

67.19 Selected transcriptions, Henry VII, 1485–1509

1476 Inquisition, Henry VII

[A deed filed to the Coroner's Court of the gift of lands in Northalle granted by the Prior of Grove.]

Beds CRO; KK 944/7, Extract from Court Rolls 1394–1565

[This is the first reference to a prior since c 1400, although the abbess successfully argued for her manorial rights in 1465.]

1485/6 Bailiff's Account, Henry VII

[Cecille, Duchess of York, leases the Grovebury manor.]

Aerary, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, XV.61.51, Bailiff's Account

Court Rolls, Henry VII¹

[The lordship of Grovebury at this time included land in Heath and Reach in the north of the estate.]

'The homage present that ... did ... break and enter into the free warren of the Lords there within the Lordship of Grovebury at Hethe in a certain close called Peddars Close ...'

Beds CRO; KK 944/7, Extract from Court Rolls 1394–1565

1486/7 Bailiff's Account, Henry VII

[Cecylle, Duchess of York, leases Grovebury manor.]

'... de firma manii de Grovebury ... Duciss Ebor ...'

Aerary, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, XV.61.51, Bailiff's Account

1489 Court Rolls, Henry VII

'The Keeper of the Lordship of Grovebury presents that ... did ... break and enter into the free warren of the Lord of Grovebury at Grovebury in the county of Bedford and the rabbits there ... did take and carry away and other wrongs to him did grievous damage of the Lord the Dean.'

[Beds CRO; KK 944/7, Extract from Court Rolls 1394–1565]

1489 Will, Henry VII

[John Broughton, who willed that his body was to be buried at Toddington; it seems that the little church, close by in Grove, Buckinghamshire was not entirely desirable.]

'... and to the parson of Grove yearly 26s 8d if any parson will dwell and abide thereon paying not for them the which be worth yerely above the seid charges iiiii or v marc as I think hym vertuous.'

¹ Editor's note: no date given

McGregor, M (ed), 1979. *Bedfordshire Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1383-1548*, BHRS Vol 58

1489/90 Bailiff's Account, Henry VII

[The Duchess of York renews her lease; the chapel is mentioned in the ancient Rogation ceremony; 12d for refreshments.]

'... Grovebury Chapell in die Rogac' ex antiq consuet xiid ... duciss Ebori ...'

Aerary, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, XV.61.53, Bailiff's Account

1490/91 Bailiff's Account, Henry VII

1491/92

[The Duchess of York renews her lease; the chapel is mentioned in the Rogation ceremony.]

'... Grovebury Chapell in die Rogac' ex antiq ... duciss Ebori ...'

Aerary, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, XV.61.53, Bailiff's Account

1492 Court Rolls, Henry VII

[The confusion between the names continues.]

'The Keeper of Grovebury ... have hunted in the warren of the Lord (Windsor) there without licence ... None of them ... except the tenants in their several tenures to enter or hunt or fish in the warren or Fishery of the Lordship of Leighton or Grovebury ...'

Beds CRO; KK 944/7, Extract from Court Rolls 1394-1565

1492/93 Bailiff's Accounts, Henry VII

1493/94

1494/95

1496/97

[Rogation ceremony again includes the chapel.]

'... Capallam de Grovebury in die Rogac' ex consuetudine antiua xiid'

Aerary, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, XV.61.56 and 57, Bailiff's Account

Cecily Neville's will, 1495

'... Also I geve and bequeith to the Kinges noble grace all such money as is owing to me of the customes and two cups of gold Also I geve and bequieth to the Quene a crosse croselette of diamantes a sawter with claspes of silver and guilte enamelled covered with green clothe of gold and a pix with the flesh of St Christofer Also I bequieth to my lady the Kinges moder a portuos with claspes of gold covered with black cloth of golde Also I geve to my lord Prince a bedde of arres of the Whele of Fortune and testour of the same a counterpoint of arras and a tappet of arres with the pope Also I geve to my lord Henry Duke of Yorke three tappets of arres oon of them of the life of St John Baptist another of Mary Maudeleyn and the thirde of the passion of our Lord and Saint George ...

