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Silverstone court rolls, 1403-49

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Names of tenants owing suit of court, Tuesday the vigil of St James the Apostle, 4 Henry IV (24 July 1403).

[Originally 37 tenants were named. A later hand recorded the deaths of a number of these tenants and the names of those who succeeded to their holdings. At least five tenements were subsequently recorded as being in the lord's hands. There are indications that some later tenants were beginning to accumulate holdings. For example, Joan Frayn succeeded to the tenements of both Hugh Frayn and Nicholas Stertup; William Hempman held the tenements of both John Haimyll and Geoffrey Gregory. Just one toponym was recorded: Richard Mason de la Wodeende. John Hokere was a capmaker.]

- [1] Thomas Maydeforde: now William Maydeford'
- [2] Richard Mason: now Christiana his wife: now William Mason'
- [3] Richard Mason the younger
- [4] John Adam: now Joan Maydeford'
- [5] Geoffrey Knotte
- [6] John Harrys
- [7] John atte Cherche
- [8] Juliana Hogges
- [9] Hugh Frayn: now Joan Frayn
- [10] John Smart: now John Henteman: now Alice his wife
- [11] John Hykeman: now Joan Hikeman
- [12] John Power: in the lord's hands
- [13] John Henteman: now Alice Hempman
- [14] Andrew Evoton: in the lord's hands
- [15] John Colman: now William Colman
- [16] John Hunte
- [17] Roger Jankyns: in the lord's hands
- [18] Adam Falewesle: now John Westcapel: now William West
- [19] John Lorkyn
- [20] Richard Adam
- [21] Joan Wodeward: now Richard Hoker': now John Herre
- [22] Hugh atte Brook: now Richard atte Brook
- [23] Richard Mason de la Wode ende: Christiana his wife: now William Mason'
- [24] Henry Coffe: now Hugh atte Brook'
- [25] Roger Dayrell: now Margery Reve: now Thomas Bon' alias Dibour
- [26] Nicholas Stertup: now Joan Frayn
- [27] Roger Smart: in the lord's hands: now Roger Aleyn
- [28] Richard Spreintom: now Elias Wodeward'
- [29] William Edyman: now Emot Edyman
- [30] John Haimyll': in the lord's hands: now William Hempman
- [31] Geoffrey Gregory: now William Hempman
- [32] John Fox
- [33] John Plot
- [34] John Edyman: now Agnes his wife: now Thomas Ediman
- [35] John Aubon': in the lord's hands
- [36] William Choune: in the lord's hands
- [37] John Hokere, capmaker

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VIEW WITH COURT of the abbess of Burnham held on Friday before the feast of St Martin, 2 Henry V (9 November 1414).

Chief pledges

John Colman
 John Henteman
 Richard atte Brook
 John Hykeman
 William Choune
 Peter Gebon
 John Adam
 John Harryes
 John Plot
 Roger Jankyns
 Richard Hokere in place of Hugh Frayn
 Richard Howman in place of John son of Richard Lambard
 William Tailleur in place of Richard Adam
 Thomas Ediman in place of Thomas Wodeward
 John Aubon

present that

Thomas Grene (6d)
 Robert Aleyn (2d)
 John West, chaplain (2d)
 William Mason, chaplain (2d)
 Thomas Maydeford the elder (2d)
 Margery Reve (2d)
 John Lorkyn (2d)
 Simon atte Brook (2d)
 Richard Mason (2d)
 Geoffrey Knotte (2d)
 John Chirche (2d)
 William Grove (2d)
 William Ediman (2d)
 John Fox (2d)
 John Scolemaystre (2d)
 Richard Cally (2d)
 Geoffrey Grigori (2d)
 John Hokere (2d)

who ought to have come did not and therefore are in mercy.

Robert Colier (2d) and Roger (2d) and William (2d) his sons have been taken out of the tithing by Robert and therefore are in mercy.

Richard Eadney (2d) has taken himself out of the tithing and therefore is in mercy.

Agnes Cony (2d) assaulted Isabella servant of Peter Gebon and therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged. Isabella justly raised the hue against Agnes (2d) who therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged.

William Salum (2d) assaulted William Grove and therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged. William Salum (2d) committed *homesoken* against William Grove and therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged.

William Tyllesworth (2d) assaulted Roger servant of Robert Colyere and therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged. William (2d) unjustly shed Roger's blood and therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged. William Tyllesworth (2d) assaulted Richard Andrew and therefore is in mercy;

the tithing pledged. William (1d) unjustly shed Richard's blood and therefore is in mercy; the tithing pledged.

Nicholas Sterthup (2d) has a certain ditch called *Dynnesdych*' blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. The same Nicholas (2d) has a certain ditch called *Tryllonnesdich*' blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. The same Nicholas (2d) has branches growing over the lane called *Grenelane*, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. The same Nicholas (2d) has a certain ditch at *Smalbrok* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. John Spretham (2d) and Richard atte Brook (2d) have their ditch at *Grenelane* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore are in mercy. Robert Aleyn (2d) has a certain ditch at *Mouslane* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. To be mended before the next on pain of 12d each.

Hugh Frayn (4d), John son of Richard Lambard (4d), Richard Adam (4d) and Thomas Wodeward (4d), chief pledges, are in mercy because they did not come to present that which pertains to their office.

John Coleman and Peter Gebon, tasters of ale, present that Richard Boterell' (2d), John Boterell' (2d), William Tailleur (2d), Simon atte Brook' (2d), John Cook (2d), William Scheperde (2d) and John Harrys (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Whittlebury: John Plot, taster of ale, presented that all is well.

