Alsop and other Charters.

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NUMBER of ancient deeds, relating to the family of Alsop or Allsopp, of Alsop-en-le-Dale; to the family of Kynnersley, of Loxley; and to other families connected with Derbyshire and Staffordshire, have been entrusted to me for transcription and translation. Most of these little parchments, the minute dimensions of which are stated in the notes, are what are termed charters of feoffment, i.e., grants of freehold property. Some of them are much faded and defaced. In order to present to the ordinary reader some idea of the contractions used in medieval manuscripts of this description. I have set out the abbreviated text exactly as I found it. The verbatim translation will enable the palæographist to discover at once in any case the full word which I have considered to be indicated by any contraction, and to judge for himself whether I have rightly dealt with any difficulty presented in the original. There are in the documents themselves certain customary marks, which are intended to show that a contraction is used, and in some cases to point out its nature. These conventional marks I have not attempted to re-produce in the printed copy. One advantage in presenting the charters in their abbreviated form is a great saving of space.

Several of the undated charters clearly belong to a period anterior to 1290. In one of the notes I have given reasons for this opinion. Two of the charters afford examples of the fanciful tenures which were in vogue in early times. Thus, Henry, son of Ranulph de Alsop, granted land to his brother Thomas, who in return was to deliver once a year to the grantor one pair of white gloves. Again, in return for the grant of the Manor of Lee (near Matlock) by William de Kynardesey to William de Dethek (Dethick), the latter was to present to the grantor annually, for a term of six years, a rose in flower, and after that term the grantee was to pay a certain annual rent in money.

The ancient mode of spelling the place-names to be found in old deeds may occasionally afford some clue to their correct etymology and original form. It is observable that the name Alsop is spelt throughout these charters either Alsop or Alshop. The original form was Ellashope or Elleshope, *i.e.*, the hope, or valley, belonging to Ella. Hope, in the Midland district, means a hollow or valley, generally without water; examples:—Hope, Hopton, Alsop, Hope Dale (Alstonfield), Stanshope, Bradnop *i.e.* (Bradenhope), etc. It is curious that on the back of almost every one of the Alsop charters, there is found the word *Allsopp* in a peculiar style of writing (of which an example is here given),

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much later than that of the documents themselves, and believed to be of the period 1600 to 1700. In Title Deeds of the 18th century relating to lands in this hamlet, the name thereof was frequently spelt Allsopp.

In the Chartulary of Burton Abbey, the names Henry de Alsop, Ranulph de Alleshope, and Ranulph de Alsop, occur among the witnesses to various charters dated in or belonging to the thirteenth century. (Vol. VII. of this Journal, pp. 127, 128, 145, 146, and 147.)

The original form of the family name Kynnersley appears to have been Kynardeseye. *Eye* means an island; and *Eyot* (as Chiswick Eyot), a small one. This territorial name seems to have been corrupted into Kynardesley, and then Kynnersley. There can be no doubt of the identify of the one form with the other, for in one of the charters mention is made of Lokkeslegh, which is evidently Loxley, near Uttoxeter, the ancient and present seat of the Kynnersley family. There was a branch of this family, bearing the same arms, at Brailsford, Derbyshire, at the visitation of 1611.

The symbol xpi, so frequently met with in medieval deeds, clearly stands for *Christi*; though it is not an abbreviation, but rather a monogrammatic symbol, borrowed from the Greek. The early Church used as a Christian symbol a combination of the Greek X (chi), and the Greek P (rho), having respectively the force of C H and R, and being the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ, XPISTOS (Christos). This primitive symbol is found in the catacombs at Rome. The Greek P being identical in sound with the Latin R, the Roman Capitals X P S became a Latin symbol for Christus (vide Littleton's *Abbreviature*, 1677). In medieval deeds this sacred symbol was often written in small letters thus, xps for Christus, and xpi for Christi. It is found in Nos. 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12 of the Alsop charters.

I have added at the foot of each of the translations a few explanatory notes; but I have not attempted, either in the notes or in the foregoing observations, to do more than refer to a few of the many points of interest which suggest themselves upon a careful examination of these ancient charters, for they belong to an age so remote that few original documents relating to it are extant.

Two of the charters (Nos. 1 and 16) are re-produced in facsimile (Plates VII. and VIII).

No. I. SCIANT tam psentes q futuri qd ego Henr fil Ranulfi de Alsope dedi t concessi t hac psenti carta mea confirmavi Thome fri meo t hedibs suis vl cuicuq assignare voluit pretq domui religionis totam illam tram q Matilda de Sypele aliquotiens tenuit in villa de Alsope tenendam t habendam jure hereditario illi t heredibs suis vl assignatis de me t hedibs meis libe solute t quiete cum

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omnibs libtatibs t libis comunis t aisiamentis ad pdictam tram spectantibs reddendo in annuati mⁱ t hedibs meis p oi sclari s'vito t exactone vl demanda unas albas Gwantas die Sci Jacobi apli Salvo Forinseco pro hac au ccessione t cfirmatione dedit mⁱ pnoiat Thom qtuor marcas argenti in Gersuma Et in h rei robur t testimoniu psens script sigilli mei appositione corroboravi Hiis testibs Jurdano de Snutton Rogo de Wencleff Rob de Thorp Rob de Huntesa Johe de Crumphord Ada d K'sint Willo eius fil Walto Nore de K'sint Rachenald de K'sint t multis aliis.

Endorsements : Albas gantas Cart Henr de Alsop Allsopp.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] as well present as to come that I Henry son of Ranulf de Alsope have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Thomas my brother and his heirs or to whomsoever he may choose to assign except to a house of religion all that land which Matilda de Sypele (Shipley?) once held in the vill of Alsope To hold and to have in right hereditary to him and his heirs or assigns of me and my heirs freely unrestrainedly and quietly with all liberties and free commons and easements to the aforesaid land belonging Rendering thereout annually to me and my heirs for every secular service and exaction or demand one pair of white gloves on the day of Saint James the Apostle saving foreign aid-service but for this grant and confirmation the aforesaid Thomas has given to me four marks of silver by way of a fine And in strength and testimony whereof this present writing with the affixing of my seal I have corroborated These being witnesses Jurdan de Snytterton Roger de Wencleff Robert de Thorpe Robert de Huntesdon (Hanson) John de Crumphord (Cromford) Adam de K'sint (Carsington?) William his son Walter Nore (?) de Carsington Rachenald de Carsington and many others.

Endorsements : Charter of Henry de Alsop White gloves.

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The size of this deed is only 5 in. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. There is a label, but the seal is gone.

Sypele is probably Shipley, in co. Derby, *unas albas Gwantas*, "one pair of white gloves." Observe this example of the plural form of *unus*.

S. James the apostle's day, falls on 25th July.

Salvo forinseco. This proviso is often found in old grants of lands. Forinsec was forinsecum servitium, and meant the payment of extraordinary aid as opposed to *intrinsecum servitium*, which consisted of the common and ordinary duties within the lord's court; or it may mean (and in this instance probably does) the service due to the lord paramount in respect of the land granted.

Marcus argenti-a mark of silver was 13s. 4d.

Gersuma, a fine or amercement. Gersuma or Gersoma-the same as Garsummune.

Jurdan or Jordan de Snytterton or Snitterton is a frequent witness to deeds of the period to which this deed probably belongs.

Snitterton-with-Wensley is a hamlet or village on the west bank of the river Derwent, and in the parish of Darley, near Matlock, Derbyshire.

Thorpe, a village in Derbyshire, near Alsop-en-le-Dale.

Huntesdon is now known as Hanson Grange, a detached part of Thorpe parish. It belonged to Burton Abbey.

Cromford, co. Derby. Carsington, co. Derby.

There is no date given in this deed. Its actual date is probably in the time of King Henry III. (1216-72).

