

## Hemington Church,

WITH THE MORE ANCIENT OF THE HEMINGTON DEEDS.

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Lord of the Manor.*]



HEMINGTON is not named in Domesday, but was probably the small parcel of the superior manor of Loughborough, then belonging to Earl Hugo.

In 1270 Roger de Quency, Earl of Winton, died seized of a knight's fee in Hemington, valued at £10 per annum. Eleanor de Vaux, *relict* of the said Earl, held the same knight's fee in dower, and Thomas de Meignell and Robert de Langton, held the same under her to the heirs of the said Earl, her first husband.—*Nichols' Leicestershire.*

Hemington was afterwards the inheritance of the Crophulls, who were also lords of Sutton and Bonington.

In 1279 Robert Balle and Richard Francys, of Hemington, entered into recognizance, that is, made themselves responsible for the attendance in Parliament of Sir Thomas de Meynell, who had been elected one of the members for the county.—*Nichols.*

Agnes, sole daughter and heiress of Thomas de Crophull, brought the manor of Hemington in marriage to Sir Walter Devereux, knight. Walter Devereux (grandson of the last-named Walter), married Anne, sole daughter and heiress of William, Lord Ferrars of Chartley, and was slain at Bosworth Field, 1485. John Devereux, his son and heir, was summoned to Parliament from 1487 to 1496, by the title of John, Lord Ferrars of

Chartley. His second wife was probably Elizabeth Langham, whose beautiful effigy lies on her tomb in the Hemington choir or chapel in Lockington church.—*Nichols*.

Amongst the property which the Abbot and convent of S. Mary de Pratis at Leicester possessed at Hemington, we find the following:—

“We have there of the gift of Robert Meynell, John de Langton, and Hugh of Derby, eleven acres of meadow and one rood, in augmentation of the breadth of their two acres of meadow which lacked in their breadth by the name of tithes of hay,\* appertaining to our church of Lockington of them and of their men of Hemington—viz; those two acres which are near our meadow and our land called Foule as far as the west part in the meadow of Hemington.

“Mem: That we have granted to ‘Dominus’ (? Sir) Thomas Meynell of Hemington and Alice his wife as long as they shall live to hear Divine Service in their Oratory constructed (‘in curia sua’) in the village of Hemington.”

This expression is somewhat remarkable; it may mean within the precincts of their own mansion, to which the present ruins are contiguous; or, it may mean in their ward or lordship, i.e., within the districts of their courts, leet and baron. It is more likely, however, to signify an oratory within the confines of their own mansion, such as we find at Haddon and elsewhere.

The present house at Hemington is but a fragment of the original. From the disposition of the remaining portions, the original structure seems to have enclosed two large courts, the scheme of the apartments following the usual mediæval plan. The present inhabited portion formed the centre or dividing block between the two courts, and it still shows the passage between the kitchen and dining-hall as at Haddon. The south doorway of the passage was constructed about the year 1600, whilst the northern is of the Decorative period, c. 1300. The wall of the passage to the west was constructed when that portion of the range between the kitchen and the hall was removed.

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\* Probably given as a substitute for certain tithes of hay.



HEMINGTON CHURCH S.E. (1889).



HEMINGTON CHURCH S.E. (FROM GENT. MAG. 1825.)

Where the original oratory stood in 1220, it is not easy to determine ; but if it held a position analogous to that at Haddon, it would have been at the south-east corner of the garden, near the road, and a little south-west of the present church. The only masonry of this early date consists of what seems to have been a portion of a gateway, at the east end of the inhabited block.

It is very certain that the present ruin is not the building referred to in 1220, for it has no architectural features prior to the "Early Decorated" period, which prevailed from c. 1270 to c. 1330.\* The present church has a small tower, but the use of a bell was denied the oratory of 1220, so that the restriction concerning the bell must have been withdrawn at the erection of the present building.†

There can be no doubt but that the successor of Robert de Meynell (probably Sir Thomas, living in 1279), finding the population increasing round his fostering home, and anxious to extend his own privileges to his tenants and dependants, erected a new and more commodious oratory just outside his own gate, and I think this the solution of the whole difficulty. Some note of its erection (if not consecration of altars), should be found in the Episcopal Registers of the diocese.

After this long digression, let us proceed with the extract from the "*Matriculus*" :—

"To hear divine service in their oratory, constructed '*in curia sua*,' by their permanent chaplain, but without beating or ringing of bell, reserving all rights of the mother church of Lockington, paying 4 shill. yearly as compensation or arrangement between us and them. The same Thomas Meynell and Alice granted by the aforesaid composition that none of their heirs, nor anyone else (except *by special favour* granted), should perform *for any fee*, any celebration in the said oratory."

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\* Plate VI. gives two views of the ruined church ; the one of 1825 from the *Gentleman's Magazine*, the other from a modern photograph. This Plate has been kindly given to the Journal by Mr. Hugo Harpur Crewé.

† There is a legend of the bell having been taken to some neighbouring tower. The records still extant of the doings of the church plunderers of the Tudor era might afford some clue as to its fate.

In the registers of the said Abbey of Leicester, we have the following notice of Hemington, under Lockington :—

“ Church of Lockington—Patron; Abbot of Leicester, having the same to his own proper use, from of old.

