

## The Chantries founded in the Parish Church of Ashburne, Co. Derby.

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RECORDS are extant which prove that at least three Chantries existed in this Church, viz. :

### **The Chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

„ „ „	<b>Holy Cross,</b>
„ „ „	<b>S. Oswald.</b>

The duty of Chantry Priests was, in the first place, to offer the Holy Sacrifice and to pray for the good estate of certain persons living or deceased, but they also followed the profession of schoolmasters in certain cases, and the names "Scholebroke" and "Schole-Bridge" applied in ancient documents to the Henmore Brook and the bridge across it leading to the school, show that a school existed in connection with the Chantry of S. Mary long before the present "Free" Grammar School was founded—"free" simply meaning that the education was no longer under direct ecclesiastical control. A deed of Sir Thomas Cokayne, dated 1564, alludes both to the "Schole-broke" and the Chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in the accounts of the building of the present school there is this entry, "Charges about the old school, 29s."

Some confusion has been caused by the mingling of the two accounts of the two Chantries of S. Mary and the Holy Cross, the Knyveton family having been connected with both endowments, but it is evident that these were in fact separate foundations.

### S. Mary's Chantry.

Henry Kniveton, Rector of Norbury, founded a Chantry at the altar of the Virgin Mary, 1391.

By an inquisition taken at Derby on Thursday next after the feast of the Apostles Philip and James in the 15th Richard II., it was found not to the damage of the King or any other, if he should permit Henry de Knyveton, Parson of the Church of Norbury, to give one messuage, one shop, two acres and a half of land and two acres of meadow with the appurtenances in Ashburne, Offcote, and Norbury to a certain Chaplain to perform divine service at the altar of the Blessed Mary in the Parish Church of Ashburne for the good estate of Henry de Knyveton whilst living, and for his soul when he should be dead, as also for the souls of his Father and Mother, of Nicholas de Knyveton his brother, John de Knyveton his cousin, and others who were Henry's Parents' Friends and Benefactors, that one messuage and two acres of meadow in Assheburne and Offcote were held of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln by the service of twelve pence per ann. that the Dean and Chapter held of the King, and the annual value was two shillings above reprises, that the shop in Asheburne was held of the Duke of Lancaster by four pence, and the Duke held of the king, and the annual value above reprises was two pence, and that the two acres and a half of land in Norbury was held of Philip de Okore, Knt., by six pence per annum, who held of the Duke of Lancaster, who held of the king, and the annual value above reprises was twelve pence. [Esch. 15th Ric. II., p. 2, n. 89.]

Queen Elizabeth, 10th Dec., 14th of her reign, granted to William James and John Graye, gents., for Tho. Lord Wentworth in fee four tents. in Ashburne in the tenure of William Clarke, Richard Walkeden, Widow Deane, and Rich. Hall, parcel of the possessions of Knighton's (Knyveton's) Chantry there to hold in fee. [Pat. 14 Elizabeth, p. 7.]

Petition of Thomas Carter, of the Middle Temple, to Sir F. Walsyngham, stating the intention of himself and others of the

town of Ashburne, Co. Derby, to found a free grammar school there, and desiring to purchase certain houses near the said town, belonging to the Queen, as an endowment for the school.

This grammar school was eventually founded on the site of the house belonging to this Chantry, as the deed of conveyance testifies.

The following Memoranda are copied from a paper formerly in the possession of Thomas Astle, Esq., of Battersea Rise, keeper of the Records in the Tower of London, 1791.

Ashburne } The Estate and valewe of the landes and tenements desired  
School. } of her Mat<sup>ie</sup> towards the maintenance of her Mat<sup>ies</sup> Free  
Schole to be erected in her Heighness towne of Ashborne in the peake in the  
County of Derbye.

Imprimis the Herdman's Close and the xxx acres of Lande)  
in Whitefeilde and Young are yet in Leas for xxij yeares and } xxxvij. ij. o<sup>d</sup>.  
are rented p. ann.

Item the Teñt in Hanbury and Fowlde are yet in Leas for ix } xxvj. vijj.  
yeres and is rented p. ann.

Item the P'sonage House in Bradborne and the Landes}  
thereunto belonginge are in Leas for xxv yeares and is } iij<sup>ll</sup> xij<sup>s</sup>. iiijd.  
rented pr anñ.

The Tentes in Asheburne are Candle Rentes and have}  
nothinge but Lytle backe-sydes unto them belonginge and } iiij<sup>ll</sup> xix<sup>s</sup>. vijjd.  
are in ruin and yet in Leas for xij yeares or thereaboute }  
rented pp. annū.

Sume Totall. xi<sup>ll</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> o<sup>b</sup>.

