

Some Norfolk Guild¹ Certificates.

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WHEN the late J. L'Estrange and I printed a paper in these transactions (vol. vii., pp. 104-121) some seventeen years ago, we confined ourselves exclusively to the guilds of Norwich, intending to further illustrate the subject in another paper, by printing some of the guild certificates relating to the county.

Circumstances prevented our doing so, and what I now propose to do is to print, with translations, but almost

¹ The published literature, as far as I know it, on Norfolk Guilds is as follows :—

“An account of the Swaffham Gilds previous to the Reformation,” by W. H. Kemble, 10 pp. 8vo., Swaffham, 1833.

“On certain Guilds formerly existing in the town of Little Walsingham,” by Joseph Burt. — *Proceed. Arch. Inst.*, 1847, p. 142.

“The Pageantries of the Guild of St. George of Norwich,” by W. C. Ewing. — *Id.*

“The Guildhall at Diss,” by S. W. Rix. — *Norf. Arch.* ii. p. 11.

“The Company of St. George's Guild of Norwich” [from Mackarell's *MS. History of Norwich*]. — *Norf. Arch.* iii. p. 315.

“Norfolk Guilds” [Norwich only], by J. L'Estrange and W. Rye. — *Id.* vi. p. 103.

Several Yarmouth Guild Certificates, printed by A. W. Morant. — *Norf. Arch.* vii. p. 227.

“Wymondham Gilds,” by G. A. Carthew. — *Norf. Arch.* ix. p. 240.

“The Guilds of Lynn Regis,” by Walter Rye. — *Norf. Ant. Misc.* i. p. 152.

The late Toulmin Smith also printed many English Guild Certificates relating to Norfolk in his *English Gilds*. — *Early English Text Society*.

without comment, the certificates (dated 12th Richard II.) of seventeen of the most interesting county guilds, including a very interesting one in Norman-French from Stoke Ferry, and two in English from Oxburgh and Wiggshall.

A complete list of all the Norfolk guilds would be a most useful work, but it can only be compiled by diligent search in wills, where the name of one at least occurs almost invariably. They must number some thousands. Taylor estimated 909 for Norfolk, but a careful analysis of the certificates of the Lynn guilds showed me there must have been seventy-four for that town alone, in which he gave thirty-one only; so this is probably a very low estimate.

Until all the Norfolk guild certificates are collected and printed it will be idle to speculate as to the reasons which caused the guilds to increase in numbers so suddenly and rapidly between about 1350 and 1400, which we gather to have been the case from a collation of such of the certificates as give the dates of their foundation.

One thing is sure, that during this half-century nearly all the guilds that were started were religious guilds, and not trading or even mixed guilds.

Whether the black death of 1350, the local dearth and pestilence of 1361, the spread of the scourge of small pox in 1365, and yet another famine and pestilence in 1369, gradually combined to scare the people into a more devout state of mind, may or may not be the case. It is not improbable, but it is dangerous to guess until we have much more material than we have at present, which can easily be obtained if each member will transcribe and print any of the certificates still extant which deal with his own locality. Unluckily, there are not very many, not many more than a hundred for Norfolk, though more may turn up in time.

BANHAM: ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

No. 23 b.

Certificatio aldermanni ⁊ custodum eujusdam fraternitatis gilde in honorem S̄ci Joh̄is Bāpte in villa de Banham in Cōm Norf ordinat̄ p̄textu b̄ris d̄ni Regis in Cōm̄ p̄dco inde p̄lamati p̄ ip̄os Aldermannum ⁊ custodes in cancellar̄^o ip̄ius d̄ni Regis missa sequit̄ in hec verba: Ordinat̄um fuit in incep̄ōe p̄d̄c̄e gild̄e circa annū regni Regis Edwardi t̄cij post conquestū Angl̄ tricesimū quartū¹ q̄d om̄es fratres ⁊ sorores ejusdem gilde convenirent in eccl̄ia p̄d̄c̄a ad vesp̄as in vigilia nativitatis S̄ci Joh̄is Bāpte ⁊ quill̄ eoz̄ dic̄et ibidem unū psal̄tium be marie p̄ bono ⁊ salubri statu Regis ⁊ Regine ⁊ p̄ pace ⁊ t̄nquillitate totius regni ac p̄ aīabz̄ fratrū ⁊ soroz̄ d̄c̄e gilde ⁊ aīabz̄ oīm fidelīū defunctorum. Et q̄d in d̄c̄o festo ⁊ in p̄p̄inquire d̄m̄ca p̄cedente aut subsequente d̄c̄m festum her̄ent in se conviviū ad duos repastus in utroq̄ die de bursis suis pp̄riis. Et q̄d in p̄dco festo Aldermann̄g d̄c̄e gilde offeret unū denariū p̄ missa celebranda et quill̄ fratrū ⁊ soroz̄ d̄c̄e gilde offeret unū quadrantem ⁊ daret aliū p̄ elemosina ⁊ dic̄et unū psal̄tium be marie put supra. Et q̄n contiḡit aliquem fr̄m vel soroz̄ d̄c̄e gilde obire tunc om̄es fratres ⁊ sorores d̄c̄e gilde convenirent ad ejus exequias et quill̄ eoz̄ dic̄et ibidem unū psal̄tium be marie put supra et in die sepulture ejusdem defuncti om̄es fratres ⁊ sorores gilde p̄d̄c̄e in̄t̄essent ad eccl̄iam. Et Aldermann̄g ejusdem gilde ⁊ quill̄ fratrū ⁊ soroz̄ illius gilde deberent offerre dare ⁊ dic̄e ut in p̄dco festo. Et q̄d Aldermann̄g p̄fate gilde inveniret ⁊ sustentaret unam candelam ad ardendum in eccl̄ia p̄d̄c̄a coram ymagine s̄ci Joh̄is Bāpte ad matutinas missam ⁊ vesp̄as in quoll̄ die festo. Item Reginaldus Bynethetōn capellang, Thomas Pyk, Alicia Lytulman, Waltus Colby, Wiffs Waleys, Wiffs Tailor, Robtus Richer, ⁊ Joh̄es Brythwyne, dederunt ⁊ concesserunt p̄

¹ 1361.

cartam suam Wiffo Bernad ⁊ Wiffo Smyth unū mesuagiū undecim acras ȝre ⁊ dimid in feodo simplici in villa ȝdca absq̄ aliqua condiōe. Et postea dēi feoffatores declaraverunt ⁊ ante mortem eoz exp̄sse in mera ⁊ sana voluntate eoz ordinaverunt qd̄ p̄ficuū dcoz mesuagij ⁊ ȝraz recipet̄ p̄ manus aldermanni ejusdem gilde ad sustentacoem luminis ȝdci ⁊ ad inveniend̄ ornamenta altaris S̄ci Joh̄is Baȝte in ead̄m ecclia et ult̄ius de residuo ad distribuend̄ paupibz fratribz ⁊ sororibz d̄ce gilde sc̄dm̄ eoz necessitatem p̄viso tamen qd̄ si ȝdci feoffati non possint h̄ere licenciam de d̄no Rege ⁊ aliis d̄nis immediatis ȝdca mesuagiū ⁊ ȝras d̄cis gilde ⁊ ecclie mortificari qd̄ extunc illa mesuagiū ⁊ ȝre venderent̄ ⁊ dispon̄ent̄ ad emendaōem ornamentoz ecclie ȝdce ⁊ ad distribuend̄ paupibz fr̄ibz ⁊ sororibz d̄ce gilde que quidem mesuagiū ⁊ ȝre valent p̄ annū ult̄a reprisam iiijs. vjd. Alia bona seu catalla non h̄ent in manibz nec aliquod juramentū p̄t̄ de ordinaōibz ȝd̄cis observand̄ in̄t̄ eos nec de confederatione unq̄m f̄cm̄ fuit nec aliqua secta pannoz in̄t̄ eos h̄ēt̄.