“ And he hath the Chapel of Hemington which ought not to be served except by favour ‘ nisi de gratia.’ ”

Nicholas, Vicar of Lockington, was instituted by Hugo, now Bishop of Lincoln, and he pays to the Abbot of Leicester 4 marks from of old.—*Matriculus*, 1220.

The Manor of Hemington passed from the Ferrars family to the Harpurs of Swarkeston.

Mr. Wyrley, who visited Hemington about 1590, writes:—  
“ Here is a ‘ fair ’ (that is, ‘ beautiful ’) church but the glass all ruined, and the church not in use to that end it was builded. We suffer proptum neglectum domus Dei.”

From this it would seem that the church was used for some other purpose *then* than a religious one, perhaps a tithe-barn or cattle shed.

Will Hemington church ever be restored to its ancient uses?

The following very interesting particulars respecting the proposed interment of one of the Harpurs, within the ruined church at Hemington, has been most kindly contributed by Miss Crewe.

John Harpur, Esq., second son of Sir John Harpur, Bart., and the Honble. Katharine Lady Harpur, daughter of Thomas Lord Crewe, was born in 1707, and died unmarried at his house in Paddington, London, on the 13th of August, 1780, aged 73. He was buried at Lockington the 24th of the same month. His will (or perhaps the probate copy of it) is in the muniment room at Calke Abbey, and commences as follows :—

“ I John Harpur of Paddington in the Co. of Middlesex : Esquire do make this my last will and testament in manner following : ffirst, I desire to be buried in the Church of Hemington in the Co : of Leicester in a decent but private manner.”

A little further on is the following bequest :—

“ I give and bequeath unto the Revd: Père Ambrose a Capuchin ffryer at Paris the sum of 20 £.”

From these directions we have been led to suppose that he became a Roman Catholic, which would account for his wishing to be buried in the ruined church at Hemington, where no reformed service had ever been held, and it would also probably account for the fact that none of his relations were present at the funeral. We have reason to believe that they were on good terms with him during his lifetime, and Lady Frances Harpur, his niece by marriage, gave my mother an account of her paying him a visit at his house in Paddington, when he received her in full court dress, and expressed his surprise that she should be in plain morning costume, saying—'Times have changed since I was young.' It was the first time she had been, and he looked upon it as a visit of ceremony.

His body was brought to Hemington in the night by an old housekeeper, a foreigner, and I have heard, by his foreign valet also. It was with great difficulty they could be induced to believe it was not legal to bury him in Hemington church where the grave had already been dug, but at last they agreed to his interment at Lockington. The housekeeper was greatly distressed saying she had promised her master she would see him buried where he desired. The exact spot in Lockington Church where his body was deposited is not known.

Briggs, in his "History of Hemington," says, "A grave was dug in the church, and the coffin put into it, but the soil was never thrown in the grave for weeks," which is not correct. There is no mention of any service having been said over him. This again points to his having been a Roman Catholic, in which case the service no doubt took place before he was removed from London.

There are two portraits of John Harpur at Calke. One, full length as a boy, taken with his younger brother Edward, and another small print, as a man, holding his favourite horse by the bridle.

In the year 1750, we find his name as a subscriber to the "Racing Calendar," and on June 26th, 1750, the "Give and Take" prize at Ripon races was won by his black horse "Now or Never."

In July, 1751, at Hounslow, Middlesex, Mr. John Harpur ran

grey horse for the Ladies' Plate, and in 1751, also at Barnet, on September 26, he ran his nutmeg grey, "Frosty-face." Again, in September, 1758, at Chipping Norton, his chestnut, "Smiling Tom."

In 1753, his sister-in-law, Lady Caroline Harpur, in a letter now at Calke Abbey, mentions that Mr. John Harpur is gone to France, and has sent a bureau and another piece of furniture to be taken care of at her house in Grosvenor Street.

By Sir John Harpur's will, dated 11th November, 1734, he leaves the residue of his personal estate to his sons John and Edward equally, and also directs that at their mother's death, his house and furniture situate in St. James's Place, London, should be sold, and the proceeds divided between his sons John and Edward. In their mother, Lady Harpur's, will she leaves her son John 20 guineas, and a £5 piece of gold; also a "picktur of my daughter Holte done in crayons with a glass before it, and a small silver coffee pot, and four salts, and any four books he chooses."

#### LOCKINGTON.

Nicholls, in his "History of Leicestershire" seems almost exhaustive in his account of Lockington. I shall not, however, wade through the minute details recorded in his invaluable work, but will confine my extracts to those features which are now missing in the church.

Quoting from Burton, he writes—"In the tracery of the N. Window of the North Aisle (rather vague) there are whole figures of Angels, each having 6 wings, placed on wheels, and holding shields—which last are gone."

There is a representation of the Angelic Salutation to the B Virgin with two figures on each side—possibly representing the family of the donor of the glass. The cherubim just mentioned appear to have been in the same window, and the shields then missing would no doubt illustrate the alliances of the donor's family.

In the S.E. Window are the arms of Despenser and Basset.

In a south Window the arms of Aylesbury and another, bearing

*gules*, 3 lions passant guardant in pale *or*, within a bordure under a label of France—for Edmund Crouchback Earl of Lancaster, with a figure of the Earl painted on glass.

