

# ADDINGTON CHARTERS OF ST. MARY OVERIE.

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A ST. MARY OVERIE CHARTER IN BANSTEAD.

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THE following charters, grants and confirmations in Addington, about a score, came to light whilst I was going through a Surrey charter chest, and by the courteous consent of the owner I have been permitted to make use of them. It is believed that they are all unpublished hitherto. I must make some apology for the perfunctory nature of the paper, but the notes and extracts from which it is compiled were made some years ago; and as the owner of the originals is serving at the front, I am unable to refer to them again. In addition, the matter had to be put together under war-time conditions, when I was far away from books of reference.

Bartholomew de Chesney, who held part of Addington in the 12th century, gave the church to the Priory of St. Mary Overie, Southwark. The exact date is unknown, but the following charter (No. 1) enables us to fix it approximately in the episcopate of Richard of Ilchester (Toclive), who was elected to Winchester in 1173 and died in 1188. This accords with the date when Bartholomew de Chesney held the manor:—

(1) Bartholomew de Caisneto, at the petition of Richard, Bishop of Winchester. Grant to the Canons of St. Mary Southwark, of the Church of Edintona in frank almoign. Witnesses: Herbert, Archdeacon of Canterbury, Gilbert of Blanvill, Archid. Lexoŵ.<sup>1</sup> and others.

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<sup>1</sup> Lisieux, in Normandy.

Isabella, daughter and heiress of Bartholomew, married Henry Fitz Aylwyn, Mayor of London, and to their son, Peter, was granted the manor of Addington, held by his grandfather. Peter's younger daughter, Joan, married a certain Ralph de Parmenter, Merchant Taylor of London. From our next charter it is clear that Peter had died during his father's lifetime, and that Ralph Parmenter was in possession of the manor before 1212, the date of Fitz Aylwyn's death.

(2) Confirmation by Ralph de Parmenter to the Church of St. Mary Southwark, of eleven acres of land in his vill of Edintone which Peter, son of Henry, bequeathed to the aforesaid church. Witnesses: Henry, Mayor of London, William, son of Reñ., and others.

Ralph appears to have died before 1219, and his widow married William Aguilon, who held the Addington manor in right of his wife. He died in 1244. Their son, Robert, died in February, 1285, and his daughter, Isabella, married Hugh Bardolf, who in turn received the manor, which continued to be known as "Aguillon's" or "Bardolf's" for several centuries.

In the reign of John a certain John de Ora was a landholder in Addington, and was also a benefactor to the house of St. Mary Overie, as the following grants and confirmations show:—

(3) Grant in frank almoign by John de Ora to the Church of St. Mary Southwark of one acre of land in Edyn<sup>l</sup>. Witnesses: William de Folcland, William the Marshal, Roger and Richard Rogadona and others.

(4) Grant in frank almoign by John de Ora to the Church of St. Mary Southwark of nine acres of land in Edintona, called Blakemannesland in Westfeld juxta Cokeswell. Witnesses: Peter de Berges,<sup>1</sup> Ralph de Micham, clerk, and others.

(5) Confirmation by John de Ora to the Church of St. Mary Southwark of land called Blakemannesland in Edinton.

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<sup>1</sup> Peter de Berges was a party to a Surrey fine, 32 Henry III.

William de Folcland, one of the witnesses to the gift by John de Ora, was also of Addington and a benefactor to St. Mary's, as was his son Thomas.

(6) Grant by William de Folcland, son of Robert, son of Amfrid, to St. Mary's Southwark of land in Edintone, which Geoffrey, chaplain of Edintone, gave them.

(7) Grant by William de Folcland to the Priory of St. Mary Southwark of land in Edintone.

(8) Grant by William de Folcland to St. Mary Southwark of rent from Edwin, son of Edwin, for certain land.

(9) Grant by Ralph de Ymeworth, confirming the gift of Thomas de Folcland,<sup>1</sup> to St. Mary's Southwark.

Perhaps the charter that follows relates to a transaction earlier than any of the preceding, probably of the time of Henry II.

(10) Confirmation by Robert de Bosvilla<sup>2</sup> to St. Mary, of Sudewark, of sale of land to them by Felicia, his niece, and her husband, Ernold.