The certificate of the alderman and wardens of a certain guild fraternity founded in honour of St. John the Baptist, in the town of Banham, in the county of Norfolk, sent by the said alderman and guardians, by the authority of letters of our lord the king, proclaimed for that purpose, into the chancery of the said lord king, follows in these words. It was ordained, at the beginning of the said guild, about the 34th year of the reign of King Edward III. after the conquest of England [A.D. 1361], that all the brethren and sisters of the said guild should meet in the aforesaid church at vespers on the vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and each of them should say there one psalter of the Blessed Mary, for the good and healthful state of the king and queen, and for the peace and tranquillity of the whole kingdom, and for souls of the brethren and sisters of the said guild, and the souls of all the faithful departed.

And that on the said feast, and on the Sunday next before or next after the said feast, they should have a banquet among themselves, consisting of two repasts on each day at their own expenses, and that on the said festival the alderman of the said guild should offer a penny for the celebration of a mass, and each brother and sister of the said guild should offer one farthing and give another for alms, and say one psalter of the Blessed Mary as above. And when it shall happen that any brother or sister of the said guild shall die, all the brothers and sisters of the said guild shall meet at his exequies, and each of them to say there a psalter of the Blessed Mary as above; and at the burial of the said deceased all the brethren and sisters of the said guild should be present at the church. And the alderman of the said guild, and each brother and sister thereof, should offer, give, and say as on the aforesaid festival. And that the alderman of the said guild should find and sustain a candle to burn in the aforesaid church before the image of St. John the Baptist, at matins, mass, and vespers on each festival day. Also Reginald Bynetheton, chaplain; Thomas Pyk, Richard Lytulman, Walter Colby, William Waleys, William Tailor, Robert Richer, and John Brythwyne, by their charter, gave and granted to William Bernad and William Smyth a messuage and eleven and a half acres of land in fee simple in the aforesaid town, without any condition. And, afterwards, the said feoffors declared, and before their deaths and in single and sound will, expressly ordained that the profits of the said messuage and lands should be received by the hands of the alderman of the said guild towards the maintenance of the aforesaid light, and for finding ornaments for the altar of St. John the Baptist in the same church, and furthermore from the residue a distribution to be made among the poor brethren and sisters of the said guild, according to their necessity; with a proviso, however, that if

the said feoffees were unable to obtain license from our lord the king and other mesne lords, for the said messuage and lands to be mortmained to the said guild and church; then the said messuage and land should be sold and (the proceeds) disposed of towards the emendation of the ornaments of the aforesaid church, and for distributions to the poor brothers and sisters of the said guild: which said messuage and land are worth yearly, after all reprisals, 4s. 6*d.* They have no other goods and chattels in their hands, nor any oath, except as to the observance among themselves of the aforesaid rules; nor was there ever (any) confederation, nor any livery clothes among them.

BARTON BENDISH: ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Miscellaneous Chancery Records, No. 49.

Certificatio continuacōis ⁊ regiminis gilde S̄ci Joh̄is Bāpte in eccl̄ia S̄ci Andree de Bertonbindych f̄ca coram d̄no Rege in cancellar^o sua p̄ Joh̄em Wynneman aldermanū gilde p̄d̄ce que sequit^r sub hac forma. In honorem dei fundat^r fuit gild^r S̄ci Joh̄is Bāpte in eccl̄ia S̄ci Andree de Bertonbindych in Co^m Nor^{ff} primo oēs fr̄es ⁊ sorores ejusdem gilde ordinaver^t ad inveniend^m unam candelam cere ardentē annuatim in honore S̄ci Joh̄is dieb^z festivis. It̄m faciūt distribu^ōem paupib^z de duob^z busselis frumenti ⁊ de uno quart^oio ordeⁱ p̄ pane ⁊ s^o visia in festo nat^o S̄ci Joh̄. It̄m faciūt semel in anno unū colloquiū in loco honesto ad festū S̄ci Joh̄is p̄ cita^ōem bedelli ⁊ ib̄m de se ip̄is eligent [*sic*] unū aldermannū p̄ gub̄nacōē ejusdē gilde et nullas hēnt alias consuetudines nec statut^o p̄t̄qm̄ p̄noiat^o. Et hēnt in cata^{ll} p̄ d̄cis reb^z ⁊ elemosinis sustentand^m ⁊ manutenend^m quinq^q quart^oia ordeⁱ p̄c^o quart^oij xx*d.* set teñ seu possessiones non hēnt.

Sm^a cata^{ll} viijs. iiij*d.*

The certificate of the continuation and rule of the guild of St. John Baptist, in the church of St. Andrew of Bertonbindych, made before our lord the king in his chancery, by John Wynneman, alderman of the aforesaid guild, which follows in this form:—

The guild of St. John Baptist, in the church of St. Andrew of Bertonbindych, in the county of Norfolk, was founded for the honour of God. First, all the brethren and sistren of the same guild have taken order for the finding of a wax candle annually, burning in honour of St. John on festival days; also they make a distribution to the poor of two bushels of wheat and one quarter of barley, for bread and beer on the feast of the Nativity of St. John; also they hold a conference once a year on the feast of St. John, by summons of the beadle, in a proper place, and there choose, from among themselves, an alderman for the governing of the same guild; and they have no other customs nor statutes than those before mentioned; and they have in chattels to sustain and maintain the aforesaid things and alms, five quarters of barley, the worth of each quarter 20*d.*, but tenements or possessions they have none. Total of chattels, 8*s.* 4*d.*

BOUGHTON : ALL SAINTS.

No. 25 c.

Hundr^o de Claklose in com̄ Norff^e Forma ꝛ intentio
cujusdam gilde ꝛ fratnitatis oim̄ scoꝝ in villa de Bukton
infra dcm̄ hundr̄ anno r̄ r̄ Riçi s̄di post conquestum Angl̄
octavo in honore oipotentis dei beate marie virginis ac
sup^adictoꝝ oim̄ scoꝝ incepte edite constitute ꝛ ordinate
inferius in hac sedula patent. Primo ꝛ p̄ncipalit̄ oim̄es fr̄es ꝛ
sorores d̄ce gilde siñl̄ congregati in una domo fecerunt istuc
sacr^om subseq̄ns videlicet qd̄ dum deo placuit fr̄es ꝛ sorores
de gilda p̄deca in p̄senti seculo for^o supstitēs de bonis suis

sibi a deo collatis, ¹ceas¹ candelas in honoꝛ oīpotentis dei ⁊ oīm s̄coꝝ in ecclia sua poꝛi invēient ⁊ sustentabunt et q^andocumq; fuerit oportunū eccliam suam poꝛi in aliquo emendari dabunt por̄conatr̄ put eis placuerit de bonis d̄ce gilde conc̄nentib; ad emendaçōem d̄ce ecclie. Et ad disponendū p̄ p̄ficuo d̄ce ecclie q^ando fuerit oportunū. Et eciam p̄ instaur̄ gilde bis vel ter in anno fiet congregaçō oīm fr̄m ⁊ soroz̄ d̄ce gilde ⁊ non alia de causa. Statuta nec ordinacōes d̄ce gilde nulla hēnt in sc̄ptis set oīnia sup^ad̄ca p̄ sacr̄m suū pimplebunt. Maḡr ⁊ custos d̄ce gilde vocat^r Joħnes Whyte lator p̄sentis sc̄pti qui quidem Joħnes occupat oīnia bona d̄cam gildam conc̄nentū videlicet quatuor q^ar̄tia ordeī p̄cij vjs. viij^d. plura tamen ante hec tempora huerunt bona ⁊ catalla ad d̄cam gildam sp̄tantū set illa oīnia p̄t̄ sup^ad̄ca iiij q^ar̄ ordeī sup̄ fabricam ecclie sue p̄d̄ce expenderunt. Et sem̄t in anno vid̄lt die fest̄ oīm scoꝝ annuatim sim̄l manducar⁹ solebant sciūt qd ea de causa int̄ oīnes fr̄es ⁊ sorores d̄ce gilde maior ditco nutriri pot̄it; oīmaq; ⁊ sinḡla que rōnabili⁹ juxta vim p̄clamac⁹ in hundr⁹ p̄d̄co ex pte sup^ad̄ci d̄ni n̄ri Regis celebrate p̄fatam gildam contingunt̄ in p̄senti sc̄pto plenarie apte ⁊ distincte sunt contentū q; ad p̄d̄cam gildam nulla ter̄f teñ reddit9 sive possessiones q^avis modo p̄tinent. Sc̄iptū apud Bukton p̄d̄cam iiij^{to} die mens̄(Januar⁹ a^o r̄r sup^ad̄ci duodecimo.