NOTE.—That after the leases ended there is not any more Rente to be made of the Teñtes in A. than the rente they go for at this psente. The reste of the Landes after the Leases ended maye be sume whate better than the rent they are now lett for, but for the space of the xxij yeares and upwardes there is not one penny more to be raysed then the very bare rent. So that if her Mat<sup>ie</sup> do gyve the lands but in Fee Ferme—the Schole shall not have any maintenance therby these xxij yeares and then but very little. It is therefore required of her Heighnes either to grante to the value of Tenne powndes of the same Landes in fee simple or otherwyse the Candle Rents in Fee simple and the reste in Fee Ferme or all in Fee Ferme at suche a Rent as her Mat<sup>ie</sup> shall thinke mete and that the Schole may holde the same in Socage as of her Manor of Asheburne.

The causes y<sup>c</sup> maye move her Mat<sup>ie</sup> to graunte Lycense to erecte the sayd Schol and to gyve the landes demanded for mayntenaunce of y<sup>e</sup> same.

\* Imprimis the sayd Towne of Ashburne is scittuat in the Peake in the County of Derbye a very rude country in maner utterly voyde of preachers to teache ether younge or olde theire duties ether towardes God or her Ma<sup>tie</sup> and therefore greate nede of Scholes for the good bringing up of youthe.

Item the sayd Towne is the Chefeste Market Towne w<sup>th</sup>n the sayd County greatly replenished, but yet w<sup>th</sup> poore people who are not able to paye their children scholing and so through wante bringe them up rather in begginge then in vertuous learninge.

Item there is fourtie and odde townes and villages w<sup>th</sup>n Fyve myles compass about the sayd Towne of Ashburne and in all that compass and much more not one Schole so the sayde Schole being erected it will be a nurse of Learneinge to all those Townes and the reste of the Cuntrye thereabouts.

Item for wante of Scholes the youthe of that Cuntrye followe the olde traditions of Men and rather cleave to Papistrye than to the truthe of the Gospelle.

Item for wante of Scholes they know not God nor her Ma<sup>ties</sup> Lawes but are geven over to wickedness and vyses as sweringe, drunkenes, whordome, idlenes and suche lyke to the greate displeasure of God, contempte of her Heighness, and to the great damage and hurte of the co<sup>mēn</sup> wealthe.

Item, generally for thes and other great causes it might be alledged it is the place that hath greateste nede of a Schole in all Englande and yet no man hetherunto hath gone aboute to provyd for the same.

Item the sayd Towne and Manner of Asheburne where the Schole is to be erected is her Ma<sup>tie</sup> towne and pcell of her Duchie of Lancaster.

Item the sayd Schole is determined to be dedicated to her Ma<sup>tie</sup> and in ppetuall memory of her Heighnes goodnes and Love towards the same Cuntrye it shall be called after the erection thereof "Schola Grammaticalis Dñe Elizabethe Regine Ville sue Ashburnie."

These causes together with the zeale they beare to the gospell theire allegaunce to her Ma<sup>tie</sup> and theire Love to theire Cuntrye hath moved dyvers her Ma<sup>ties</sup> subjectes who are never to reap benefitt by the same daylye to travell for the erection of the sayd Schole to their great costes and charges expendinge their tyme and goodes in psenting of this w<sup>ch</sup> otherwyse they might use to theire owne proffite.

Item the causes afforesayd have moved dyvers her Ma<sup>ties</sup> Lovinge subjects to graunte or gyve Landes towards the mayntenaunce of the same. So that yf her Ma<sup>tie</sup> maye be moved for the causes afforesayd to gyve the Landes demaunded then will the same Schole be made a very famous Schole and be well mayneteyned for ever to the manifolde comoditye of many otherwyse it is in great hassard never to be further pceded in—God graunt the conterarye.

Item the buyldinge thereof hath coste her sayd Subjectes and wyll coste them before it be finished ccccli so famous they intende to make it because it

is dedicated to her Heighnes—therefore they crave her Heighnes humblye to consider the p̄misses and graunte theire petition.

## Chantry of the Holy Cross in Ashburne Church.

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FOUNDED BY THE FEOFees OF NICHOLAS KNIVETON,

A.D. 1392.

THE Original Charter for the founding and endowing of the Chantry at the Altar of the Holy Cross in the Church of S. Oswald, at Ashburne, in the County of Derby, under the Seals of Sir John Cokayn, Knt., and others, is dated at Ashburne Ao dni. 1392, 16th Richard II.

