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SCHEDULE OF A PARCEL OF THE LANDS OF HENRY DUKE OF SUFFOLK, WITHIN THE MANOR OF LUTTERWORTH, FARMED OUT TO VARIOUS TENANTS AT A SPECIFIED RENTAL.

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Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, Baron Ferrers of Groby and K.G., was created Duke of Suffolk in 1551, was attainted and beheaded in 1554. He was the father of Lady Jane Grey. He represented a family long connected with Lutterworth, Lords of the Manor, patrons of the Church, and of the Hospital of S. John the Baptist.

The manor seems to have been held by Bertram de Verdon in 1086, under a certain Maino, who held it in capite by the tenure of Castle-guard at the castle of Northampton. His descendant Nicholas de Verdon, held both the manor and the advowson, and seems to have founded the hospital in the reign of King John, although the endowment with seven virgates or yard lands was the work of Rohesia, daughter and heiress of Nicholas, in conjunction with Theobald, her son. Rohesia had married Theobald le Buttiler from Ireland, and inherited Newbold-Verdon, Lutterworth, Bittersby, Cottesbach, and Cossington; she being a great heiress her son adopted her surname. He probably re-built the Chancel of Lutterworth Church, the gable end of which bore, and probably still bears, the arms of Verdon upon a stone escutcheon. Theobald left daughters only, one of whom, Isabel, inherited the manor, advowson, and patronage of the hospital of Lutterworth, and married Henry Baron Ferrers of Groby. Their daughter and heiress, Elizabeth Ferrers, married Edward Grey, of the house of Grey de Ruthyn. There were, however, other wives and other children whose interests intervened; but eventually Edward Grey, who died 1457, was allowed to be Baron Ferrers of Groby by 'the courtesy,' and the Barony descended with Lutterworth to his great grandson, the Duke of Suffolk, who was also Lord of the Manor of Lutterworth, and patron of the Church and of the Hospital of St. John.

On the Duke's attainder the estates vested in the Crown, still patrons of the Church. The manor was sold to Basil Feilding and is held by his descendants, the Earls of Denbigh, and the hospital was dissolved, being valued 37 Henry VIII. at £26 9s. 5d. p^r aⁿⁿ. A

local spring is still known as St. John's Well. The Hospital stood on the River Swift abutting upon Misterton, into which estate its site, called "The Spital," has been incorporated.

In his History of Leicestershire, Nichols gives a very copious account of Lutterworth. *Pace* the author of Marmion, it does not appear that any of that family were connected with Lutterworth.

PARCELLA POSSESSIONUM HENRICI NUPER DUCIS SUFFOLCIE ATTINGTI.

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FIRMA unius mesuagii cum gardino et pomario duobus croftis uno horreo et tribus virgatis terre cum pertinentiis ibidem in tenura WILLELMI FARNHAM. Reddendo per annum	s. d.
FIRMA alterius mesuagii cum uno gardino et pomario et duobus virgatis terre arabilis cum suis pertinentiis ibidem in tenura JOHANNIS SMYTHE. Reddendo inde per annum	xxxij vij ob.
FIRMA unius mesuagii cum gardino tribus croftis ac in uno illorum croftorum. BASILIUS FELDING armiger habet unum selionem ac unam virgatam terre arabilis ibidem modo vel nuper in tenura HUMFRIDI MARVEN Reddendo per annum	xxij vj q.
FIRMA unius mesuagii cum uno cotagio uno gardino ac crofto et duobus virgatis terre arabilis cum pertinentiis ibidem in tenura WILLELMI WIGHTMAN. Reddendo inde per annum	xxx x ob.
FIRMA alterius mesuagii cum uno gardino pomario duobus croftis et iiij ^{or} virgatis terre arabilis ibidem cum suis pertinentiis in tenura EDWARDI HANDES. Reddendo inde per annum	xxxj v
FIRMA alterius mesuagii cum gardino pomario crofto et iiij ^{bus} virgatis terre arabilis cum suis pertinentiis in tenura WILLELMI SPURSTOWE. Reddendo inde per annum	xxxix x
FIRMA unius mesuagii vocati the CROWNE et unius virgate terre arabilis cum pertinentiis ibidem in tenura FRANCISCI PECKE per annum	xxxiiij vij ob.
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FIRMA alterius mesuagii cum uno gardino uno pomario iij ^{bus} croftis et iij ^{bus} virgatis terre arabilis cum pertinenciis in tenuta HENRICI NEALE. Reddendo inde per annum	xxx	vij
FIRMA unius mesuagii cum uno gardino et una virgata terre cum pertinenciis in tenuta RICARDI MURDEN. Reddendo inde per annum	x	ij ob.
FIRMA alterius mesuagii cum uno gardino uno horreo duobuscroftis et ij ^{bus} virgatis terre arabilis cum pertinenciis in tenuta HENRICI GRENE. Reddendo inde per annum	xxvj	v
FIRMA unius horrei et crofti cum pertinenciis ibidem in tenuta THOME BOSSE. Reddendo per annum	ij	viiij
FIRMA unius pecie terre vocate LE LORDES HEDDLANDES separalis in iij ^{or} gardinos in tenuta dicti THOME BOSSE. Reddendo inde per annum		viiij
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 "A note of part of y^e
 Possessions of y^e Duke of
 Suffolke."

Will^s COTTON
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