12 jurors – John Clement, William Tyllesworth, John Lambard, Geoffrey Webbe, William Scheperde, William Robard, Richard Andrew, Richard Knotte, Richard Boterell, Geoffrey Gebon, Thomas Ediman, Richard Howman – say on oath that the chief pledges and tasters of ale presented well and faithfully and concealed nothing.

Small court

Essoins: Hugh Frayn for common suit by John Henteman; Richard Adam for the same by John Adam; Thomas Maydeford the elder for the same by Richard Andrew.

The suitors there present that William Mason chaplain (2d), Richard Mason (2d), John son of Richard Lambard (3d), John Lorkyn (2d) and Margery Reve (1d), who owe suit every three weeks are in default and therefore are in mercy.

William Lambard, who held freely 8 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow, died, and John Lambard his son and heir, present in court, is admitted as rightful heir; order to distrain him for relief and other services.

There remains in the lord's hands one cotland with one assart which Roger Rote held before, and one cottage with appurtenances which Andrew Webbe held before, for which the reeve answers for the issues.

John atte Chirche, Richard Adam and Nicholas Sterthup are elected to the office of reeve; to be distrained to accept before the next.

John West, chaplain, gives a fine of 8d to be discharged from suit of court this year; John Fox gives 6d, John Grigori gives 6d, William Ediman gives 6d, John Chirche gives 6d, Geoffrey Knotte gives 4d.

Geoffrey Gebon complained against John Bund (2d) in a plea of trespass; he is attached by the pledges of John Harrys and Alice Lambard, does not come, and therefore is in mercy; he is to be distrained before the next.

John Salum complained against John Cassewell' (2d) in a plea of debt; pledge to prosecute is John Henteman who is attached because an outsider by pledge of Richard Hoker; he does not come and therefore is in mercy; he is to be distrained before the next.

Richard Howman complained against John Cassewell' (2d) in a plea of trespass; he is attached by pledge of Richard Hokere and does not come and therefore is in mercy; he is to be distrained before the next.

Nicholas Sterthup complained against Cecilia Kerby in a plea of debt, who was summoned and did not come; she is to be attached.

Total of court: 13s 3d.

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COURT held on Friday before the feast of St Hilary, 2 Henry V (11 January 1415).

Essoins: Edith Ediman for common suit by John Harrys; John Hempman for the same by John Lambard; Hugh atte Brook for the same by Richard atte Brook; John Lambard the younger for the same by John Coleman; John Lorkyn for the same by John Hykeman.

Thomas Maydeford (2d) and Richard Adam (1d) are in mercy because they did not warrant their essoins at the preceding court.

John Harryes (4d) and Alice Lambard are in mercy because they did not produce John Bundy to answer Geoffrey Gebon in a plea of trespass; he is to be distrained before the next.

Richard Hoker' (4d) is in mercy because he did not produce John Cassewell' to answer John Salum in a plea of debt; he is to be distrained before the next.

Richard Hoker' (4d) is in mercy because he did not produce John Cassewell' to answer Richard Howman in a plea of trespass; he is to be distrained before the next.

Cecilia Kerby is ordered to be attached before the next to answer Nicholas Sterthup in a plea of debt.

John Coteswold by Nicholas Sterthup his attorney complained against Cecilia Kerby in a plea of debt; she is to be summoned.

The suitors there present that William Mason chaplain (2d), Richard Mason the younger (2d), John Adam (2d), Richard Adam (2d), Joan Wodeward (2d), Margery Reve (2d), Robert Aleyn (2d), Thomas Wodeward (2d), John Aubon (2d), William Choune (2d) and John Hoker (2d), who owe suit every three weeks are in default and therefore are in mercy.

Total, 3s 1d.

m.2

VIEW WITH COURT of the abbess of Burnham held on the eighth day of January, 3 Henry V (Thursday 8 January 1416).

Chief pledges

John Colman
John Henteman
Richard atte Brook
John Hykeman
Peter Gebon
John Adam

John Harrys
 Roger Jankyn
 John son of Richard Lambard
 Richard Adam
 Richard Mason
 John Lorkyn
 Hugh Bayly
 Richard Andrew
 John Plot

present that

Thomas Grene, knight (6d)
 Prior of Luffield
 Robert Aleyn (2d)
 William Mason, chaplain (2d)
 Margaret Reve (2d)
 John Aubon (2d)
 William Choune (2d)
 John Hoker' (2d)
 Hugh Frayn (2d)
 John atte Chirche (2d)
 John Fox (2d)
 Thomas Wodeward (2d)
 Thomas Maydeford the elder (2d)
 Cecilia Kerby (2d)
 John Scolemaystre (2d)

who ought to have come did not and therefore are in mercy.

Robert Colier' (2d) has taken himself out of the tithing and therefore is in mercy. William son of Robert Colier' (1d) has been taken out of the tithing by Robert and therefore is in mercy.

John Lambard (2d) unjustly drew upon Hugh Bayly and therefore is in mercy; pledged by John Harrys. William Colier' (2d) unjustly shed the blood of Thomas servant of John Lambard, with a dagger worth 1d, and therefore is in mercy; pledged by John Plotte. William Tyllesworth (2d) assaulted Richard Andrew and therefore is in mercy; pledged by John Plotte. William Hobay justly shed the blood of William Tyllesworth (2d) who therefore is in mercy; pledged by John Plot.

