

time esquire to the aforesaid William Earl of Salisbury, and carried to the said Richard on that day a silk bed with all its furniture of the gift of the said late Earl after the aforesaid baptism: And the aforesaid Walter Danham, of the age of fifty and two years, saith that he well knoweth of his own knowledge the age of the aforesaid Richard the son of John, because he saw the aforesaid Elizabeth la Despenser, on the aforesaid day of the aforesaid birth, give to the said Richard a cup of silver gilt. In testimony whereof the jurors aforesaid have set to this proof their seals. Given on the day, at the place, and in the year above mentioned."

For the information of our non-professional members, I may be pardoned for stating that this inquisition as to the age of Richard le Strange was made for the purpose of enabling him, on proof of his having attained the age of twenty-one years, to obtain livery of his lands out of the hands of his guardian, to whom, by the feudal system, the wardship both of his body and lands had been granted during his minority.

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