By an inquisition taken on Tuesday next after the Feast of S. Oswald the King and Martyr in the 16th Richard II., it was found not to the damage of the King or any other if he should permit John Cokeyn, Knight, John de Knyveton, Roger de Bradburne, and Richard Cokeyn to give one hundred shillings rent out of the Manor of Mircaston to a certain Chaplain to perform Divine Service for the good Estate of Johanna the Widow of Nicholas de Knyveton, Henry de Knyveton, Robert de Knyveton, and William de Hide, Chaplains, whilst living, and for their souls afterwards, and for the souls of Nicholas de Knyveton, William de Knyveton and Margery his Wife, and Thomas de Knyveton and their Parents, Friends, and Benefactors, and all the faithful departed at the Altar of the Holy Cross in the Church of S. Oswald in Assheburne, daily for ever (Esch. 16 Ric. II., p. 1, n. 136).

The persons by whom this Chantry was founded were feofees of Nicholas Knyveton, Esq., deceased, and in the return of Chantries in the 1st Edward VI., under a commission issued 12 Feb. 37 Henry VIII., this Chantry is said to have been founded by Nicholas Knyveton, Esq., by Deed dated on the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, 16th Richard II., for Mass at the Altar of the Holy Cross, and to distribute five shillings yearly at an obit amongst the Priests of the Church and the poor People there [Rot. in Cur. Augment.], and was worth £4 yearly.

The mansion now occupied by Colonel Wilkie and formerly the residence of Johnson's friend, Dr. Taylor, probably occupies the site of the residence wherein dwelt the Chaplain of this Chantry. At the end of the garden is a well noted for its water and called by the older inhabitants "the Rood Well." In the last century honours were paid to this well after the fashion of the Tissington Well-dressings, and Divine Service was celebrated in the Church on Ascension Day in connection with these observances.

The Chauntry Roll describes it as the Chantrye of Nicholas Knyveton, founded by Nicholas Knyveton, Esq., to syng Masse at the Alter of the Holy Cross, and to distribute at an obite vs. amongst the prysts of the Church and the Pore. The foundacon dated in Festo Nat. B. Marie 16th Regis Ricard II. Clere value  $iiij\frac{1}{2} ixd$ , besides v. s.  $viii\frac{1}{2}$  rente resolute. Thos. Russell Chantre pryst. At Ashebone is viijc howselyng people. Stock cjs,  $viii\frac{1}{2}$ .

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CONFIRMATION OF THE FOUNDATION OF THIS CHANTRY BY THE BISHOP AND THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1404.

UNIVERSIS sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas visuris vel inspecturis, Johannes Cokayn, chivaler, Johannes de Knyuetone, de Bradley, Rogerus de Bradburne et Ricardus Cokayn, salutem in omnium saluatore. Cum Nicholaus de Knyuetone de Underwod armiger defunctus in testamento et ultimo voluntate sua in mente resolvens quod inter cetera pietatis officia illud unum de precipuis esse non ambigitur ut alma mater ecclesia novo semper fetu ministrorum jugitur sibi famularicum et in vinea dominica laborancium fecundaretur, quo Deo auctore et duce multiplici meritorum semine fructum in suis membris centesimum salvet (?) germinare. Cupiensque prout sibi ab alto concessum fuerat et omnium bonorum auctore mediante divinum cultum in ecclesia Parochiali Sancti Oswaldi de Asscheburne, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis augere uberiorisque florere, ordinavit et disposuit fundare facere in ecclesia predicta unam Cantarium unius Capellani divina ad altare Sancte Crucis in ecclesia predicta pro vivis ac defunctis singulis diebus celebraturum imperpetuum. Et ad predicta perimplenda et fine debito terminanda secundum

dispositionem et ordinacionem nostram, dictus Nicholaus fecit feoffare nos predictos Johannem Cokayn, Johannem de Knyuetone Rogerum et Ricardum et alios quorum statum habemus in centum solidatis redditus cum pertinenciis de Manerio de Mircastone exeuntibus. Nos igitur prefati Johannes Cokayn, Johannes de Knyueton, Rogerus et Ricardus, volentes predicta quantum in nobis est in forma predicta perimplere de illustrissimi principis et domini nostri domini Ricardi dei gracia regis Anglie et Francie licencia, qui de sua gracia speciali per literas suas patentes, quorum data est apud Notyngham octavo die Augusti anno regni sui sexto decimo, concessit nobis prefatis Johanni Cokayn, Johanni de Knyuetone Rogero et Ricardo, quod centum solidatas redditus exeuntes de Manerio de Mercastone, cum pertinenciis dare possimus et assignare cuidam capellano divina pro salubri statu Willemi de Hyde capellani ac Johanne que fuit uxor Nicholai de Knyuetone, Henrici de Knyuetone et Roberti de Knyuetone, dum vixerint et animabus suis cum ab hac luce migrauerint, ac animabus Nicholai de Knyuetone, Willelmi de Knyuetone et Margerie uxor ejus, et Thome de Knyueton, necnon pro animabus parentum amicorum et benefactorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum ad altare Sancte Crucis in ecclesia Sancti Oswaldi de Asscheburne, singulis diebus celebraturum. Et eidem Capellano quod ipse redditum predictum a nobis prefatis Johanne Cokayn, Johanne de Knyuetone, Rogero et Ricardo recipere possit et percipere sibi et successoribus suis divina pro statu et animabus predictis ad altare predictum in ecclesia predicta singulis diebus celebraturum imperpetuum in forma predicta statuto quod non liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodium alicujus, ita quod ad manum mortuam deveniat sine licencia regia et capitali domini de quo res illa immediate tenetur non obstante, ac eciam de illustris principis domini Johannis ducis Aquitanie et Lancastrie de quo manerium predictum immediate tenetur ac reverendi viri Magistri Johannis de Scheppeye\* Decani Ecclesie Cathedralis beate Marie Lincolnie cui dicta ecclesia de Asscheburne unita