Richard Andrew (2d) made an illegal recovery on Nicholas Sterthup and therefore is in mercy; the tithingman pledged. Nicholas justly raised the hue against Richard Andrew (2d) who therefore is in mercy; the tithingman pledged.

John son of Hugh Frayn (2d) has been taken out of the tithing by Hugh and therefore is in mercy.

It is presented that one female grey colt and one male bay colt worth 12d are strays and now judged to be the lord's because it is more than a year and a day and they remain in the custody of Nicholas Sterthup.

Robert Aleyn (3d) has a certain ditch at *Mouslane* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. Nicholas Sterthup (2d) has a certain ditch at *Smalbrook'* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. Nicholas Sterthup (4d) has branches growing over the lane called *Grenelane*, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. John Sprentham (2d) and Richard atte Brook' (2d) have not yet cleaned out their ditch at *Grenelane*, as ordered at the last, and therefore are in mercy. Hugh Cony (2d) has a certain ditch at *Tryllonnesdych'* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. Nicholas Sterthup (2d) has not yet cleaned out his ditch at *Dynnesdych'*, as ordered at the last, and

therefore is in mercy. John Fox (2d) and Cecilia Kerby have a ditch at *Parkereslane* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore are in mercy. To be mended before the next on pain of 2s each.

Richard Cadney, John Webbe and William Wynnnde are put into tithing and take the oath.

John Coleman and Peter Gebon, tasters of ale, present that Nicholas Sterthup (2s), William Taillour (2d), William Gannoker (2d), Richard Howman the younger (2d) and Richard Boterell (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale. John Harrys is elected to the office of taster of ale in place of Peter Gebon and takes the oath.

Whittlebury: John Plot, taster of ale, presented that all is well.

12 jurors – Richard Knotte, William Grove, William Ediman, John atte Hall', William Scheperde, Richard Boterell, Richard Hoker', John Clement, Richard Dally, Richard Kydney, Geoffrey Webbe, Richard Howman the elder – say on oath that the chief pledges and tasters of ale presented well and faithfully and concealed nothing.

Small court

Essoins: Hugh Frayn for common suit by John Henteman.

The suitors there present that Thomas Maydeford (2d), William Mason chaplain (2d), John atte Chirche (2d), John West chaplain, Margery Reve (2d), Robert Aleyn (2d), Thomas Wodeward (2d), John Fox (2d), John Aubon (2d), William Chowne (2d) and John Hokere (2d), who owe suit every three weeks are in default and therefore are in mercy.

Joan Wodeward, who held a toft and ½ virgate, of base tenure according to the custom of the manor, and a cotland with appurtenances in Silverstone, died, and this land remains in the lord's hands, for which the reeve answers for the issues; no heriot because she had no animals in demesne.

Peter Gebon surrendered 12½ acres of assarts in Silverstone into the lord's hands for the use of Geoffrey Gebon and Richard Gebon to hold according to the custom of the manor; inquiry as to heriot at the next on pain of 2s; the reeve answers for the issues.

There remains in the lord's hands one cotland with one assart which Roger Rote recently held, and one cottage with appurtenances which Andrew Webbe held before, for which the reeve answers for the issues.

Geoffrey Grigory, Thomas Wodeward and John Chirche are elected to the office of reeve there by the whole homage; to be distrained to accept before the next.

John West, chaplain, gives a fine of 8d to be discharged from suit of court this year; Geoffrey Grigory gives 6d; Geoffrey Knotte gives 4d.

Thomas Bodenham gives a fine of 12d by pledge of Nicholas Sterthup to have an inquiry by the homage whether he is the nearest heir of Alice, recently wife of John Power; it is said that he is not the heir.

John Coteswold complained against Cecilia Kerby in a plea of debt; she is to be attached before the next. Nicholas Sterthup complained against Cecilia Kerby in a plea of debt; she is to be distrained before the next.

John Bundy (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with Geoffrey Gebon in a plea of trespass. John Cassewell' (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with John Salum in a plea of debt. John Cassewell' (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with Richard Howman in a plea of trespass.

The woodward presented that William Tyllesworth (2d) felled and carried off two oaks worth 8d in the lord's wood without licence and therefore is in mercy. Geoffrey Gebon (2d) is attached for trespass in the lord's wood. John Hunte (2d) is attached for trespass in the lord's wood. Richard Knotte (2d) is attached for trespass in the lord's wood, and therefore they are in mercy; the names of their pledges are in the estreat of court regarding the woodward.

Total, 14s 4d. Attachments of the woodward, 16d. Affeerers: John Hykeman, John atte Halle.

COURT held on Monday before the feast of the Annunciation, [4] Henry V (23 March 1416).

Essoins: John Aubon' for common suit by John Hykeman; Juliana Hogges for the same by John Lambard; John Lorkyn for the same by Roger Jankyns; Hugh atte Brook for the same by John Henteman; John Hunte for the same by Richard atte Brook; Edith Ediman for the same by Richard Adam; Hugh Frayn for the same by John Harrys.

The suitors there present that William Mason chaplain (2d), Richard Mason the younger (1d), Margery Reve (1d), Robert Aleyn (2d), Thomas Wodeward (2d), William Cho[wne] (1d) and John Hokere (1d), who owe suit every three weeks are in default and therefore are in mercy.

The tenement of John Fox (2d) is ruinous and therefore he is in mercy; he is ordered to mend it before the next on pain of the forfeiture of the tenement.

