

## Some Early Checkendon Documents.

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*(continued from page 7, Vol. 32, No. 1.)*

9. Whereas John Haweman of Chakendene has granted to George Rouden a wood called Hawemannesgrove, with the reversion of all the lands tenements etc. in Chakendene held by John and Cecilia Rede, now if John Haweman pays 4½ marks to George Rouden on the Easter next following the date of this deed, 20s. (*vint souldt*) on the following 24 June, and 20s. on the following 29 Sept., then a charter of release granted by Nicholas Haweman to George Rouden shall be null and void, and an obligation of 20 marks from John Haweman to John Rede shall also be null and void, otherwise the charter of feoffment and the obligation shall hold good. No witnesses. Chakenden, Thursday after the feast of Sts. Philip and James, 9 Ric. II (3 May, 1386).

10. John Rede grants to William Harlyngrugge and Walter Boughier, clerk, all the messuages, lands etc. lately belonging to John Hawemane, in Chakendene and Stoke Marmyon. Witnesses : Gilbert Wace, Chivaler, Thomas Barentyn, John Walyngford, Walter Garstone, William atte Dene. Chakendene 20 Jan. 10 Ric. II (1387).

11. Thomas Sakevyll, chivaler, John Terry of Cokeham, John Bryan, John Urbane, Edmund Brudenell, and Walter Boughier, capellanus, grant to John Rede all their lands tenements reversions etc. in Chakendene and Stokemarmyon, which they lately held at the grant of John Rede and Cecilia his wife, for 12 years at an annual rent of 100s. No witnesses. Falley, 7 March, 10 Ric. II (1387).

12. George Roudene, who had, on condition of John Hawemane of Chakyndene paying him certain sums of money at certain dates [see deed 9], in reference to a wood called Hawe-

mansegrove, held by John and Cecilia Rede for a term of years, now gives notice that the first instalment of those payments, viz. 6 marks 6s. 8d., has been duly paid to him by the said John Haweman. No witnesses. Thursday before Easter, 10 Ric. II, (1387).

13. John Haweman and Nicholas his eldest son grant to William Harlyngruge and Walter Boughier, clerk, all their wood called Hawemans wode, and have released to the said William and Walter all their property in Chakendene and Stokemarmyon. Witnesses: Gilbert Wace Chr., Thomas Barentyn, Richard Englys, Walter Garstone, Walter atte Dene. Chakendene, 6 Dec., 11 Ric. II (1387).

#### NOTES ON DEEDS 6-13.

The question naturally arises whether the "Hawmans" of these deeds is to be identified with the "Hammonds" Farm, End, Common of the present day. It would seem not. In the Borstall Cartulary—drawn up 1444-1489—there are 16 deeds relating to "Hawmans," and 4 relating to "Hammonds." The former set date from 1383 to 1461, the latter from 1456 to 1460, and the two sets are kept separate from one another. The records of the two names thus overlap in date, and it seems most unlikely that a property called "Hawmans" from 1383 onwards should be called "Hammonds" in 1456, 1460 and 1461. Moreover, whenever Hawmans is precisely defined, it is said to consist of a messuage, a carncate of land, and 18a. of wood. Whenever Hammonds is defined, it consists of 30s. rent derived from unspecified lands, wood, etc. The conclusion must be, that while "Hammonds" represents the Hammonds of to-day, Hawmans, under that name, has disappeared, and shares the fate of "Roudens."

#### NOTE ON DEED 6.

John Rede, sergeant-at-law (*serviens regis ad legem*) was knight of the shire for Oxon in 1388, King's eschaetor in several counties, and steward of the Chiltern Hundreds in 1389. He married Cecilia Harlyngrugge, dau. of Alice Marmyon and grand-dau. of Thomas Marmyon of deed 4. Their brasses (he died in 1404, she in 1428) are in the chancel of Checkendon Church.

