

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Newbury.

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NEWBURY has always been well endowed with almshouses, the oldest of which, St. Bartholomew's Hospital—or as some call it, King John's Almshouses—is the subject of this article, in which are presented two sixteenth century documents that throw considerable light on the early history of the foundation. The first is a series of depositions made by witnesses in reply to interrogatories ministered to them on behalf of Edward VI, to prove that St. Bartholomew's was a priory or chantry. This was necessary as the hospital had been seized by the King's Commissioners under the Chantry Acts and leased to one Thomas Burche, a yeoman of the King's Chamber, who had been prevented by certain of the inhabitants of the town from enjoying his rights. Parts of this document were published¹ some thirty years ago, but as it contains such an interesting description of the buildings, etc., the author feels that it is worth while bringing the whole of it to the reader's knowledge. The second document has only recently been discovered in the Public Record Office, and appears to be a copy of some of the grants² of land, etc., to and from the hospital. It is undated, but is, I think, in connexion with an inquiry held in Newbury at the end of the sixteenth century.

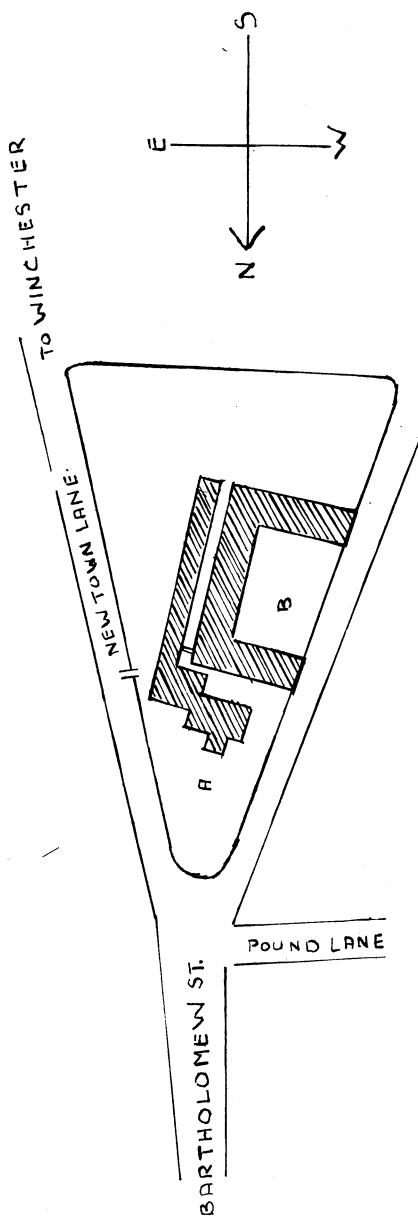
Before dealing with these documents it would be well to review briefly the history of what is known as St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Grammar School Foundation.

The exact date of foundation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital is unknown. The first reference we have to it is in the *Mappa Mundi*, compiled by Gervase of Canterbury, about the year 1200, where, under the heading of Berkshire Hospitals, is the following: "*Sancti Bartholomaei, Neuberie.*" And on July 7, 1215, King John granted the right of a two days' fair "to the Hospital of

¹ Home Counties Magazine, Vol. IV., pp. 181-91.

² Money, *History of Newbury* p. 131 and 161-2. *The Newburian*, Nos. 54 and 95. These contain some further grants.

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"PART OF THE CITY"

OF

NEWBURY.

IN 1768

A. THE FREESCHOOL OR LITTEN

B. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL

St. Bartholomew at Newbury and to the brethren serving God there." This fair is still held annually with a great deal of the ancient ceremony, which includes a court and the collection of two-pence from each licensed house in the town. In 1934, the takings amounted to just over £22³.

Except for various grants of land during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries very little is known about the functioning of this institution. At Salisbury a fairly complete register of admissions of Priors is preserved, from which it appears that the head of the hospital, who was usually a priest, was first selected by the commonalty of Newbury, and presented by them to the Bishop of Salisbury, who confirmed the appointment.

The Commissioners of Edward VI who were appointed to make a list of all chantries, and the like, describe St. Bartholomew's Hospital as "one hospytall of Seynt Barthylmewe founded by whome y^t y^s unknowen unto commysioners to thentent to have one preste to syng in the said hospytall, and 2 pore men to pray there contynually. . . ." The lands were worth £23 1s. 8d. yearly.

It is now necessary to leave the hospital and learn something about Wormestall's Chantry, or, as it is now known, St. Bartholomew's Grammar School. The first reference to this charity, the origin of which has always been uncertain, is the Chantry Certificate⁴ which describes Wormestall's Chantry as founded by will, 2 March, 1466, of Henry Wormestall. The lands were worth yearly £13 9s. 8d. from which after deducting outgoings "Remayneth unto Thomas Evans, scole master, techying a gramer scole ther, where of that towne hath grete nede, £12. 2. 4½." It also describes the Chantry of Our Lady as founded for a stipendary priest to celebrate in an aisle called Our Lady, and endowed with lands of the yearly value £13 1s. 8d., out of which after 66s. 8d. for alms for 12 poor men relieved in an almshouse there and out-goings "remayneth to Thomas Forscot, incumbent of the age of 60 years, teacher of the gramer scole ther, with 3s. 4d. for wine and waxe having nothing elles towards his lyving, nor is able to teache cure £8 3s. 4d."

³ The "Evening Standard," 5/9/34.

⁴ Southampton and Berks, No. 51.

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All these lands⁵ with other property were sold by Edward VI for £600, and a fixed annual stipend of £12 substituted. Leach⁶ quotes this as being one of the worst cases of "Edwardian spoliation."

