

A Rent Roll of the Suppressed Priory of Goring, 1546.

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The following document from the Powys-Lybbe papers is of considerable interest :—

" A Rentall of Goryng made the vith of Octob. Anno xxxviiij Domini nostri H. viij.

Freholders

ffirst of the Churchwardens of Gorynge for the ffree Rent of a house there called the Churchwardens by yere	xijd.	} xvjs. ijd.
Item of Mr. Doyle (nico Wylder ¹) for a ffire rent there by yere	xs.	
Item of Anseley ² for a fre rent for certen londe in Mapellderam in the parish of Goryng (<i>sic</i>) by yere	vs.	
Item of Willm Hawe for a ffire rent there by yere	ijd.	

Coppieholders

Item of Thomas Taylor for a parcell of londe called Hawynge by yere	xxd.	} vli. xiijs. iiijd.
Item of the same Thomas Taylor for a tenement and one gardin Londe by yere	viijs. viijd.	
Item of the same Thomas Taylor for other tenement and ij yardes lond by yere	xxs.	
Item of Henry Purme for a tenement with thappurtenannces in Gatehampton by yere	iijs. iiijd.	
Item of George Pottle...xs., of John Benwell	vs.,	
of Roger fferrer...iijs. iiijd., of Henry Pewte	vjs.	
of John Dystonys...viijs., of Edward Barret	...vjs.	
of Richard Bushnell...iijs., of Richard Justice	iijs	
of Richard Barret...vs., of John Hamond	iijs. iiijd.	
Item of Nicolas Wylder for Ladye grove per annum	xxs.	
Item of the parson of Whytchurch for Tyth per annum	vs.	
Item of John Stoner Seriant at Armes for the demeanes myll were passage fferry and fishinge by yere...vli. viijs. iiijd.		

NOTE.—Words and figures in square brackets are author's additions.

¹ The words "nico Wylder" are inserted above the line.

² More correctly, Ansley or Annesley.

Tennants bye Indenture

Item of the same John Stoner for the parsonage excepte the tyth of xxs. letten to Wylder and except the tythe of vs. paid by the parson of Whitchurch and except the tyth Corne and Haye of Stapenhill by yere	viiijli. vs.	
Item of thabove named Thomas Taylor for ys graunge of Stapenhill and for the tyth Corne and hay belonging to the same by yere	iiiijli.	xviiijli xvjs viijd
Item of Margaret Uvedall ^a for a house in the Churchyarde with thappurtenance by yere	iijs. iiijd.	
Summa totalis		xxiiijli vijs. ijd.

Inde

Reprises

Item paid to the Castell of Wallingford or the late Priorye of Wallingford by yere	vs.	
Item to a prest that serveth Cure at Goryng by yere	vjli.	vjli. xjs. viijd.
Item paid by the Archedeacon of Oxon for Synage and Procurage by yere	vjs. viijd	
And so clerely remayneth ...		xviiijli. xvs. vjd.

The following extracts from official documents of the period will serve to illustrate points in the above Rental :—

“Goryng in the countey of Oxford.

The clere yerly value of all the manor^a lands tenemts and other the possessions and hereditamts as well temporall as spirituall belongyng and appteynyng to ye foresayd nonery off Goryng is to the Kyng above all yerly charge as aperyth by the Surveyor^a boks—Lxvli. xviijs. viijd. ob. q.” (*Rentals and Surveys*, Portf. 14, No. 5.)

“The rent Rowill off the late p’orie off Goryng and first for the t’me off the natyvyte off our lord & off the annuncyatyon off ow^r Ladie. . . . Hungerford in comit. Bercks off Thom^s tayler for the rent off a tenement there paid ons a yere vjs. viijd. . . . (*ibid* Portf. 23, No. 21.)

^a More correctly, Udall.

"Priory of Goring, co. Oxford." List of demesne lands there giving the names of the lands (but not of the tenants) with rents amounting to £13. 13. 4½ (*Augmentation Office*, Misc. Bks. 406, pp. 39-40).

"Monastic Possessions of the dissolved houses of Bruern Goring &c. 28-29, Hen. 8 [1537-38.]

. . . . "Goryng. Terr. et possessiones nuper Priorat. de Goryng pertinen. officiu. Coll. Redd. compus. Thome Tayllor Coll. ac coll. Redd. ibid."