Nicholas Sterthup and John his son paid 12d to be admitted to two assarts and two crofts in Silverstone and two acres of arable, formerly of Peter Taillour, to hold for their lives, whoever lives longer, according to the custom of the manor, paying 7s 6d a year at the usual terms, of which 6d is the increment of rent, and doing suit of court and other services owed.

Nicholas Sterthup and Margery his wife paid one capon worth 4d to be admitted to one acre of land ... field of Silverstone at *Kynggesayssh'* between the land of the prior of Luffield called *Heynes*, to hold for their lives, whoever lives longer, paying 6d a year at the usual terms, and also 7 selions of land lying in the field of Silverstone at *le Fysshwere* which John Smart recently held, paying 7d a year at the usual terms.

Cecilia Kerby is ordered to be attached before the next to answer John Coteswold in a plea of debt. Cecilia Kerby is ordered to be attached before the next to answer Nicholas Sterthup in a plea of debt.

John Chirche gives a fine of 8d to be discharged from suit of court this year; William Ediman gives 6d; John Fox gives 6d.

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COURT held on Thursday before the feast of St Valentine, [1] Henry [VI] (11 February 1423).

The reeve presents that William Scheperde (3d) has not yet mended his tenement well and competently; he is ordered to do so before the next on pain of 6s 8d.

John Harrys and Hugh atte Brook', tasters of ale, present that John Baret (3d) and William Kerby (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Land still remains in the lord's hands as made clear in the court roll *infra script*, for which the reeve answers for the issues.

Order as before to distraint Thomas Grene before the next to do homage for the land and tenement which he holds of the lord in Whittlebury.

John Hykeman complained against Ralph Webbe (1d) in a plea of trespass because he enclosed land in ...*neslane* which is common to the lord and tenants and John from Lammas (1 August) until the Annunciation (25 March); he answered in court that it was not common but his own ground.

Still the plea between William Hempman, plaintiff, and William Tillesworth, defendant, in a plea of trespass. Still the plea between John Fox, plaintiff, and William Tillesworth, defendant, in a plea of trespass. Homage to inquire into the damage and to assess and certify at the next.

It is found through a certain roll called *le sutoresroll* that Robert Aleyn (2d) who ought to do suit is in default and therefore is in mercy.

Total: 11d. Affeerers: John Fox, William Hempman.

COURT held on Monday before the Exaltation of the Cross, [2] Henry VI (13 September 1423).

Essoins: Richard Howman for common suit by William Hempman; Hugh atte Brook for common suit by John Harrys.

John Harrys and Hugh atte Brook', tasters of ale, present that John Taillour (4d), John ... brewed and broke the assize of ale. Total: 20d.

John Plot, taster of ale in Whittlebury, presents that William Tyllesw... (8d) brewed and broke the assize of ale. Total: 8d.

Thomas Ediman, reeve there, presents that William Sheperde (2d) has not yet [mended his tenement well and competently]; he is ordered [to do so before the next.]

John Colman, who held one ... assart with appurtenances containing 6 acres of land, according to the custom of the manor, died, and the reeve seized the said cotland and assart into the lord's hands.

Order as before to distraint Thomas Grene before the next to do homage for the land and tenement which he holds of the lord in Whittlebury.

Richard Maii complained against William Tyllesworth in a plea of trespass; William is essoined by John Harrys and has a day for his esoin until the next. Richard Adam complained against William Tyllesworth in a plea of trespass; William is essoined by John Harrys.

The reeve presents 11d from the chattels of waifs which remains in the custody of John Plot.

Total: ... Affeerers: Richard Adam, John Plot.

m.2d

VIEW WITH COURT of the abbess of Burnham held on Thursday the feast of St Kat[harine], [2 Henry VI] (25 November 1423).

Chief pledges

Thomas Ediman
Geoffrey Knotte
John Foxe
John Boterell'
Richard A[dam]
[John] Harryes
William Leye

Roger Jankyn
 John son of Richard Lambard
 Hugh atte [Brook]

Richard Hokere (6d) broke the lord's park.

Hugh Cony (2d) has a certain ditch at *Dynnesdych* blocked up ... *Mouslane* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy; the watercourse at *Smalb...* in mercy; John Hempman (1d) has a certain ditch at *Smalb...* to clean his ditch at *Wodeendestrete* ... ditch at *Grenelane*, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy; John Cony (1d) has not yet mended ... John Frayn (1d) has thorns and underwood growing over the lane called ... To be mended before the next on pain of 2s each. Total: 13d.

The same presents a red bullock worth 2s from strays in June and a brown bullock worth ...; not yet judged to be the lord's because it is within a year and a day and a proclamation is made.

The same presents a ewe with lamb worth 8d from strays as made clear in the preceding view; now [judged to be the lord's because it is more than a year and a day.]

John Harrys and Hugh atte Brook, tasters of ale, present that John Cook (2d), John Baret (2d) and Thomas Hykeman (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Whittlebury: John Plot, taster of ale, presented that all is well.

12 jurors – Thomas Wodeward, William Ediman, Geoffrey Webbe, Richard Hoker', Richard Andrew, William Grove, Thomas atte Halle, Richard Knotte, John Hempman, John Frayn, Thomas Hykeman, Hugh Cony.

Small court

John Hempman the elder, who held a messuage and virgate called Hygonnes, a toft and virgate called Smartes, and a toft and ½ virgate called Bondes, of base tenure, according to the custom of the manor, died, and afterwards Alice his wife claimed this land for her life, and gave no fine therefor according to the custom of the manor; heriot, 1 ox worth 10s. Admitted.