Hundred of Clackclose in the county of Norfolk. The form and intent of a certain guild and brotherhood of All Saints in the town of Bukton, within the aforesaid hundred, begun, published, constituted, and ordained in the 8th year of King Richard II. (of that name) after the Conquest of England [A.D. 1384²], in honour of Almighty God, the B. V. M., and of the above-named All Saints, appear below in this schedule. First and principally, all the brethren

¹ This may be "cereas"—wax.

² I presume this was founded on All Saints' Day.

and sisters of the said guild met together in a house, made there the following oath, viz., that while it shall please God that the brethren and sisters of the aforesaid guild shall live, of the goods given them by God they shall find and sustain certain candles to the honour of Almighty God and of All Saints in their parish church. And whenever it shall be fitting for their parish church to be repaired in any way they shall give proportionately, as it shall please them, of the common goods of the said guild, towards the emendation of the said church, and to spend for the profit of the said church when it shall be seasonable. And also twice or thrice in the year there shall be a meeting of all the brethren and sisters of the said guild for the renewal of the guild, and for no other cause. They have no written statutes or rules of the guild, but will perfectly fulfil all the aforesaid things by reason of their oath. The master and warden of the said guild is named John Whyte, the bearer of this present writing, which said John holds all the goods belonging to the said guild, viz., four quarters of barley, worth 6s. 8d. Also they had more goods and chattels formerly belonging to the said guild, but they expended them (except the said four quarters of barley) on the fabric of their said church. And once in the year, viz., on the Feast of All Saints, they are accustomed to eat together, that is, because by that means greater affection can be nourished between all the brethren and sistren of the said guild. And all and singular which reasonably affect the said guild, by virtue of the proclamation published in the said hundred on behalf of our said lord king, are fully, openly, and distinctly contained in the present writing: that no lands, tenements, rents, or possessions in any way belong to the said guild. Written at Bukton aforesaid the 4th day of January, in the 12th year of the king aforesaid [A.D. 1389.]

CLENCHWARTON ST. MARGARET.

Clenchwardton de com̄ Norff.

No. 14 b.

In honore dñi nr̄i Ih̄u X̄pi ⁊ S̄p̄us sc̄i ac Sancte Margarete virginis fraternitas inchoata est in anno dñi millesimo cccc^{mo} septuagesimo viij^o in villa de Clenchwardton, et de cōi assensu ordinatū est (ut) fr̄es ejusdem semel singulis annis unū hoīem pbū ⁊ ydoneū in gubñatorē gilde memorate [elegerint] et q̄ fr̄es ejusdem quot̄ anno quater ad p̄vidend̄ de honesta gubñacōe dicte gilde cōvenerint p̄mo in festo S̄c̄e Margā virginis in quo festo om̄es fr̄es ⁊ sorores ejusdem honeste sim̄l venient cū quatuor torchiis magnis accensis sumptibz eoꝝ cōibz sḡtentať ad eccliam pochial de Clenchwardton p̄dicta missam ibm̄ devote auditor⁹ ⁊ singuli unū ōb ad honorem dei ⁊ ecclie oblatur⁹; sc̄do ijdem fr̄es convenient in die concep̄cōis b̄e Marie v̄ginis; tertio . . . fo annunciacōis ejusdem; quarto v̄o in festo Sancte Trinitatis. Et si aliquis ad aliquem diem p̄fixū nō venerit si ad hoc citatus fuerit justa causa cessante solvet ad opus ejusdem gilde d̄i h̄i cere. Insup si quis in officiū alderm̄ sive gubernatoris electus fuit ⁊ illud sine causa racōnabili recusavit solvet ad opus dicte gilde xijd. Itm̄ cū aliquis frat⁹ aut soror gilde sup^adicte ab hac vita decessit tunc alderm̄ dicte gilde faciet dict⁹ torchios ad locū ubi corpus est deportari in exequis dicti defunct⁹ ⁊ missa arsuť et quilibet frater ac soror p̄sonalit⁹ accedet ad eccliam p̄dictā die sepulture ejus ⁊ unū ōb p̄ aīa illius defuncti offeret ⁊ unū aliū ōb ad elemosinā errogand̄ p̄ aīa illius defuncti unde custos dicte gilde faciet panes emi ⁊ paup̄ibz ac egenis ministrari preterea incontinenť post obitū illius defuncti dictus custos faciet missas in ecclia p̄dicta p̄ aīa d̄ci defuncti . . . oīm . . . gilde bñfactoꝝ. Insup si quis in dictam fraternitatem receptus erit solvet ad opus dicte gilde vs. Ac etiam ordinatū est q̄ de cōibz expens⁹ dictoꝝ fratru ⁊

soroꝝ unus cereus singulis diebꝫ festꝫ ardens tempe officij
divini sustentiet^r coram ymagine S^ce Margar^o v^ginis in
ecclia p^dicta.

Jo^hnes Smyth t } custodes dicte gilde hent in manibꝫ suis
Jo^hes Mons } de bonis dicte gilde equis porc^o vijs. iiij*d*

Clenchwardton, in the county of Norfolk. In honour of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Ghost, and of St. Margaret the Virgin, a brotherhood was begun in the year of our Lord 1378, in the town of Clenchwardton, and by common assent it was ordained that the brethren of the same, once in every year, should elect an honest and fit man as governor of the said guild, and that the brethren of the same should meet four times in each year, to provide for the honest governing of the said guild. First, on the Feast of St. Margaret the Virgin, in which feast all the brothers and sisters of the same shall come together in a becoming manner, with four great torches burning, at their common charges, to the parish church of Clenchwardton aforesaid, to devoutly hear mass there, and each of them to offer to the honour of God and of the church one halfpenny. Secondly, the same brethren shall meet on the day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thirdly, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the same; and fourthly, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity. And if any one summoned for any appointed day shall, without just cause, omit to come, he shall pay to the use of the said guild half a pound of wax. Furthermore, if any one shall have been elected to the office of alderman or governor, and shall have declined it without reasonable cause, he shall pay 12*d.* to the use of the said guild. Also when any brother or sister of the guild aforesaid shall depart this life, then the alderman of the said guild shall cause the said torches to be carried to the place where the corpse is, for burning at the exequies

and mass; and each brother and sister shall go in person to the church on the burial day, and for the soul of the deceased shall offer one halfpenny, and another halfpenny in alms for the soul of the said deceased, whereof the warden of the said guild shall cause loaves to be bought, to be given to the poor and needy. Furthermore, immediately after the death of the said deceased, the said warden shall cause masses to be celebrated in the aforesaid church, for the soul of the said deceased, and the souls of all benefactors to the guild. Furthermore, if any one shall have been received into the said fraternity he shall pay to the use of the said guild five shillings. And also it was ordained that one wax candle shall be maintained, at the common expense of the said brothers and sisters, every festival day, burning in the time of divine service before the image of St. Margaret the Virgin, in the church aforesaid.