In the N.E. Window, the arms of Crophull, *viz.*, *Arg.* a saltire *gules*, fretty *or*, England—*gu.* 3 lions passant guardant in pale *or*.

Earl of Kent—the same arms of England within a bordure *arg.*

In the high North Window (probably clerestory) the arms of the Abbey of Leicester; *viz.*, *gules*, a cinquefoil ermine.

And of Roach Abbey—*gules*, 3 fishes (? roaches), naiant *arg.*

In the East Chancel or Chapel of the South Aisle called Hemington Chapel, is a recumbent effigy of a lady on a high tomb with six weepers on each side. At the head end of the tomb are two angels holding a shield on which was painted *arg.* a fesse *gu*: in chief 3 torteauxes for Devereaux, impaling *arg.*, 3 bears, heads erased *sable*, muzzled *or*, for Langham; and at the foot of the same tomb a shield bearing quarterly, 1st., the Arms of Ferrars; 2nd and 3rd, Langham; and 4th, Devereux.

On the ledge of this tomb, Mr. Burton says, was inscribed—

Hic jacet corpus Dominæ Elizabethæ Ferrers nuper uxoris Domini Johannis Ferrars de Chartley que Elizabetha obiit 15—

#### HEMINGTON DEEDS.

(No. 1.)

Anno 3, Ed. II. (1310.)

Universis Christi fidelibus hoc presens Scriptum visuris vel auditoris Thomas de Meynil miles, et Robertus filius predicti Thome salutem. Cum nuper per breve dictum cognitio de statuto pro mercatoribus edito omnes terre redditus et tenementa nostra manerii de Hemyngton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis per sacramentum duodecim proborum et legalium hominum extendita et Legarde de Crophull de Notingham et Radulpho de Crophull de Notingham liberata fuerunt tenendum et liberum tenementum sibi et heredibus suis et suis assignatis per extentam predictam quousque tresdecem saccos lane precii cujusque xii marcarum plenari inde levandum. Et insuper postea lis orta fuit inter predictos Legardam et Radulphum ex una parte et predictos



Thomam et Robertum ex altera parte per quoddam breve nove disseisine quod predictus Robertus tulit versus predictos Legardam et Radulphum et alios quamplures tenentes de manerio de Hemyngton in brevi predicto nove disseisine conventos. Noveritis nos predictos Thomam de Meynil et Robertum filium predicti Thome et alterum nostrum pro nobis et heredibus nostris concessisse predicto Legarde et Radulpho et heredibus et assignatis suis quod bene et in pace teneant omnes terras redditus et teneamenta que eis liberata sunt in maneris de Hemyngton per extentam predictam secundum formam statuti predicti. Ita quod per nos nec per alterum nostrum nec per heredes nostros durante tempore extente predictæ in forma predicta in nullo occasione graventur nec implacitantur coram quibuscunque justiciariis domini Regis seu aliis ministris domini Regis seu aliorum quorumcunque. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto predicti Thomas et Robertus sigilla sua apposuerunt Hiis testibus Willielmo de Wodecote, Ricardo de . . . Roberto de Stokton (?) Roberto de Sutton, Thoma de Radeclive et aliis. Datum apud Montem Sorellum die Mercurii proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno Regni Regis Edwardii filii Regis Edwardi, tercio.

(Two very perfect seals.)

(No. 2.)

Anno 11 Hen. IV. (1410.)

Noverint universi per presentes me Willielmum Broun de Hemyngton remecisse relaxasse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quieto clamasse Henrico Baker de Hemyngton et Agnete uxori sue heredibus et assignatis eorum totum jus et clameum juris quod habeo seu quovismodo habere potero in uno messuagio ac gardino adjacente ac dimidio Roda terre et eorum omnibus pertinentiis jacentibus in Hemyngton in propria tenura Johannis Broun junioris. Ita quod nec ego predictus Willielmus nec heredes mei nec aliquis aliis nomine nostro aliquod jus nec clameum juris in predicto messuagio cum gardino et dimidia Roda terre cum eorum pertinentiis de cetero exigamus nec habere poterimus sed per presentes sumus exclusi imperpetuum. Et ego

vero predictus Willielmus et heredes mei predictum messuagium cum gardino et dimidia Roda terre cum eorum pertinenciis contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Roberto Roby de Hemington, Johanne Pollard de eadem, Henrico Menante de eadem, Johanne Smyth de eadem, Johanne Broun de eadem, et aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton die lune proximo post festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum undecimo.

(No. 3.)