Richard Gebon paid 3s 4d to be able to hold a messuage and 12 acres land at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor. Admitted.

There remains in the lord's hands a messuage and virgate in Silverstone which came into the lord's hands as an escheat, [which William] Chowne held according to the custom of the manor, and one cotland, [which ... held] according to the custom of the manor, and the reeve answers for the issues.

Order as before to distrain Thomas Grene before the next to do homage for the land and tenement which he holds of the lord in Whittlebury.

Thomas Ediman, William West and Thomas Wodeward are elected to the office of reeve, and the lord is able to choose whoever she wishes to have in that office.

William Ediman gives 6d, John atte Chirche 6d, William West 6d, William Mason, chaplain, 6d, John Hokere, capmaker, 6d, Margery Reve 6d, Joan Maydeford 4d, John Lorkyn 4d, Richard Mason de Wardon' 4d, Joan Hokere de Newport 4d, Geoffrey ... to be discharged from suit of court this year.

John Parson' of Thornborough complained against John Cony the elder in a plea of trespass; pledge to prosecute is Geoffrey Webbe; he is to be attached before the next.

William Tyllesworth (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with John Howes in a plea of trespass. Thomas Brokhole (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with John Hempman in a plea of debt.

COURT held on Wednesday after the feast of St Thomas the apostle, [2 Henry VI] (22 December 1423).

The reeve presents that William Sheperde (2d) has not yet mended his tenement well and competently; he is to do so on pain of 6s 8d.

Order as before to distraint Thomas Grene before the next to do homage for the land and tenement which he holds of the lord in Whittlebury.

John Person' of Thornborough (2d) and Geoffrey Webbe his pledge are in mercy because they are not prosecuting.

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VIEW WITH COURT of the abbess of Burnham held on Thursday the feast of St Thomas the apostle, [3 Henry VI] (21 December 1424).

Chief pledges

Thomas Ediman
Geoffrey Knotte
John Foxe
John Boterell'
Richard Adam
William Hemp[man]
[John] Harryes
William Leye
Roger Jankyn
John son of Richard Lambard
Hugh atte Brook
John P[lot]

John Frayn (1d) took toll against the assize and therefore is in mercy. John Frayn assaulted John Baret and therefore is in mercy, by pledge of John Harrys. John Baret (2d) unjustly raised the hue against the said John Frayn and therefore is in mercy, by pledge of John Lambard the elder.

Richard Howman (2d) unjustly shed the blood of John Frayn with a stick worth nothing; pledged by John Harryes. Geoffrey Webbe (2d) unjustly shed the blood of John Lambard the younger with a bow worth 4d; pledged by Richard Saundres. Agnes Webbe (1d) unjustly raised the hue against the said John Lambard and therefore is in mercy, by pledge of Richard Saundres.

John [Paunsfoot] (2d) unjustly shed the blood of Hugh atte Brook and therefore is in mercy, by pledge of John Harrys. William Maydeford (2d) unjustly raised the hue [against the said John] and therefore is in mercy, by pledge of William Hempman. Ralph Webbe (2d) unjustly raised the hue against Juliana *Parmenter* and therefore is in mercy.

Geoffrey Webbe (1d) has a certain ditch at *Mouslane* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy ... footpath called *Rycotesstyle* blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. Hugh (2d) ... John Frayn (2d) has not yet ... John Lambard the younger (2d) has not yet cleaned ... William Leye (2d) has not yet cleaned out his ditch at *Cadeslan* ... not yet felled the thorns and underwood growing over the lane called *Mouslane* ... Total: 13d.

Strays: a red bullock worth 2s and a brown bullock worth 2s.

John Samon' is put into tithing and takes the oath.

John Harrys and Hugh atte Brook, tasters of ale, present that John Baret (8d) and John Cook (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Whittlebury: John Plot, taster of ale, presents that John Fox (2d) and William Tillesworth (8d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

12 jurors – Richard Dally, William Ediman, Geoffrey Webbe, Richard Hoker', Richard Andrew, William Grove, Thomas atte Halle, Richard Knotte, John Hempman, John Frayn, Thomas Hykeman, Hugh Cony.

Small court

Roger Jankyn surrendered a messuage and ½ virgate into the lord's hands, which land remains in the lord's hands; inquiry regarding heriot; it remains in the lord's hands and the reeve is to answer for the issues.

William Coleman, kinsman and heir of John [Coleman], ... in Silverstone ... to hold according to the custom of the manor.

William Coleman paid 4s to be able to hold for his life 6 acres [...?] which ... Coleman held before. Admitted.

There remains in the lord's hands a messuage and virgate which came into the lord's hands as an escheat, a messuage with a croft ..., and one cotland with one assart ...

Order as before to distrain Thomas Grene before the next to do homage for the land and tenement which he holds of the lord in Whittlebury.

Thomas Ediman, William Hempman and John Hunte are elected to the office of reeve there by the whole homage, and the lord is able to choose whoever she wishes to have in that office. Thomas Ediman is chosen by the lord and takes the oath.

William Ediman (6d), William Leye (6d), Margery Reve (6d), Richard Mason of *Wardon'* (6d), William Mason, chaplain (6d), John Hoker', capmaker (6d), John Lorkyn (6d), John Herr' of *Neweport* (4d), William West (6d), Joan Maydeford (4d), Thomas Wodeward (6d) and William Coleman (4d) give a fine to be discharged from suit of court this year.