After John's death she married Sir Thomas Sackville (of deed 11), but was again a widow in 1407.<sup>23</sup>

#### NOTES ON DEED 7.

The name Harlyngrugge occurs sparingly elsewhere, John de Harlengerugge, cotarius, holds half a virgate of land in Leuknor of Thomas de Padehale, in 1279.<sup>24</sup> A Hugh Harlyngrugge is fined in the Hundred Court of Piriton in 1308-9.<sup>25</sup> For John Hanyntone, see note on deed (2). Richard Englys is the son of Ralph Englys of Newnham Moryn. A charter of Henry Stratton, rector of Chakenden, in 1365, grants to Ralph Englys of Newnham Moryn and Richard his son, his whole manor of Opholcoumbe.<sup>26</sup> Thomas Qelcok is the Thomas Wilcok of B.C. fo. xxi (1384).

#### NOTES ON DEED 10.

Walter Boghier (Bowyer), variously described as *clericus* or *capellanus*, is associated with William Harlyngrugge in 1387, 1388 and 1394, and with Edmund Brudenell in 1387 and 1391, in various conveyances of land.<sup>27</sup> He is concerned also in the case of novel disseisin mentioned by Pearman.<sup>28</sup>

The family of Wace (Was, Wass, Waz, Ways, Vass, etc.) held half a knight's fee in Tythrop and a whole fee in Ewelme from very early times.<sup>29</sup> In 1264 Gilbert Wace, armiger, great grandfather of this Sir Gilbert, and Elena his wife, "were seized of all lands called Waceslondes in Coun. Oxon."<sup>30</sup> His son William (m. Agnes) was one of the jury for the half hundred of Ewelme for the drawing up of the Hundred Rolls of 1279. This William had a large family of sons and daughters, of whom only William and Elena survived. William, husband of Cecilia, was father of the Sir Gilbert of this deed, Elena married Richard Louches of Milton. This Sir Gilbert (m. Nicola) probably

<sup>23</sup> B.C., fo. xix.

<sup>24</sup> Rot. Hundr. II., 782.

<sup>25</sup> Pearman, *The Chiltern Hundreds*, 1890.

<sup>26</sup> Cal. Close Rolls, 1365, p. 166.

<sup>27</sup> B.C., fo. xx, xxii.

<sup>28</sup> *Notes on Checkendon*, Oxf. Archæol. Soc., 1893. See *Assize Rolls, Divers Counties*, No. 1504 m.q.

<sup>29</sup> *Book of Fees* II, 828-9 (1242-3). Rot. Hundr. II, 43 (1255), 760, 764, 784 (1279).

<sup>30</sup> B.C., fo. iv.

succeeded his father about 1360. His name occurs frequently in *Borst. Cart.* in deeds dated from 1370 to 1418. He was Sheriff of Berks and Oxon in 1372, 1375, 1379, and 1387, commissioner of array in 1377 and 1378, knight of the shire for Oxon in 1372. By a deed dated 3 Sept. 1385 he enfeoffed Thomas Sackville Chr., Thomas Barentyn and others of all his manors in Cos. Oxon, Bucks, and Berks, to found a chantry in the church of Ewelme.<sup>31</sup> This proposed foundation seems to have fallen through, for just before his death he granted to Master Thomas Ferant, clerk, and two others, all his lands and advowsons in the said counties (26 April 1408). By his will, dated 11 Nov. 1407, he ordered that the advowson of Checkendon Church should be sold, and the proceeds devoted to paying a chaplain for saying masses for his soul in a place to be determined by the Abbot of Dorchester. He was buried in that abbey, and Leland notes that "In the Body of the Chauncelle afore the Quier Doore lay a gentleman called Ways."<sup>32</sup> Sir Gilbert presented to Checkendon in 1381, 1383, and 1400. He left no issue, and the advowson of the church passed at his death, with the manor of Checkendon, to Joanna, widow of Richard Camoys, as next heir of Sir Gilbert, Thomas Camoys, Richard's father having married, as his first wife, Elizabeth, great granddaughter of the Elena Wace and Richard Louches of Milton mentioned above.<sup>33</sup>

Sir Thomas Sackville of Fawley was knight of the shire for Bucks in 1378-9, 1381-87, 1389, and 1394. He married Cecilia Rede after the death of her husband John in 1404, but she was again a widow in Dec. 1407 (*B.C.* fo. xix).<sup>34</sup>

#### NOTES ON DEED II.

The Barentyn family held, with that of de Plessetis, two knights' fees in Chalgrave from 1235 onwards.<sup>35</sup> Two Sir

<sup>31</sup> Quoted by H. A. Napier, *Swynecombe and Ewelme*, p. 40.