John Smyth and John Mons,	}	Wardens of the said guild, have in their hands of the goods of the said guild in equal parts, 7s. 4d.
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GUILD OF ST. ANTONY IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,
FYNCHAM.

Edward III., No. 8 b.

Certificacō fundacōis ⁊ continuacōis Gilde S̄ci Antonii Martiris in ecc̄ia S̄ci Mich̄is de Fincham in coñ Norff. f̄ca in cancellaria d̄ni Regis, p̄ Jōhem Talyour, Aldermanū Gilde p̄d̄ce, die Jovis p̄x post festū purificacōis b̄e Marie, Anno regni Reḡl Rīci s̄ci duodecimo, ut patet in forma s̄bsequenti. Est autē quedam Gilda S̄ci Antonii Martiris in ecc̄ia S̄ci Mich̄is de Fyncham, ex devōcōe pochianoꝝ ecc̄ie p̄d̄ce in honore S̄ci Antonij Martiris de Fyncham,

fundat^o ⁊ continuat^o p̄ quatuor decem annos elapsos ⁊ amplius, videlī qd̄ omēs ⁊ singli fr̄es ⁊ sorores Gilde p̄d̄ce ad festū S̄ci Antonij ad eccliam p̄d̄cam cōvenient, ⁊ ibid̄m ad altare S̄ci Antonij hab̄nt unā missam de festo, ⁊ quitt fr̄m ⁊ soroz p̄d̄coz unū obolū ad missam p̄d̄cam offeret. It̄p̄ inveniēt tres candelas ardent^o coram imagine S̄ci Antonij in ead̄m ecclia p̄ totū annū. Ac etiam cū contiḡit aliquē p̄d̄coz conf̄rm vel soroz ab hac luce deceder^o omēs cōfr̄es ⁊ sorores sui oblabūt p̄ eo scit̄ quitt q^u ⁊ aliū q^u conferrēt p̄d̄cō custodi p̄ aīa sua paupibz distribuend̄. Et p̄d̄ci fr̄es et sorores h̄nt in manibz suis bona ⁊ catalla ad valentiam viginti solid̄ d̄ce Gilde conc̄nent̄ sed nō h̄nt aliq^u alia t̄ras, seu ten̄ redditus vel possessiones d̄ce gilde cōc̄nent̄ mortificat^o nec non mortificat^o, etc.

The certificate of the foundation and continuation of the guild of St. Antony the martyr, in the church of St. Michael of Fincham, in the county of Norfolk, made to the chancery of our lord the king, by John Talyour, alderman of the said guild, on the Monday next after the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, in the 12th year of King Richard II., as appears in the following form:—There is, moreover, a certain guild of St. Antony the martyr, in the church of St. Michael of Fyncham, founded and continued through the devotion of the parishioners of the said church, in honour of St. Antony the martyr, of Fyncham, for fourteen years and more past, viz., that all and singular the brethren and sisters of the said guild should meet at the Feast of St. Antony, at the said church, and have a festival mass, and each of the said brothers and sisters shall offer a halfpenny at the said mass. Also they shall find three candles burning before the image of St. Antony in the said church all the year. And also when it shall happen that any of the said brothers or sisters depart from

this light all the brothers and sisters shall offer for him, viz., each a farthing, and give another farthing to the said warden to distribute to the poor for [the good of] his soul. And the brothers and sisters have in their hands goods and chattels to the value of 20s. belonging to the said guild, but they have no other things, lands or tenements, rents or possessions, belonging to the said guild, in mortmain or otherwise.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST IN CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
FYNCHAM.

Chancery Guild Certificates, No. 24 b.

Certificaço fundacõis ⁊ continuacõis Gilde de Sço Johe Baptista in ecclesia Sçi Martini de Fyncham in coñ Norff., fca in Cancellar^o dñi Regis p Johe Lavender, Aldermanū Gilde p̄dce, die Jovis p̄x post festū Purificacõis be Marie Anno regni Regis Riçi s̄di duodecimo, ut patet in forma subsequenti. Est autem quedam Gilda Sçi Johis Baptiste in ecclesia Sçi Martini de Fyncham ex devocõe parochianoz ecclesie p̄dce in honore Sçi Johis Baptiste de Fyncham, fundat^o ⁊ continua^t p decem annos elaps^o ⁊ amplius, videñt qd omēs ⁊ singuli frēs ⁊ sorores Gilde p̄dce ad festū Sçi Johis Baptis^t ad ecclesiam p̄dcām cōveniēt ⁊ ibidm̄ ad altare Sçi Johis Baptiste hebunt unam missam in festo ⁊ quitt fr̄m ⁊ soroz p̄dcōz unū obolū ad missam p̄dcām offeret. It^o invenient unam candelam ardentē coram imagine Sçi Johis Baptiste in eadñ ecclesia p totum annu. Ac etiā cum cōti^git aliquem p̄dcōz confr̄m vel soroz ab hac luce deceder^o omēs confrēs ⁊ sorores sui . . . oblabunt p eo scitt quitt q ⁊ aliū q conferret p̄dco custodi p aña sua paupibz distribuend. It^o cū contig^{it} aliquem p̄dcōz confr̄m vel soroz ab hac luce deceder^o p̄dcūs custos p aña sua de bonis p̄dce Gilde duos solid^o ⁊ quinq^o denar^o ad missas celebrand^o ordina^v. It^o p̄dci frēs ⁊ sorores

heñt in manib; suis bona ⁊ catalla ad valentiam quinq; solid
 dce Gilde cōcnenc², sed nō heñt aliq^a alia t̄ras seu teñ
 redditus vel possessiones dce Gilde cōcnenc² mortificat⁹ nec
 nō mortificat⁹ t̄c.

The certificate of the foundation and continuation of the guild of St. John Baptist in the church of St. Martin of Fincham in the county of Norfolk, made to the chancery of our lord the king by John Lavender, alderman of the said guild, the Monday next after the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, in the 12th year of King Richard II., as appears in form following. There is moreover a certain guild of St. John the Baptist in the church of St. Martin of Fincham, founded and continued through the devotion of the parishioners of the said church in honour of St. John Baptist of Fincham for ten years and more past, viz., that all and singular the brethren and sisters of the said guild shall meet on the feast of St. John Baptist at the said church, and have a festival mass, and each of the said brothers and sisters shall offer a halfpenny at the said mass. Also they shall find a candle burning before the image of St. John Baptist in the said church all the year. And also when it shall happen that any of the said brothers or sisters depart from this light all the brothers and sisters shall offer for him, viz., each a farthing, and shall give another to the said custodian to distribute to the poor for [the good of] his soul. And when it shall happen that any of the said brothers and sisters shall depart from this light the said custodian shall spend 2s. 5d. of the goods of the guild to celebrate masses. And the brothers and sisters have in their hands goods and chattels to the value of 5s. belonging to the said guild, but they have no other things, lands or tenements, rents or possessions, belonging to the said guild, in mortmain or otherwise.

FINCHAM.

No. 24.