John Spryntham complained against Roger Bocher in a plea of debt of 13s 4d for sheep bought from him in 3 Henry VI [1424]. Roger is attached by 1 brass pot worth 2s 11d, 1 pan worth 2s, 1 dish worth 6d, 2 lb of wool worth 3d, and linen thread worth 12d, and he did not come. Prosecution pledged by John Harryes.

The reeve presents that William Sheperde has not yet mended his tenement well and competently; he is to do so on pain of 10s.

m.3d

COURT held on the twelfth day of [February?], [3 Henry VI] (Monday 12 February 1425).

Whittlebury: John Plot, taster of ale, presents that William Tillesworth (1d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Thomas Ediman, reeve there, presents that a wether, 3 ewes and 2 lambs are from the chattels of waifs and remain in the custody of John Lambard.

William Hempman complained against William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass ... at Whittlebury for 3 years, mown and carried off to the damage of 20d. He wagered his law.

Order to distrain Roger Bocher to answer John Sprentham in a plea of debt.

The reeve presents that William Sheperde (2d) has not yet mended his tenement well and competently; he is to do so on pain of 100s.

m.5

VIEW WITH COURT of the abbess of Burnham held on Tuesday before the feast ..., [4 Henry VI] ([March/April] 1425).

Chief pledges

Thomas Ediman

Geoffrey Knotte

John Fox

John Boterell'

Richard Adam

William [Hempman]

John Harrys

William Leye

John Frayn

John son of Richard Lambard

Hugh atte Brook'

John [Plot]

John Fraunse (8d) broke the lord's park and therefore is in mercy.

The vill of Silverstone (1d) has a ditch towards the tenement of John Harrys blocked up, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. The watercourse at *Gybbescade* was turned out of its right course, by default of John Hempman (1d), causing a nuisance, who therefore is in mercy. Richard (2d) ... boundary in *le Wodecroft*, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. Geoffrey Webbe (2d) has not yet claened out his ditch ... Hugh Cony (3d) has not yet cleaned out his ditch at *Dy...* John Frayn (3d) has not yet mended the weir at *Mus...* John Lambard the younger (2d) has not yet cleaned out his ditch at *Grenelane* ... John Frayn (3d) has not yet cut down the thorns and underwood growing over the lane called ... Total: 17d.

John Hoker', John Saundres and John Forstbury are put into tithing and take the oath.

John Harrys and Hugh atte Brook, tasters of ale, present that John Harrys (6d) and Emma ... and that Emma Baret (2d) did not send for the taster of ale to do his office. Total: 14d.

John Plot, taster of ale at Whittlebury, presents that William Tillesworth (16d) brewed and broke the assize of ale 12 times. William Hempman is elected to the office of taster of ale in Whittlebury in place of John Plot.

12 jurors – Thomas Wodeward, Richard Dally, Thomas Clerk, William Grove, John Couper, Richard Knotte, John Paunsfoot, Richard Hoker', William Maydeford, Richard Saundres, Thomas atte Halle, Thomas Boteler.

Small court

Essoins: William Hempman, plaintiff, against William Tillesworth, defendant, in a plea of trespass, by Hugh atte Brook.

John Cony paid 6s 8d to be able to hold for his life at the will of the lord a certain assart called *Conyesasart* containing in all ..., which ... Cony the elder held before.

William Tillesworth complained against John Boys in a plea of debt of 2s 8d owed to him for wood of John Parker, bought from him in 1 Henry VI (1422-3), and unjustly detained to the damage of the complainant of 12d. Defendant warged his law by pledge of William Hempman.

William Tillesworth complained against Thomas Maydeford (2d) in a plea of trespass, that in the abovesaid year his barley was trampled down, consumed and destroyed by his beasts to the damage of the complainant of 6d. The defendant, present in court, is unable to deny this. It is agreed by the court that the complainant should recover the said damages against him and the defendant is in mercy.

William Tillesworth complained against John Fox in a plea of trespass, that in the abovesaid year his garden and pasture at Whittlebury was trampled down, consumed and destroyed by his beasts to the damage of the complainant of 6s 8d. The defendant acknowledged that he had caused damage of 1d which it is ordered to levy to the use of the said complainant and claims that the rest should be assessed by the homage.

Thomas Maydeford complained against William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass, that William destroyed his hay and pasture at Whittlebury by his beasts to the damage of the complainant of 40d. Acknowledged by the defendant; to be levied as above.

John Fox complained against William Tillesworth in a plea of detention of chattels ... worth 6d which he loaned to him to the damage of the complainant of 12d. The defendant, present in court ... the complainant recovered against him ... (2d).

Thomas Maydeford complained against William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass ... to the damage of the said herbage of 20d ... the complainant recovered the said damages against him and the defendant is in mercy (2d).

Thomas Ediman complained against John Carsewell' of Burcote in a plea of debt. William Grove complained against William Tillesworth ... John Boys (2d) is in mercy for unjustly complaining ... William Kerby (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with Richard ...

Affeerers: Richard atte Brook, Richard Hoker'.

m.4

COURT held on Monday before the feast of the Ascension, [3 Henry VI] (14 May 1425).

John Harrys and Richard Howman, tasters of ale at Silverstone, present that John Hunte (2d) and John ... Total: 6d.

William Hempman, taster of ale at Whittlebury, presents that all is well.

The reeve presents that Margery Reve, who held a messuage and virgate in Silverstone, of base tenure, according to the custom of the manor, died, and afterwards Ellen wife of Thomas Bron', a barber of Coventry, the daughter and heir of Margery, claimed this land, to hold at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor, and she gave a relief of 2s; no heriot due. Admitted.