<sup>32</sup> *Itinerary* (ed. 1711) II, 10.

<sup>33</sup> *B.C.*, fo. iv, v.

<sup>34</sup> For the Sackville pedigree, see Lipscomb, *Bucks* III, 560. It is, no doubt, his son, also Sir Thomas, who witnesses a conveyance of the manor of Mapledurham Gurney to William Lynde and Joan his wife in 1430, and who, in 1412, pays 2s. for suit and service in the Hundred Court of Lewknor (Blount MSS.: M. T. Pearman, *The Chiltern Hundreds*, 1890.

<sup>35</sup> *Book of Fees* I, 555.

Thomas Barentyns, father and son, are buried in Chalgrove Church, where one of them obtained licence to erect a chantry in 1369. A Thomas Barentyn was Sheriff of Berks and Oxon at various dates between 1378 and 1395, and knight of the Shire for Oxon in 1388, 1390, 1393, 1397, 1399. By his will proved 24 Sept. 1453, Drogo Barentyn directs that he be buried in Chalgrove parish church "near Johan my late wife" (*ob.* 1437). His brass, with that of his wife Joan and his wife Beatrice (*ob.* 1446), are extant in that Church. His third wife, another Joan, survived him and witnessed his will.<sup>36</sup>

John Bryan, the year before this, got into trouble with the Hawman family. "To the Sheriff of Bucks: Writ of super-sedeas in favour of John Hawman the elder, Margery his wife, Lawrence, Nicholas, John the younger, and Walter, ordered at the prayer of John Bryan to find mainpernors that they should do or procure him no hurt or harm."<sup>37</sup>

Edmund Brudenell, of Wodemondeste, king's clerk, was knight of the shire for Bucks in 1403 and 1406.

14. Whereas William Harlyngrugge lately granted to John Hardewyk, senior, and Agnes his wife all the property called Roudens in Chakendene and half an acre of meadow called Shepmanspath in Yppesdene parish, for term of their lives, and whereas the said John and Agnes granted all their rights in the same to Matilda, wife of Thomas de Bixe, with reversion to William, after the deaths of John and Agnes, now the said William grants remainder of the same, after the deaths of John and Agnes, to John de Rede and Cecilia his wife and to the heirs of their bodies, at a rent of 10s. a year. Witnesses: Thomas Barentyne, Edward Stretle, John Walyngford, Walter Garstone, Nicholas Payable, Thomas Bixe, John Midelwood, clerk. Chakendene, 16 Jan. 17 Ric. II (1394).

Three John Hardewyks, father, son and grandson, held in succession the manor of Hardwick by Whitchurch. This is the middle one: he died Nov. 24 of the year this deed is dated. See

<sup>36</sup> A. Gibbons, *Early Lincoln Wills*, p. 179: F. N. Davis, *Parochial Collections* I, 81.

<sup>37</sup> *Close Rolls* 1386, p. 276.



further, A.H.C. in *Berks, Bucks and Oxon Arch. Journ.*, XXX (1926), pp. 123-4.

Nicholas Payable was mayor of Wallingford 1366-7-8. In 1369, as N.P. of Croumersh [Giffard] he releases to Richard atte ffelde [of Wallingford] and others certain lands in Clopcote which formerly belonged to N.P. senior.<sup>38</sup> The farm house on the border of Woodcote still known as Payables (Pables) was no doubt once held by a member of the family. John Payable and Joanna his wife occur in a list of inhabitants of Bensington (?) in 1381.<sup>39</sup>

Shepmanspath was half an acre in Ipsden common meadow, and lay, as Chipmannespath, "iuxta Thaunsiam in prato de Ippesden" (*B.C.* fo. xv (1321), xxiv (n.d.)).

