

67.17 Selected transcriptions, Henry VI, 1422–61 and 1470–71¹

1435 Court Rolls, Henry VI

'John Narram [Marham] took of the Lord the warren of his Manor of Grovebury that is to say rabbits, hares, pheasants, partridges and all other things to the said warren appertaining and one garden within the great Poole of the Manor aforesaid and the pools within the manor aforesaid with all the Fishery of the said Manor ... for twenty years.'

Beds CRO: KK 944/7, Extracts from Court Rolls, 1394–1565

1441 Court Rolls, Henry VI

'John Chipstone of Leighton, husbandman, Richard ... servant of John Sewell and William North the Younger committed an assault on John Marham the Keeper of the Warren of the Lord of Leighton... within the Warren of the Lord of Grovebury and there chase the rabbits of the Lord without licence.'

Beds CRO: KK 944/7, Extracts from Court Rolls, 1394–1565

1445 Patent Rolls, Henry VI

'24 November

Grant to Henry, duke of Warwick, and his heirs, in recompense of the reversion of the house, lordship or manor of Grovebury alias Leghton Busard, co. Bedford, which certain persons to whom the reversion pertained for the duke's use after the death of Alice, wife of William, marquis of Suffolk, granted of late to the king with the assent of the duke, of the remainder of the islands of Jeresye, Gereseye, Serk, Erme and Aurney, and all alien priories within the same with all their appurtenances, spiritual and temporal, which Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, holds in tail male of the king's grant, with reversion to the king, at the rent of a red rose at Midsummer ... and if the said islands and priories be conquered or recovered by the king's enemies, the said rents or farms shall be void and the duke, his heirs, feffees and assigns be acquitted thereof.'

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Henry VI, Vol IV, 1441–46, 1908, 400

1446 Documents at Windsor, Henry VI

'Final Concord ... between the Provost and College of Saint Mary of Eton next Windsor, in the county of Bucks, and William (de la Pole) Marquis and Earl of Suffolk and Alice his wife, of the manor house of Grovebury otherwise Leghton Busard, in the county of Beds, the church of Tyntagell ...'

Dalton, J N (ed), 1957. *The Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, 367

1446 Documents at Windsor, Henry VI

[This agreement to pay the Suffolks the value of enough wood to build a house on default of rent may be an indication that Alice built the 15th-century manor house.]

'17 November

¹ Editor's note: the transcriptions included here all date from the first reign of Henry VI, 1422–61

Agreement between William (de la Pole) ... and Alice his wife, and the Provost and Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton next Windsor, that as the said Marquis and Alice his wife have conveyed to the said Provost and College their manor or domain of **Grovebury** otherwise called their manor or domain of Leghton Busard, in the county of Beds ... for the term of the life of the said Alice (the reversion of such lands on the death of the said Alice belonging to the College) at an annual rental of two hundred and twenty pounds, the said Provost and College agree, if the said rental be in arrear a whole year then they will pay to the said Marquis and Alice his wife the value of the wood fit to be employed pro edificacione in the manor house of Grovebury.'

Dalton, J N (ed), 1957. *The Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, 367

1446 Documents at Windsor, Henry VI

'23 November

Covenant between William ... and ... Eton that inasmuch as the former have by fine levied in the king's court granted to the latter their manor or demesne of Grovebury, otherwise called Leghton Busard ... which the said marquis and Alice held for the life of the same Alice, being tenant in fee tail after the failure of the possibility of issue of the body of the same Alice and John Philip, knight, formerly her husband, now deceased, the reversion thereof after the death of the same Alice appertaining to the said provost and college - at a rent of £200 a year, subject to clauses of distraint and re-entry in case of non-payment; the provost and college bind themselves if the rent be in arrear for the space of a year to pay to the said marquess and his wife valorem tocius grossi bosci pro edificacione abilis ... In dicta domo manerio, sive dominio de Grovebury[vel alibi] succisi.'

Poole, R L, 1914. *The Manuscripts of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, Report on the Various Collections*, Vol VII, 38 (Historical Manuscripts Commission)

1448/49 Papal Letters, Henry VI

[Confirmation of Henry VI's grant to Eton College of the possessions of the alien priories exemplifying and confirming ... the following:]

'A memorandum of the grant by the king in parliament, at the monastery of Bury St Edmunds, 10 February 25 Henry VI (1447), on the petition of the commons, to the provost and college of Eton, and their successors ... (properties) ... the grant of two fairs in the college's manor of Leghton Busard ...'

Calendar of Entries in the Papal Registers, Vol X, 1447-55, 1915, 17

1455/56 Bailiff's Account, Henry VI

[Mention of warren, a grange and a house, a dairy house, garden and fishery.]

Dalton, J N (ed), 1957. *The Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, 126