Hundr^o de Clakclos in com̄ Norff. Quia p̄clamaçō in villis m̄cator̄ d̄ce hundr^o virtute cujusdam b̄ris d̄ni n̄ri Regis facta uit Qd̄ om̄es ⁊ singl̄i maḡri ⁊ custodes ōim ⁊ singlaz gildaz ⁊ frānitatū p̄d̄ci comitatus c̄tificarent consiliū d̄ni n̄ri Regis in cancellar̄ sua apud London vel ubicunq; fuit alibi de modo ⁊ forma incepçōis fundaçōis ⁊ continuaçōis hujusmodi gildaz ⁊ frānitatū ac de sac̄ris suis ⁊ de suis statutis ordinacoib; cons̄ ac eciam de causa assemblaz suaz ⁊ de suis p̄vilegijs ⁊ libertatib; si que h̄ant. Vigor^o cuj^o p̄clamaç quidam Thom̄ Rykkes sēr de ffyncham, aldermann^o, cujusdam gilde Assumpçōis b̄te Marie virginis in d̄ca villa in p̄deco festo A^o iij Rici nūc x^o incepte ⁊ usq; p̄sens continueate in honō dei d̄ce marie virginis ⁊ ōim sçoz et dum deo ⁊ d̄no n̄ro Regi placuerit continueabit in honō d̄ce Marie virginis ⁊ ōim sçoz ⁊ ad salutē aīaz ōim fratrū ⁊ soroz d̄ce frāniç ⁊ ōim fideiū defunctoz. Et ad incrm̄ fabrice sacre eccl̄ie q̄ndo fuerit oportunū. Et ad nullam aliam intençōem fuit d̄ca gilda incept^o nec continueata statuta nō h̄nt tr^o teñ reddit^o nec possess non h̄nt ⁊ bona ⁊ catalla sua que p̄tinent d̄ce gilde valent in pecunia vjs. videlt iij q̄r iij b; ordei p̄ç qr. xxd. Et d̄ca bona sunt in manib; Johis Reve ⁊ Johis Tallyour de ffyncham p̄d̄ca.

Hundred of Clakclose in the county of Norfolk. Whereas proclamation was made in the market towns of the said hundred, by virtue of a certain writ of our lord the king. That all and singular the masters and wardens of all and singular guilds and brotherhoods of the aforesaid county should certify to the council of our lord the king in his Chancery at London, or wherever else it may be, concerning the manner and form of the inception, foundation, and continuation of guilds and brotherhoods, and as to their oaths

and their statutes, ordinances, and customs, and also concerning the cause of their assemblies and as to their privileges and liberties, if they have any. By virtue of which proclamation one Thomas Rykkes the elder of Fyncham, alderman of a certain guild of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the said town, begun on the aforesaid feast, in the 10th year of the reign of the present King Richard [Aug. 15th, 1386], and continued to the present time, in honour of God, of the said Virgin Mary, and of All Saints, and while it shall please God and our lord the king will continue in honour of the said Virgin Mary and of All Saints, and for the health of the souls of all the brethren and sisters of the said fraternity, and of all the faithful departed, and to the increase of the fabric of holy church, as occasion shall arise. And to no other end was the said guild begun nor continued. They have no statutes: they have no lands, tenements, rents, nor possessions. The goods and chattels which belong to the said guild are worth in money 6s., viz., three quarters four bushels of barley at 20*d.* the quarter, and the said goods are in the hands of John Reve and John Tayllour of Fyncham aforesaid.

HOLCHAM.

No. 62.

Certificacio fundacionis regiminis ⁊ continuationis fraternitatis beate Marie virginis ⁊ sancte Trinitatis in ecclesia de Holcham facta in Cancellar^o domini Regis per Willm̄ Scrayfield et Willm̄ West, Magistros fraternitatum predictarum die lune in vigilia Purificationis be Marie anno regni regis Ric̄i s̄c̄di duodecimo secundum formā cujusdā proclamationis per breve regium inde f̄ce patet in forma subsequē.

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Sunt enim quedam fraternitates in ecclesia de Holcham que a tempore quo non extat memoria ad honorē bē Marie ⁊ s̄cē Trinitatis ex devoçōe pochianoꝝ ville p̄d̄cē incepte fuerunt ⁊ fundate ⁊ adhuc continuant sub hac forma videlt: qđ fr̄s ⁊ sorores frat̄nitatū p̄deaz in fr̄s s̄coꝝ p̄d̄coꝝ ad eccliam p̄d̄cām conveniunt ⁊ offerunt ad altam missam et inveniunt in cancello ejusdem ecclesie in honore sanctorum predictorum quendam cereum omnibus diebus festivis per annum ardentem et eisdem diebus vesp̄is finitis convenient ad certum locum in villa predicta et ibidem potabunt et tunc eligent duos magistros de confratribus predictis qui curā et superuisiōem fraternitatum predictarum, pro anno proximo optinebunt. Et solvūt aliqñ dimid̄ marcā ⁊ aliqñ decem solidos in partem sustentationis unius capellani pro fratribus et sororibus predictis et aliis probis hominibus ville predictę celebrantis. Et sunt in manibus dictorum magistrorum quadraginta solid̄ de denariis fraternitatum predictarum. Et non sunt ibi aliqua sacramenta vel libaçōes vesture vel capuciorum nec sunt ibi plura bona vel catalla aut terre tenementa redditus vel possessiones mortificaç̄ vel non mortificaç̄ ad dictam fraternitatem pertinentia aliter quam superius est expressum.

The certificate of the foundation, rule, and continuation of the fraternity of B. Mary and the Holy Trinity, in the church of Holcham, made to the chancery of our lord the king, by William Serayfield and William West, masters of the fraternities (*sic*) aforesaid, on Monday the Vigil of the Purification of Blessed Mary, 12th Richard II. (according to the form of a certain proclamation made for that purpose by the king's writ) appears in the following form. There are verily certain fraternities in the church of Holcham, which from a time to which memory does not go back, in honour of B. Mary and the Holy Trinity, by the devotion of the parishioners of the said town were begun and founded

and are continued to this day in this form, that is, that the brothers and sisters of the said fraternities, on the festivals of the said saints, meet at the said church and offer at high mass, and find in the chancel of the same church, in honour of the aforesaid saints, a certain candle burning on all festival days throughout the year, and on the same days, vespers being ended, they shall meet at a certain place in the town aforesaid, and there drink, and then choose two masters from among the aforesaid brethren, who shall retain the oversight and supervision of the aforesaid fraternities for the next year; and they pay sometimes half-a-mark and sometimes 10s. in part support of a chaplain celebrating for the brethren and sisters aforesaid, and other honest people of the town aforesaid. And there are in the hands of the said masters 40s. money of the said fraternities. And they have no oaths or livery of garments, or hoods, nor are there any more goods or chattels, or lands, tenements, rents, or possessions, either in mortmain or not in mortmain, belonging to the said fraternities otherwise than as above expressed.

LYNN: ST. JAMES.

Lenn.

No. 121 a.

De Gild S̄ci Jacobi in Lenñ, Aldirñ 7 fr̄es 7 tificant qd d̄ca gilda inchoata fuit p̄ longū t̄ps añ magñ pestilentia set dat^o inde nō h̄nt in qua pestilent^a maior ps fr̄m 7 soroz obir^t et postmod^o pauci intraverūt. In honore d̄i 7 S̄ci Jacobi d̄ci ff̄es 7 soror^o inveniunt . . . unam pelm pendent^o in choro capelle S̄ci Jac^o lenñ coñ ymagie sua in qua magno cereus ardet in oibz festis diebz 7 d̄ncis p̄ a^m ad oē sviciū divinū. In festo S̄ci Jac^o oēs fr̄es 7 sorores d̄ce gilde

conveniunt tempe magne misse in dca capella eand missam devote audiunt ⁊ offerunt singti ob. Conveniunt etiā in sepult fr̄m suoz ⁊ soroz ⁊ offerunt quisqz ob. Et faciūt p aīa defuncti xxx missas celebr⁹. In bōis aut caī nichil habent p̄t⁹ j^c cere empt⁹ ad usum cerei p̄dci in dca pelve pendent. Fr̄s n^c sorores p long⁹ tpe nō receperunt qz nullus affectat fr̄nitatē illā qz pauci sunt ⁊ paz hntes in bōis. Ideo convocacōes nō faciūt nisi tempore festi principalis anni in exequijs mortuoz. Alijs ob̄svaconibz q^a p̄mittit^r nō utunt^r. Set quilē fr̄ ⁊ soror dce gild qui ad hoc sufficit solvit p a^m ad sustentacōem dci cerei ⁊ ij torcicoz ordinacoz p sepult⁹ paupū fr̄m ⁊ soroz iiij^c quid vero plus scdm suā devoōem. In cui9 rei testiōo sigillū Alderm̄ p̄dci p̄sent⁹ est appens⁹ apd len̄ xix^{mo} die Januar⁹ a^o regni Regis Riči sc̄di xij^{mo}.