The exact relation between the two schoolmasters does not appear. But the almshouse was transferred to St. Bartholomew's Hospital and, undoubtedly, the school with it; for as a result of an inquiry⁷ held in 1578, it appears that "the chappel⁸ [of St. Bartholomew's Hospital] y^s converted into a scole house in Kinge Edward's time and so hath contynewed sythence."

From now onwards, until 1814, the hospital and school are merged into one.

It appears that in 1554 the lands belonging to the hospital had been leased by the Prior⁹ to various people, to the prejudice of the hospital, in fact wealthy people were enjoying the benefit of the lands, while the poor and needy, for whose benefit the hospital had been founded, went without charity. This state of affairs continued until 1599, when, after a number of inquiries,¹⁰ etc., the management of the hospital and school was vested in the Corporation of Newbury in whose hands it remained until the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act in 1835. The Mayor was styled "Master of St. Bartholomew's Hospital," and each year two proctors were appointed by him to collect the rents, etc. The Master's position was only nominal, although all deeds were given in the names of the Master, Co-brethren and Sisters, and sealed with the seals of the town and hospital.

Although during this period the hospital and school were virtually the same, being housed in the same buildings, the school received only the Crown stipend of £12 per annum and nothing

⁵ For the complete list of these lands see *The Newburian*, No. 95.

⁶ A. F. Leach, *English Schools at the Reformation*, pt. i. p. 114.

⁷ Money, *History of Newbury*, pp. 216-25.

⁸ The Chapel referred to is the ancient room which still exists at the west end of the Litten House, which latter is north of the Hospital and in the same grounds. The chapel is sometimes called the Chapel of St. Leonard.

⁹ This was Roger Bromold, the last prior. See appendix B.

¹⁰ The second document to be given shortly, forms part of this inquiry. See Money, *History of Newbury*, pp. 226-7.

from the wealthy¹¹ hospital. This state of affairs continued until the death of the master of the school, the Rev. Thomas Best, in 1814 when the Corporation decided not to appoint a successor until they were better satisfied concerning the origin of the school. The Litten House was then let to the widow of the late master.

In 1829 it appears that certain irregularities were stated to exist in the management of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the affairs of the whole charity were brought before the Court of Chancery, where they remained until 1841. Money was then spent on repairing the property, and a few years later a new school building was erected at a cost of £1,025 on the site of the old Litten House—the ancient chapel being untouched, and in 1849 the school was reopened, after being in abeyance for 35 years, where it was continued until the opening of the present buildings in 1885.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital now consists of 14 almshouses, housed in a low range of brick buildings facing west, with wings projecting westward at each end, and tiled gabled roofs. Over the archway in the middle block are the arms of James I. At the back of the buildings is a reproduction of the hospital seal, which, through carelessness or ignorance, has been twisted through a right-angle. This was probably done when the buildings were restored in the first half of last century. The present buildings date from 1618, and have been recently restored.

South of the hospital is the Litten House, with the Chapel attached. The former is a typical mid-Victorian house and is of no interest. The remains of the chapel¹² consist of a small rectangular room 23 feet by 17 feet¹³, inside. The chief point about it is the elaborate roof, which is gabled and in which are two richly carved and moulded queen-post trusses. The moulded wall plates, set back almost on to the outside face of the walls,

¹¹ In 1820 the income from lands was £563 11s. od.

¹² Although two marriages—that of "Jack of Newbury" in the sixteenth century and another in the eighteenth century—are said to have been solemnized in the chapel there is no extant record of it being consecrated.

¹³ The original length was about 26 feet, but when the Winchester Road was widened, in 1825, it was shortened by three feet.

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suggest that the original walls were much thicker and of half timbered work ; the present walls are about two feet three inches thick.

We are now in a position to understand the two documents ; they are self explanatory ; their object having been described in the opening paragraph.

DOCUMENT No. 1.¹⁴

[f. 70] Writ dated 26 November, 4 Edward VI, addressed to Robert Gayer, Mathew Kellett and Thomas Butler, gentlemen to take depositions of witnesses in the following suit.

[f. 71] Interrogatories to be ministered vnto wittnesses vppon the partie of our sovereign lorde the Kinge to prove that there is a priorye or Chauntrie in Newbery callid Saynt Bartholomew.

[i] Inprimis whether ther was ever within the towne of Newberie in the countye of Berk. eny religiouse house commonly callid the priory of St. Bartholomeus within Newberie orelles a chauntrie there called St. bartholomeus chauntrye in Newbery or not and whether this deponent dothe knowe the same to be treue of his own knowledge or by the report of other men and what were the names of theym y^t reported the same and of what age there were of.

[ii] Item whether the same religiouse house or Priorye was an howse or priorie of Chanons and how many of theym hathe ben there together at one tyme and what apperell there did were whether whight apparell after thorder of Chanons or not orelles whether the same were a chauntrie and how many secular preestes were there at eny tyme callid the Chauntrie prestes of St. Bartholomew and whether this deponent dothe know the same to be trewe by his own knowledge or by report of other men and what were the names of theym y^t reported the same and of what age.

¹⁴ Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous Books, E 315/124. ff. 70-3.