No. 2. SCIANT presentes et futⁱ qd ego Henr's filius Thome de Alsop dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea cofmavi Johi Morkoc de Esseburn p svitio suo viginti acs tre t unu croftum cu ptin p div'sas pticlas jacentes in campis de Alsop qd qdem croftu jacet int tram Ranulphi de Alsop pxim ex pte una t cmuna foveam ville de Alsop ex pte alta Dedi insup t cocessi eide Johi Morkoc tria edificia cu eor ptin infra curias meas in villa de Alsop scilt una gngiam t duas bcarias tenend t habend scilt tota pdtam tra t dta edificia de me t hered meis t assigtis meis pdto Johi Morkoc t hered suis vel assigtis suis t eor hered imppetuu in feodo t hereditate libe quiete bn t pacifice cu omibs libtatibs libis cmis asyametis iuribs t comoditatibs ubiq ad villa de Alsop ptin cum libo introitu ad edificia pdta t regssu ab eisde qndocuq t

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quouscunq eis placuit cum carta t plaustro t cu omi gene animaliu suor Ita qd asyamenta sua infra pdtas tras meas habe possint plenare Reddendo inde annuatim mⁱ t hered meis t assigtis meis unu denar argenti in die asat bi Johis bapte p omibs Et ego v^o dtus Henr t heredes mei t assigti mei tota pdtam tram cu omibs libtatibs libis cmis asyamentis juribs t comoditatibs ubiq ad villa de Alsop ptinentibs sicut pdtm est t dta edificia cu omibs suis antedtis pdto Johⁱ Morkoc t hered suis vl assigtis suis t eoru hered cot omes gntes inppetuu warentizabim^s acqetabim^s t defedem^s p svitio pdto In cui^s rei testimon huic carte sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Stepho de Irton Henro de Kniveton Rog^o de Bradeburn Ranulpho de Alsop Thoma de Mapilton t aliis Dat die Venis pxi p^s Octab Epiphanie Anno gre m^o cc^o octog^{io} septimo.

Endorsements: 1287 Allsopp Alsop De xx acris tre ibidm.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Henry son of Thomas de Alsop have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to John Morkoc de Esseburne (Moorcock of Ashburne) for his service twenty acres of land and one croft with the appurtenances by divers small parts lying in the fields of Alsop which croft indeed lies between the land of Ranulph de Alsop nearest on the one part and the common quarry (foveam) of the vill of Alsop of the other part I have given moreover & granted to the same John Morkoc two edifices with their appurtenances within my courts in the vill of Alsop namely one grange and two cowhouses To hold and to have to wit the whole of the aforesaid land and the said edifices of me and my heirs and assigns to the aforesaid John Morkoc and his heirs or assigns and their heirs for ever in fee and inheritance freely quietly well and peaceably with all liberties freedoms commons easements rights and commodities everywhere to the said vill of Alsop appertaining with free entry to the edifices

aforesaid and regress from the same whensoever and as often as it shall please them with cart and waggon and with every kind of their animals So that they may be able to have their easements within my aforesaid lands in an ample manner Rendering therefore yearly to me and my heirs and assigns one silver penny on the day of the assassination of the blessed John baptist for ever And I truly the said Henry and my heirs and assigns the whole of the aforesaid land with all liberties freedoms commons easements rights and commodities everywhere to the vill of Alsop appertaining as is aforesaid and the said edifices with all their aforesaid [appurtenances] to the aforesaid John Morkoc and his heirs or assigns and their heirs against all nations for ever will warrant acquit and defend for the service aforesaid In testimony whereof to this charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Stephen de Irton Henry de Kniveton Roger de Bradeburne Ranulph de Alsop Thomas de Mapilton and others Dated on the Friday next after the octave of the Epiphany In the year of Grace one thousand two hundred and eighty-seven.

Endorsed Alsop Allsopp. Concerning 20 acres of land there.

NOTES.

There is a seal of white wax on a label. The seal is vesica shaped, and nearly perfect. On the impression "sope" is visible, in capitals, part of the name of Alsope. Also a few letters of the name Henrici.

Morkoc, qy Moorcock?

Fovea, a pit or quarry.

The feast of the beheading of S. John Baptist falls on 29th August.

Irton, Little Ireton, co. Derby (in Kedleston parish). The Ireton family descended from a younger brother of an ancestor of the Shirleys.

Kniveton, co. Derby.

Bradeburn, Bradbourne, co. Derby. Mapilton, Mapleton, co. Derby.

This Deed bears date in the 15th year of King Edward I., and, therefore, before the celebrated statute of Westminster 3, namely, 18 Edward I., st. 1, commonly called the statute "Quia emptores terrarum," passed A.D. 1290, which abolished the power of subinfeudation, and enacted that the grantee of lands should hold not of the grantor, but of the chief lord of the fee.

No. 3. SCIANT psentes t futur quod Ego Rics fil Petri de Huncedon dedi concessi t hic psenti carta mea confirmavi Hnr fil Thom de Alsope p svito suo tres acs tre aribil cu omibs ptinentiis suis in trtorio de Huncedon Illas scil tres ac's tre quas Ranulphs fil Hnr de Alsope qondam tenuit et jacent pximo int tram Abbis de Burton ex una pte et tram qm Rogs Cokayn tenuit pximo ex alta pte. Tenend t hibendu de me t hered meis pdto Henr t hered suis sive assigtis t eor hered in feodo t hereditate libe quiete bn t in pace cu omibs libertatibs libis comunis t asiamentis ad pdtm tenementum ptinentibs Reddendo inde annuatim mi t hered meis unu obolum argenti ad Natale dni p omibs ad me vl heredes meos ptenetibs Et p me t heredibs meis Ranulfho de Alsope t hered suis unu denariu argenti ad pdtm festu Natalis dmi p omibs. Et ego vero Rics t heredes mei pdtas tres acs tre cu omibs ptinentiis suis ut pdtm est pdto Henro t hered suis sive assigtis t eor heredibs cont ø omes gentes imppetuu Warantizabim^s defendem^s t adquietabim^s p pdto svito In cuius rei testimoniu psentem cartam sigilli mei imp'ssione roboravi Hiis testibs Stepho de Irton Galfrido martel de Peverwiz Huge Bonsiant de Thorpe Rico fil margte de eadm Petr de Huncedon Ric Merecroft Willo de Bentlg clico t aliis.

Endorsed: Huncyndon Allsopp

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Richard son of Peter de Huncedon (now Hanson) have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Henry son of Thomas de Alsope for his service three acres of arable land with all their appurtenances in the territory of Huncedon (Hanson) Those three acres of land namely which Ranulf son of Henry de Alsope once held And they lie next between the land of the Abbot of Burton on the one part and the land which Roger Cokayn held next on the other part To hold and to have of me and my heirs to the aforesaid Henry and his heirs or assigns and their heirs in fee and inheritance freely quietly well and in peace with all the liberties free commons and easements to the aforesaid tenement appertaining Rendering thereout annually to me and my heirs one silver farthing at the Nativity of [our] Lord for all [things] to me or my heirs appertaining And for me and my heirs to Ranulf de Alsope and his heirs one silver penny at the aforesaid feast of the Nativity of [our] Lord for all [things] And I truly Richard and my heirs the aforesaid three acres of land with all their appurtenances as is aforesaid to the aforesaid Henry and his heirs or assigns and their heirs against all nations for every will warrant defend and quit claim for the aforesaid service In testimony whereof [this] present charter with the impression of my seal I have ratified These being witnesses Stephen de Irton (Ireton) Geoffrey Martel de Peverwiz (Parwich) Hugo Bonseriant(?) de Thorpe Richard son of Margaret of the same Peter de Huncedon (Hanson) Richard Merecroft William de Bentlegh (Bentley) the clerk and others.

Endorsed : Huncyndon Allsopp

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Size of deed, 4 in. by 8 in. Probable date, 1200 to 1290.

There is a label, but the seal is gone.

Huncedon is, no doubt, Hanson, and adjoining to Hanson Grange, near Alsop, a detached part of Thorpe, co. Derby. Hanson Grange formerly belonged to Burton Abbey (see the Chartulary).

Ireton.-See Note to the foregoing deed.

Peverwiz.-Parwich, co. Derby, near Alsop.

Bonseriant.-Mr. J. Sleigh, in "Old Ashburne Families" (vol. 3 of this Journal, p. 6), mentions Bonshrant, of Thorpe.