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\* John de Scheppeye, LL.D., Dean of Lincoln from 1388 to 1412.

extit annexa et appropriata, licencia speciali nobis concessa, dedimus concessimus et per presentes confirmavimus predicto Willelmo de Hyde predictum redditum centum solidatarum cum pertinenciis de predicto manerio percipiendum annuatim ad duos anni terminos, videlicet ad festa Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Pasche, equis porcionibus. Habendum et tenendum predictum redditum centum solidatarum cum pertinenciis predicto Willelmo de Hyde et successoribus suis Capellanis secularibus divina ad altare predictum in ecclesia predicta pro salubri statu predictorum et magistri Johannes de Scheppeye, et pro anima Nicholai de Knyueton, predicti Capellani fundatoris et animabus predictis singulis diebus celebraturum imperpetuum, modo et forma subsequentibus. Et si contingat predictum redditum centum solidatarum a retro existere in parte vel in toto ad aliquam terminum terminorum predictorum, quod extunc bene liceat prefato Willelmo de Hyde et successoribus suis Capellanis secularibus vel eorum attornato in manerio predicto intrare, distringere, districcionem asportare et retinuere quoisque de predicto redditu et arraragiis ejusdem eidem Willelmo de Hyde et successoribus suis Capellanis secularibus plenarie fuerit satisfactum. In primis volimus et ordinamus quod provisio et ordinacio hujusmodi Capellani vocetur Cantaria Nicholai de Knyuetone fundatoris. Et quod Capellanus ad dictam Cantariam cum vacare contigerit assumendus per heredes predicti Nicholai de Knyuetone fundatoris sive per attornatos ejus assumetur et in eadem pacifice imponetur sine aliqua presentacione ad episcopum institutione val induxione ordinaria loci supradicti ad dictam Cantariam sic vacantem quoquomodo facta vel facienda. Et si contingat predictam Cantariam vacare, heredes predicti Nicholai fundatoris infra quadraginta dies a tempore vacacionis ejusdem, unum Capellatum idoneum ordinare distulerint, extunc ordinacio et provisio hujus modi Capellani ad decanum ecclesie Cathedralis beate Marie Lincolnie, qui pro tempore fuerit ea vice devolutum modo et forma supradicta. Et si idem decanus a tempore vacacionis ejusdem Cantarie sibi ea vice devoluta per quadraginta dies unum Capellatum idoneum ad dictam cantariam ordinare distulerit

per se sive per attornatum suum ad hoc legitime deputatum, ex tunc ordinacio et provisio hujusmodi Capellani ad vicarium de Asscheburne qui pro tempore fuerit ad dictam cantariam sic vacantem ea vice devoluatur nullum prejudicium per hoc heredibus supradictis generando quin postea ad ipsam cantariam cum ipsam legitime vacare contigerit libere presentare valeant ad eanden juxta modum et ordinacionem superius expressatum. Item volimus et ordinamus quod capellanus qui ad dictam cantariam assumetur statim post admissionem et pacificam possessionem adeptam saltim infra quindenam in presencia predicti heredis si possit esse presens vel attornati sui necnon in presencia vicarii ecclesie predicte et duorum proborum hominum ejusdem Parochie fidele faciat Inventorium indentatum de bonis omnibus dicte cantarie qualitercunque spectantibus et in quo statu dictam cantariam invenit, sic quod ipsa tam valore librorum, calicum, jocalium vestimentorum, ornamentorum, utencilium et omnium aliorum bonorum tan mobilium quam immobilia ad eandem quoquomodo spectancium in adeo bono statu seu meliore emittat sicut eam primitus adinvenit super quo teneatur idem Capellanus seu executores testamenti ejus successoribus et heredibus predictis integralitar respondere et de contentis in Inventario predicto et eorum augmento postea contingente eisdem satisfacere cum effectu hujus Inventarii . . . una . . . eis prefatum capellatum illud conf . . . tem altera pars penes heredes predicti Nicholai fundatoris et tercia pars penes vicarium qui pro tempore fuerit ecclesie supradicte continue remanebit. Volimus eciam et ordinamus quod . . . . Capellanus et successores sui nullam mulierem secum in dicta cantaria ullo modo habitare permittant cuius omnino societatem continuam eis interdicimus et inhibemus. Item volimus et ordinamus quod si idem capellanus et successores sui aliquod beneficium ecclesiasticum cum Cura vel sine cura vel alia officia annualia seu perpetua vel aliquod stipendum annuale recipiant et ea vel illud per medietatem unius anni pacifi . . optimuerint, ex tunc cantaria predicta in facto sit vacua et predictus Capellanus de eadem ammoveatur et aliis idoneus Capellanus secularis in locum