15. Richard Marmyon, son and heir of Richard Marmyon senior, of Stoke parva, lets to Isabella Gosewell and her dau. Christina Walkelate a tenement with garden adjacent, a barn (*grava*) and a croft called Carmelade in Checkenden, for the term of their lives and of the longer liver. If the rent (6s. a year) is in arrear for a fortnight after the proper quarter-days, Richard or his representatives have right of entry and distraint, and of carrying off the goods distrained (*distrinciones inde captas*) pending payment. The tenants are to keep the premises in good and tenantable repair (*bene et competenter reparabunt sustentabunt et manutenebunt*), and the longer liver of the two is to pay heriot (*dabit heriettem*).

Witnesses: Edmund Rede, armiger, William Ranenyng, Roger Goswell. Chakendene, 20 Feb. 1 Hen. VI (1421).

"Carmelade" should no doubt be Carmelade's. "Robertus Carmelade [of Chakyndene] tenet j cotagium et dat de redditu xiii*d.* et ij gallinas."<sup>40</sup> Numberless obscure field and place names are derived from early tenants, all record of whom may have passed away. Thus in Mapledurham, "Stirrups" [cottage], "Hodmore" [farm], "Whittle's" [farm], "Bardolph's" [wood], "Drover's" [field], "Toby's" [hill], all preserve

<sup>38</sup> *B.C.*, fo. xvii, Clopcote.

<sup>39</sup> Exch. Lay Subsidy Rolls Oxon, 161/45 (1381).

<sup>40</sup> *Rot. Hundr.* II, 779 (1279).

personal names, the existence of which in the past can be verified. Compare "Rouden's" and "Hawman's" above.

Goswells still lived in Checkendon 250 years and more after the date of this deed. A mural inscription in the church, dated 1671-2, but no longer extant, recorded of Thomas and John, sons of Thomas and Anne Goswell of Neales that "Goswell goes well that goes to heavens bliss."<sup>41</sup> A Thomas Goswell is one of the jurors in the Inquis. p. mortem on Joan Iwardby of Mapledurham (1477).<sup>42</sup> and a John Goswell holds a tenement and land in Checkendon in 1564 and serves on a jury there in the same year.<sup>43</sup>

Cristina Gosewell may have married a Mapledurham man. Roger Walkelate is a free tenant of two tenements in that manor in 1343. Simon Walkelate attorns for his fealty to Lady Amice Bardolf of Mapledurham in a Court Roll dated 1397, and in a Court Roll of 1420 Esabella and Margareta Walkelate make default of fealty to the lords.<sup>42</sup>

Edmund Rede, esquire, is the son and heir of John and Cecilia Rede of deeds (6), (8), (9), (11), and (12), the father of Sir Edmund Rede, lord of Boarstall, and great grandfather of the William Rede of deed (18). He married Cristina James, dau. and here of Robert James of Wallingford (who succeeded to Borstall by right of his wife Katharine, dau. of Sir Edmund de la Pole); and died 8 Oct., 1430.

William Ranenyng (or Ravenyng) witnesses transfers in 1434 (*B.C. fo. xxii*, Gatehampton *fo. vii*). Another of the name appears in a list of the landholders of Bensington in 1327.<sup>44</sup>

16. Richard Marmyon of Stoke Marmyon grants to Thomas Skot of Yppesden, Lawrence Broun of Stokerowe and Roger Gosewell of Chakyndene all his messuages lands pastures woods rents etc. in Chakyndene, except a wood called Bechenwode.

Witnesses: Thomas atte Hyde, John ffayrhere, Roger Weler, Henry Tayler, John Robard. Chakyndene, feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, 14 Hen. VI (18 Oct. 1435).

<sup>41</sup> Auth. Wood MSS. F. 31, fo. 93.

<sup>42</sup> Blount MSS.

<sup>43</sup> M. T. Pearman, *Notices of Checkenden* (1893), p. 42.

<sup>44</sup> M. T. Pearman, *History of Kensington*, p. 60.

This is one of those fictitious transfers of property for a certain purpose, which were common in early times. Ten days later the same property was re-transferred to Richard Marmyon and Agnes his wife (deed 17).<sup>45</sup>

Stokerowe, originally a "liberty," i.e. a district free from the ordinary jurisdiction of the hundred in which it lay, was probably Stoke Rewe, Rewe being a family name.