Bentley.-Fenny Bentley, co. Derby, and near Alsop.

No. 4. SCIAT psentes t futi q Ego Henricus filius Thome de Alsop dedi ccessi t hc psente carta mea cfirmavi Dno Galtero de Lich capelano t duabs Nutritis suis scilicet Avicie t Margarie Juniori de filiabs suis unu Toftum cu omnibs edificiis supastantibs q quidem Toftum jacet jux Toftum meu in villa de Alsop t jux toftu filiar Herberti ex altera pte q quidem Toftu extedit se a via regia usq. ad Croftu sup domu mea in longitudine t in latitudine a Tofto filiar Herberti usque ad muru jux domu meam t ad alias metas int me t ipm positas t intfixas t usq ad unu frenu ad

capud illius tofti q quidem frenum facit divisus int nos. Et ego pdictus Henricus dedi sibi tres acras t una Rodam terre de mea pp'a tra jacentes in thus capis cu omnibs ptinetiis suis de tr'bs una dimidia acra jacet subt le Rewestones int tram Ranulfi dni huis ville t Ricardu de Morleye t una rodam in Rewestonesboveme int tram Ranulfi ex una ptet traRicardi de Morleye ex altera ptet una roda que extedit se usq wormside int tram Ricardi de Morleye ex una pte t tran Ranulfi ex altera pte t una rodam juxta le Ceppidelowe int Ricardu de Morleye ex una pte t tram Ranulfi ex altera pte t in bovemeffeld duas rodas jacetes grum una jacet Jux Livelestanhus int Ranulfu t Ricardu de Morleye t inter duas pinehulles una roda jacetem int Ranulfu t Henricu filiu Herberti t una Rodam sup le Ruggeweye int Ranulfu t Ricardu de Morleye t una rodam jacetem in capite Hovedale scilicet ultima roda illius loci Juxta quatuor dimidias acras ultimas pdi loci It in le Heefeld una dimidiam acrm sbtus le Spenelowe int Ranulfum t Ricardu de Monte It in Nedrakys una dimidiam acrm int Ranulfum ex una pte t Henricu filiu Herberti ex altera pte cu omnibs ptinetiis suis Tenendu t hndu de me t heredibs meis p'noiato Galtero et Heredibs seu suis assignatis vl eor heredibs vl cuicuq vl quibscuq legare vl assignare voluerit cu omnibs aysyametis pascuis t pastis ad villam de Alsop ptinetibus inf villam vl ext Reddendo inde annuatim mi t heredibs meis ipe t heredes sui vl sui assignati a unu obolu argeti ad festu sci Michaelis p omnibs secularibs demad exactonibs secus carte t p omnibs foretibs rebs solutis vl datis Ego vo t hered mei pdtam tram t tenemetu cu oibs edificiis c oms homines t feminas imppet Waratizabimus t defendemus Et ut h mea donato t carte mee confirmato firma t stabilis inppet p'maneat psenti carte sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Ranulfo de Alsop Ricard de Morleye Ricar de Mote Her filio Herberti t filio eius Johe filio Thome Willo Marestallo de Eyton Radulfo Scherecroft de ead t multis aliis.

Endorsed : De uno tofto t tbus acris tre t una rodam (sic) Alsope.

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[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Henry son of Thomas de Alsop have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Sir Walter de Lichfeld the chaplain and his two dependants (nutritis) namely Avicia and Margaret the younger one of her daughters one Toft with all edifices standing thereon which Toft indeed lies next to my Toft in the vill of Alsop and next to the toft of the daughters of Herbert on the one part which Toft indeed extends itself from the King's way (via regia) as far as the croft above my house in length and in width from the Toft of the daughters of Herbert as far as to the wall next to my house and to the other bounds between me and him placed and interfixed and as far as to one fence (frenum) at the head of that toft which fence indeed makes the divisions between us And I the aforesaid Henry have given to him three acres and one rood of land out of my own land lying in three fields with all their appurtenances of which three (acres) one half acre lies under le Rewestones between the land of Ranulf the lord of that vill and Richard de Morleye and one rood in Rewestonesboyeme between the land of Ranulf on the one part and the land of Richard de Morleve on the other part and one rood which extends itself as far as Wormside between the land of Richard de Morleye on the one part and the land of Ranulf on the other part and one rood next to le Ceppidelowe between Richard de Morleye on the one part and the land of Ranulf on the other part and in Bovemfeld two roods lying whereof one lies next to Livelestanhus between Ranulf and Richard de Morleye and between the two Pinehulles one rood lying between Ranulf and Henry son of Herbert and one rood above le Ruggeweye [Ridgeway ?] between Ranulf and Richard de Morleye and one rood lying in the head of Hovedale namely the last rood of that place next to the four last half acres of that place Also in the Heefield one half acre beneath the Spenelowe between Also in Nedrakes one half acre Ranulf and Richard de Monte between Ranulf on the one part and Henry son of Herbert on the other part with all their appurtenances To hold and to have of

me and my heirs to the aforesaid Walter and his heirs or their assigns or their heirs or to what person or persons soever they may think fit to devise or assign with all easements feedings and pastures to the vill of Alsop appertaining within the vill or without Rendering thereout annually to me and my heirs he and his heirs or their assigns by the year one silver farthing at the feast of Saint Michael for all secular demands and exactions according to the charter and for all foreign services discharged or given I truly and my heirs the aforesaid land and tenement with all edifices against all men and women for ever will warrant and defend And that this my gift and charter of my confirmation firm and established for ever may remain to [this] present charter my seal I have affixed. These being witnesses Ranulf de Alsop Richard de Morleve Richard de Monte Herbert son of Herbert and his son John son of Thomas William Marestall de Eyton Radulf Scherecroft of the same and many others.

Endorsed: Concerning one toft and three acres of land and one rood Alsope

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The size is 12 in. by 5 in.

Sir (Dominus) Walter de Lichfeld capellanus was probably the priest at Alsop Chapel.

Herbert, son of Herbert, qy Herbert Fitz-Herbert. The family of Fitz-Herbert were then probably settled at Tissington (co. Derby), which is near to Alsop.

Eyton, a part of Alsop liberty, now Eaton. The township is now called Eaton and Alsop. Deed not dated. Probable date 1200-1290.

There is a duplicate of this deed.

No. 5. SCIANT presentes t futuri qd Ego Henric Wilchar de Alsop concensu t ascensu Agnetis uxis mee Dedi concessi t hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Ranulpho filio Henrici de Alsop capitale mesuagiu meu in Alsop t sex acras terre arabilis jacentes in campis eiusdem ville Habend t Tenend de capitalibs dominis feodi illius predicto Ranulpho t hered suis ac suis assignatis pdtm mesuagiu t pdictas sex acras terre cu omibs ptinents suis tam infra villam de Alsop qm extra ad predicta tenementa spectantibs libere quiete plenar bene in pace t hereditarie imppetuu Faciendo inde annuatim pdtis capitalibs dnis servitia p p'dictis tenementis debita t consueta p omibs servitiis consuetudinibs t demand s'claribs Et ego predictus Henr Wilchar t hered mei pdicta tenementa cu omibs ptinentiis suis predicto Ranulpho filio Henr de Alsop t hered suis ac suis assignat pro servito pdto sicut pdtm est cont omnes gentes Warantizabims adquietabims et imppetuu defendemus In cuius rei testimoniu huic psenti carte sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Ranulpho de Alsop Johe fil Thome de eadem Johe filio Simonis de eadm Willmo filio Henrici de eadm Rado Schercroft de Eyton Robto clico t aliis.