ejus subrogetur modo et forma supradictis. Item volimus et ordinamus . . . predictus Capellanus et successores sui in missa sua de quoconque dicatur post primam colectam illius misse in fine oracionis semper dicant istam oracionem, \*“Deus cui proprium est misereri semper et parcere,” propiciare anime famuli tui, que terminetur sub determinacione oracionis precedentis et quod semper in die Iovis dicatur missa de Requiem cum pleno servicio mortuorum in die Mercurii precedente. Ita quad prima oracio illius missa sit oracio predicta nisi festum duplex ipso die Iovis contigerit. Item volimus et ordinamus quod capellanus qui ad dictam cantariam assumetur intersit in choro ipsius ecclesie induitus superpellicio singulis festis duplicitibus dominicis diebus ac omnibus aliis festis solemniter celebratis missis, vesperis, matutinis ceterisque officiis divinis cum nota psallendis ita quod non se absentat a dicta Cantaria nisi causa racionabilis subsistit vel de licencia vicarii ecclesie ejusdem qui pro tempore fuerit vel ejus locum tenentis in ipsius absencia petita et optenta. Et si idem Capellanus absentet se a predicta cantaria per quindecim dies sine licencia heredis predicti Nicholai fundatoris petita et optenta sextunc ammoveatur de eadem Cantaria et alius idoneus Capellanus in locum ejus subrogetur licencia vicarii ecclesie predicta vel ejus locum tenentis petita et optenta non obstante. Item volimus et ordinamus quod capellanus qui ad dictam cantariam assumetur idoneus sit et conversacionis honeste qui si viciosus repertus fuerit vel de aliquo crimine notorio convictus post trinam monitionem ipsi per heredes predicti Nicholai fundatoris factam et eorum testibus fide dignis manifestatam ab ipsa cantaria ammoveatur et alius idoneus Capellanus in ejus loco subrogetur. Item volimus et ordinamus quod predictus Capellanus et successores sui diem anniversariorum predicti Nicholai fundatoris et predictorum defunctorum ac aliorum predictorum cum ab hac luce migraverint semper in die dominica in passione domini cum pleno servicio mortuorum cum omnibus capellanis in dicta ecclesia divina

\* This has been placed amongst the Prayers on several occasions in our Liturgy.

celebrantibus solemnitate faciant celebrari unum cereum unius libre cere super tumulum predicti Nicholai fundatoris ardenter apponendo illum cereum post solemnitatem factam prefato capellano et successoribus suis reservatum ad candelas inde facientes, et in celebracionibus missarum ejusdem capellani ordendas de licencia et consensu Willelmi de Newenham† vicarii ecclesie prefate concessas, pro quo solemnitate facienda capellanorum remuneracione cereorum invencione campanarumque pulsacione ac preconis proclamacione Thomas Daukyn capellanus ad cantariam Henrici de Knyvetone assumptus et successores sui solvent annuatim de proficuis duarum aclarum prati sibi et successoribus suis per predictum Henricum datis et pro eadem solemnitate facienda assignatis. Item volimus et ordinamus quod quilibet Capellanus ad dictam cantariam assumendus antequam corporalem possessionem adeptus fuit juramentum corporale prestabit tactis sacrosanctis evangelii presencia heredum predicti Nicholai fundatoris seu attornati ejus necnon vicarii ecclesie supradicte et aliorum proborum ac fide dignorum hominum dicta Parochia, quod omnes et singulas ordinaciones bene et fideliter observabit et pro posse suo perimplebit et quod residenciam corporalem in predicta Cantaria in forma predicta. Item volimus et ordinamus quod in una sista cum quatuor seruris serata sit ista ordinacio predicta ac omnia alia munimenta dicte Cantarie quoquomodo spectancia ac eciam de consensu executorum predicti Nicholai fundatoris, testamentum et ultima voluntas predicti Nicholai fundatoris et omnia alia munimenta dictis executoribus pertinencia sint imposita, cuius predice siste prima clavis penes predictum Capellatum et successores suos secunda clavis penes heredes predicti Nicholai fundatoris, tercia clavis penes executores predictos seu unum illorum et post decessum executorum predictem penes heredes Nicholai de Mountgomery principalis executoris, et quarta clavis penes vicarium ecclesie supradicte remanebunt imperpetuum. Ita quod si oportuerit predictum

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† William Newenham was Vicar of Ashburne, 1384—66.