The next two are 13th-century gifts.

(11) Grant by Gilbert de Adintone to St. Mary's Southwark of land in Adintone.

(12) Grant by Alice, daughter of Sir Gilbert de Adynton, to Sir Alan, prior of St. Mary's Southwark, of land in Adynton.

Alan, the prior, died in 1283. Alice had a sister Alienor, to whom Alan, Abbot of Chertsey (1223-1261) granted a messuage in Addington.

One of the manors of Addington was given, in the middle of the 13th century (1241), to the Knights Templars, and in 1249 Robert de Saunford, the Master, received on their behalf a gift of land there, so the following charter can also be approximately dated.

(13) Robert de Saunford, minister of the Knights Templars of England. Ratification of Grant of William, son of Philip, to Walter de Jakegle and afterward to Canons of St. Mary

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<sup>1</sup> Stephen, the Prior of St. Mary's, Southwark *v.* Thomas de la Folcland in Addington, 32 Henry III, *Surrey Fines* (Lewis.)

<sup>2</sup> Manning, Vol. 3, p. 363, mentions Robert as a benefactor to St. Mary's.

Southwark of three acres of land on Adinthon. Witnesses: Maurice, Prior of the Church of the New Temple, William de Badenhale, preceptor of the said house of New Temple, and others.

From the appearance of the three documents which follow, I am inclined to assign them to the 13th century, or more particularly to the reign of Henry III.

(14) Grant by Henry, vicar of Edintone, to St. Mary Southwark of rent of lands (? in Addington).

(15) Grant by Albreda, daughter of William Long, of Bottree to the Priory of Southwark of lands.

The property was no doubt in Chelsham, and identical with that confirmed in the next charter.

(16) Reginald de Chelsham confirms a grant by Albreda, formerly daughter of William Long, of lands in Chelsham to the Canons of St. Mary Southwark. Witnesses: Sir Reginald de Ymworth, Robert de Waltone, William Ambelas,<sup>1</sup> Richard de Chelsham, Richard de Bandon, Robert Russel, and others.

The John de Chelsham of the following appears as a party in *Surrey Fines* of 14 and 20 Henry III.

(17) Grant by John de Chelsham to St. Mary's Southwark confirming gift of lands to them (? in Chelsham).

Of the remaining deeds the first I should assign to the time of Edward I, and the rest are dated.

(18) Bond by Laurence, son of Hugh de la Hale, for payment of rent to the Prior of Southwark, for land (? Addington.)

(19) Grant by Thomas le Cubbel, of Adyntone, to John de la Pole, servant of the Prior of Southwark at Addynthone, of a curtilage in Chelsham. (4th Edward II.)

(20) Grant by John de la Pole of Acton-next-Wiche to St. Mary's Southwark of land in Chelsham. (5th Edward II.)

Probably No. 19 was not a direct grant to the priory, but preliminary to No. 20.

At length the day came when the house of St. Mary, Southwark, was stripped of its fair possessions, and the Knights of St. John, who had received the Templars' manor in Addington, shared the same fate.

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<sup>1</sup> William Ambesas, here Ambelas, was Knight of the Shire in 1297. Reginald de Ymworth died before 1287.—ED.

In the Library at Lambeth, is an Indenture, of which an extract is given in Vol. VII of our *Collections*, p. 120, from which we learn that the Leighs obtained the Templars' manor by exchange.

(21) 25 June, 36 Henry VIII. Indenture between Henry VIII and Nicholas Leigh, of Adyngton, Esq., being a bargain and sale to the King of Lee Farm, and all messuages and lands in Hedley, Letherhead, Ashted, and Walton-on-the-Hyll, co. Surr., of the yearly value of £10, in exchange for all that his Grace's Manor of Addington, otherwise called Temple, lately belonging to the late Priory of St. John, Jerusalem, in Ingloude, and the parsonage and church of Adyngton, late belonging to the Priory of St. Mary Overy, and all lands in Adyngton, Caterham, and Chelsham, together with other lands in Adyngton specified by name.

We usually find that these so-called exchanges were accompanied by a cash payment, and this case is no exception to the rule, for among these early charters was found the following receipt.