For translation see *Norf. Antiq. Misc.*, i. p. 171.

GUILD OF ALL SAINTS, NARBOROUGH.

Chancery Guild Certificates, No. 11 b.

Certificaō Thome Gunton, Aldermani et Custodis Gilde Om̄ Scoz in coñ Norff. in villa de Narburgh fundat ⁊ continuať p quatuordecim elapsos ⁊ amplius ⁊ adhuc continuať in forma subseq In primis p̄dctus Aldermanus ⁊ Confres sui ex devoōe sua facient celebrare unam missā qualib̄t septimana p fr̄ibz ⁊ sororibz suis vivis ⁊ defunctis, ⁊ invenient quinqz torcheos ardent⁹ ad elevacōem corporis Xpi tam diebz dñicis qm al diebz fest⁹, ⁊ tres candelas eodem modo ardent⁹ quot̄ die festo p totum annū. Ac etiam cū contiḡit aliquem fr̄m vel soroz p̄dcoz ab hac

luce tunc om̄es conf̄res ⁊ sorores oblabunt
 p̄ eo quilib̄t ob ⁊ quilf̄ dabit ob d̄co Aldermano ad
 distribuend̄ p̄ eo paupibz, ⁊ facient celebrare
 infra septem dies post obitū suū p̄ aīa sua. Item conferent
 de bonis p̄d̄ce Gilde ad emendaōē d̄ce ecclie cum necesse
 fuit p̄ avisament̄ . . . p̄d̄coz confr . . . ⁊ soroz. Item p̄d̄ci
 conf̄res ⁊ sorores non h̄ent aliqua t̄ras seu teñ redditus
 vel possessiones mortific̄ necnon mortificaī ad d̄cam Gildam
 [pertinentia.] Set habent bona ⁊ catalla d̄ce [sic] [gildæ]
 s̄ptantia in manibz suis ad valent̄^o xxiiij s^o ⁊c̄.

The certificate of Thomas Gunton, alderman and warden of the guild of All Saints, in the county of Norfolk, in the town of Narburgh, founded and continued for fourteen years past and more, and continued to the present time in the following form. First, the said alderman and his brethren out of their devotion shall cause to be celebrated a mass each week for the brothers and sisters alive and dead, and provide five torches, burning at the elevation of the Body of Christ, as well on Sundays as on other festival days, and three candles in like manner burning each feast day all through the year. And also when it shall happen that any brother or sister departs from this light, then all the brothers and sisters shall offer a halfpenny each for him, and each give a halfpenny to the alderman to distribute among the poor for him, and cause to be celebrated [a mass] for his soul, within seven days after his death, also they shall contribute to the emendation of the said church, when need be, out of the goods of the said guild, according to the advice of the said brothers and sisters. Also the said brothers and sisters have no lands or tenements, rents or possessions, in mortmain or out of mortmain, (belonging) to the said guild, but they have goods and chattels of the said [guild] in their hands of the value of twenty-four shillings.

OXEBURGH : ST. PETER.

No. 60 a.

In þe hono^r of God 7 of hese modir Marie 7 of seint Pet^o a 3^oelde is begonne in þe 3er of þe regne of þe kyng Richard þe secunde 3er þis is þe ordenaunce of þe 3elde þ^t þe alderman 7 þe bedel bretheryn 7 sisteryn of þe gilde schullyn comyn at þe secunde belle of þe evesong of Seint Pet^o 7 beryn afor hem a torche brennyngge of ij pond of wax 7 þat evy gilde broþer 7 sister be at þe evesong 7 messe of Seint Pet^o 7 at þe secunde evesong in þe peyne of a pond wax to þe lyth of Seint Pet^o 3if he be fyve myle be halve 7 at here gilde day evy man to offeryn a ferthyn at messe 7 anoth^r to Elmesse 7 also at þe ded day of a broþ^r evy couple to 3evyn iij penys 7 þ^t þe alderman 7 bedil schullyn gaderynt be assent of all þe breþeryn 7 3if ony broþ^r or sist^r falle at myschef he shal have bezere iiij 7 3if ony broþ^r or sist^r bewreye here conseil he shal payin to te lytch of seint Pet^o a pond of wax.

Billa de Cataff gilde Sçi Petri in Oxeburgh v q^{rt} orde i þe^o q^{rt} xxd. Wihs Mark, Alderman, Johes Skulton, bedil.

OXEBURGH : ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

No. 63 a.

Oxeburgh en le contee de Norff. In þe hono^r of God and of his modur Marie and of Seint Johan Baptist a brotherhod is begunne: this is the ordinance of the gilde that the alderman and the bedel an brethren an sistren of the gilde xal comyn at the second belle of the furst evesong of Seint Johan the Baptist and a candel beryng afor hem brennyng to the cherche of Seint Johan and that evy gilde brother and sistur be at the first evesong and at the messe of Seint Johan

and at the second evesong up [*sic*] the pain of a pounce of wax to the light of Saint Johan if he be thre myle about and the alderman xal offren a peny at the messe and ich brother and sistre a farthyng in the worchip of Saint Johan and ich brother and sistren schal giffen a ferthyng in the worchip of Saint Johan. And also at the ded day of a brother or sistre ech brother an sistre sal 3even a messe peny a offren a farthing and 3even a farthyng to por^d men fo^r his soule and if any brother or sister fall at meschief he sal haven gilde hovereday a farthing and on Sunday a halpeny be 3eire wille that he is at mischief. And if any brethren or sistren be ded a mile aboute the brethren and sistren sal ben at placebo and dirige an at masse of peine of a pounce of wax.

Thys gilde was be gonne in the 3ere of the regne of the kyng Edward the secoude the first 3ere.

Billa de Cataff gilde S^ci Johis Bap^te in Oxeburgh xx quart^o ordeⁱ p^o quart^o xx^d.

Robtus Baldezein, alderman, ⁊ Wiffs Baker, Bedell.

STOKE FERRY: ASSUMPTION OF B. V. MARY.

No. 29 a.

Al vshoñable ⁊ vssage conseil n^{re} vsredoute f^r monst^r vshumblement Thoñs Parlet mest^r del Gylde del Assumpcion n^{re} dame de Stokferye en le counte de Norff. q'il ent^r autres mest^{rs} ⁊ gardeigns des gildes ⁊ ffratⁿites p vⁱtue dune bref est comaunde ⁊ charge de vous ctifies de la value des biens ⁊ chateulx la dite gylde ⁊ aũx la cause del commencement dicell oue lez etatutz s^c ces ordeignes Plese a v^{re} vsnoble discrecion de savoir q la dite gylde fust comence en la hono^r del assumpcion de n^{re} dame p ij ans passes en encesce de divine vvice ⁊ amendement de seint eglise ⁊

ne sont pas ascuns possessions pteincts au dite gylde ne autres biens ne m mes seulement xx*l*. destlings saunz ascuns ordinaunces ou estatutz s^e ces ordeignes.