Bechenwode, or Bechewode, lay near a field called Horshole, which is represented by the "Horsalls" of the 6-inch ordnance map. (*B.C.* fo. xxix (1460)). Beechwood farm and wood, Scot's farm, common and grove, and Wheeler's farm and copse, and Brown's wood are marked in the same map.

Thomas atte Hyde was a juror in an inquisition relating to Wallingford and some contiguous manors in 1338, and witnesses many documents in *Borst. Cart.* between 1419 and 1440.<sup>46</sup>

A John ffeyrhere is one of the jurors in the *Inquis. p. mortem* on Joan Iwardby of Mapledurham in 1476.<sup>47</sup>

17. Thomas Skot of Yppesden, L.B. of Stokerowe, and R.G. of Chakyndene convey to Richard Marmyon and Agnes his wife all the property mentioned in deed (16).

Witnesses: Thomas atte Hyde, John Hawe, Andrew Wode-mane, Roger Weler, John ffeyrhere. Chakyndene, feast of the apostles Simon and Jude, 14 Henry VI (28 Oct. 1435).

This deed, with the preceding, is contained in *B.C.* fo. xxiii.

18. Whereas Sir John Shaa, Sir Reginald Bray, Thomas Frowyk, and John Kingesmyll,<sup>48</sup> sergeants at law, and Thomas Marowe, appointed by a writ of inquiry into a case of disseisin in le post at Westminster before Sir Thomas Wode and his brother justices of the Court of King's Bench, dated Mich. Term 1501, have recovered as against William Rede, Gent., the manors of Chakendene and Gatehamptone, with 300*a.* land, 20*a.* meadow, 100*a.* pasture and 40*a.* wood in the same: Now, Sir John and his

<sup>45</sup> See A.H.C. in *Early History of Mapledurham*, p. 32.

<sup>46</sup> *Inquis. a. q. damnum*, 16 Hen. VI, No. 1.

<sup>47</sup> Blount MSS.



colleagues give notice that they have appointed William Dowman their attorney to obtain full seisin of the said property. Dated 6 Dec., 17 Hen. VII (1501).

The reference is a technical form of writ in a case of novel disseisin. A writ of entry on land claimed by one dispossessed can be made in three forms: (1) in the *per*, (2) in the *per* and *cui*, (3) in the *post*. An action of that nature will lie against the disseisors feoffee, the feoffee's heir, and the feoffee's feoffee, but it will go no further, it is only effective within the degrees to which the above technical terms apply.

William Rede of Borstall and Checkendon was grandson and heir of Sir Edmund Rede.<sup>50</sup> William Rede, his father, was son of Sir Edmund Rede by his first wife, Agnes Cottesmore, but predeceased him. Sir Edmund died in 1489, William in 1525. William's son, Leonard Rede, by his wife Anne, had a dau. Katharine, who married Thomas Dynham of deed (19).

19. William Lovegrove, husbandman, of Chakyndene, releases to Roger Ponsonby, rector of the same, and to Robert Wheler, husbandman, of the same, all his rights in his demesnes and manors of Chakyndene and Gatehampton, which he, with the said Roger and Robert, recently acquired of Thomas Dynham, esquire. No witnesses. Dated 3 April 6 Edw. VI (1552).

Lovegrove's farm, lane, and pond are marked on the 6-inch ordnance map.

Roger Ponsonby, L.L.B., was instituted to the rectory of Checkendon 28 Aug. 1545, and held it till 1554. He was buried in the church: his will is in Somerset House.<sup>51</sup> Thomas Dynham (see note on deed 18) presented to the rectory in 1555 and 1559, and died in 1562.

<sup>48</sup> Thomas Frowyk, Chief Justice of Common Pleas 1502, *ob.* 1506; John Kingsmill, justice of the same Court 1503, *ob.* 1509.

<sup>49</sup> See Pollock and Maitland, *History of English Law* II, 646-66.

<sup>50</sup> Knighted on Ascension Day (26 May) 1465, in the Tower of London, by Edward IV on the Coronation of his wife Elizabeth Woodville (W. A. Shaw, *Knights of England* I, 134-5).

<sup>51</sup> P.P.C. 19 More.