Anno 4 Hen. V. c. May 3 (1416.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus Browne de Hemyngton in comitatu Leycester dedi tradidi et dimisi Henrico Baker et Agnete uxori sue quatuor acras terre et duas placias pasture in territorio de Hemyngton quarum dimidia Roda jacet super Braddewong inter terram quondam Thome Maynante ex una parte et terram domini Johannis Warde ex altera parte. Una acra et dimidia roda jacet super Grenelowe inter terram Richeforde et Johannis Warde. Una dimidia roda super Tipnalbrynke inter terram dictam et Johannis Cogulton: Una dimidia roda super Este-thre-odes . . . . . Shyremersyde inter terram dictam, et terram Roberti Reke: una dimidia roda in Whatcrofte inter terram Richeforde et Johannes Warde: Una roda super Brereland inter terram dictam et Johannis Warde: una dimidia roda in le Bothom inter terram dictam et Johannis Cogulton: una dimidia roda super le Holoforo inter terram dictam et Johannis Warde: Una roda super Wode-way-Knoll inter terram dictam in parte orientali: una roda super Porteway furlong et buttat super le Porteway juxta terram dictam ex parte australi et terram dictam Johannis Warde ex parte Boriali, et una roda super Henmersike et buttat super Stanwaysike juxta terram Richeforthe ex parte australi et terram dictam Johannis Warde ex parte Boreali. Una dimidia acra nuper Ryecrofte et duas rodas terre quarum una roda jacet super Ylepole, et una roda super Monday Landes. Et duas placias pasture jacentes in le Holme in eodem

territorio. Habendum et tenendum predictas acras et pasturas predictis Henrico et Agnete ad terminum viginti annorum proxime sequentium post datum presentium pro quadam summa pecuniæ modo date in manibus et faciendo capitalis domino feodi illius servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne Ledys de Hemyngton, Johanne Pollard, Johanne Browne, Johanne Smyth, Henrico Maynante de eadem, et multis aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton die lune proximo post festum Inventionis Sancte Crucis anno regni Regis Henrici quinti post conquestum quarto.

(No. 4.)

Anno 4 Hen. V. c. June 24 (1416).

Hec indentura testatur quod cum Willielmus Brown de Hemyngton dederit concesserit et per cartam suam confirmaverit Henrico Baker et Agnete uxori sue tres rodas et dimidiam rodam terre arrabilis in territorio de Hemyngton habendum et tenendum predictas tres rodas et dimidiam terre eisdem Henrico et Agnete heredibus et assignatis eorum imperpetuum predicti tamen Henricus et Agneta volunt et concedunt per presentes pro se heredibus et assignatis eorum quod quumcunque et quo tempore predictus Willielmus et heredes sui post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime futurum post datum presentium solvant seu solvi faciant eisdem Henrico et Agnete heredibus aut executoribus eorum tresdesim solidos et iiij denarios quod ex tunc predicta carta concessionis predictarum trium rodarum et dimidie terre cum pertinenciis pro nullo habeatur. In cuius rei testimonium partes predicti alternatim presentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum apud Hemyngton die Lune proximo post festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni Regis Henrici quinti post conquestum quarti.

(No. 5.)

Anno 10 Hen. V. c. July 22 (1422).

Omnes Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Johannes Wynhall et Johanna uxor mea et Thomas Walsham et

Agnes uxor mea filie Rogeri Payne Salutem in domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presente carta nostra confirmasse Johanni Goldyng alias Johanni Shepherde de Hemyngton unam placeam jacentem inter placeam Williemi Grenne ex parte boreali et placeam nuper Ade Fferyman ex parte australi et que quedam placea nuper fuit Alicie filie Ricardi de Rugemund Et unam rodam terre jacentem super Whitcris furlong juxta terram heredum Williemi Kington et protendit capud super culturam dictam ad viam de Trente. Habendum et tenendum placeam et predictam rodam terri cum omnibus pertenenciis in Hemyngton predicta prefato Johanni Goldyng alias Johanni Shepherde heredibus et assignatis suis reddendum faciendum capitalis dominis feodi illius redditus et servicia inde prius debita et consueta. Et nos vero prefati Johannes Wynhall et Johanna uxor mea et Thomas Walshe et Agnes uxor mea filie Rogeri Payne et heredes nostri predictam placeam et predictam rodam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis in Hemyngton predicta prefato Johanni heredibus et assignatus suis contra omnes gentes Warentizabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presente carte sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus Johanne Ledes de Hemyngton Henrico Baker de eadem, Henrico Meynaunt de eadem, Roberto Meynaunt de eadem, Johanne Smyth de eadem et aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton predictam die Dominica proxima ante festum Sancte Marie Magdalene anno regni Regis Henrici quinti post conquestum decimo.

(No. 6.

Anno 4 Edw : IV. Oct. 28 (1464).

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Bate de Hemmyngton dedi concessi et hac presente carta mea confirmavi Thome Bonde de Bradmare et Agneti uxori eius tertiam partem unius messuagii mei jacentis inter messuagium predicti Thome ex parte boreali et duarum partium messuagii Johannis Smyth ex parte australi. Et duas partes unius dole vocate 'Over pytte dole' jacentis in Chapleyn ffrithryng juxta lapidem ex parte solari Habendum et tenendum predictam partem messuagii et predictas

partes dole cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Thome et Agneti heredibus et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego vero prefatus Ricardus et heredes mei omnia predicta partem messuagii et partes dole cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Thome et Agneti heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Thome Rathdale Vicario Ecclesie de Lokynton Willielmo Mall de Hemmyngton Willielmo Bate de eadem Rogero Barode de eadem et multus aliis. Datum apud Hemmyngton in festo Apostolorum Simonis et Jude anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie quarto.

(No. 7.)

