

those given in this agreement, which is transcribed in full below in the form adopted by L. F. Salzman, *Building in England down to 1540* (1952), where all similar contracts before 1540, then known, were printed.

The document might have been acquired by the Petre family on two occasions. The priory was surrendered at its dissolution to Dr. William Petre, the builder of Ingatestone Hall, and his grandson William, 2nd Lord Petre was trustee for Anthony, 2nd Viscount Montagu, when the latter sold the family property 'between the middle gate of the close and the outer gate next unto Southwark'.

1529 London, Priory of St. Mary Overy [*Southwark Cathedral*]

Agreement with a carpenter to erect the timber framework of a gatehouse to the Priory of St. Mary Overy. The carpenter undertakes to find and fell the timber for the gatehouse, which is to measure 22 × 14 ft. with a jettied upper story 6 ft. high, containing a loft and solar; the work to be completed within 8 months for £5, paid in five equal instalments.

Essex Record Office D/DP O 79.

This endenture made the viijth. daie of Novembr yn the xxjth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viijth Betwix Barth' Prior of the howse & church of Seynte Mary Overy in Southwerke on the one partie & William Skynner carpenter of the parishe of Oxsted yn the countie of Surry carpenter of the other partie Witnesseth that the same William hath promysed well and trulye to make frame furnyshe and fynyshe yn all thynges that longeth vnto the hand of a carpenter a gate house of xxij fote yn lenghte and yn bredeth xij fote of assise by the grounde with a lofte above getting¹⁶ over one fote a both sides soo the lofte or sollar to be yn bredeth xiiij fote of assize the gate to be ix fote wide with particions and steyses as nede shall requyre & frome the groundsell to the flore of hith x fote if nede soo require And the vpper storie to by yn hith vi¹⁷ fote And ye said William shall fynd sawing & shall also hew al the tymber necessarie to the said werke both for quarters¹⁸ bordis and —¹⁹ for all which werke well werkmanly & sufficiently to be made fynysched furnysched and garnysched by the said William in all thynges that longeth vnto a carpenter as is above said the said William shal have v li' sterling to be paid as foloweth that is to saie whan he begynnyth his frame xxs. and whan he hath half framyd xxs. and whan he hath all framyd xxs. and whan he hath raysid it xxs. and whan he hath fynysched yt xxs. full paid of his sum of V li'. The which said frame perfylye to make rayesd & fynyshe before the feast of sayncts John Baptist [24. June] nexte ensuyng the date her of the said William byndeth hymself his Executors and assignes in tenne pound sterlyng by his writing obligatorye beyng date of this presents In witsesse whereof the said parties have sett ther scales Interchangeablye to these endentures the daie & yere above writyn.

[Sealed with the personal seal of Bartholomew Linsted, prior, c.1512-39]

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THE HEREFORD CONFERENCE, 1960

The Third Annual Conference of the Society was held at Hereford from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 April, 1960. The theme of the conference was 'The pattern of Settlement in the Welsh Marches 400-1250'. In the afternoon of the first day, after Mr. F. G. Heys had spoken on the moated site at Hampton Wafer and on the City Defences of Hereford, the conference visited various parts of medieval Hereford under the leadership of Mr. H. J. Powell, Mr. F. G. Heys, Mr. F. C. Morgan, Mr. A. Shaw Wright, Canon H. A. Moreton and Miss M. Jancey. The full conference opened in the evening with a lecture by Dr. H. P. R. Finberg entitled 'The Political Background of Settlement in the Welsh Border Shires'. On Saturday, 9 April Lord Rennel of Rodd spoke on 'The Pattern of Settlement in the area between the Severn and the Wye'; Dr. B. G. Charles on 'Place-names and Language in Relationship to the Settlement of the Marches'; Mr. P. Barker on 'Problems of Medieval Fortified Sites in the Central Welsh Border' and Mr. L. Alcock on 'The Archaeological Evidence for the Settlement of the Welsh Marches, 400-1100—

¹⁶ jettying.

¹⁷ *vij* deleted.

¹⁸ A small upright stud.

¹⁹ Indented word indecipherable.

some problems and pointers'. On 10 April the Conference visited Eardisley motte-and-bailey, Offa's Dyke, Old Radnor, The Rodd (where they were entertained to lunch by Lord Rennell) and Wigmore church. On Monday, after the main conference, some members took part in an excursion to the castles at Grosmont, White castle, Skenfrith and Kilpeck, as well as to Kilpeck church and settlement.

About 120 people participated in the conference and great credit is due to Mr. S. C. Stanford, who acted as local secretary.

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