- [iii] Item whether the same howse or Priorye hathe been of late daies taken as a priorye or as a chauntrie or as a free chappell and whether the evidences and writings concernynge the same late house or priorye do declare the same to be a priorye or a chauntrie or a free chappell and whether an owld house now there standing is and hath ben called the chapter house of the same or not.
- [iv] Item whether this dependant ever herd one Sir William Magate preste then being prior or chauntrey prest there report and saie y^t he shuld goo in Chanons apparell for so did his predecessours go appareled and whether the same Sir William and other the inhabitants of Newberye at suche tyme as the firste frutes and tenthes of spiritual promotions were graunted to our said Kinge Henry the eighth did present before the Kings commission appointed to Serveye Chauntries and priories that the same howse of St. Bartholomews was a priory a Chauntrie a free chappell or not.
- [v] Item whether the possessions belonging to the said Priorie or chauntrie concernyng xij mesuages ccc acres of land medow pasture and woodd and iiij li, rent lying in Newberie Greneham and Spyne in the said Countie of Berks. and what other lands tenements and hereditamentes do appertayne to y^e said priorye chauntrie or free chappell and where they do lye.
- [vi] Item what lease or leases be made of the same landes tenementes or eny parcell therof and what rent ther be theron reserved.
- [vii] Item whether John Knight gent. did earnestlie exhort the tenaunts of the said landes at suche tyme as a former commission was awarded about ij yeres last past concernyng the premisses that theye shuld sticke fast to gether and declare vnto the said commissioners that the said howse of St. Bartholomews was an hospitall and no Priorye chauntrie nor free chappell for if it were proved that the same howse were a priorye chauntry or free chappell that then their leases were woyde and how

many of the said tenauntes did then depose before the said commissioners concernyng the premisses and what were their names.

[viii] Item what other thing or matter this deponent can depose ether of his own knowledge or by the report of eny other wherbie it may appere y^t the said howse of St. Barthewmews is a priory or a chauntrie or a free chappell.

[ix] Item in what maner and forme the scyte of the said priory Cauntry or fre chappell was buylded and whether y^s there a fayre church of largenes and in the Chauncell y^t hath ben seatyed with staddelles or carrolles and in the same Chauncell a doore for a comon wey into a howse there standyng in the sowth syde buylded Lyke the said church which howse was commonly called the Chapter howse and whether there be on the southe syde of the said church a howse with a hawle and two chambers in y^t joynyng to the said chapter house on the west syde the w^{ch} the pryer was wont to kepe howse in and whether in the said sowth syde of the said chauncell there y^s a dore goyng in s* to the Chapter howse and to the pryers lodging. And also a wey owt of the chauncell betwene the Chapter howse and to the pryers lodging in to his ffarme howse close And in the said Chauncell was a hygh Aulter And at the sydes of the said Chauncell two Iles made betweene the body of the church of the said Chauncell with aulters in them And over the body of the church two Chambers w^t a chymney there in where in the pryer did kepe his howse And whether there is in the said body of the said church thre doores one South ward another north ward The third a great dore at the west end goyng in to the church yard as Accustomed for the procession to goe in and out and so hath ben tyme owt of mans remembrans and

unto suche tyme as the said processions wer desolved
And uppon the said churche a faire steple with a fayre
bell in y^t or not.

[f. 72] The certyfycate of the deposycōns of dyvers
Wyttnesses, examyned by Mathewe Kellett and Thomas
Butler Gentylnmen vppon certeyn Interrogatoryez of the
behalf of our Sovereign Lord the Kyng to them sent to
prove that there y^s a Pryorye or Chauntery in Newberye
in the County of Berk. by vertue of the Kynges maiesties
Commyssyon hereunto annexed to them dyrected
dayted at Westminster the xxvj of November in the
fourth yere of hys hyghnez raign taken at Neweberie
aforeseyd the xth and xjth day of Marche in the ffythe
yere of hys maiesties moost prosperous reign.

John Stere one of the Kynges maiesties Almes men
of Dunnyngton within the honor of Dunnyngton
besydes Neweberye aforeseyd of the age of lxxxviii
yeres and above sworn and examyned the day and yere
abovewrytten to the fyrst Interrogatorye deposyth and
sayth that of hys owen knowledge he hath knowen
thies lxxxv yerez a howse of Relygyon in Newberye
aforeseyd called the Pryorye of Seynt Bartylmewes.

To the second Interrogatorye he saythe that theseyd
Relygyous hows was an howse or pryorye of Chanons
and that he knewe twoo chanons to be there contynually
together by the space of thyrtye yerez untill they
departyd owt of the world and that he knewe the same
Chanons ware whyte apperell after the order of Chanons
that y^s to say an under Garment of whyte clothe and
over that a whyte Rochett and above the same a vyolett
gown sleveles.

And to the thyrd Interrogatorye he sayth the seyde
howse or pryorye hath ben of late days taken and
Reputyd as a pryory and y^s yet called by the name of
the Pryorye of Seynt Bartylmewes and as tochyng eny
evydences or wrytynges concernyng the same howse
or pryorye thys deponent knowyth none.

Also to the fourth vth vjth and vijth Interrogatorye he knowyth noo thyng.

ffurthermore to the viijth and ixth Interrogatorye he sayth that the seyte of the same Pryorye y^s bylded after an old and auncyent byldyng and that there y^s a proper lytell churche there-unto adjoynyng and that he knewe the Chauncell there to be seated with carrolles, and in the Chauncell there y^s a dore and a common wey ledyng into a howse there standyng on the south syde and y^t y^s buylded lyke the same church but whether the same howse was comonly called the Chapter howse thys deponent knowyth not also thys deponent sayth that there y^s on the south syde of the seyde Church an howse standyng but what hall or chamber y^s therein he knowyth not Also thys deponent sayth that there y^s a wey owt of the Chauncell into the ffarm howse which sometyme was close and that in the seyde Chauncell there stode an hygh alter and over the bodye of the churche twoo Chambers with a chymney in the same wherin one Sir John Magott late Pryor there dyd kepe hys howse And further he sayth that there be thre dores in the same Church one Southward one other Northward and the third a grett dore at the West end goyng into the Church yard ever accustomed for the processyon to goo in and owt and soo hath bene tyme owt of mynd and vnto such tyme that processyon was dyssolvved and vppon the same Church a steple and a fayre bell therin.