Anno 19 Edw. IV. Oct. 1 (1479).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Goldyng alias dictus Ricardus Shephirde filius et heres Johannis Goldyng alias dicti Johannis Shephirde nuper de Hemyngton dedi concessi et hac presente carta mea confirmavi Ricardo Goldyng alias R. Shephirde juniore filio meo unam placiam cum suis pertinenciis in Hemyngton predicta et unam rodam terre arabilis ibidem jacentem nuper Whitcresforling inter terras heredum Willielmi Langton Que quidem placea et roda terre arabilis michi descenderunt jure hereditario post mortem predicti Johannis Goldyng patris mei Habendum et tenendum omnes predictas placeam et rodam terre arabilis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Ricardo Goldyng alias dicto Ricardo Shephirde juniore filio meo heredibus et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego vero predictus Ricardus Goldyng alias dictus Ricardus Shephirde filius et heres predicti Johannis Goldyng alias dicti Johannis Shephirde et heredes mei omnes predictas placeam et rodam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Ricardo Goldyng alias dicto Ricardo Shephirde juniore filio meo et heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mei sigillum meum apposui Hiis

testibus Willielmo Osborne Willielmo Roby, Willielmo Malle, Rogero Barogh et Willielmo Bate ac multis aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton predictam primo die Octobris anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie decimo nono.

(No. 8.)

Anno 20 Edw. IV. Jan. 1. (148 $\frac{0}{1}$ ).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia Hogh in pura viduitate mea nuper uxor Johannis Bagnale dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni Ffenton unum cotagium cum edificiis et orto adjacente cum suis pertinenciis in villa de Hemyngton ac tres rodas terre arabilis jacentes in campis ibidem nec non locum communie animalis in Hemyngton Holme Habendum et tenendum omnia predicta cotagium cum edificiis ortum terras et locum animalis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johannis Ffenton heredibus et assignatis suis que quidem cotagium cum edificiis ortum terras et locum communie animalis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis nuper habui simul cum predicto Johanne Bagnale nuper marito meo qui jam viam universe carnis ingressus est ex dono et feoffamento Willielmi Peke nuper de Hemyngton de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego vero predicta Alicia Hogh et heredes mei omnia predicta cotagium cum edificiis ortum tres rodas terre et locum communie animalis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Ffenton heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantzabimus et imperpetuum defendemus In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Willielmo Roby Willielmo Presbury Johanne Shepherd, Willielmo Bate et Rogero Borogh ac multis aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton predictam primo die Januarii anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo.

(No. 9.)

Anno 20. Edw: IV. Jan. 1. (148 $\frac{0}{1}$ ).

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Alicia Hogh nuper uxor Johannis Bagnale salutem in domini

sempiternam. Noveritis me prefatam Aliciam in pura viduitate mea attornam constituisse et loco meo posuisse dilectum mihi in Christo Thomam Ledes meum verum et legitimam attornatum ad intrandum et deliberandum pro me et in nomine meo plenam et pacificam possessionem ac seisinam Johanni Ffenton heredibus et assignatis suis de et in uno cotagio cum gardino adjacente et edificiis in villa de Hemyngton tribus rodīs terre arabilis jacentis in campis ibidem et loco . . . . in Hemyngton Holme que nuper habui simul cum predicto Johanne Bagnale nuper marito meo qui jam viam universe carnis ingressus est ex dono et feoffamento Willielmis Peke nuper de Hemyngton predicta secundum vim formam et effectum cuiusdam carte mee prefato Johannis Ffenton heredibus et assignatis suis . . . et gratum habentem et habitura quicquid predictus attornatus meus fecerit in nomine meo in premissis aut in aliquo premissorum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. His testibus Willielmo Roby Willielmo Presbury, Johanne Shepherd Willielmo Bate et Rogero Barogh ac multis aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton predictam primo die Januarii anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie, vicesimo.

(No. 10.)

Anno 20, Edw. IV. Feb. 1 (1489).

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Agnes Wright nuper uxor Thome ...oond et Henricus ...oond filius et heres predictorum Thome et Agnetis remesisse relaxasse et omnino pro nobis et heredibus nostris in perpetuum quietum clamasse Willielmo Osborne et Agneti uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Willielmi Totum jus nostrum statum titulum clameum possessionem et interesse que habemus habuimus seu quovismodo in futurum habere poterimus de et in omnibus terris et tenementi pratis pascuis et pasturis locis in de Holme redditibus reversionibus et serviciis cum omnibus suis pertinentiis in Hemyngton in comitatu Leycester. Ita quod nec nos prefati Agnes Wright et Henricus nec heredes nostri nec aliquis aliis in nomine nostro aliquod jus clameum et interesse de et in omnibus

predictis terris et tenementis pratis pascuis locis in le Holme redditibus reversionibus et serviciis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis seu aliqua inde parcella de toto exigere aut vindicare poteremus Sed ab omni actione juris et clameo omnimodo inde petendis imperpetuum per presentes sumus exclusi. Et nos vero predicti Agnes et Henricus omnia predicta terras et tenementa prata pascua et pasture loca in le Holme redditus reversiones et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Willielmo Osborne et Agneti uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Willielmi contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto nostro, sigilla nostra apposimus. Data primo die Ffebruarii anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo.

(No. 11.)