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[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Henry Wilchar de Alsop by the consent and assent of Agnes my wife Have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Ranulph son of Henry de Alsop my capital messuage and six acres of arable land lying in the fields of the same vill To have and to hold of the chief lords of that fee to the aforesaid Ranulph and his heirs and their assigns the aforesaid messuage and the aforesaid six acres of land with all their appurtenances as well within the vill of Alsop as without to the aforesaid tenements belonging freely quietly fully well in peace and hereditarily for ever Doing therefore annually to the aforesaid chief lords the services for the aforesaid tenements due and accustomed for all services customs and secular demands And I the aforesaid Henry Wilchar and my heirs the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid Ranulph son of Henry de Alsop and his heirs and their assigns for the aforesaid service as is aforesaid against all nations will warrant acquit and for ever defend In testimony whereof to this present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Ranulph de Alsop John son of Thomas of the same John son of Simon of the same William son of Henry of the same Radulph Schercroft de Eyton Robert the clerk and others.

Endorsed Alsop Allsopp.

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The size of this deed is 9 in. by 5 in.

There is a label, but the seal is gone.

Eyton.—Now Eaton, a part of the modern township of Eaton and Alsop. Probable date about 1300.

No. 6. OMIBS xpi fidelibs ad quos psens scptu pvenit Margareta fil Ranulphi fil Henr de Alsop saltm in Dno Nov'tis me loco meo attornasse Thom de Thurmeston ad recipiendm seysina mea de omibs tris t ten que pdta Ranulphs pat meus p carta sua mⁱ dedit in vill de Alsop p'ut in carta mⁱ satis pleni^s continet In cui^s rei testiu p'senti hc sigill meu apposui Dat apd Castr die Lune px post festu purificatioe be marie virginis anno dni milesimo tricentesimo visesimo sexto.

Endorsed : Ha seysone

[Translation.]

To all the faithful of Christ to whom this present writing may come Margaret daughter of Ranulph son of Henry de Alsop [sends] greeting in the Lord Know ye that I in my place have made Thomas de Thurmeston my attorney to receive my seisin of all the lands and tenements which the aforesaid Ranulph my father by his charter hath given to me in the vill of Alsop as in the charter to me sufficiently more fully is contained In testimony whereof to this present [writing] my seal I have affixed Given at Castern on the Monday next after the feast of the Purification of the blessed Mary the virgin In the year of [our] Lord one thousand three hundred and twenty-six.

Endorsed :- For the receiving of seisin

NOTES.

This is a power of attorney to receive seizin (or possession). This kind of document was more or less in use until the early part of this (the nineteenth) century.

The feast of the Purification of B. M. is 2nd February or Candlemas.

The size of this deed is $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. by I_4^3 in., there being five lines of writing. There is a label, but the seal is gone.

Thurmaston North and South are in Leicestershire, and near Leicester.

Castr, possibly Chester, but probably Castern, in Ilam Parish, co. Stafford, and near Alsop en le dale. Date 1326.

No. 7. OMIBS xpi fidelibs ad quos psens scptu pvenit Beatrix que fuit ux Ranulphi fil Henr de Alsop saltm in dno Noverits me concessisse remisisse t omino p me t hedibs meis imppetuu quietu clamasse Margar fil pdti Ranulphi quond viri mei hedibs t assingt⁵ suis totu ius t clamiu qd heo vl aliquo m° here pot'ro in omibs tris t tenements que fuerut pdto Ranulpho quond viro meo in Alsop Ita qd nec ego nec aliquis noie meo in pdtis tris t tenements cu omibs suis ptin aliqd ius seu clamiu quoque m° decetro exig're vel vendicar potim^s St ab omi actone imppetuu sim^s exclusi In cui^s rei testm huic p'sent sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Willo Cordel de Castre Willo le Eyr de eadm Nicho Morel de eadm Willo Waryn de Eylesworthe Gilbto fil Rogi de eadm t aliis Dat apud Castr die lune px post festu catthedra sti Pet Anno dni milesimo tcentesimo vicesimo sexto.

Endorsed : Qt clam Beat'c uxis Ran de Alsop fact m'g fil eiusd Ran

[Translation.]

To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing may come Beatrix who was the wife of Ranulph son of Henry de Alsop [sends] greeting in the Lord know ye that I have granted remised and altogether for me and my heirs for ever quit claimed to Margaret daughter of Ranulph once my husband her heirs and assigns the whole right and claim which I have or in any manner could have in all the lands and tenements which belonged to the said Ranulph once my husband in Alsop so that neither I nor anyone in my name in the aforesaid lands and tenements with all their appurtenances any right or claim in any manner howsoever hereafter may be able to exact or levy so that from every action for ever we may be excluded In testimony whereof to this present [writing] my seal I have affixed These being witnesses William Cordel de Castern (Castr) William le Fyr of the same Nicholas Morel of the same William Waryn of Eylesworth Gilbert son of Roger of the same and others Given at Castern on the Monday next after the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter In the year of our Lord one thousand three hundred and twenty six.

Endorsed : Quit claim of Beatrice wife of Ranulph de Alsop made to Margaret daughter of the same Ranulph.

NOTES.

The size of the deed is 8 in. by 4 in., with a label, and seal of white wax. Date 1326.

Castr may stand for Castern in Ilam Parish, co. Stafford, and near to Alsop. S. Peter's Chair. Feb. 22. See Calendar in K. Edward VI.'s Primer, 1553.

No. 8. OMIBS xpi fidelibs ad quos psens scptu pvenit Deonisia fil Henr de Alsop saltm in Do Noveritis me concessisse remisisse t omnino pme t hedibs imppetuu quietu clamasse Margar fil Ranulphi fil Henr de Alsop hedibs t assingtis suis totu ius t clamiu qd heo vl aliquo mo here potro in omibs tris t tenement cu suis ptin que fuerut pdco Ranulpho fri meo in Alsop Ita qd nec ego dta Deonisia nec aliquis noie meo in pdtis tris t tenement cu omibs suis ptin aliqd ius seu clamiu deceterò exigre vl vendicar potims St ab omi actone quoq mo imppetuu sims exclusi Et ego dta Deonisia t hedes mei omia pdta tenement cu omibs suis ptin dte Margar hedibs t assinguis suis cont omes gentes warantizabims t imppetuu defendems In cuius rei testiu huic psenti sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Ranulpho de Alsop Thom de Estafford de Asschebourne en le Pek Thom Adam de eadm Galfr fil Willi Lunestre de eadm Thom Hervi de eadm Dat apd Asschebourne en le Pek die Iovis px post festum Sct Mathie Apli anno dni milesimo tricentesimo vicesimo sexto.

[Translation.]

To all Christ's faithful (people) to whom this present writing shall come Deonisia daughter of Henry de Alsop (sends) greeting in the Lord Know ye that I have granted remised and absolutely for me and (my) heirs for ever quitclaimed to Margaret daughter of Ranulph the son of Henry de Alsop (her) heirs and assigns all the right and claim which I have or can have in all the lands and tenements with their appurtenances which were (belonging) to the aforesaid Ranulph my brother in Alsop So that neither I the said Deonisia nor anyone in my name

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in the aforesaid lands and tenements with all their appurtenances any right or claim may be able hereafter to levy or challenge So that from every action in whatsoever way we may be for ever excluded And I the aforesaid Deonisia and my heirs all the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances to the said Margaret (her) heirs and assigns against all nations will warrant and defend In testimony whereof to this present (writing) my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Ranulph de Alsop Thomas de Stafford of Ashbourne in the Peak Thomas Adams of the same (town) Geoffrey the son of William Lynestre of the same (town) Thomas Hervey of the same (town) Given at Ashbourne in the Peak on the Thursday next after the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle in the year of (our) Lord One thousand three hundred (and) twenty-six.

Endorsed :---Allsopp.

NOTES.

The size of this deed is 9 in, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. There is a label for the seal, which is missing.

S. Matthew's day is the 21st September.

Asschebourne-en-le-Pek. This is believed to be the earliest known instance of the last syllable of Ashbourne being spelt *bourne*. At the date of the deed the usual form was *burne*, from the Anglo Saxon *burn*, a brook. The Norman French form was Ashborne, which has survived in modern deeds. Ashbournein-the-Peak. It is interesting to find this designation so early as 1326. It will be found in Dr. Samuel Johnson's correspondence. Ashborne is in the wapontake of Wirksworth, or Low Peak.