There remains in the lord's hands a messuage and virgate in Silverstone which belonged to Hugh Frayn and which came into the lord's hands as an escheat, a messuage with an adjoining croft in Silverstone ..., one cotland with one assart which Roger Rote held, and [a messuage and ½] virgate formerly of John Thecchere which Roger Jankyn [held] before.

At the last court John Boys (2d) wagered his law against William Tillesworth ... it is agreed by the court that the said complainant should recover debts against him of 2s 8d and damages ...

William Grove complained against William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass. William Tillesworth complained against William Grove in a plea of trespass. Order to attach before the next William Grove to answer William Tillesworth in a plea of debt.

John Fox (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with Richard Knotte in a plea of debt. Thomas Ediman (2d) is in mercy because he is not prosecuting John Carsewell of Burcote in a plea of debt.

Geoffrey Knotte gives the lord 4d to be released from suit of court this year. It is found through a certain roll called *le sutoresroll* that Robert Aleyn (2d) and William West (2d) who ought to do suit every three weeks are in default.

Total: [blank]. Affeerers: John Fox, John Harrys.

COURT held on Tuesday before the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, [3 Henry VI] (19 June 1425).

Essoins: Alice Hempman for common suit by William Hempman; John Fox for the same by R...

John Harrys and Richard Howman, tasters of ale, present that Thomas Botel (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

William Hempman, taster of ale at Whittlebury, presents that Agnes Tilles... (8d) and that Agnes Tillesworth (4d) is unwilling to hand over to the taster of ale the customary ... Total: 13d.

John Lambard the younger took from the lord 5 acres of land ... 10 years at the will of the lord; entry fine, 1 capon.

Richard Andrew took from the lord a toft with an adjoining croft ... to hold at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor; entry fine, 1 capon.

William Grove (2d) is in mercy because he is not prosecuting William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass. William Tillesworth (2d) is in mercy because he is not prosecuting William Grove in a plea of debt. William Grove (2d) is in mercy because he is not prosecuting William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass.

Affeerers: John Harrys, Richard Howman.

m.5d

COURT held on ..., 4 [Henry VI] (... 1426).

The tasters of ale at Silverstone present that all is well.

William Ediman, taster of ale at Whittlebury, presents that Agnes Tillesworth (8d) brewed three times against the assize.

The suitors there are to assess the damages before the next in the plea between William Til... in a plea of trespass, and inform the next.

William Maydeford (2d) is in mercy because he did not produce John Carsewell' of Burcote to answer Thomas Ediman. Thomas Maydeford (2d) is in mercy because he did not prosecute

William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass. William Grove (1d) is in mercy because he did not prosecute William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass. William Hempman (1d) is in mercy because he did not prosecute William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass.

Richard Knot complained against John Fox in a plea of debt, that on 3 June 1400 he bought a cartload of hay worth 16d, and that he unjustly detained it to the damage of the complainant of 16d. He denied this and wagered his law, by pledge of Richard Howman.

The woodward presented that John Frayn (2d) felled 1 oak worth 4d in the lord's wood of *Smeli...* Tillesworth, William Kerby (2d) and John Cony (2d) are attached for trespass of the lord's wood. Total: 12d.

Affeerers: John Harrys, William Hempman.

m.6

VIEW WITH COURT of Alice Golafr' abbess of Burnham held on Thursday before the feast of St Lucy the Virgin, 5 [Henry] VI (12 December 1426).

Chief pledges

Thomas Ediman

Geoffrey Knotte

John Fox

John Boterell'

Richard Adam

William Hempman

[John] Harrys

William Leye

John Frayn

John son of Richard Lambard

Hugh atte Brook'

John Plot

Magota Cony (2d) unjustly drew the blood of Christine Ponne and therefore is in mercy, by pledge of Richard atte Brook. The said Magota (2d) committed *homesoken* against Christine and therefore is in mercy, by the aforesaid pledge. John Fox justly raised the hue against William Tillesworth (3d) who therefore is in mercy, by pledge of the tithingman. Joan Cony (12d) broke arrest made by the lord's woodward and therefore is in mercy. John Fox justly raised the hue against William Tillesworth who therefore is in mercy, by pledge of Richard atte Brook.

William Tillesworth (8d) has timber lying in the king's highway, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. Richard atte Brook (2d) ... lane called *Grenelane*, causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. John Lambard the elder (2d), John Hunte (2d) and John Hokere (4d) ... over the lane called *Grenelane*, causing a nuisance, and therefore are in mercy. John Frayn (2d) has a ditch ... causing a nuisance, and therefore is in mercy. The watercourse at *Smeth'mede* was turned out of its right course ... Maydeford (2d), John Frayn (2d) and the prior of Luffield have a ditch towards *le Fysshewere* blocked up ... not yet cleaned out a ditch towards the tenement of John Harrys as ordered at the last and therefore is in mercy ... at *Mouslane* as ordered at the last and therefore is in mercy. Hugh Cony (3d) ... John Frayn (2d) has not yet mended the weir ... John Lambard the younger (2d) has not yet cleaned out his ditch at *Grenelane* ... to be mended on pain of 3s 4d each.

The same presents 1 grey mare worth 16d from strays and now judged to be the lord's because it is more than a year and a day; and 1 bay horse worth 16d from strays in August.

John Harrys and Richard Howman, tasters of ale at Silverstone, present that John Harrys (6d) and Emma Baret (4d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Whittlebury: William Hempman, taster of ale, presents that John Fox (2d), William Grove (2d) and William Tillesworth (2d) brewed and broke the assize of ale.