Moreover thys deponent sayth he hathe herd one Sir Wylliam Bray late Pryor there syng masse in the same Church and also he knewe one Sir Robert Strete called the blak Pryor to sey masse there abowt thyrtye yerez past also thys deponent sayth that he knewe one Sir John Magott Pryor there before Sir Roger Bromall and that the same Sir Roger Bramall y^s called Pryor of the sam Pryorye at thys day and more thys deponent doth not knowe.

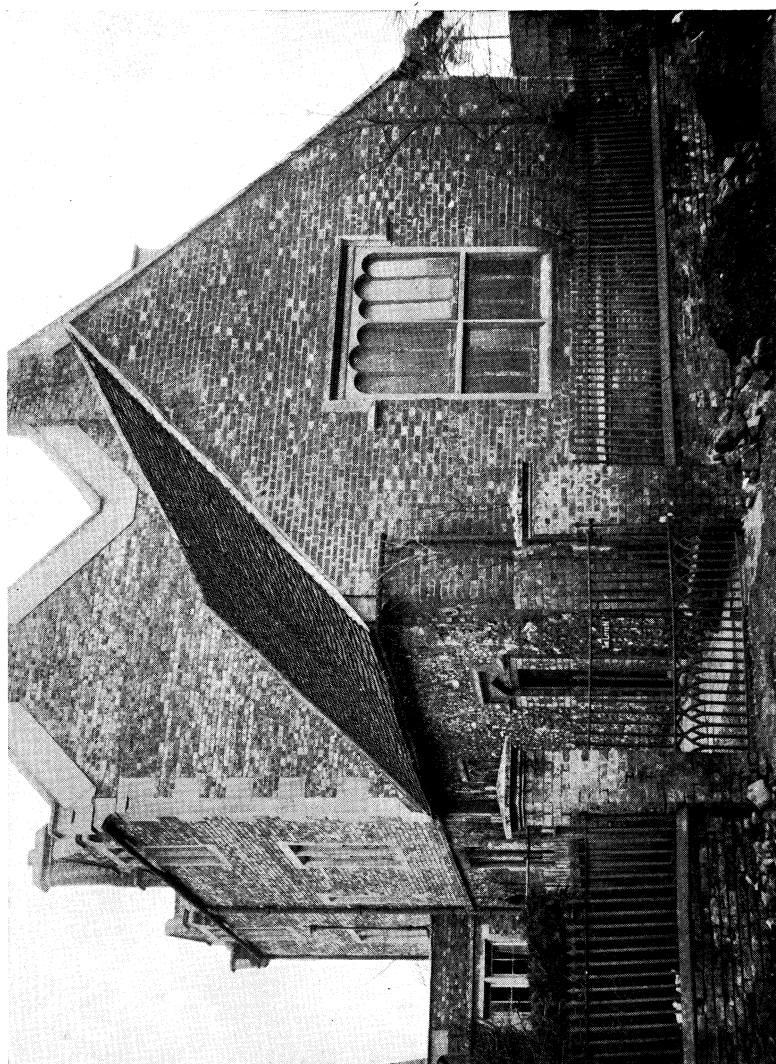
John Boxworth one other of the Kynges maiesties almes men of Dunnyngton aforseyd of the age of lxxxviij yerez and vpward sworn and examyned the day and yere aboveseyd deposyth in all thynges as the seyde John Stere hath before deposyed.

John Grene of Bagnowre in the parysshe of Spene in the seyde Countye of Berk. ffuller of the age of lx yerez and more sworn and examyned the day and yere abovewrytten uppon hys othe sayth to the fyrst Interrogatorye that there y^s in the towne of Neweberye within the seyde Countye of Berk one Relygyous howse w^{ch} hath alweys ben called the Pryorye of Seynt Bartylmews.

And to the second Interrogatorye he sayth as the seyde John Stere and John Boxworth hath sayd and to the thyrd he sayth that the same howse or Pryorye hath bene within thies seven yerez taken as a Pryorye and that one Thomas Knyght hath a certeyn Indenture or lease which doth declare the same to be a Pryorye and that there y^s an old howse nowe there standyng which hath ben in tymes past called a Chapter howse of the same Pryorye.

Also to the fourth Interrogatorye he sayth that at suche tyme as the ffyrst ffrutes and tenthes of spyrytuall promotions were graunted unto our late soveriegn lord Kyng Henry the Egyth deceasyd thys deponent and one Thomas Brewer of Spenam land of the age of lx yere and upward with other beyng sworn made a presentment before the Kynges Maiesties Commyssoners appoynted to survey Chaunteryez and Pryores of all the landes and Tenementes lying within the parysshe of Spene belonging to the Pryorye of Seynt Bartylmews and also presentyd the seyde howse of Seynt Bartylmews to be a Pryorye and that as he hath hard say that one Sir John Magott then Pryor of Seynt Bartylmews aforseyd with the inhabytauntes of Newbery aforseyd at the seyde tyme dyd present the

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seyd hows of Seynt Bartylmews to be a Pryorye Also to the fyfth Interrogatory he knowyth moo thyng.