No. 9. SCIANT presentes t futuri qd Ego Margareta filia Ranulphi de Alsop dedi concessi t hac presenti carta mea confirmavi dno Johni de Kynardsey omes terras mesuagia t omia tenementa mea cu suis ptinentiis quas t que habeo ex feoffamento predti Ranulphi pris mei in villa de Alsop Hend t tenend omia predta tenementa cu omibs suis ptinentiis de capitalibs dnis feodi illius p servitia inde debita t consueta predto dno Johni heredibs t assignatis suis libere ac hereditarie imppetm Et ego vero predta Margareta t heredibs mei omia tenementa supdta cu omibs eordm ptinets predto dno Johni de Kynardsey heredibs t assignatis suis quibuscumq cont omes gentes Warantizabims imppetm In cuis rei testimoim huic presenti carte sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs dno Thom Wychir dno Hugon mene Willmo de Byrchovyr Rogo de Tystyngton Ranulpho de Alsop t aliis Dat Stanford die Veneris px post festu sci Georgii Anno regni Regs Edwardi tertii a conquestu primo.

Endorsed : Carta Mgareta de Alsop fta Joi de Kynrdye.

A Deede of Allsopp.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Margaret daughter of Ranulph de Alsop have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Sir John de Kynardsey all the lands messuages and all my tenements with their appurtenances which I have of the feoffment of the aforesaid Ranulph my father in the vill of Alsop To have and to hold all the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefore due and accustomed to the aforesaid Sir John his heirs and assigns freely and hereditarily for ever And I truly the aforesaid Margaret and my heirs all the above mentioned tenements with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid Sir John de Kynardsey his heirs and assigns whomsoever against all nations will warrant for ever In testimony whereof to this present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Thomas Wychir (or Wythir) Sir Hugo Menē (Meynell?) William de Byrchovyr Roger de Tystyngton Ranulpho de Alsop and others Given at Stanford on the Friday next after the feast of Saint George In the first year of the reign of King Edward the Third from the Conquest.

Endorsed: Charter of Margaret de Alsop made to John de Kynardseye.

A deede of Allsopp.

NOTES.

Mene is marked as an abbreviation, and is probably Menil or Meynell. Byrchovyr, Birchover, co. Derby.

Tystyngton, Tissington, co. Derby.

Saint George's Day falls on April 23rd.

The size is $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. There is a label, but the seal is missing. Date 1327.

No. 10. SCIANT psentes t futuri quod ego Ricardus Aleyn de Alsop dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea confirmavi Johi de Kynardeseye duo mesuagia decem t novem acras t unam rodam tre t prati cu ptinentiis in villa de Alsop Hnd t tenend p'dto Johi heredibs suis t suis assignatis pdta mesuagia tras t pta libere quiete bene t in pace de capitali dno illis feodi p redditus t s'vitia que ad pdta tenementa ptinent imppetuu Et ego vero p'dtus Ricardus t heredes mei omia pdta tenementa cu suis ptinentiis ut p'sc'ptu est pdto Johi heredibs sive assigtis suis cont omes hoies Warantizabims acquietabims t defendems imppetuu In cuis rei testimoim huic psenti carte sigill meu apposui Hiis testibs Willo de Bientelegh Rico de la Pole Robto Foucher Nicho Wyther Robto de Bientelegh Willmo Brian Rico de Huncyndon t aliis Dat apd Alsop die sabbi in fo decollois Sci Johis Bapte Anno dni millimo trescentesimo vicesimo septimo t Anno regni regis Edwardi ttii post conquestu pmo.

Endorsed : Carta de Alsop Allsopp Alsop p Ricm Aleyn De duobus mesuag xix acris t una rodâ tre t pti ibidm.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Richard Aleyn de Alsop have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to John de Kynardeseye two messuages nineteen acres and one rood of land and meadow with the appurtenances in the vill of Alsop To have and to hold to the aforesaid John his heirs and their assigns the aforesaid messuages lands and meadow freely quietly well and in peace of the chief lord of that fee by the rents and services which to the aforesaid tenements appertain for ever and I truly the aforesaid Richard and my heirs all the aforesaid tenements with their appurtenances as is aforesaid to the aforesaid John his heirs or assigns against all men will warrant acquit and defend for ever In testimony whereof to this present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses William de Bientelegh (Bentley) Richard de la Pole Robert Foucher Nicholas Wyther Robert de Bientelegh William Brian Richard de Huncyndon (Hanson) and others

Given at Alsop on the sabbath day in the feast of the beheading of Saint John baptist In the year of [our] Lord one thousand three hundred and twenty-seven and in the first year of the reign of King Edward the Third since the Conquest.

Endorsed : Charter of Alsop Allsopp.

Alsop by Richard Aleyn. Concerning two messuages 19 acres and one rood of land and meadow there.

NOTES.

A perfect seal of green wax, vesica shaped, and on a label. Device on seal, a stork or heron.

Size of deed 8 in. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Date 1327.

The feast of the beheading of Saint John Baptist falls on 29th August.

Bientelegh, Fenny Bentley, co. Derby.

Huncyndon, Hanson Grange, in Thorpe, co. Derby.

De la Pole was probably of Hartington at this date, and an ancestor of Pole of Radborne.

Foucher had a park at Windley in 1330. Folcher or Foucher of Windley married a co-heiress of Champeyne, and from him derive the Bradshaws of Barton Blount. The name appears to be identical with Fulcher and Folger. Fulcher was a benefactor of Rocester Abbey. Sewall, son of Fulcher, gave lands to Darley Abbey. Fulc held Risley at the Doomsday survey.

No. 11. OMIBS xpi fidelibs psens scptu visnt vl audient Ranulphus dus de Alsop saltm in Dno Novitis me remisisse concessisse t quietu clamasse p me t heredibs Iohi de Kynardeseye t heredibs suis totu Jus t clamiu qd hui vl hre potui in illis tenementis que idem Johes huit de dono Margarete filie Ranulphi de Alsop consanguinei mei in villa de Alsop Ita qd n ego n heredes mei aliquid juris vl clamii in dtis tenementis deceto vendicare potims Et fateor etiam rcepisse frmt p me seminat in ptem tenementor pdtor ante seisinam ipius Iohis de dono t concessione ipius t non alio quoqo modo In cui^s rei testimoniu psentibs sigill meu apposui Dat apd Alsop die sabbi px post fm sct Egidii Hiis testibs Johne de migners Willo Brian Johne de Kynardeseye juniori Robto de Bientelegh t Rico Aleyn Anno dni millio trescentesimo vicesimo septimo t anno regni Regis EDWARDi ttii pmo.

[Translation.]

To all Christ's faithful (people) this present writing seeing or hearing Ranulph lord of Alsop (sends) greeting in the Lord Know ye that I have remised granted and quitclaimed for me and my heirs to John de Kynardeseye (Kynnersley) and his heirs all the right and claim which I had or could have had in those tenements which the same John had of the gift of Margaret daughter of Ranulph de Alsop my kinsman in the vill of Alsop so that neither I nor my heirs anything of right or claim in the said tenements hereafter may be able to challenge And I admit also to have received the corn by me sown in part of the aforesaid tenements before the seisin of him John of the gift and grant of himself and in no other manner whatsoever In testimony whereof to these presents my seal I have affixed Given at Alsop on the Sabbath day next after the feast of Saint Giles These being witnesses John, de Migners William Brian John de Kynardeseye the younger Robert de Bentley and Richard Aleyn In the year of our Lord One thousand three hundred (and) twenty seven and in the first year of the reign of King EDWARD the third.

Endorsed : Allsopp

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S. Giles' day is the 1st of September. Date 1327. Migners is probably the same as Mynors. Kynardeseye, of the family of Kynnersley, of Loxley, co. Stafford.