Rents of Assize. . . . mention of Church house :

Thos. Taylor holds a tenement, rent 20d : other tenants (not Wilder or Stoner) : Margt. Udall holds Potters Hayes :

. . . . "Et de vs de Reddu. j tenti. ibm. Johes Annsley libe tenet. sol. ad E.T. [eosdem termino]" After mentioning many names of places in Berkshire continues :—"Firma terre dñic [dominice] cū Rectoria ibm. Compus Joh^a Stoner firmar ibm p tempus p'd. (arrear, farm receipts). There follow farm of Uxmere (Andrew Ledall farmer of same), farm of Sulham (Nich. Welder [*sic*]), farm of Stretley (Wm. Stafford), farm of Stapnell (Thos. Tayllor) &c. . . . Fitting of Ladygrove & Hawys, Nicholas Wylder, farmer, by indenture dated 10 Sept. 25 Hen. 8. [1533].

NOTES.

¹ Mr. Doyley, possibly a descendant of the great Robert d'Oilly, was a "gentleman" and landowner of Goring. On 19 July, 1543, John Curteyse of Whitchurch granted to Nicholas Wylder of Goring two crofts of arable land called Grete Ape Crofte and Lytle Ape Crofte, which lately were granted him by Thomas Doyley armiger. On 2 May, 1555, Nicholas Wylder of Goring yoman and Agnes his wife granted to Thomas Wylder their son the same two crofts, situate near the heath of Goryng (Powys-Lybbe documents).

² Thomas Taylor, a Goring man, was in 1536 appointed by the Crown bailiff in charge of the Priory and its rents, and eventually as was often the case became their owner.

³ "On 9 August, 1536, a warrant was issued to Sir Richard Riche, Chancellor of the Augmentation Court, for a grant made to John Stoner, Sergeant at Arms, and his wife, being in service with the Queen, of the Priory of Goring, Oxon. . . . The first owner or freeholder was Charles Dyke of Suffolk to whom, in the 30th year of his reign, Henry VIII granted the site [valued at £60 5s. 6d.], but six years later transferred it to Sir Thomas Pope, who, on 4 July, 1541, demised the site and demesnes of the Priory to Thomas Taylor for a term of 81 years, to commence Mich.,

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1557" (P. G. *Stone Church and Priory of Goring*, pp. 25-26); Tanner, *Notit. Monast. Oxfo'dsh.* XV: The Queen was Jane Seymour. Anne Boleyn was executed 17 May, 1536, and Henry married Jane Seymour 30 May, same year; quick work!

⁴ Ladygrove Farm still exists on the extreme N.E. edge of Whitchurch parish.

⁵ The parson of Whitchurch in 1546 was John Olyver (1528-1552), doctor of Civil Law, and prebend of Kings Tainton, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and a Master in Chancery (R. J. Godlee, *A Village on the Thames*, p. 266).

⁶ "Stapnell's Farm" now lies close to Coldharbour village and abuts on Coombe End Farm. On 24 November, 1618, Richard Lybbe of Hardwick and Robert Whisteler of Goringe conveyed to Edward Clerke of Reading, for £700, all that graunge ffarme and tenement Called Stapnill, alias Stapnell, scituate in Goringe, with other lands in Gatehampton and Whitchurch (Powys-Lybbe documents). A tablet in Goring Church records the death of "Helinora Whistler, filia tertia Johannis Whistler de Goaring, fili primi Willi Whistler de Stapenhill sepulta fuit 25 Jan. 1630." Late owners of Stapenhill Farm are given by Rawlinson (*Parochial Collections*, Oxford Record Society, IV. 152).

⁷ Hawe was a name common in Goring and in South Stoke. On 4 February, 1601, John Hawe of South Stoke conveyed to Richard Libbe of Hardwick, for the sum of £100, all his messuages, lands, etc., "scituate in Goringe, Mapledurham and Whitchurch."

⁸ The oldest tomb in Mapledurham Churchyard is that of Thomas Benwell, who died 18 October, 1618.

⁹ "In 1540, the Castle and honour of Wallingford was separated from the duchy of Cornwall and attached to the King's manor of Ewelme." (P. G. *Stone ut sup.*)