Anno 20, Edw. IV. Jan. 4 (1489.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit nos Agnes Wright nuper uxor Thome ...oond et Henricus ...oone filius et heres predictum Thome et Agnetis attornasse constituisse et in loco nostro posuisse dilectos nostros in Christo Edmundum Roby et Willielmum . . . . conjunctim et divisim nostros veros et legitimos attornatos ad intrandum et deliberandum pro nobis et nomine nostro plenam et pacificam possessionem de seisina Willielmo Osborne et Agneti uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Willielmi de et in omnibus terris et tenementis nostris pratis pascuis et pasture locis in le Holme redditibus reversionibus et serviciis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis in Hemyngton in comitatu Leycester secundum vim formam et effectum cujusdam carte nostre prefatis Willielmo Osborne et Agneti uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Willielmi inde confecta. Ratos et gratos habentes et habituri quicquid predicti attornatorum nostri in nomine nostro fecerint in premissis seu in aliquo premissorum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto nostro sigilla nostra apposimus. Hiis testibus Willielmo Roby, Willielmo Malle, Willielmo Bate, Rogero Barogh, et Willielmo Presbury, ac multis aliis. Datum apud Hemyngton



predictam quarto die Januarii Anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie Vicesimo.

(No. 12.)

Anno 6, Henry VII. 29 April (1491).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas Wodde filius Johanne nuper uxoris Johannis Wodde patris mei dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willielmo Osborne et Agneti uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Willielmi omnia terras et tenementa mea pomarium gardenum tofta crofta prata pascua pasturas et duo loca in le Holme cum suis pertinenciis in Hemington in parochia de Lokyngton in comitatu Leycester habendum et tenendum omnia predicta tofta et crofta prata pascua pasturas et duo loca in Hemyngton Holme cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis prefatis Willielmo Osborne et Agneti uxori sue habendum et ipsius Willielmi de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta et ego de vero predictus Thomas Wodde (warranty in the usual terms). In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mea sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Thomas ...odshawe de Hemington predicta gentyman, Willielmo Malle de eadem Willielmo Bate de eadem Willelmo Presbury de eadem Rogero Baro de eadem Willielmo Sykhull de Castel donyngton clerico Magistro Johanne Bours de eadem Willielmo Roby de eadem et Edwardo Roby de eadem ac multis aliis Datum apud Hemyngton predictam penultimo die Aprilis anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi post conquestum Anglie Sexto.

(No. 13.)

Anno 6, Hen. VII. May 7 (1491).

(Release of the same last mentioned premises by Thomas Wodde to William Osborne and Agnes, his wife, and to the heirs of William.)

(No. 14.)

Anno 10, Henry VII. Oct. 1 (1494).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas Goldyng alias dictus Thomas Sheppird filius et heres Ricardi Goldyng alias dicti Ricardi Shephird de Hemyngton, dedi concessi et h : p : c : m :

conf: Johanni Devoroux militi unam placeam cum suis pert: in Hemyngton predicta et unam rodam terre arabilis ibidem jacentem inter terras et rodas Williemi Langton Que quidem placea et roda terra arabilis michi descenderunt jure hereditario post mortem predicti Thome Golding patris mei alias dicti Tome Shepperd habendum et tenendum omnes predictas placeam et rodam terre &c. prefato Johanni Devoreux militi hered: & assig: suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta (clause of warranty to John Devoroux). In cujus rei testimonium pres: cart mei sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Tome Whytby Johanni Mall Roberto Lepar ac multis aliis. Dato apud Hemyngton predictam primo die Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi xvj<sup>o</sup> decimo."

(No. 15.)

Anno 10, Hen. VII. Feb. 10 (149 $\frac{5}{8}$ .)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Devereux miles dominus Fferres de Chartley dedi concessi et hac presentes carta mea confirmavi Elizabete uxori mee unam placeam cum suis pertinentiis in Hemyngton et unam rodam terre arabilis ibidem jacentem super Whyt forlong inter terras heredum Williemi Langton Que quidem placea et roda terre arabilis habeo ex dono et concessione Tome Goldyng alias dicti Tome Sheperd habendum et tenendum omnes predictas placeam et rodam terre cum omnibus suis pertinentiis prefate Elizabete heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitali domini feodi illius per serviciis inde debita et de jure consueta (claim of warranty by John Devereux Dominus Fferres de Chartley). In cuius rei testimonium huic pres: cart: mei sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Tome Whytby Johannes Mall Roberto Lepar cum multis aliis Dato apud Growby decimo die Ffebruarii anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi post conquestum xvj<sup>o</sup> decimo."

signed, Jo: Devereux.

(No. 16.)

Anno 5, Hen. VIII. (1513).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus Osborne de

Hemyngton dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thomæ Wryth de eadem et heredibus suis unum cotagium cum gardino adjacente in Hemyngton et unam animalem pasturam in in pastura domini eidem cotagio adjacente quod quidem cotagium jacet inter cotagium domini de Fferres ex una parte et cotagium Johannis Savege ex altera parte habendum et tenendum predictum cotagium cum gardino adjacentem et predictam animalem pasturam in pasturis predictis prefato Thome heredibus vel assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitalis domini feodi illius per serv : inde debita et de jure consueta (clause of warranty). In cujus rei testimonium hac pres: cart: m: sigillum meum apposui Datum apud Hemyngton in die Sabbotti ante festum Sancti Pauli Apostoli. Hiis testibus Johanne Barow de Hemington Ricardo Bate de eadem Robert Revet de eadem et Ricardo Vincent de eadem et multis aliis anno regni Regis Henrici Octavi quinto."