No. 12 OMIBS xpi fidelibs psentes has visur vl auditur Hugo de Kynardesaye Saltem in Dno sempitnam Novtis me remississe relaxasse t omio p me t hered imppetuu quietu clamâsse Willmo filio Johis de Kynardesseye fris mei t Elizabet uxi sue totu ius meu t clam quod hui vl aliquo mº here po'to in omibs tris t tenementis meis cu ptin que hui de dono dni Johis de Kynardesseye in villa de Alsop in com Derbeye Ita vo qd n ego pdtus Hugo n heredes mei in pdtis tris t tenement cu ptin aliquod jus vl clamiu decet'o exiger seu vendicar potims set p psentes deceto scim^s exclusi In cui^s rei testiom huic psenti qete clamantie sigillu meu est appensu Dat apd Brustowe die dnica in festo circusisiois Dni Anno regni regs Edwardi tertii a conquestu decio nono.

Endorsed : Alsop Allsopp.

ALSOP AND OTHER CHARTERS.

[Translation.]

To all the faithful of Christ these presents seeing or hearing Hugo de Kynardesaye eternal health in the Lord Know ye that I have remised released and entirely for me and my heirs for ever quitclaimed to William son of John de Kynardesseye my brother and Elizabeth his wife all my right and claim which I had or by any means could have in all my lands and tenements with the appurtenances which I had of the gift of John de Kynardesseye in the vill of Alsop in the County of Derby So indeed that neither I the aforesaid Hugo nor my heirs in the aforesaid lands and tenements with the appurtenances any right or claim hereafter may exact or levy but by these presents hereafter we may be excluded In witness whereof to this present quitclaim my seal is appended Given at Brustowe (Bristol) on Sunday in the feast of the Circumcision of [our] Lord In the nineteenth year of the reign of King Edward the third since the conquest.

Endorsed : Alsop Allsopp.

NOTES.

The County of Derby is mentioned in the body of this deed, but in none of the others.

The Circumcision falls on 1st January. The date is A.D. 1346.

Brustowe.-Bristol.

The size of the deed is 9 in. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.

This deed is written on the back of a parchment palimpsest or erased document.

There is a seal of white wax on label. Seal perfect, vesica shaped. Device a capital H thus b.

There is a duplicate of this deed.

No. 13. SCIANT presentes t futuri qd Ego Hugo del Wycheges dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea confirmavi dno Johi de Dene militi omes terras t tenementa que t quas hui in villis de Perwych t Alsop per decensum magri Andree de Esseburne cuius heres ego sum Hend t Tenend sibi t hedibs suis vl suis assigntis dtm tenementu cu omibs suis ptinentiis liber quiete bene t in pace iure heditar inppetuum Faciendo inde annuatim capitali dno feodi servitia inde debita t de iur consueta Et ego vo dtus Hugo t hedes mei vel mei assignti pdto dno Johi de Dene militi t hedibs suis vl suis assigntis dtm tenementu cum omibs suis ptinentiis infr villas de Perwych t Alsop qualcumq spectantibs Warantizabimus acquietabimus t inppetuum defendemus Pro hac autem donatone concessione t carte huius cofirmatone Henda dedit michi pdtus dus Johes quandā summā pecunie pmanibs In cui^s ri testimonium huic psenti carte sigillum meu apposui Hiis testibs Dno Rogo de Bradeburne milite Dno Henr de Kneveton milite Johe de Bradeburne Rondulfo de Alsop Rogo de la Dale t multis aliis.

Endorsed: Alsop t Peu 'wich Parwich & Allsopp.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Hugo del Wycheges (or Wytheges) have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Sir John de Dene Knight all the lands and tenements which I had in the vills of Perwych (Parwich) and Alsop by descent of Master (magri) Andrew de Esseburne (Ashburne) whose heir I am To have and to hold to him and his heirs or assigns the said tenement with all its appurtenances freely quietly well and in peace by right hereditary for ever Doing therefore annually to the chief lord of the fee the services therefore due and of right accustomed And I truly the said Hugo and my heirs or assigns to the aforesaid Sir John de Dene Knight and his heirs or his assigns the said tenement with all its appurtenances within the vills of Parwich and Alsop whatsoever belonging will warrant acquit and for ever defend But for this donation concession and the having the confirmation of this charter the aforesaid Sir (dominus) John has given to me a certain sum of money in hand In testimony whereof to (this) present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Sir Roger de Bradeburne Knight Sir Henry de Kneveton (Kniveton) Knight John de Bradeburne Rondulf de Alsop Roger de la Dale and many others.

Endorsed : Alsop and Peu'wich (Parwich) Parwich and Allsopp.

NOTES.

The size is $\$_{\frac{1}{2}}$ in. by 3 in. There is a label, but the seal is gone. There is no date. Probable date beginning of 14th century.

Perwych, Parwich, co. Derby.

Esseburne, Ashburne, co. Derby.

The consideration money is mentioned, but the amount not stated.

Bradburne, Kniveton, both in co. Derby.

No. 14. SCIANT psentes t futuri qd Ego Ricus de Dethek fil Robti de Dethek milit Dedi cocessi t hac psenti carta mea confirmavi Johi de Kynardeseye iuniori t Johne uxi eius duas partes medietatis manii de Lee juxta Dethek ut in terris ptis pascuis pastis boscis vastis moris piscariis greris homag redditibs svitiis libor tenentm nativis cu eor catall t eor sequelis villenas t cu omibs aliis suis ptinentiis Hnd t tenend dtis Johi t Johne t hered de corporibs eorde legitie p'c'atis libe quiete bn intege t in pace de capitalibs dnis feodi illius p s'vitia inde eis debita t consueta imppetuu Pretea volo t cocedo qd ttia pars pdti medietat manii que Ranulphus de Snitton t Cecilia ux eius tenēt noie dotis ipius Cecilie ex dotatoe Thome de Ferrariis quond viri sui Et que pdta tertia pars pdt medietatis manii post decessum pdte Cecilie michi et hered meis r'verti deberet remaneat una cu pdtis duabs ptibs medietatis manii pdtis Johi et Johne Hnd t tenend sibi t her'd suis de corporibs eorde ligitie pc'atis de capitalibs dnis feodi illius p s'vitia inde eis debita t cosueta imppetuu Et si cotingat qd pdti Johes t Johna sine herede de corporibs eordē legitime pcatis obierint Tuc volo t concedo qd post decessu pdtor Johi t Johne pdt duo ptes pdti medietat manerii una cu tertia pte pdta medietat manii cu acciderit Galfro fil Robti de Dethek militis integ rmaneat Hnd t tened sibi t hered suis de capitalibs dnis feodi illius p svitia inde eis debita t cosueta impptuu Et ego vº pdtus Ricus t hered mei pdtas duas ptes pdti medietat manii una cu pdta tertia pte pdti medietat manii cu acciderit pdtis Johi t Johne t hered de corporibs eord legitie pcreatis t pdto Galfro t hered suis vel suis assignatis cot oes gentes Warantizabims imppetuu In cuis rei testimon psenti carte sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs dno Johne de Heriz dno Ad de Rerisby Galfro de Dethek Willo de Birchove Pet^o de Wakebrigge Johne de Sntton t aliis Dat apd le Lee die Lune in festo sci Bartholomei apli anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post Coquestu pmo.

Endorsements: Rics de Dethek fil Robti de Dethek mihi Lee in com. Derb.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Richard de Dethek the son of Robert de Dethek Knight Have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to John de Kynardeseve the younger and Johanna his wife two parts of a moiety of the Manor of Lee next Dethek as [also] in the lands meadows feedings pastures woods wastes moors fisheries suits homages rents services of free tenants villeins with their chattels and their suits in villenage and with all other their appurtenances To have and to hold to the said John and Johanna and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten freely quietly well thoroughly and in peace of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefore to them due and accustomed for ever Moreover I will and grant that the third part of the aforesaid moiety of manor which Ranulph de Snitterton and Cecilia his wife hold in the name of the dower of the said Cecilia of the dotation of Thomas de Ferrars once her husband and which said third part of the said moiety of manor after the decease of the said Cecilia to me and my heirs ought to revert shall remain together with the aforesaid two parts of a moiety of manor to the aforesaid John and Johanna To have and to hold to them and their heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefore to them due and accustomed for ever And if it shall happen that the aforesaid John and Johanna without an heir of their bodies lawfully begotten shall die Then I will and grant that after the decease of the aforesaid John and Johanna the aforesaid two parts of the said moiety of manor with the said third part of the aforesaid moiety of manor when it shall fall in

to Geoffrey son of Robert de Dethek Knight shall remain To have and to hold to him and his heirs of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefore to them due and accustomed for ever And I truly the aforesaid Richard and my heirs the aforesaid two parts of the aforesaid moiety of manor together with the aforesaid third part of the aforesaid moiety of manor when it shall fall in to the aforesaid John and Johanna and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid Geoffrey and his heirs or assigns against all nations will warrant for ever In testimony whereof to this present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Sir John de Heriz Sir Adam de Rerisby Geoffrey de Dethek William de Birchover Peter de Wakebridge John de Snitterton and others Given at le Lee on Monday in the feast of Saint Bartholomew the apostle in the first year of the reign of King Edward the Third since the Conquest.

