avicia filia Hugonis de Holeford per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra sua de Westcote, et de toto dominico suo de Chokeleg, cum pertinentiis. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Warinus de Bassingburn per cartam suam fecit præfatis priori et canonicis de centum solidatis annui redditus cum pertinentiis in Morbath, et de advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem manerii. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Will. Wyttenor per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra sua de Kokeslege, et de omni eo quod eidem Willielmo vel hæredibus suis accidere posset in Kokeslege, tam in hominibus liberis et nativis, quam eorum serviciis, wardis, releviis, escaetis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Will. Mallunry per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de servicio et homagio Hugonis Coci cum pertinentiis, quæ præfato Will. de uno ferlingo terræ in Wythehes facere tenebatur. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Robertus Tryvet, per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de homagio et servicio quæ Ada Rufus et hæredes sui præfato Roberto et hæredibus suis de terra de Kokeleg facere tenebatur; necnon de toto commodo quod eidem Roberto et hæredibus suis de eadem terra cum pertinentiis accidere posset. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Hugo Cocus per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de uno ferlingo terræ cum pertinentiis, quem Hugo de Holeford sibi dedit pro homagio et servicio suo. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Robertus de Pycatiston per scriptum suum fecit præfatis canonicis de quodam stagno ad terram et super terram præfati Roberti pro voluntate ipsorum canonicorum firmando. Donationem insuper, &c. quas Will. de Greynwyll per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de toto jure quod idem Willielmus habuit in Havekwill, ut in redditu unius marchæ, homagiis Johannis de Havekwill, et hæredum suorum, custodiis, maritagiis, releviis, escaetis, et aliis rebus quibuscumque. Donationem etiam, &c. quas Ric. de Cusehiwys per cartam suam fecit præfatis canonicis de tota terra sua cum pertinentiis et hominibus quos habuit in Kokeleg, de dono Henrici de Stawill, ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est dilectis nobis in Christo nunc priori et canonicis loci prædicti, et eorum successoribus, concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ, &c. prædicta rationabiliter testantur; et prout iidem prior et canonici et eorum prædecessores, terras, &c. prædicta, cum pertinentiis hactenus tenuerunt, et libertatibus et quietanciis prædictis rationabiliter usi sunt et gavisi. Hiis testibus, &c. Dat. per manum Edwardi ducis Cornubiæ, et comitis Cestriæ filii nostri carissimi, custodis Angliæ, apud Westm. xxvi. die Octobris [1339].

NUM. II.

COMPUT' MINISTORUM DOMINI REGIS *temp.* HEN. VIII.[*Abstract of Roll, 28 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office*].

PRIORATUS DE BARLICHE.

Com' Somers'	£	s.	d.
Barliche Bury et Lyncombe—firma situs maner' cum grangia	4	13	1½
Brompton—Firma redd' assis', &c.	21	7	10½
Brompton—Perquis' cur'	0	13	4
Upton—Reddit' assis'	15	2	3
Upton—Firma maner'	4	13	4
Veyford—Reddit' assis' [Vexford]	4	13	10
Cathanger—Reddit' un' ten'	2	0	0
Hulfraunce—Reddit' assis', &c.	14	10	10
Pixton—Reddit' lib' ten'	0	1	6
Morebath—Firma maner'	34	0	4
Morebath—Firma rector'	6	0	0
Marynaleigh—Decim' rector'	5	0	0
Marynaleigh—Reddit' assis'	9	12	1½
Marynaleigh—Firma Barton'	2	0	0
Wynesford—Terr' et ten'	0	18	8
Uppetcn—Decim' rector'	6	6	8
Bittiscombe—Decim' capell'	2	13	4
Brompton—Decim' rector'	9	17	11½
Wynesford—Rector'	9	10	0
Bradeford—Rector'	13	17	3
Hulfraunce—Rector'	4	7	3

Bond of Robert prior of Berliz and the canons (in recompense for 5 ferlings of land in their manor of Morba, with villeins and all that goes with them, rents, services, and escheats, purchased by Walter de Lechelade, succentor of Wells, as executor of Ralph de Lolinton canon of Wells, of the abbess and convent of Godistowe for 35 marks, and since the same would be most profitable to them, conveyed by him to them and their successors), to pay 30*s.* yearly at Midsummer, St. Andrew, and the beginning of March to the communar of Wells for the soul of the said Ralph, secured especially upon the said 5 ferlings, of which 4 are in Svyrigge and one in Grimsheye within the said manor, and by a penalty of 10*s.* to the fabric of the church of Wells. Dated in chapter, the day of St. Edward K. and M. 1277.—[Wells Cath. MSS., p. 148.]

[N.B.—This paper was written before the appearance of the second volume of the Somerset Victoria County History.]