... Also I geve to my doughter of Suffolk the chaire with the covering, all the quoscions , horses and harneys belonginge to the same and all my palfreys Also I geve to my son of Suffolke a clothe of estate and iij quosions of purpull damaske clothe of gold Also I geve to my son humfrey two awter clothes of blewe damaske brawdered and a vestyment of crymeson satten for Jhus masse. Also I geve to my son William a traves of white sarcenet twoo beddes of downe and twoo bolsters of the same. Also I geve to my Doughter Anne priores of Sion a boke of Bonaventure and Hilton in the same in Englishe and a boke of the Revelacions of Saint Burgitte.'

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'... Also I give and bequeath to the kings noble grace all such money as is owing to me of the customs, and two cups of gold. Also I give and bequeath to the queen a cross crosslet of diamonds, a salter with clasps of silver and gilt enamelled, covered with green clothe of gold, and a pyx with the flesh of St Christopher. Also I bequeath to my lady the king's mother a portuos with clasps of gold covered with black cloth of gold. Also I give to my lord prince a bed of arras of the wheel of fortune and tester of the same, a counterpoint of arras and a tappet of arras with the pope. Also I give to my lord Henry, duke of York three tappets of arras, one of them of the life of St John Baptist another of Mary Magdalene and the third of the passion of our Lord and Saint George ...'

[Cecily then bequeaths gifts to Fotheringhay College, the college at Stoke Clare, the nunnery at Sion and her granddaughters (the children of Edward IV) and makes a range of bequests to the de la Pole family (John de la Pole, 2nd Duke of Suffolk, having married her daughter Elizabeth)]

'... Also I give to my daughter of Suffolk the chair with the covering, all the cushions, horses and harness belonging to the same and all my palfreys. Also I give to my son of Suffolk a clothe of estate and 3 cushions of purple damask clothe of gold. Also I give to my son Humphrey two alter clothes of blue damask embroidered and a vestment of crimson satin for Jesus' masse. Also I give to my son William a traves of white sarcenet, two beds of down and two bolsters of the same. Also I give to my daughter Anne, prioress of Sion, a book of Bonaventure and Hilton in the same in English and a book of the Revelations of Saint Bridget.'

PROB 11/10, q.25

1505 Lease, Henry VII

'Lease from (Windsor) to Master Thomas Rowthale Secretary to Henry VII, Master Thomas Hobbes clerk and Richard Rowthale gent. of lands etc called Grovebury in the manor of Leighton Busard, in the county of Bedford, for thirty years at a rental of twenty six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence.'

[Presumably the demesne only.]

Dalton, J N (ed), 1957. *The Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, 368-9

1506 Letter, Henry VII

[Edmund Duke of Suffolk, son of John, tries to reclaim the manor of Leighton and heal the breach with the king that provoked Edward IV to force the hand-over to Windsor.]

'Instructions yeven by the right excellent prince my lord Edmund duc of Suffolk ... and handell theym selves on the said ducis behalve with the kinges highnesse for the pacifying and final determinacion of such gruges, variances, and causes as ar depending at this tyme, and long saison have doon, bytwixt the kinges said highnesse and the said duc their maistre.

First [attempt to get pardon from the king]

Secondaryly [attempt to get restitution of the dukedom of Suffolk]

Thirdly, as to the town of Leighton Buzard, which king Edward enforced the said ducis fader to release to the colleage of Windsor, the said duc besecheth humbly the kinges highnesse to bee a good lord to him therin, and that he maye be restored thereunto, and that all things therein doon by my lordes fader maye bee disannulled by the lawe and by the parliament, the said duc restoring to the said colleage suche money as can bee duely proved that my lord his fader received for the same of King Edward, or of the said colleage ...'

Gardner, J (ed), 1861. *Letters and Papers Illustrative of the Reigns of Richard III and Henry VII*, Vol I, 280-1

1506/07 Bailiff's Account, Henry VII

[Rogation at Grovebury]

Aerary, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, XV.61.65, Bailiff's Account