(No. 17.)

Anno 5 Hen. VIII. Jan. 7 (151 $\frac{3}{4}$ ).

(Bond of Walter Osborne to Thomas Wrygth for payment of chief rent of the said cottage for ten years.)

(No. 18).

Anno 6 Hen. VIII. May 7 (1514).

"Indenture bytwene Elizabeth deverres Laydy Ferrers late Wyffe to John deverres sometye Lord Ferrers of Chartley on the one partye, and Walter Osborne and Raffe Whytbye of Donyngtown on the odur partye." Walter Osborne bargains and sells "to the sayde Lady A cotage and a crofte in Heymyngton now in the holding of Raffe Whytbye to hold to the sayde lady and her heyres and assignes for evermore." Agreement for further assurance—to deliver all evidences, charters and muniments. "And Raffe Whytbye for a sum of money 'promised to be payde to him by the sayde lady' bargains and sells to the sayde ladye all such interest lease and terme of years which he hath in the said premisses."

(No. 19).

Anno 6 Hen. VIII. May 14 (1514).

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus Osborne frater junior Willielmi Osborne de Donyngton dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi domine Elizabeth Deverres vidue quondam uxori domini Johannes Deverres nuper domini ferrers de Chartley defuncti unum cotagium cum crofto in Hemyngton quondam in tenura Ricardi Donyngton et nunc in tenura Radulphi Whytbye habendum et tenendum predictum cotagium et croftum cum suis pertinenciis prefate domine Elizabeth heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum ad usum suum proprium. Et ego vero predictus Walterus et heredes mei predictum cotagium et croftum cum suis pertinentiis prefate domine Elizabeth heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carta mei sigillum meum apposui. Datum quarto decimo die Maii Anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi, Sexto.

per me Walterum Osborne.

(No. 20).

Anno 6 Henry VIII. May 16 (1514).

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Elizabeth Deverres vidua quondam uxor domini Johannis deverres nuper domini Fferrars de Chartley defuncti donavi concessi et hae presenti carta mea confirmavi Rogero Eyre de Holme Armigero, Johanni Savage de Lokynton Roberto Turner de Hemyngton et Edwardo Bartfeld unum cotagium cum crofto in Hemyngton quod nuper perquisivi de Waltero Osborne habendum et tenendum predictum cotagium cum crofto predicto prefatis Rogero, Johanni, Roberto, et Edwardo heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum ad usum mei prefate Elizabeth et inde perimplendum ultimam voluntatem seu aliam liberam dispositionem meam (clause of warranty) Et ad seisinam et possessionem de et in eodem cotagio et crofto secundum formam et effectum hujus presentis carte mee prefatis Rogero Johanni Roberto et Edwardo deliberandam noveritis me constituisse dilectum michi in Christo Ricardum Vincent meum

verum et legitimam attornatum per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Data sexto decimo Die Maii anno regni Regis Henrici octavi sexto.

(No. 21).

Anno 19 Hen. VIII. Nov. 10 (1527).

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas Wryght de Hemyngton dedi concessi et hac presens carta mea confirmavi Elizabeth de verres vidue quondam uxori domini Johannis de verres nuper domini fferers de Chartley defuncti unum cotagium cum gardino adjacente in Hemyngton predicta et unam animalem pasturam in pasturis domini dicto cotagio adjacentum quod quidem cotagium jacet inter cotagium domini le fferers ex una parte et cotagium Johannis Savage ex altera parto habendum et tenendum predictum cotagium cum gardino adjacente et predictam animalem pasturam in pastura predicta prefate Elizabeth heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta (clause of warranty) Hujus rei testimonium huic presenti carta mea sigillum meum apposui Datum apud Hemyngton predictam decimo die mensis Novembris anno regni Regis Henrici VIII decimo nono. Hiis testibus Ricardo Vinsent Johanne Goldyng Willielmo Lowe Willielmo Revett Johanne Geffrey et Thoma Revett cum multis aliis.

(No. 22).

Anno 22 Elizab. Aug. 17 (1580).

Hec indentura facta inter Margaretam Willoughbie viduam nuper uxorem Willielmi domini Willoughbie de Parham defuncti et ante uxorem honorabilis viri Walteri fferers Vicomitis Hereford ex una parte et Johannes Harpur de Swarkeston in comitatu Derb : Armigerum ex altera parte. Testatur predictam Margaretam pro quadam suma bone et legalis monete Anglie prefate Margarete per predictum Johannem Harpur pre manibus soluta predictæ Margareta fatetur ae plenarie contentam et satisfactam et predictum