To the very honourable and very wise council of our most redoubtable lord sheweth very humbly Thomas Parlet, master of the gild of the Assumption of our Lady of Stokeferye, in the county of Norfolk, that whereas he, amongst others, masters and wardens of guilds and brotherhoods, is, by virtue of a writ, commanded and charged to certify to you the value of the goods and chattels of the said guild, and also the cause of the beginning of the same, with the statutes ordained for it. May it please your most noble discretion to know that the said guild was begun in honour of the Assumption of our Lady two years since, for the increase of divine service and reparation of holy church; and there are not any possessions belonging to the said guild, nor other goods nor but only 20*s*. sterling, without any ordinances or statutes by them yet ordained.

TERRINGTON : ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

No. 17 d.

Ordinacio cujusdam ffnitatis sive gilde ex devoçõe incepte in ecclesia Sçi Johis Bapře de Teryngton.

In honore dei om̄ipotentis ꝛ Sçi Johis Bapře, Johes Sweyn, Adam Martyn, Johes Collesson, Johes Bond, Thomas Hamond, ꝛ Jacobus Balshñ de Teryngton, in festo decollaçõis Sçi Johis Bapře, anno dñi millimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo quarto, in ecclesia Sçi Johis Bapře de Teryngton inceperunt quandam ffnitatem sive gildam ex devoçõe ꝛ in honore Sçi Johis Bapře ꝛ quillꝛ ipoz fratru in prima incepçõe

fr̄nitatis sive gilde dedit unū busellū ordeī in p̄mo anno
 ⁊ sic in quolī anno ad sustentacōem ejusdem fr̄nitatis sive
 gilde qui quidem Jokes Sweyn ⁊ alij elegerunt unū
 Aldermannū gubnatorē eozdem ⁊ custodem fr̄nitatis sive
 gilde p̄dce. Et sic p̄ annos sequentes dca fr̄nitas sive
 gilda p̄ bonam gubnacōem ⁊ incrementū crevit
 ⁊ p̄valebat qđ iidem Aldermann⁹ ⁊ fr̄es sibi ordinauerunt
 quendam p̄sb̄itum ad celebrandū p̄ salubri statu fratrū
 ejusdem fr̄nitatis sive gilde ⁊ p̄ aīabz eozdem cū ab hac
 luce mig^averint ⁊ p̄ statu oīm benefactorū suorū ⁊ aīabz
 oīm fidelīū defunctorū. Et cū aliquis p̄dcoz fratrum obire
 contigīt oīes fr̄es ejusdem fr̄nitatis sive gilde inſesse tenent^r
 exequiīs ejusdem ⁊ missis tam in die sepulture ejusdē q^am
 in Septennarī ⁊ quillī eozdem fratrū unū quadrantem offeret
 ⁊ aliū paupibz elemosina mediante distribuet. Et insup
 in dco festo decollacōis oīes fr̄es p̄dci apud eccliam p̄dčam
 se adunabunt ⁊ ibi oīes insimul in honore dci S̄ci Johis
 offerent unam grossam candelam vocatam torche que quid
 candela singulis dñcis ⁊ diebz festivis ad elevacōem corporis
 ⁊ sanguinis dñi nr̄i ardebit ⁊ inmediate post missam in
 dco festo oīes in quodam certo loco convenient ⁊ simul
 prandebunt ⁊ ibidem ordinabunt p̄ statu sustentacōe ⁊
 emendaōe ac regimine dce frat̄nitatis sive gilde p̄ anno
 sequente. Et insup qñ quis fratrū p̄dcoz obire contigīt
 dca frat̄nitas sive gilda faciet continue triginta missas p̄
 aīa ejusdē defuncti ⁊ aīabz oīm fratrū dce frat̄nitatis
 mortuoz celebrari in eadem ecclia et hæ oīes misse infra
 unū quartium anni pxm postq^am aliquis fr̄m illoz obierit
 fiant sine ulſiore ditone p̄ qua quid celebraōe bona sive
 catalla si que eis ptineant errogabunt^r. Congregaōes neq;
 conventicula non facient nisi tm̄ p̄ ordinaōe dispositōe
 ⁊ melioracōe frat̄nitatis sive gilde p̄dce. Et plura bona
 sive catalla non fient.

Terrington St. John Baptist. The ordinance of a certain

brotherhood or guild begun out of devotion in the church of St. John the Baptist of Teryngton. In honour of Almighty God and St. John Baptist, John Sweyn, Adam Martyn, John Colleson, John Bond, Thomas Hamond, and James Balsham of Teryngton, on the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Baptist, in the year of our Lord 1384, began in the church of St. John Baptist of Teryngton, a certain brotherhood or guild, out of devotion, and in honour of St. John Baptist. And each of the same brethren at the first beginning of the brotherhood or guild gave one bushel of barley in the first year, and similarly in each [following] year, to the support of the same brotherhood or guild. Which said John Sweyn and others chose one alderman for their governor and keeper of the brotherhood or guild aforesaid. And in succeeding years the said brotherhood or guild by good government and increase so grew and prevailed that the said alderman and brethren appointed them a certain priest to celebrate for the good estate of the brethren of the same fraternity or guild, and for the souls of the same when they should depart from this world, and for the good estate of all their benefactors, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. And when any one of the aforesaid brethren shall happen to die all the brethren of the same fraternity or guild are bound to be at his exequies and at the masses, as well on the burial day as on the seventh day, and each of the same brethren shall offer a farthing and shall distribute another immediately to the poor as alms. And furthermore on the said Feast of the Decollation, all the brethren aforesaid shall assemble at the church aforesaid, and there all together, in honour of the said St. John, shall offer one great candle called "torche," which said candle shall burn every Sunday and festival day at the elevation of the Body and Blood of our Lord. And directly after mass on the said festival all shall assemble in some fixed place, and shall dine together, and there shall

make ordinances for the condition, maintenance, amendment, and rule of the said fraternity or guild for the year following. And moreover, when any of the aforesaid brethren shall happen to die, the said fraternity or guild shall cause to be celebrated in the same church a series of thirty masses for the soul of the same deceased, and for the souls of all the deceased brethren of the said fraternity. And all these masses they shall perform within one quarter of a year next after that any of the brethren aforesaid shall die, without any further delay: for which said celebration the goods or chattels, if any belong to them, shall be taken. They will not hold congregations nor private assemblies, save only for the ordering, disposing, and bettering of the brotherhood or guild aforesaid. And more goods or chattels they do not possess.

WIGGENHALL: HOLY TRINITY.

No. 51 b.

Certificatio fundacōis ꝛ regiminis gilde Sçe Trinitatis de Wygnale p Wiſſm Cautyngꝛ, Aldermañ ejusdē. In hon^r of Ihū Crist and his modir Seinte Marie, and at the holy felichip of heven an specialy of the Trinite in qwhom this fr̄nite is begonne be al the conseil of xxxj brethern and sistern for to hold foure mornspeches in the yere in worchip of the Trinite, and in amendement of al holy chirche and helpyng of owre soules, the first mornspeche of Trinite Sunday, the seconde after seint Johanes day in hervest, the thred on Sunday after seint Andrewes day, the fourt on Midlenten Sunday; also that ev̄ich mañ be redy at thys foure days for to paie to the holy Trinites [word torn away] thys is accordē be al the holy brether.

In the yere of Kyng Richard xj this gilde was begonne and thereto in worchip of god and holy cherche William Cautyng, alderman of the forseide gilde and all the bretheren and sistern paien a c̄tein some of selver to leght of Trinite, qwch amont to vjs. ij*d*. Other fundacion no govning is nought in owre gilde.