ffurthermore to the syxt Interrogatorye he saythe that John Maunsell of the parrysse of Spene holdyth a howse and a gardeyn with vj acrez of ereable land by Indenture for terme of yerez late belonging to the seyde Pryorye paying therfore by the yere xls. and that Thomas Hynd of Spene aforseyd holdyth in lyke manner a howse and a garden with xxviiij acrez of ereable land lying in Spene aforseyd late apperteynyng to the seyde Pryorye yeldyng therfore yerely xxxvj s. viij d. and also that John Knyght Gent. deceasyd late held by Indenture for terme of yerez ij Tenements with vj acrez of medowe lying in the Common ffeldes of Spene aforseyd now in the tenure and occupation of one . . . * ffraunces and Rychard Hore yeldyng therfore yerely xxvj s. viij d. and that Wylliam Cockeshed holdyth in lyk manner and forme ij Tenementes with vj acrez of ground lying in Spene aforseyd yeldyng therfore yerely xv s. and that Thomas Knyght holdyth thre Closez and a Coppys commonly called Pryorys Coppys with xxxj acrez of ereable land and medowe yeldyng therfore yerely xxxvij s. ob. And to the seventh Interrogatorye he knowyth noo thyng.

moreover to the viijth and ixth Interrogatoryez he sayth that the scyte of the same Pryorye y^s of an old buyldyng and that there y^s a pretye Church of largenes and in the Chauncell y^t hathe ben seatyd with Carrolles and in the same Chauncell there y^s a dore and a common way into a howse there standyng in the South syde buylded lyke the Church aforseyd which hows was commonly callyd the chapyter howse and of the South syde of the same Church a howse with a hall and ij chambers in ytt joynyng to the Chapter howse on the

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West syde in the which the Pryors were wonte to kepe theire howsez and there y^s a dore goyng into the Chapter howse and to the Pryors lodgyng and also a wey owt of the Chauncell bytween the Chapter hows and the Pryors lodgyng into hys ffarm howse sometyme cloyd and in the seyde Chauncell was an hygh altare and on the sydes of the seyde Chauncell twoo Iles made bytween the bodye of the Church and the seyde Chauncell with alters in theym and over the bodye of the Church twoo chambers with a chymney therein wherein the Pryor dyd kepe hys howse and in the seyde bodye of the church iij doores one Southward an other Northward with a Porche in hytt the thyrd a Grett dore at the West end ledyng into the church yard old accustomed for the processyon to goo in and owt and soo hath ben tyme owt of mynd and vnto suche tyme as the seyde processyons were dyssolvdyd and vppon the seyde Church a steple with a fayre bell in hytt also thys desponent sayth that he hath helped William Bray the Pryor there to say masse there dyvers tymes also he saythe that he hath knowen fower Pryors there that ys to say Sir Wylliam Bray Sir Robert Strete the black Pryor Sir John Magott and Sir Roger Bromall Pryore of Seynt Bartylmewes aforeseyd.

finally thys deponent saythe that the forseide Sir John Magott dyd say masse at Spene twyse in the weke by the space of a whole yere and more thys deponent knowyth nott.

Edmond Benett of Spene in the Countye of Berk ffuller of the age of lxxxij yere and sumwhat more sworn and examyned the day a yere abovesayd sayth to the fyrst artycle as the seyde John Grene and other aforenamyd have sayd And to the thyrd fourth viijth and ixth Interrogatoryez he sayth in all thyngs as the seyde John Stere and John Grene hath sayd moreover he sayth he hath knowen fyve Pryors here that y^s to

say Sir Wylliam Bray Syr Edmund . . .¹⁵ Sir Robert Strete the black Prior Sir John Magott and Sir Roger Bromall.

ffynally thys deponent saythe that the forsayd fyve Pryors have sayd masse at the forsayd Pryorye * the parysshe Church of Newbery at dyverse tymes. Also he saythe that he knewe a ffayre to be kept * the forsayd Pryorye in the ffeast of Seynt Barthylmewe in the name of the Pryor of Seynt Barthylmewe aforseyd . . . * Courts of Piepowder and were kept in the namez of these Pryors at the seyde fayre who toke all the proffettes of . . . * to their own vsez as by dyvers Court rolles and bookes of Receytt of the * therof showyd vnto vs the seyde Commissioners more playnly wyll appeare and more thys deponent knowyth not.

John Wyllatt of Grenenham in the parysshe of Thatcham in the Countie of Berk. fuller of the age of xxx yeres sworn and examined the xjth day of Marche in the yere aforesayd to the ffyrst Interrogatorye vpon hys othe saythe as John Stere * have deposed And to the second Interrogatorye he seyth that he hard one John Gull of * forseyd * man of the age of lxxx yerez and above reporte and say * that there was in the seyde Relgyous hows or Pryory one Pryor and two Chanons and that they went in whyte apparell and further he cannot depose.

. . . . * der Wylson one of the Kynges maiesties Almes men [of] Dunnington aforseyd of the age of lxx yeres sworn and examyned * afore rehearsed vppon hys othe to the ffyrst Interrogatory saith as John Stere * hathe sayd *

[f. 73] From the Records of our Lord King Edward VI remaining in his Court of 10^{ths} and 15^{ths} extracted
Newbury in Co. Berks.

¹⁵ Blank in MS. [? Worthington].

* Illegible.

The perpetual Chantry or Chapel of St. Bartholomew of the foundation of the men and inhabitants of that vill aforesaid whereof John Magot, clerk, is incumbent is worth as well in rents and farms as in profits of fairs and oblations within the Chapel there beyond lvij s. iij d. of resolute rents to divers persons issuing yearly from lands and tenements of the said Chantry, viz. to Lady Anne Queen of England. 16s. the Duke of Suffolk 16s. 5d. William Essex Kt. 16s. 6d. m. Inglefelde 16s. 2d. and to the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England issuing from the tenement at Greneham 2d. and 12s. 8d. for the fee of Richard Bridges steward of the lands of the aforesaid Chantry (6s. 8d.) and Richard Parkes and William Brodwey (6s.) receiver of the profits of the fair there yearly.

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tenth there-
of
19s. 5d.

Extracted by me. Thomas Angall.

DOCUMENT No. 2.¹⁶

[TRANSLATION].