Endorsements : Richard de Dethek son of Robert de Dethek to me Lee in the county of Derby.

NOTES.

Size of deed 6½ in. by 8 inches. Label attached, but seal gone.

Johanna, the wife of John de Kynardeseye the younger, was daughter and heiress of Thomas de Ferrars, of Loxley (Lokkeslegh), co. Stafford.

Dethick and Lee is the name of a township in Ashover, co. Derby.

Heriz, of South Winfield.—The heiress of this family married De la Riviere about 1330.

Rerisby, Rearsby, a parish in Leicestershire.

Birchover, between Winster and Bakewell, co. Derby.

Wakebridge, near Cromford, co. Derby.

Snitterton, in Wensley, near Matlock, co. Derby.

Date S. Bartholomew's Day, i.e., 24th August, A.D., 1327.

No. 15. SCIANT psentes t futuri qd ego Ranulphus de Alsop filius Henr de Alsop dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea confirmavi Rogo Chaumberleyn psone ecclie de Rerisby totam terram meam t totu redditu cum mesuag t omibs aliis ptinentiis suis infra villam de Alsop t ext Hnd t tenend dto Rogo t heredibs suis vel assign de capitalibs dnis feodi illius p svitia inde debita t consueta libe quiete bn t in pace t hereditarie absq ullo retenemento imppetuu Et ego pdts Ranulphus t heredes mei totam terram t totu Redditu cu mesuagiis t omibs aliis ptinentiis ut pdtm est pdto Rogo t heredibs suis vel suis assignatis warantizabimus t imppetuu defendem^s In cui^s rei testim psenti Charte mee sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Ranulpho de Alsop Johne fil Thme de eadm Johe fil Simois de eadm Willmo fil Henr de eadm Rado de Scherecroft de Eyton Robto Clico t aliis Dat apd Alsop die Martis px post festum sti Ambros Confessoris Anno dm millesimo tricentesimo undecimo.

Deed endorsed : Rog Chauburleyn pson ecclie de Rerisby, Alsop Allsopp.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Ranulph de Alsop son of Henry de Alsop have given granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to Roger Chaumberleyn parson of the Church of Rerisby all my land and all [my] rent [redditum] with the messuages and all other their appurtenances within the village of Alsop and without To have and to hold to the said Roger and his heirs or assigns of the chief lords of that fee by the services thence due and accustomed freely quietly well and in peace and by way of inheritance without any with-holding for ever And I the aforesaid Ranulph and my heirs all the land and all the rent with the messuages and all other appurtenances as is aforesaid to the aforesaid Roger and his heirs or his assigns will warrant and for ever defend In witness whereof to this my present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Ranulph de Alsop John son of Thomas of the same John son of Simon of the same William son of Henry of the same Radulph de Sherecroft de Eyton Robert the clerk and others Given at Alsop on Tuesday next after the feast of Saint Ambrose the Confessor In the year of our Lord one thousand three hundred and eleven.

Inscription on seal : Seal of Ranulf.

Endorsements: Roger Chaumberleyn parson of the Church of Rerisby. Alsop Allsopp.

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Size of membrane, 3 inches deep 81/2 inches wide.

Round seal of dark green wax, perfect, attached by a label. Device a squirrel. Inscription : S. Ranulfi.

Chaumberleyn.—It is hoped no relation of Robert C., ringleader at the burning of Boston, temp. Edward I., who confessed, and was hanged.

Rerisby .- Reresby or Rearsby, co. Leicester.

Eyton.--A member of Alsop.

S. Ambrose's day is 4th April. Date 1311.

No. 16. SCIANT psentes t futuri qd ego Rads fil Johis de Alsop dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea confirmavi Ran fil Hen de Alsop ttiam ptem unis mesuag t duas acr dimid t unam rod tre cu ptin in Alsop videlicet ttiam pte illius mesuag qd Henr fil Hberti aliqndo tenuit t dimid acr tre jacente sup le Bugweye int tram Ran fil Ran de Alsop ex una pte t tram quond Johis de la Laude ex alta t dimid acr tre jacente sup le Pykestonlondes int tram Ran fil Ran de Alsop ex una pte t tram Willi fil Henr ex alta t tres rod tre jacentes sup le Dalesyde int tram Ran fil Ran de Alsop ex una pte t tram quond Johis de la Laude ex alta t dimid acr tre jacente sup le Hulliforlong int tram Ran fil Ran de Alsop ex una pte t tram Willi fil Henr ex alta t unam rod tre apd le Oldeofne int tram Robti fil Hugo ex una pte t tram quod Johis de la Laude ex alta t unam rod tre jacente sup Pynhul int tram Ran fil Henr de Alsop ex una pte t tram Robti fil Hug ex alta Pretea concessi eid Ran fil Henr revertione duar rod tre cu ptin in Alsop quas Letit que fuit ux Johis de Alsop tenet in dote ex dotatoe pdti Johis quond viri sui Ita qd ille que michi revti debent p^s morte pdte Letit pdto Ran remaneant Hnd t tend eid Ran fil Henr t hed suis vel suis assignat libe quiete bn t in pace de capitalibs dnis feodi illius p svit inde debita t consueta Inppm Et ego pdts Rads t hed mei pdta tenemeta cu omnibs suis ptin pdto Ran fil Henr t hed suis vel suis assignat cont oes gentes Warantizabims Inppm In cuis rei testimoniu huic psenti charte mee sigillu meu apposui Hiis testibs Ran fil Ran de Alsop Henr fil Robti de Alsop Henr Parfey de Fennibentileye Henr fil Radi de Eyton Robto le Mareschal de eadm t

aliis Dat apd Alsop die Dnic px an fm Inventois ste Crucis Anno regni Reg Edwardi fil Reg Edwardi sexto.

Endorsed: De ttia pte uni^s mesuag duab acris t di t j rod tr. Alsop Allsopp.

[Translation.]

Know [all men] present and to come that I Radulph son of John de Alsop have given granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to Ranulph son of Henry de Alsop the third part of one messuage and two acres a half [acre] and one rood of land with the appurtenances in Alsop that is to say the third part of that messuage which Henry son of Herbert [Henry Fitz-Herbert] once held and half an acre of land lying above the Bugweye [Bigway] between the land of Ranulph son of Ranulph de Alsop on the one part and the land once of John de la Launde on the other [part] and half an acre of land lying above the Pykestonlondes [Pikestonelands] between the land of Ranulph son of Ranulph de Alsop on the one part and the land of William son of Henry on the other part and three roods of land lying above the Dalesyde between the land of Ranulph son of Ranulph de Alsop on the one part and the land once of John de la Launde on the other [part] and half an acre of land lying above the Hulliforlong [Hillyfurlong] between the land of Ranulph son of Ranulph de Alsop on the one part and the land of William son of Henry on the other [part] and one rood of land at le Oldeofene [Old Oven] between the land of Robert son of Hugh on the one part and the land which is of John de la Launde on the other [part] and one rood of land lying above Pynhul [Pinehill] between the land of Ranulph son of Henry de Alsop on the one part and the land of Robert son of Hugh on the other part Moreover I have granted to the same Ranulph son of Henry the reversion of two roods of land with the appurtenances in Alsop which Lætitia who was the wife of John de Alsop holds in dower by the dotation of the aforesaid John heretofore her husband so that they which ought to revert to me after the death of the said Lætitia may remain to the said Ranulph To have and to hold to the same Ranulph son of Henry

and his heirs or his assigns freely quietly well and in peace of the chief lords of that fee by the services thence due and accustomed for ever And I the aforesaid Radulph and my heirs the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid Ranulph son of Henry and his heirs or his assigns against all nations will warrant for ever In testimony whereof to this my present charter my seal I have affixed These being witnesses Ranulph son of Ranulph de Alsop Henry son of Robert de Alsop Henry Parfey de Fennibentileye [Fenny Bentley] Henry son of Radulph de Eyton Robert le Mareschal of the same and others Given at Alsop on Sunday next before the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross In the sixth year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward.