WYRMEGAY: ANNUNCIATION B.V.M.

No. 42 a.

Certificacio statutoꝝ ⁊ ordinacōnū ac continuacionis ⁊ regiminis fratnitatis sive gilde anunciaōis beate Marie in ecclia s̄ci Michis de Wyrmegey f̄ca coram d̄no Rege in Cancellar^o sua p̄ Jōhem Hyppegame aldermannū fratnitatis p̄d̄ce que sequit^r sub hac forma.

Ad laudem Dei fundata fuit gilda de Anunciaōe beate Marie in ecclia s̄ci Michis de Wyrmegeye in com̄ Norff. Primo p̄ om̄es fratres ⁊ sorores d̄ce gild ordinatū est ad inveniendū unam candelam cere ardentem in ecclia p̄d̄ca quat̄ die festa. Īm qđ si quis fr̄m vel soroz obierit unusq̄sq; fr̄m v̄t sororum faciat celebra^r missam singularit̄ p̄ aīa defuncti. Et qđ aldermanno faciat celebra^r missam p̄ aīa dicti defuncti in cōi. Īm si aliquis fr̄m vel soroz obierit infra decem leucas qđ idem aldermannus ⁊ duo conf̄res ibunt illuc ⁊ facient corpus defuncti sepeli^r de catallis gild si bona p̄pa non sufficiant. Īm qđ unusq̄sq; fr̄m ⁊ soroz offeret ad missam p̄ aīa defuncti q^a ⁊ dabit q^a p̄ elimosina gild p̄d̄ce. Et semel in anno scilicet ad festū anuciaōis beate Marie facient colloquiū in loco honesto p̄ citaōem bedelli ⁊ ibidē de seip̄s eligent unū Aldermannū gilde p̄d̄ce ⁊ alia ejusdem gilde necessar^o ibidem ordinabunt. Et null̄ alias h̄ent constituōes nec statut^o p̄l̄ q^am p̄noīat̄. Et h̄ent catafl̄ p̄ sustentacōe

dictaz elemosinaz ad valenciā xijs. set tenementa seu possessiones non hient.

Sm^a catalloz xijs.

Wyrmegay: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The certificate of the statutes and ordinances, and of the continuance and rule of the fraternity or guild of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary, in the church of St. Michael of Wyrmegay, made before our Lord the King, in his Chancery, by John Hypegame, alderman of the fraternity aforesaid, in the following form. The guild of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary was founded in the church of St. Michael of Wyrmegay, in the county of Norfolk, for the praise of God. First, it is ordained by all the brethren and sisters of the said guild to find a wax candle burning in the church aforesaid, each feast day; also, that if any brother or sister die, each brother or sister singly shall cause a mass to be celebrated for the soul of the deceased; and that the alderman shall cause a mass to be celebrated in common for the soul of the said deceased; also, if any brother or sister die, within ten leagues, that the said alderman and two brethren shall go thither, and shall cause the body of the deceased to be buried at the expense of the guild, if his own goods shall not be sufficient; also, that each of the brethren and sisters shall offer one farthing at mass for the soul of the deceased, and shall give one farthing for the alms of the guild aforesaid: and once in the year, that is to say, at the Feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary, they shall, on being summoned by the beadle, hold a meeting in some fitting place, and there chose an alderman of the said guild, from amongst themselves, and ordain other things necessary for the same gild; and they have no other constitutions nor statutes beyond those above-named; and they have chattels for the maintenance of the said alms to the value of twelve shillings,

but they have no tenements nor possessions. Sum of the chattels, twelve shillings.

WYMONDHAM: ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

No. 35 b.

Certificatio aldermanū ⁊ custodum cujusdam fratnitatis gilde in honore S̄ci Thome Martiris in capella de Wymondham in coñ Norf. ordinate p̄textu b̄ris d̄ni Regis in coñ p̄d̄co inde pelamati p̄ ip̄os aldermannū ⁊ custodes in cancellar̄o ip̄ius d̄ni Regis missa sequit̄ in hec verba.

Ordinatū fuit qđ om̄es fr̄es ⁊ sorores fratnitatis p̄d̄ce convenirent annuatim ad capellam b̄i Thome p̄d̄ci in festo tr̄aslaçois ejusdem m̄aris ad horam t̄ciam diei apportantes solempnif̄ ⁊ devote unam candelam cere ⁊ ibidem finem misse celebrand̄ expectantes ac ex devoçõe quil̄ d̄coz fr̄m ⁊ soroz offeret ob̄ ⁊ dicet quil̄ eoz psaltium b̄e Marie.

Itm̄ qđ om̄es fr̄es ⁊ sorores fratnitatis p̄d̄ce cōvenirent annuatim ad capellam p̄d̄cam die lune p̄x post fr̄m tr̄aslaçois S̄ci Thome m̄aris circa horam t̄ciam h̄entes ibidem missam p̄ defunctis offerentes singuli ejusdem fratnitatis ob̄ ex devoçõe.

It̄ qđ quancūq; contiḡit aliquem d̄coz fr̄m ⁊ soroz obire qđ om̄es fr̄es ⁊ sorores p̄d̄ce fratnitatis exequiis p̄ eodem defuncto int̄essent ⁊ similif̄ ad missam celebrand̄ in crastino p̄ eodem h̄entes circa corpus defuncti duas candelas cere s̄ptibz eoz offerentesq; singuli p̄ aīa defuncti ob̄ ⁊ daret quil̄ eoz in elemosina p̄ aīa ejusdem defuncti ob̄.

Itm̄ qđ si contiḡit aliquem d̄coz fr̄m vel soroz ad inopiam devenire tunc om̄es fr̄es ⁊ sorores fratnitatis p̄d̄ce teñent̄ eundem fr̄em vel sořem de elemosina sua visitare.

Alia bona seu catalla non h̄ent in manibz nec aliquod juramentū p̄t de ordinac̄oibz p̄d̄cis observand̄ int̄ eos nec de confederal̄ unq̄m fec̄m fuit.

Incepit fraternitas gilde p̄d̄ce anno d̄ni miffio centesimo octogesimo septimo.

Gild of Wymondham. The certificate of the alderman and wardens of a certain guild fraternity, ordained in honour of St. Thomas the Martyr, in the chapel of Wymondham, in the county of Norfolk; sent by virtue of a writ of our lord the king, proclaimed in the county aforesaid, into the chancery of the same lord king, follows in these words. It was ordained that all the brethren and sisters of the aforesaid fraternity should meet annually at the chapel of Blessed Thomas aforesaid on the Feast of the Translation¹ of the same martyr, at the third² hour of the day, solemnly and devoutly bearing a wax candle, and there remain until the end of the mass, and each of the said brethren and sisters out of devotion shall offer a halfpenny and say the psalter of Blessed Mary. Also that all the brethren and sisters of the aforesaid fraternity should meet annually at the chapel aforesaid on the Monday next after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, about the third² hour, having there a mass for the dead, and each of the same fraternity devoutly offering one halfpenny. Also that whensoever any brother or sister shall happen to die, that all the brethren and sisters of the aforesaid fraternity shall be present at the exequies for the same, and in like manner at the morrow-mass celebrated for the same, having at their expense about the body of the deceased two wax candles, and each offering a halfpenny and each shall give a halfpenny in alms for the soul of the same deceased. Also if any brother or sister shall happen to come to want, then all the brethren and sisters of the fraternity aforesaid shall be bound to minister charitably to the same brother

¹ July 7th.

² From about nine o'clock a.m. to noon.

or sister. Other goods or chattels they have not in hand, nor any oath beyond that of observing among them the aforesaid ordinances, nor was there ever any oath of confederation made. The brotherhood of the guild aforesaid was begun A.D. 1187.