Capellatum seu successores suos seu executores predictos vel etiam executores executorum predictorum aliquem munimenta inspicere, et ea de necessitate videre quod tunc custodes predictorum clavium vel eorum attornati sint parati ad aperiendum dictam sistemam cum fuerint racionabiliter requisiti per eum vel per eos cui vel quibus ea vice necessitas incumbit. Item volimus et ordinamus quod omnes et singule ordinaciones et articuli in die dominica in Passione Domini singulis annis ad magnam missam publica per predictum capellatum et successores suos seu vicarium ecclesie prediche recitentur. Et nos prefati Johannes Cokayn, Johannes de Knyvetone, Rogerus et Ricardus consensu Nicholai de Mountgomery, chivaler, Roberti de Knyvetone vicarii ecclesie de Dubbrugge, Johannis fitz herbert et Ricardi Spiser executorum testamenti predicti Nicholai fundatoris et Johanne que fuit uxor predicti Nicholai fundatoris ac Henrici de Knyvetone rectoris ecclesie de Northbury, supervisoris dicti testamenti et omnium aliorum quorum interest, predictum Willelmum de Hyde exoneramus per presentes durante tota vita sua de residencia corporali et omnibus aliis causis removendis supradictis, et quod ipse libere posset divina celebrare pro anima predicti Nicholai fundatoris statu et animabus supradictorum quando cunque et ubicunque sibi placuerit et predictum redditum libere recipere sibi poterit sine contradicione aliqui nostrum vel alicujus nostrum seu aliorum vel al... nomine nostro licet...iam irregularitatem seu infirmitatem inciderit ordinacionibus et articulis supradictis non obstantibus ea de causa quia idem Willelmus de Hyde dictam cantariam sumptibus suis propriis tam erga dominum regem quam alias quorum interest ad manum mortuam devenire fecit excepto quod si idem Willelmus aliquod beneficium ecclesiasticum cum cura vel sine cura vel aliquos stipendium annuale recipiat et illud per unum annum integrum pacifice optineat et extunc infra quatraginta dies et fine anni completi computatus predictus Willelmus unum Capellatum idoneum ad dictam Cantariam ordinare distulerit, quod tunc ordinacio et provisio hujus modi Capellani ad heredes predicti Nicholai fundatoris omnino in forma predicta devolvatur, proviso

semper quod pretexta exoneracionis predicti Willelmi de Hyde ut supradicitur non obstante, successores predicti Willelmi de Hyde teneant omnes et singulas ordinaciones premissas modo et forma supradictis imperpetuum. In quorum omnium et singularum testimonium presentibus sigilla nostra sunt appensa. Hiis testibus dominis Nicholao de Mountgomery, Waltero Blount, Philippo de Okore, Nicholao de Longeford, militibus, Thoma de Knyvetone, Thoma de Lymstre, Ricardo Spiser, et aliis. Datum apud Asscheburne, die dominica in festo Nativitatis beate Marie virginis anno domini millesimo tricentesimo nonagesimo secundo. Et regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum sexto decimo.

(1) Et nos Johannes decanus ante dictus et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Lincoln', prefatam ordinacionem cantarie in dicta ecclesia de Assheburne fundate, quantum ad nos attinet approbamus, ratificamus et confirmamus.

(2) *Duplicatur* per presentes sigillorum nostrorum appensione munitas. Datum Lincoln' quo ad consignacionem decimo octavo die mensis Marci, anno domini millesimo ccc<sup>mo</sup> nonagesimo secundo.

(3) Et nos Johannes\* permissione divina Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis Episcopus hujusmodi Cantarie ordinacionem fundate in ecclesia de Assheburn antedicta, quatenus ad nos pertinet in hac parte approbamus ratificamus et tenore presencium confirmamus. Datum quo ad consignacionem presancium sub sigillo nostro in Castro nostro de Eccleshale decimo die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> quarto, et nostre Translacionis Sexto.

Seven seal ties but only five seals remain, and these more or less imperfect.

The third seal bears a shield of arms of Roger de Bradburne.

(1) In a different handwriting.