[f. 22] A Note of the Evydence shewed before St Humfrey fforester knyght Rychard Bridges and William Hyde es quyres Commyssyons' appoynted by v'tewe of the Kyngs commyssyon.

Reginald de Blebery [? Blubyr] gave to God and the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and Henry the Chaplain Keeper of the same and the brothers and sisters there serving God and St. Mary for ever 5s. a year rent, &c.

Witnesses ; Thomas de Sandelford and others.

[Circa 1272-1307].

William Harnald gave Sir Henry, Prior of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and the brothers and sisters there $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of pepper rent, &c.

Witnesses ; Nicholas Cademan, John de Fardon and others.

[Circa 1272-1307].

Joan, daughter of William de Blebery gave God and the House of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and Henry then Keeper of the same and the brothers and sisters there three parts of a certain house in the vill of Newbury, &c.

Witnesses ; Richard de Frith, Gervase Wirnam and others.

[Circa 1272-1307].

Ingelays, who was the wife of Hugh the Baker gave Sir Henry, Prior of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew and his successors, a messuage with the appurtenances and one lane [laga] which is in the west part of Newbury Bridge, &c.

Witnesses ; John Curr, Nicholas de Everenton and others.

[Ante 1314].

Ingeleis, who was the wife of Henry the Baker, remised to Henry, Prior of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and the brothers and sisters there all her right &c. in a messuage, which lies in the west part of Newbury Bridge, &c.

Witnesses ; John le Curr, Nicholas Everenton and others.

[Ante 1314].

J. by God's grace, greeting, know ye that we for the health of our soul and the souls of our ancestors and successors have granted to the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and the brothers there a fair every week [? year] lasting two days, &c.

Witnesses ; H. Archbishop of Dublin, H. Bishop of Emly and others.

Given at Marlborough, 4 July, 17 John.

Thomas le Walleys gave Stephen, Prior of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, Newbury, the brothers and sisters there $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of arable land with appurtenances, &c.

Witnesses ; Elias de Bagnore and many others.

[Circa 1377-85].

Alice, daughter of William de Blebery gave God and Henry then Keeper of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and the brothers and sisters there a* in the vill of Newbury.

Witnesses ; Richard del ffrythe and others.

[Ante. 1314].

[f. 22d] Nicholas Gerard gave Henry, the Keeper of the said hospital and his successors a burgage of land in the vill of Newbury in Chepyngstrete with a lane, &c.

Witnesses ; Richard de Frust, Nicholas Bodeman and others.

[Ante. 1314].

Joan, daughter of William de Blebery gave God and the house of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and Henry then Keeper there and the brothers and sisters three parts of a certain house in the vill of Newbury, &c.

Witnesses ; Richard del Frith and others.

[Ante. 1314].

Nicholas Danfrice, son and heir of Nicholas Danfrice of Spenes, gave Henry, Prior of St. Bartholomew, the brothers and sisters there serving God in the said Hospital of Newbury all that land he has or in any way may have of the heritage of his said father in the vill of Spenes and Wodespenes with messuages, gardens, and crofts, meadows, &c. and all liberties, &c.

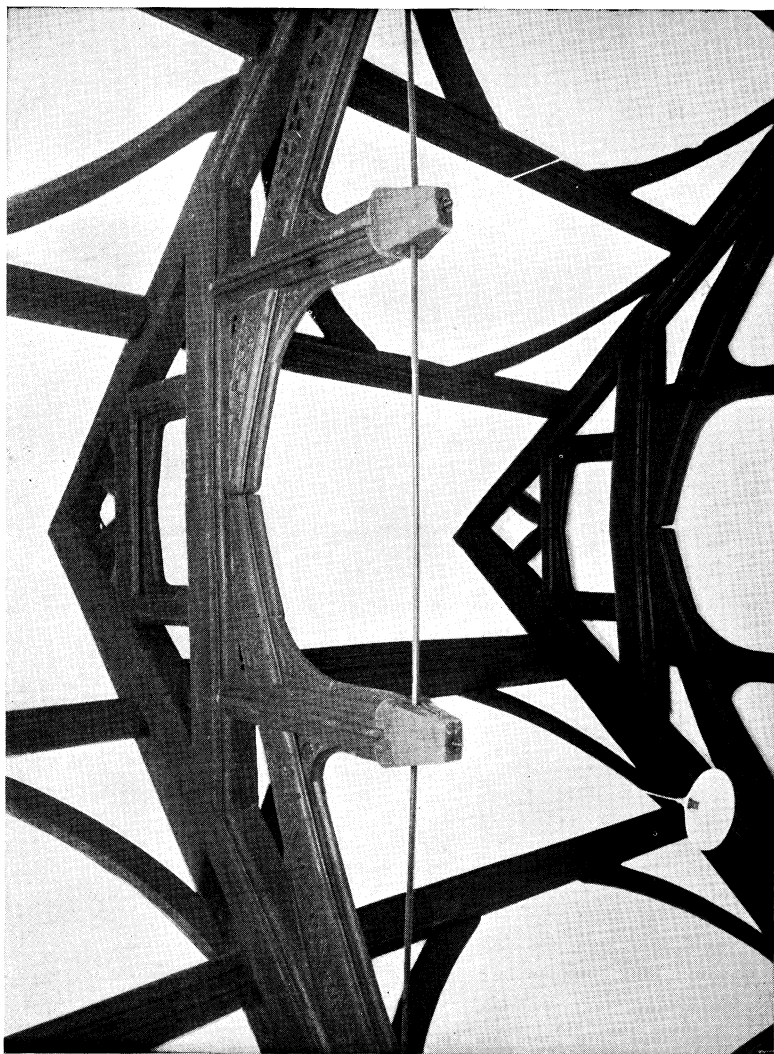
Witnesses ; William Lovell, William Scott and others.