Richard Adam is elected to the office of taster of ale in Whittlebury in place of William Hempman and takes the oath.

12 jurors – William Maydeford, John Lambard the younger, Thomas Maydeford, Richard Dally, Richard Maii, Richard Hoker', Geoffrey Webbe, William Grove, John Frayn, William Kerby, Richard Andrew, Thomas Hykeman.

Small court

The reeve presents that Joan Maydeford, who held freely one toft ... in Silverstone, died, ...

There remains in the lord's hands a messuage and virgate in Silverstone which Hugh Frayn recently held according to the custom of the manor, which came into the lord's hands as an escheat, a messuage with an adjoining croft in Silverstone which William Chowne held according to custom, one cotland with one assart which Roger Rote recently held according to the custom, and a messuage and ½ virgate formerly of John Theccher which Roger Jankyn held before, for which the reeve answers for the issues.

Order to distrain before the next Thomas Grene to do homage, fealty, relief and other services due to the lord for land which he holds freely of her. Order to distrain before the next Robert Aleyn, William Maydeford, Thomas Maydeford, William Ediman and Simon Carter to do fealty and other services due to the lord for land held of her.

William West, John Fox and William Hempman are elected to the office of reeve there by the whole homage and the lord is able to choose whoever she wishes to have in that office. William Hempman is chosen by the lord and takes the oath.

John atte Chirche (6d), Thomas Bron barber (6d), John Herre of *Newport* (4d), John Lorkyn (6d), Thomas Wodeward (6d), William Leye (6d), William Mason (6d), Richard Mason (4d), William West (8d), John Hoker' capmaker (6d) and William Colman (6d) give a fine to be discharged from suit of court this year.

It is found through a certain roll of suitors that Robert Aleyn (2d) and Geoffrey Knotte (2d) who ought to do suit are in default and therefore are in mercy.

John Haii, by William Hempman his attorney, complains against William Tillesworth in a plea of trespass ...

The woodward there presents that Agnes Webbe (4d) and Alice Knotte (1d) defaulted in the collection of nuts according to the custom of the manor ...

Affeerers: Richard Howman, John Harrys.

m.7

VIEW WITH COURT held on Thursday after the feast of ..., 6 Henry VI (... 1427).

The chief pledges there, viz. John Lambard, John Hunte etc., present that Thomas Grene knight (2d) etc., residents, who ought to have come did not and therefore are in mercy. Total: 2s 3d.

Thomas Foxe has been taken out of tithing and therefore is in mercy. He is ordered to be at the next view on penalty.

The same presents that Richard atte Brooke (2d) has not cleaned out his ditch at *le Grenelane* ... notwithstanding he is ordered to do it before the next view on pain of 40d ... William Lye (3d) has still not cleaned out the lane ... he is ordered to do it before the next on pain of 40d ... unjustly and against the peace assaulted John Foxe with a ... the same John justly raised the hue and therefore is in mercy. Thomas Maydeford (3d) ... assaulted the said John Foxe (3d) who justly raised the hue and therefore is in mercy. Juliana Hogges (3d) has still not made amends for ploughing unjustly ... at Wodecrofte as ordered at the last view and therefore is in mercy; notwithstanding she is ordered to do so before the next on pain of 40d. John Frayne (2d) has still not mended a weir, blocked up at *Mouslane*; to be mended on pain of 40d.

Robert Mohall' (2d) is still outside the tithing and therefore is in mercy; penalty of 40d. Twelve freemen, that is, William Maydeford and his fellow jurors, come and present ...

Richard Adam of Whittlebury, taster of ale there ... brewed and broke the assize of ale. Total: 4d.

John Norrys [*?recte* Harrys] and Richard atte Brooke, tasters of ale ... Total: 6d.

Court baron

Joan Maydeford, who held a toft and virgate called Pekhamslond for her life, died, and Thomas Medford her husband paid the heriot. Afterwards, William Maydeford her son and heir was admitted, to hold according to the custom of the manor, and he gave no relief because his father had paid the heriot.

William Maydeford has entry into 2 virgates ...

John Lambard took from the lord 2 cot[tages] ... 3 acres adjoining with one croft called Hoggecroft ...; fine 8d.

... assart containing ... fine 6s 8d ... William Edym... and 1 acre called ... heriot 8d ... John Hykeman ... called Hykemans, died, ... cow worth 6s 8d, and Joan Hykeman ... John (6d) Capmak...

m.8

COURT held on the Tuesday of Easter, 8 Henry VI (18 April 1430).

Essoins: Joan Hykeman for common suit by Richard atte Brooke; Juliana Hogges for the same by John Lambard; Richard Adam for the same by John Plot; William Maydeford for the same by John Harris.

Richard Andrew (2d) puts himself in mercy for licence to agree with Nicholas West in a plea of trespass.

Thomas Maydeford complained against John Pammynter (2d) in a plea of broken agreement, who present in court, alleged that he agreed with him to provide surety for the repair of the tenement called John atte ... in October this year, and he did not provide to his damage of 28s ... John came and acknowledged the said agreement ...

Christine Pymme complained against John Pammynter (2d) in a plea of debt ... unjustly withheld 7d ... to her damage of 6d ...

John Foxe complained against Peter Hull (2d) in a plea of detention of chattels ... John alleged that he unjustly detained 8 yards of woollen cloth ... delivered to him for fulling in December last to his damage of 4s ...