(22) Acknowledgement of receipt by John Williams,<sup>1</sup> Kt., Treasurer of the Augmentations of the Revenue of our Sovereign Lord the King of £81 : 17s. 4d. from Nicholas Leigh, for the grant and gift of the manor of Addington, parcel of the possessions of the late hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, also the parsonage of St. Mary Overie, etc., granted by letters patent. 14 July, 1545.

This interesting summary of grants in Addington to St. Mary Overie may be supplemented by the following charter, giving land in Banstead to the same House. A photograph of the charter, from which the transcript is extended, was kindly presented to the Society by Mr. G. W. Waine. The photograph has been placed in the Library. Nigel de Mowbray, the grantor, was holding Banstead in 1169-70, in right of his wife, Mabel (de Clare).<sup>2</sup> From her name it seems probable that the Richard recorded in *Domesday* as holding Banstead of the Bishop of Bayeux was no less a person than the great Richard of Tonbridge, ancestor of the Clares.—ED.

<sup>1</sup> John Williams, created Lord Williams of Thame, 1553.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> Pipe Roll, 16 H II, Pipe Roll Society, XV, 164.

MS. Bodl., Eng. Hist., A II [S. C. 31,346], Charter No. 38.

Grant of an orchard and 5 acres at Hamma, in Banstead, by Nigel de Mowbray to the Canons of St. Mary Overie, Southwark. (Of approximately 1170 A.D.)

Nigell de Moubray omnibus hominibus suis francis et Anglis et universis Sancte Matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Salutem. Notum sit omnibus me concessisse et dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Deo et beate Marie et canonicis ecclesie Sancte Marie de Sudwerck in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam pomerium quod est apud aquilonem inter ecclesiam de benested et viam quæ graditur apud domum Vitalis de Sutton et inter viam quæ ducit ad curiam Meam et Semitam quæ in occidente ducit ad ecclesiam. Et v acras in Hamma, habendum et possidendum sicut liberam et perpetuam et quietam elemosinam ex omni seculari servitio et exactione tenendum de me et de heredibus meis eternaliter. Hanc vero elemosinam optuli super altare Sancte Maria in ecclesia de Sudwerck pro salute mea et uxoris mee et omnium propinquorum meorum. His testibus, Ricardo de Hastings, Willielmo Capellano, Rogero de Moubray, Ricardo de Alvers', Roberto de buci, Roberto filio Rogeri, Vitali de Sutton, Waltero de Coveham, Gocelino Vinatore, Radulfo Vinatore, Radulfo Bucellario, Waltero de Woll(?), Michale filio Radulfi de Cornham(?), Petro preposito, et aliis quam pluribus.

In the map of Banstead Parish, in Lambert's History of Banstead, a field called Canonshams is marked, of approximately five acres extent, no doubt the five acres in Hamma.—ED.

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q̄ futuris. scilicet. Hoc sit omib; uobis me concessisse ⁊ dedisse ⁊ hac mea carta confirmasse dō ⁊ ueritate oracis  
⁊ canonice ecclesie sacre oracis de sudburich in libam ⁊ perpetuā elemosinā. portūget est apud aqilonē int̄  
ecclesiam de benestod ⁊ uia q̄ gōt apud domū uocat de succ. ⁊ int̄ uia q̄ ducit ad curriā in eā ⁊ semita  
q̄ in occidento ducit ad ecclesiam. Et. s. dēs in hāma. habendū ⁊ possidendū sic libam ⁊ perpetuā  
⁊ uerā elemosinā xx om̄i seclari sūctio ⁊ exactione tenendū demer ⁊ de hēdib; meis et̄natis. hanc  
ū elemosinā optuli sup̄ altare sacre oracis in ecclesia de sudburich p̄ salutē meā ⁊ exoris meē ⁊ om̄iū  
p̄p̄ingit̄ meorū. hīs test. Ric de hastig. Will. capell. Rog de gouburay. Ric de illuers. Rob de bues  
Rob filio Rog. Syrat de succ. Will de couch. Gōe uniuersos. Rad uniuersos. Rad bucell. Gōate de  
Scott. Nichat filio Rad de ceant. Pēc iposito. ⁊ abs. q̄ plurib;.