[Ante. 1314].

Henry Button of Westgenge and Agnes de Blebery, daughter of William of Newbury, his wife, gave to God

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ROOF OF THE LITTEN CHAPEL.

and the House of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and Sir Henry then Keeper of the same, the brothers and sisters, one . . . * in the vill of Newbury, &c.

Witnesses ; Richard de Frith and others.

[Ante. 1330].

Lawrence de la Bullehuse gave and remised to Sir Henry the Prior of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and his successors and the brothers of the same all his right, &c. in 3 acres of arable land lying in the fields of Newbury which Reginald de Newbury has, &c. Witnesses ; Richard de Knave, then bailiff of Newbury and others.

[Ante. 1314].

Henry the Keeper of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Newbury and the brothers and sisters of that place gave Ralph Toky and Isabel, his wife and their heirs, for their services, a burgage in the vill of Newbury, &c.

Witnesses ; John de Farendon, Nicholas Godman and others.

[Ante. 1314].

[f. 23] Thomas Eme, Keeper of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Newbury with the assent of the brothers and sisters there, granted to John Page of Newbury and his wife, for the term of their lives a plot of ground in Northbrokestrete and Sadlefordeslane, Newbury, &c. Given at Newbury, Saturday next before St. Margaret the Virgin, 37 Edward III.

Thomas Albion, Keeper of the said hospital with the consent of the brothers and sisters there, demised to farm to Thomas Olleshull of Newbury, a messuage in the west part of Chepyngstrete in that vill, &c.

Witnesses ; John Bryknill and others.

Given in the chapel of the said House in the feast of St. Michaelmas the Archangle, 38 Edward III.

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Thomas Albon aforesaid, with the assent of the brothers and sisters, demised to Robert Seel, by indenture, 2 stalls in Chepestrete, Newbury, &c.

Witnesses ; John Brykenil and others.

Given at Newbury, Sunday before SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, 38 Edward III.

Stephen Clanefeld, Keeper of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Newbury, with the assent of the brothers and sisters, demised to William Irmonger of Hungerford, 2 stalls in the market of Newbury, &c.

Witnesses ; William at Wode and others.

Given at Newbury, Monday next after Christmas, 1 Richard II.

Stephen Clanefeld, Keeper of the said Hospital demised to William Smyth of Hungerford, 2 stalls in the market of Newbury.

Witnesses ; William at Wode and others.

Given at Newbury, Monday next after Christmas, 1 Richard II.

Henry Haley, Keeper of the said Hospital, with assent, &c. demised to Robert of Braye, a stall in Chepyngstrete.

Witnesses ; William at Wode and others.

Given at Newbury in the feast of St. Michaelmas, 12 Richard II.

[f. 23d] John le Spene, Keeper of the said Hospital, with assent, &c. demised and to farm let to Richard Warnnuen [?Warmyngton] rector of Newbury Church and Agnes, his sister, a curtilage in Southbrokestrete &c. Witnesses ; Philip Ryott senr. and others.

Given at Newbury, Saturday after St. Luke the Evangelist, 13 Edward III.

Godfrey Burden, of Newbury, surrendered and quit claimed to Richard Sersett, Keeper of the said Hospital all the right he may have in a messuage with the appurtenances in the vill of Newbury, which William, late Keeper of the said Hospital formerly,

with assent, &c., demised to the said William [sic.] and Maud, his wife, for their lives, under the yearly rent of half a mark, &c.

Witnesses; William de Brycknil, Philip Ryott and others.

Given at Newbury, Friday after Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 3 Edward III.

John Bradestrane, Prior of St. Bartholomew in Newbury, his house, brothers and sisters demised to Henry Wormestall and Joan, his wife, two crofts of pasture lying together in the parish of Grenham.

Given in the House of St. Bartholomew in the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 1446, 25 Henry VI.

Know all men that William Mayeheu of Taklegh, Co. Oxon, clerk is bound to Richard Aubrey, John Chippet, John Okeham and Stephen Wyard of Newbury, Co. Berks., in £40, &c.

Given 20 January, 29 Henry VI.

[f. 24] The condition that if the said William, presented to the Keepership of the said Hospital by the Community of that vill keep continual residence in the same by himself or his deputy, to celebrate divine service and all other charges incumbent on the said House during the time of the said custody, then the bond be void and of no effect.

6 July, 37 Henry VI, Richard Spakeforde of Alde-
worth, Co. Berks., clerk, Thomas Brown of Boxore,
Co. Berks., gent. and Stephen Wyard, of Newbury,
tanner, are bound to Richard Aubrey, John Croke and
others in £40, that the said Richard Sharkeforde hold
the said office. [Conditions as in last].

G. the Abbot, Procurator-general in England of the
Convent of Pratell,¹⁷ Patron of Newbury Church, on
behalf of the Abbey of Pratell, grants as far as in them
lies to the Prior of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew,
the brothers and sisters and their ministers dwelling

¹⁷ Préaux, Normandy.

there free burial¹⁸ in the churchyard of the said Hospital, saving the right and indemnity of the mother church of Newbury.

Given at Salisbury, Wednesday after St. Gregory the Pope, 1267.

[f. 24d] By petition of John Croke senr., John Bedforde senr. and others of Newbury to Richard, Bishop of Salisbury, to present Sir Thomas de la Bale, Chaplain, to the Keepership of the said Hospital, now vacant. The same admitted.

Given at Newbury, in the parish church there, 22 August, 1466.

Richard Abberbury, of Newbury, gent., remitted to William Bray, Prior or Rector of the said Hospital and his successors, all his right in 12s. yearly rent issuing from 2 cottages with gardens adjoining, &c.