Inscription on seal : Seal of Radulph de Alsop.

Endorsements : Concerning the third part of one messuage two acres and one half [acre] and one rood of land. Alsop Allsopp.

NOTES.

Size of membrane, 5 inches deep, 91/2 wide.

Round seal of dark green wax, perfect, on a label. Device a lion dormant. Inscription, perfectly legible : S. Radulphi de Alsop.

Launde.-Probably Launde in Leicestershire.

Oldeofene.—Ofen, Anglo-Saxon for oven. A public oven was part of the feudal system in manors. The lord monopolised the privilege of baking his tenants' bread at the common oven, which was a source of revenue.

Parfey .- Qy Purefey, v. Burton's Leicestershire, Dugdale's Warwickshire.

Eyton.—Eaton, a member of Alsop-en-le-Dale. The township is now called Eaton and Alsop.

Le Mareschal v. Camden's Brit. (confer Index.)

The Invention of the Cross is 3rd May. Date 1313.

No. 17. HEC indent'a fta die lune px post festu sci hillar anno r r Rici scdi post conquestu XV° int Willm de Kynardesey ex una pte t Willm de Dethek milit ex alta pte testat qd pdts Wills de Kynardesey dedit ccessit t hac psent carta sua cofirmavit pdcto Willo de Dethek hedibs t assignats suis manu suu de le lee cu oibs ptin t appendiciis suis t cu oibs aliis tris ten rdditibs svits que het vel huit i Schokthorn Wetecroft Plastowe Wakebrug t Holewaus cu oibs suis ptin t appendiciis suis Hndu t tndu pdtm manu t oia pdta cu suis ptin pdto Willo de Dethek hedibs t assignats suis de capitalibs dns feodom illor p svits inde debit t c'suet ipptuu Reddendo inde p annu pdto Willo de Kynardesey p sex annos pxio sequent post dat presentiu unu flore Rose ad fm Sci Johis Baptiste t post predictos sex annos plenar cpletos reddendo inde anuati pdto Willo de Kynardesay hedibs t assignats suis XX S usualis monet ad fm pdm Et si contingat pdm reddit XX si ad aliqué tminu a retro sive in pte vl in toto bn liciat dto Willo de Kynardesey hedibs t assignats suis in totu pdtm maniu t in oia pdta ingredi t in ppetuu rtenere In cui^a testimoniu ptes pdte sigilla sua alt'nati psent apposuerut Dat apud Dethek die t anno sup'diet.

[Translation.]

This Indenture made on the Monday next after the feast of S. Hilary in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Richard the 2nd after the conquest between William de Kynardesey of the one part and William de Dethek knight on the other part witnesseth that the aforesaid William de Kynardesey hath given granted and by this his present charter confirmed to the aforesaid William de Dethek his heirs and assigns his manor of le Lee with all its appurtenances and appendages and with all other the lands tenements rents services which he hath or had in Schokthorn Wetecroft Plastowe Wakebrug and Holewaus with all their appurtenances and appendages To have and to hold the aforesaid manor and all the aforesaid [tenements] with their appurtenances to the aforesaid William de le Dethek his heirs and assigns of the chief lords of those fees by the services therefore due and accustomed for ever Rendering therefore by the year to the aforesaid William de Kynardesey for six years next following after the date of [these] presents one flower of a rose at the feast of Saint John Baptist and after the aforesaid six years are fully completed Rendering therefore yearly to the aforesaid William de Kynardesey his heirs and assigns twenty solidi of usual money at the feast aforesaid And if

the aforesaid rent of twenty solidi at any term shall happen to be behind either in part or in full It shall well be lawful for the said William de Kynardesey his heirs and assigns into the whole of the aforesaid manor and into all the aforesaid [tenements] to enter and for ever to retain [them] In testimony whereof the parties (partes) aforesaid their seals alternately to [these] presents have affixed Given at Dethek the day and year abovementioned.

Endorsed Dethek Manner of Lee in Com. Derb. Concernynge Lee.

NOTES.

Size 9 in. by 3 in., writing faded and very obscure, label and seal both gone. Dethek.—Dethick, co. Derby.

Lee .- Part of the township of Dethick and Lee, co. Derby.

Wakebrug .- Wakebridge, in Crich, co. Derby.

Holewaus.-Qy Holloway, co. Derby.

Wetecroft.-Qy Wheatcroft.

Date A.D. 1392.

S. Hilary's day falls on January 13. S. John Baptist's day falls on June 24.

No. 18. NOVINT univsi me Johem Shepherd de Alshop alias Johem filiu Johis fil Willmi de Stanshop remisisse relaxasse t p me t heredibs meis quietu clamasse Robto Kynardeseye de Lokkeslegh heredibs t assignatis suis impptm totu ius t clameu quod habui seu her^e pot'o in uno mesuagio duobs bovat tre arrabil t pti cu ptinent in Alshop quod Johes de Dale tenet Ita qd nec ego dtus Johes nec heredes mei nec aliquis noie nro in mes pdict t dct^s bovats tre t pti aliquid jur vel clamei decet'o exig'e potim^s set impptm sims exclusi p psentes sigillo meo signat Dat apud Uttoxhatre die Jovis in vigilia aplor Petri t Pauli aplor Anno Regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestu Angl nono Hiis testibs Thoma Dethek de Uttoxhatr Tho Alshop de Alsop Willo Walkere de Uttoxhatr Johne de Dale junior de Alshop Johne de Dale senior de Alshop t aliis.

Endorsed : Allsopp

[Translation.]

Know all men that I John Shepherd de Alshop otherwise John son of John son of William de Stanshope have remised released and for me and my heirs quitclaimed to Robert Kynardeseye de Lokkeslegh his heirs and assigns for ever all the right and claim which I had or could have in one messuage two bovates of arable and pasture land with the appurtenances in Alshop which John de Dale holds So that neither I the said John nor my heirs nor anyone in my name in the aforesaid messuage and the said bovates of land and pasture anything of right or claim hereafter may be able to take but that for ever we may be excluded by [these] presents signed with my seal Given at Uttoxhatre on Thursday in the vigil of the Apostles Peter and Paul In the ninth year of the reign of King Henry the fourth since the conquest of England These being witnesses Thomas Dethek de Uttoxhatre Tho Alshop de Alsop William Walkere de Uttoxhatre John de Dale the younger de Alshop John de Dale the elder de Alshop and others.

Endorsed : Allsopp.

NOTES.

Label attached, but seal gone.

Size 10 in. by 21 in.

Stanshope is in the Parish of Alstonfield, co. Stafford, and near Alsop-en-le-Dale.

Lokkeslegh.—Loxley, near Uttoxeter, co. Stafford, the seat of the Kynnersley family.

Uttoxhatre.-Uttoxeter (anciently Uttokceaster or Utcester).

S. Peter and S. Paul.—S. Peter's day (the traditional anniversary of the common martyrdom of SS. Peter and Paul) falls on the 29th June.

Date A.D. 1408.

Alshop.—Alsop, originally Ellashope or Elleshope, then Alshop, Alshop, Alsop. *Hope.*—A deep valley without a stream of water.

Allsopp.—The endorsement of the name spelt in this mode, which appears on many of the foregoing deeds, is in a peculiar handwriting, apparently of the 17th century. In modern title deeds the name of the village and township of Alsop is often met with spelt with the double l and double p, and sometimes it is found to have been written Allsop or Alsopp.