(2) This is in the same handwriting as the deed.

(3) In a different handwriting.

\* John Burghill, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, 1498 to 1515.

The fifth seal is an imperfect seal of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.



On dors Exhibita in Visitacione Regia, Anno dni 1547.\*

Thomas Daukyn was the first Chaplain, being instituted in 1393, on the presentation of the Rector of Norbury.

Deed between Thomas Russell, rood Priest of Ashburne, of the one part and John Knyveton, of Myrcaston, gentleman, patron of the same service and Chantry, and Sir Henry Hudson, † the Vicar of Ashburne, of the other part. Whereby the said Thomas Russell‡ acknowledges to have received the several Mass Books, chalices and other articles belonging to the said Chantry which he promises to take care of &c., dated 15th January, 7 Henry VIII.

Thys byll tripartyte Indentyd y<sup>e</sup> xv<sup>e</sup> day off Januar the yere and Rayng of Kyng Henre the viij<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> vij<sup>t</sup> yere be twyx S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Russell y<sup>e</sup> Roode prest of Ascheburne one y<sup>e</sup> one partys and John Knyvetone of Murcaston, gentylman patroun of y<sup>e</sup> same servyce and chantre and S<sup>r</sup> Henre Hudson y<sup>e</sup> vycar off Ascheburne on the oder parti do wyttnes thys, y<sup>t</sup> the sayd Vycar of the sayde towne hathe delyu'rd to y<sup>e</sup> a fore namyd S<sup>r</sup> thomas atte y<sup>e</sup> day a fore rehersyd y<sup>t</sup> ys to wyth, ij mass bokes y<sup>e</sup> ton written y<sup>e</sup> todir in print, ij chalessys w<sup>t</sup> ij casys a gretter and a lesse, y<sup>e</sup> gretter hole gylt and y<sup>e</sup> case coveryd w<sup>t</sup> leddur y<sup>e</sup> todur chalys parcell gylt and a case made of wyckarwandes, a cope of purpyll velluett flowryd w<sup>t</sup> golld warke, vj vestementes w<sup>t</sup> albys won cloth of golld, a nodur of deckfyne, y<sup>e</sup> thryd Redd satten flowryd w<sup>t</sup> golld warke, y<sup>e</sup> iiiij<sup>t</sup> purpyll satten Rowyd w<sup>t</sup> whyte sylke and golld, y<sup>e</sup> v<sup>t</sup> whyt' and grene, y<sup>e</sup> vi<sup>t</sup> whyt' sorlenton a grand vestement w<sup>t</sup> owtt a albe, v, auter clothys, iiij terporapys w<sup>t</sup> ij casys ij paxys, ij . . ettes, a

\* British Museum Woolley Charters, x. 31.

† Henry Hudson was appointed Vicar of Ashburne in 1500.

‡ Thomas Russell, according to Dr. Cox, was the last priest of this Chantry, and obtained a pension of £4 in the time of Philip and Mary.

kover for lenton to hange a fore the albe, a kover for the hersse, in the osbett a boke namyd stimulus ccnsciencie, a pyx a boke of fesyke, a boke of y<sup>e</sup> pater noster, a boke of sermond mater, a brasse pott, a cawdron a masur, ij whyschires, ij dublers, ij dyschies, ij sasers, ij cont a broch, a payre of cawbertes, ij chestes in y<sup>e</sup> Roodequere, y<sup>e</sup> ton nott opened, a brasyr a morter and a pestell a meyt bord and a payre of trestulles a forme . . es of a presse a payre of ball- (? bed) stickes a troghe ij boxes w<sup>t</sup> evedenc' y<sup>e</sup> composycyon and letter patent w<sup>t</sup> oder perttynynge and belongyng to the sayd servyce and chantre to ye use and profett of y<sup>e</sup> sayd S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Russell so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> sayd S<sup>r</sup> Thomas se the kepyng or cause to be keppyd y<sup>e</sup> fore said a awnementes in y<sup>e</sup> chyrche and Reuestre of Ascheburn in the sayd chestes and in the Chest in y<sup>e</sup> reuestre chambir, perttynynge to the same as he doth ys owne goodes allso the sayd S<sup>r</sup> Thomas schall nott aleyne nor putt a way be ys wyll non of the sayd awnementes to the sayd servyce and chantre pertaynyng and belongyng bott effectually and w<sup>t</sup> gode wyll glade to dyscharge hys consciens att hys departure acordynge to the compposticion also a tynacull of tartures Rowyd w<sup>t</sup> golld wyttenes here foloyng.

Brit. Mus. Woolley Charters, VI. 38.