Witnesses ; John Chippes, Robert Croke, Constable of Newbury, William Barnard, John Whytewey, bailiff and others.

Given at Newbury, 20 March, 10 Edward IV.

William Braye, Rector of the said Hospital and his confraternity, demised to Thomas Boteley, of Spenhamland, parish of Spene, husbandman, and John Comber, of same, sadler and Isabel, his wife, all that burgage in Spenhamland lying between the burgage of the said Thomas North, and the Watercourse called Goldwell South.

Given in the said Hospital, 6 March, 1470, 12 Edward IV. [sic.]

William Braye, Rector of the said Hospital demised to John Bennett of Newbury, fuller, a tenement in Spenhamland by Newbury with land, &c.

Witnesses ; Richard Astell, Richard Robyns, Constable of Newbury, Thomas Soper and Robert Devenyshe, bailiff there and others.

Given 16 March, 14 Edward IV.

¹⁸ Hence the name Litten.

William Braye, Rector and Keeper of the said Hospital with consent, &c., conveyed to Robert Harre, of Newbury, draper, their tenement on the west side of Northbrokestrete, Newbury, to hold from the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 17 Edward IV.

William Braye, Prior or Rector of the said Hospital demised to Robert Devenyshe and Thomas Devenyshe, his brother, a burgage in Spenehamland with other lands there, &c.

Given in Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 22 Edward IV.

William Braye, Keeper, &c., with consent, &c., conveyed to Robert Harre, of Newbury, draper, a barn in Newbury, &c., to hold from the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 17 Edward IV.

William Braye, &c., demised to Henry Okeham, of Newbury, clothier, a tenement and toft adjoining on east of said tenement in Grenham by Newbury.

Given 4 September, 11 Henry VII.

[f. 25d] William Bury and Joan, his wife, executrix of the will of John Wormestalle,¹⁹ executor of the will of Henry Wormestalle, granted to William Reynolde, of Newbury, all their right in 2 crofts in Grenham which they had, among other things, by demise of John Bradstane, late Prior of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, made in the feast of Michaelmas 1446.

Given 20 April, 1 Henry VII.

Robert Harre, of Donyngton, remitted to Sir Edmund Worthington, Keeper of the said Hospital, all his right to a barn in Newbury which he had by indenture made by Sir William Braye, late Keeper or Rector of the said Hospital.

Given at Donyngton, 14 October, 15 Henry VII.

Robert Strete, Prior of the said Hospital, with consent, &c., conveyed to John Clyfton of Newbury, a

¹⁹ *The Newburian*, No. 93, pp. 218-9.

messuage and barn in Northcroftlane, &c., to hold from Michaelmas, 11 Henry VIII.

Edmund, Bishop of Salisbury, nominates Sir John Magot, Chaplain, to the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, Newbury, on the free resignation of Sir Robert Strete, the last Keeper there.

Given, 20 November, 1522.

[f. 26] Thomas Benet, Dr. of Laws, Vicar-General of John, Bishop of Salisbury, presents Master Roger Brumold, priest, M.A., to the Hospital of St. Bartholomew, Newbury, vacant by the death of Sir John Magott, the last Keeper there, by agreement of Richard Bridges and John Wyhecumbe,²⁰ Esquires, Patrons.

5 December, 1540.

The result of the proceedings mentioned in the first document does not appear. The result of the second was that the management of the Hospital was vested in the Corporation of Newbury.

The author would like to take the opportunity of thanking Mlle. C. Boy de la Tocor, for permitting the photographing of the Litten, and Dr. W. Essex Wynter for certain information concerning St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

APPENDIX A.

Since writing the main part of the article, an interesting Patent† has come to the author's notice. The following is a translation ;

The brothers of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew of Neubrir' to have the King's letters of protection for three years with clause " Rogamus " to the end that the said friars or their ministers on their behalf may journey across the sea for the sustentation of their hospital and to do deeds of charity.

Given at Winchester, 3 October, 1285.

²⁰ Son of the famous " Jack of Newbury."

† Patent Roll, 13 Edward I, m. 4.

APPENDIX B.

PRIORS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

DATE OF ADMISSION.

—	Henry, the Chaplain.
1314, May 3rd.	John of Gloucester, priest.*
1333, July 16th.	Richard Orsett [or Sersett], priest.*
1338, June 7th.	John le Sone [or le Spere].*
1348, May 22nd.	Thomas, the son of Henry, the Vicar of Aldermaston.*
1354.	John Hurne.*
1364, May 6th.	Michael Laweles, Priest.*
Circa 1364.	Thomas Eme.
Circa 1365.	Thomas Albon.
Circa 1377.	Stephen Clanefeld.†
1381, June 22nd.	Henry Pake, Priest.*
1384, February 25th.	Thomas Whyston.*
1385, December 5th.	Henry Hales [or Halley].*
1391, July 14th.	Roger Russell, Priest.*
1402. April 10th.	Thomas Pale.*
1438, February 27th.	William Baker.*
—	William Lee.
1441, August 22nd.	William Hutchyngs.*
1443, August 16th.	John Bradstone.*
1451, January 21st.	William Mayhew.*
—	Robert Bryten.†
1459, February 9th.	William Belyngham.*
Circa 1466.	Thomas La Bale
1470, August 4th.	William Bray.*
Circa 1480.	Richard Spakeforde.
1507, November 3rd.	Edmund Worthyngton.*
1508, October 18th.	Robert Strete (The Black Prior).*
1522.	John Magott.*
1540, December, 5th.	John Bridmold [or Bromolde], M.A.*

* Complete record of admission in the Episcopal Registers at Salisbury.

† The Salisbury Registers mention only these priors as predecessors of other priors.