Johannem Harpur heredes et executores suos inde acquietat per presentes dedisse concessisse et hoc presenta scripto confirmasse profato Johanni Harpur Totum illud Manerium suum de Hemington in comitatu Leycestrie ac omnia et singula messuagia cotagia edificia hortos gardina terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas piscarias redditus reversiones servicia ac cetera hereditamenta sua quecumque cum suis pertinenciis universis in Hemyngton Lockengton Dunnyngton, et Dyseworthe in dicto comitatu Leicestrie. Habendum et tenendum et gaudendum predictum manerium ac cetera omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinenciis universis profato Johanni heredibus et assignatis suis durante vita naturali prefate Margarete ad solum opus et usum dicti Johannis heredum et assignatorum suorum in perpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim prefate Margarete et assignatis suis pro termino vite sue Triginta et duas libras bone et legalis monete Anglie ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et annuncionis Beate Marie Virginis per equales porciones. Et si contingat predictum annualem redditum triginta et duarum librarum aut aliquam inde parcellam arretro fori in parte vel in toto aliquo tempore durante vita eiusdem Margarete post aliquod festum festorum predictorum quo ut prefertur solvi debent et non solutum si legitime petatur quod tunc et deinceps bene liceat prefate Margarete et assignatis suis durante vita prefate Margarete in predictum manerium et cetera premissa et in quamlibet inde parcellum intrare et distringere distr. sic ibidem captos et habitos licite apportari effugare ac penes se retinere quousque de predicto reddito triginti et duarum librarum cum arreragiis inde si que fuerint plenarie sunt satisfacti et persoluti. Et prefata Margareta predictum Manerium ac omnia et singula alia premissa cum suis pertinenciis universis profato Johanni heredibus et assignatis suis ad opus ad usum predictum contra se et heredes suos Warantizabit et in perpetuum defendet per presentes Et insuper prefata Margareta constituit ordinavit attornasset et in loco suo posuit dilectos sibi in Christo Willielmum Baynbrigge generosum et Johannem Jacksonne suos veros legitimos attornatos conjunctim et divisim ad intrandum et ingrediendum vice et nomine suo in predictum manerium cum

pertinenciis ac in omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinenciis et in quamlibet inde parcellam ac inde plenam et pacificam possessionem et seisinam capiendum et post hujusmodi possessionem et seisinam sic inde captam et habitam ad deliberandum vice et nomine suo prefato Johanni Harpur aut suo certo in hac parte attornato plenam pacificam possessionem et seisinam de et in premissis uel aliquam inde parcellam nomine premissorum secundum vim formam et effectum hujus presentis carte Ratum et gratum habent et habitura totum et quicquid dicti attornati sui aut eorum alter de aut circa premissa vice et nomine suo fecerit seu fuerint aut fieri causabunt. In cuius rei predicta Margareta huic presenti scripto indentato sigillum suum apposuit alteri vero parti hujus presentis scripti predictus Johannes Harpur sigillum suum apposuit. Datum decimo septimo die Augusti anno regni Elizabethæ Dei gratia Anglie ffrancie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c. vicesimo secundo.

Margaret Hereford.

Indorsements.

Sigillatum signatum et deliberatum in presencia Henrici Stanlye et Johannis Jacksonne. Signum predicti Henrici Stanlye

William Bainbrigge	}	Memorandum that possession and seisin was delivered to the within named John Harpur by the within named Willm. Bainbrigge and John Jacksonne of and in one tenement in the tenure of John Taylier in the name of the mannor and all other the lands and tenements within conteyned the xx <sup>th</sup> day of Auguste in anno infra scripto in the presence of Richard Harpur.    Henr. Harman.    John Taylier.
John Jacksonne		

M<sup>d</sup> that this deed was showed forth unto John Jackson examined as a witnes on the behalfe of George Earle of Huntingdon and others pllfs against Edward Devereux Esq. def<sup>t</sup> xiiij<sup>dis</sup> die Septembris anno 1602 anno xliiiij<sup>to</sup> Elizabeth Regine

before us

W<sup>m</sup> Agard.

(No. 23.)

30 Elizabeth, July 20 (1588).

To all Christian people to whom this presents shall come, I Jane Harpur of Swarkeston in the countie of Derby widowe late wiffe of Richard Harpur late one of Quenes maties justice of the comon Pleas at Westminster deceased, send greeting in our Lord God everlastinge know ye me the said Jane for the tender affection good will and naturall love which I bear to mywelbeloved sonne John Harpur esquier and for divers other good causes and considerations me specially movinge to give graunt release ratyfie and confirme and by these presents do give graunt release ratyfie and confirme unto the said John all my parte and porcion of all maner the bedds bedding naperey Quishions carpetts brasse pewter Ironware woodware and other ymplements of howshold stuffe and husbandryware whatsoever which now are or be jointlie holden occupied usid remayninge and beinge betwixt me the said Jane and the said John in and about our mansion house of Hemington in the countie of Leicester And all my right title interest, use, possession claime and demaunde whatsoever of in and to the same and of in and to any parte and parcell thereof In witness wherof I the said Jane to this my present writinge have sett my seale the xx<sup>th</sup> daie of July in the xxx<sup>th</sup> yere of the Raigne of our Sovereigne ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of Englande Fraunce and Ireland Defender of the ffaith &c. Sealed and delivered in the

Jane Harpur.

presence of me

Gawyn Phelipps.

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[P.S.—It is only right to state that this paper has been carefully revised since the visit of the Society to Hemington, the writer not having had the opportunity of making a personal inspection of the manor house and church before its delivery.]