Queen Elizabeth, on 30th Jan., 18th of her reign, gave to John Mershe of London, Esq., & Will. Mershe of the same, gent., all those messuages, lands, tent<sup>s</sup>, meadows, feeding pastures, rents, services, liberties, & heredit<sup>s</sup> whatsoever given and granted for a Chantry Chaplain, the lighting of Lamps at obit and such like services in the Church of Ashburne, and in the Chapel of the B.V.M. in the Manor of Hoghe to hold in fee in socage.

Pat. 18. Elizabeth p. 2.

### St. Oswald's Chantry.

JOHN BRADBURN of Hough in this Parish, Esqr., and Ann his wife, founders also of a Chantry at Hough, founded a Chantry in this Church about the 3rd year of Richard the III<sup>rd</sup>, to the honour of

God and S. Oswald for a Priest to perform divine service there, and to pray for the souls of the Founders, and all Christian souls ; the annual income of which appears by the return in 1<sup>st</sup> Edward VI. to have been 100 shillings.

[Rot in Cur. Augment.]

Henry Vernon squier and Nicholas Mountgomery and other have license to found a Chauntry in the Parishe Churche of Asheburne, the same to be called the Chauntry of John Bradburne, for ever.

[Harleian. MSS. 433 fo. 101<sup>b</sup>.]

In Vol. IX., p. 188, of this *Journal*, are copies of two deeds contributed by Mr. W. D. Fane of Melbourne Hall, which prove that the Chaplains and the patrons had already, as early as 27<sup>th</sup> Henry VIII., begun to alienate the property belonging to this Chantry.

The item in the inventory of Edward VI. wherein the Commissioners describe the two sacryng bells hanging before the *Altar of grene*, refers to this Chantry, it being connected with the *Green Hall*.

The Chantry Roll describes it as "the Chauntrie of Assheburne founded by John and Anne Bradburne to the honor of God and S. Oswald, to mayntayn Godd's Service and praye for the founders' souls, C. s. : clere—ciii<sup>s</sup>. x<sup>d</sup> : for the keping of an obitt iij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup>. To the parish Church belongeth M. houselinge people stocke lxxv<sup>s</sup>. j.d."

Queen Elizabeth on the 1<sup>st</sup> February in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of her reign granted to Wm. Grice, Esq., and Anthony Forster, gent., all those lands and heredit<sup>s</sup> called Almes lands in Ashburne in the tenure of Humphrey Bradburne, Knt., to hold in fee, in socage.

[Pat. 6th Elizabeth, p. 4.]

Queen Elizabeth, on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of her reign, granted to John Farnham, Esq., in fee all these the Chantries late founded by John Bradburne and Ann, his wife, Nicholas Kniveton, and others, in the Parish Church of Ashburne, and in the Chapel of B. Virgin Mary in the Manor of Hoghe, and all the lands, tenements, rents, liberties, and

hereditaments whatsoever thereto belonging by the rent of £10 16s. yearly. [Pat. 10th Queen Elizabeth, p. 2.]

And the same Queen, by Patent dated the 18th March, in the 30th year of her reign, granted to Edmund Downing and Miles Dodding, gent., in fee, all that messuage and tenement, with the appurtenances and all the lands, meadows, feeding pastures, &c., thereto belonging, in the tenure of John Rose, in Ashburne, late belonging to the Chantry of S. Oswald in the Church there, and a parcel of land there in the tenure of William Shawe, late also belonging to that Chantry, and devised to Francis Bradburne by indenture dated 27th Elizabeth, to hold by the rent of 26s. 8d. per ann. [Rot. 30th Elizabeth, p. 15.]

The following Institutions to the Chantry of S. Oswald are noted by Dr. Cox from the Lichfield Registers :

- 1484. Christopher Puce ; patrons, John and Ann Bradburne.
- 1509. Robert Hasilhurst ; patron, Humphrey Bradburne, on the death of C. P.
- 1540. Thomas Stone ; patron, Humphrey Bradburne, on the death of R. H.
- 1542. Edward Bennett ; patrons, William Bradburne, Thomas Leghe, and Philip Bennett.

On the resignation of T. S., Bennett obtained a pension of £5 from Queen Mary.

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### Endowments for perpetual Lights

in the Church of Ashburne. Conveyance from Henry Buckbert, of London, and others, to Henry Walker, of Castern, Co. Stafford, of a piece of land in Ashburne, Co. Derby, called Lampholme. Dated 30th October, 3rd Elizabeth.

Queen Elizabeth, on 21st July, in the 1st year of her reign, granted to George Howard, Kt., *inter alia* one parcel of meadow lying in the parish of Ashburne, called Lampholme meadow, in the tenure of John Kniston, given for the maintenance of a lamp in the Parish Church of Ashburne.

[Pat. 1st Elizabeth, p. 7.]