

A FOURTEENTH CENTURY "SUBSIDY" LIST FOR STONE.

The document which follows (Subsidy Roll $\frac{2+2}{5}$) is a return for the vill of Stone by the collectors of the quinzisme for the ninth and tenth years of Edward III. (June, 1335, to June, 1337). As it is apparently the sole survivor of its date for the county, it may perhaps be thought of sufficient interest to deserve a page or two of the RECORDS. Early subsidy rolls for Bucks are rare; the great return, however, of the sixth year of the same king is in existence (Subs. Roll $\frac{2+2}{4}$), but its 54 membranes of rather faded writing would mean a heavy task for the transcriber. If some willing martyr could possibly be found to undertake it, a most interesting pamphlet might be added to the Society's publications.

The two Lutons mentioned belong no doubt to the family of the contemporary lords of Hartwell Manor, who were afterwards represented, and their coat quartered, by the Hampdens of Hartwell. Possibly they are brothers of Thomas de Luton, who was of full age in 1300. The Neyrnuits (of Fleet Marston, Pitstone, etc.), one of whose name occurs here, were closely connected with the Lutons even before the marriage of Sir John Neyrnuit with the widow of the Thomas de Luton just mentioned. He held Little Hampden and Hartwell until her death in 1346. They were afterwards represented by the Beauchamps, I think a branch of those of Hatch-Beauchamp in Somerset, for their arms occur under Bucks in the Parliamentary Roll, and they are named with these arms as successors of the Neyrnuits in one of the Visitations (Harl. 1533). The Clarkes of Weston later represented both. Another of their co-heirs brought their coat and some of their acres to the Harveys of Thurleigh, Beds. In Browne Willis's time a fourteenth century shield of theirs remained in one of the windows of Pitstone Church. Some of their early charters are to be found in the Missenden cartulary (Harl. 3688), still, alas! not printed.

The Bracy, St. Clare (Seyntcler, etc.), and Cloville families had long held manors in Stone, and the Marshes (atte Mershe, etc., of Marsh in Kimble) and the Blackstones held smaller properties almost as long. All except the fee of the Bracys were held in the 13th century of the Montchensey barony. Much about all these families, and the parish and church of Stone, is to be found in the Oseney cartulary (Cott. Vitt. E. 15), and the Bodleian Charters (Nos. 157-196 and others). The chief holding of the Clovilles, long before and after this time, was at West Hanningfield in Essex, held of the same lords as their half fee at Stone. Many interesting monuments to them remain in the church there, and in the fifteenth-century "Military" Roll of Arms (Harl. 4205, fo. 14a) there is a quaint figure of one of them jousting in "harness" which is quite extravagantly armorial. He is labelled "Cloffevylle," and his arms are two black chevrons on silver, with five nails of gold (*clou, clarus*) upon each.

Pentelawe, another name in the subsidy, also hails from Essex, and the St. Clares held many lands there and in Kent of the Montchenseys. Their names continually appear with those of the Clovilles in Montchensey Charters. Even in the twelfth century both families held fees of Walter de Meduana, the predecessor of the Montchenseys in the Talbot barony, and their names occur as witnesses to at least one of his deeds (P.R.O. Anc. Deed 819). The Montchensey name, by the way, which is written de Monte Canisio, de Munchensi, etc., is consistently and most perversely printed Montchesney throughout the Victoria History. I have never met with it in such a form, and believe that it has nothing whatever to do with *oaks*, but is simply the name of a group of hills, still called Mont Canisy, close to the coast of the dépt. of Calvados, near la Touques. The fate of old French *c + a* is not uniform in English, nor indeed in French, in dialect and place-names.

Few of the rest of the names in the list are to be found in the Registers of the parish, but Farmborough and Coles are remarkable exceptions.

Collectio quintedecime concessa Domino Regi in pca (?) de villata de Stone, per Johannem de Luttone, Willelmum de Clouuille et Ricardum Palmer, Anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum Nono et decimo (sic), per visum Johannis de Bracy, Willelmi de Luton, Ricardi Neyrnuyt, Roberti Blacston et Galfridi Wysman clerici; unde una pars indenture remanet penes predictum Johannem de Bracy, et altera pars penes collectores supradictos.

de domino Egidio vicario	...	...	...	...	ii s.
de Johanne de Bracy	...	...	...	...	v s.
de Johanna de Seynteler	...	...	...	...	v s.
de Thoma de Pentelawe	...	...	...	...	iii j s.
de Willelmo de Lutone	...	...	...	...	xviii d.
de Ricardo Neyrnuyt	...	...	...	...	ii s. vi d.
de Ricardo de Mersch	...	...	...	...	ii s.
de Hugone atte Chaumbre	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Edmundo de Reynham	...	...	...	...	iiii s.
de Willelmo Hemmyng	...	...	...	...	ii s. vjd.
de Willelmo Henry	...	...	...	...	iii s. iii d.
de Rogero de Suthcote	...	...	...	...	iiii s.
de Alicia de Suthcote	...	...	...	...	xviii d.
de Matilda atte Welle	...	...	...	...	xvi d.
de Johanne Moder	...	...	...	...	xvj d.
de Margeria Moder	...	...	...	...	xiii d.
de Willelmo Moder	...	...	...	...	xvi d.
de Willelmo Martyn	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Roberto Blacston	...	...	...	...	ii s. vi d.
de Matilda Blacston	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Willelmo atte Well	...	...	...	...	iii s.
de Thoma atte Temple	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Stephano Colles	...	...	...	...	viii d.
de Johanne Richard	...	...	...	...	ij s.
de Johanne de Crannford	...	...	...	...	xx d.
de Willelmo Fulk	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Johanna Fulk	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Ricardo Cobbe	...	...	...	...	xviii d.
de Johanne Taillour	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Johanne Fulk	...	...	...	...	xii d.
de Johanne Steuenes	...	...	...	...	x d.
de Stephano Melkwhyte	...	...	...	...	x d.
de Johanne Sewy	...	...	...	...	x d.
de Ricardo Sewy	...	...	...	...	ii s.

de Hugone Purchas	... ..	x d.
de Johanne de Brackele	... ..	xviii d.
de Johanne filio Willelmi atte Welle	... ..	x d.
de Willelmo Godefere	... ..	x d.
de Willelmo Meleward	... ..	ii s. vj. d.
de Johanne de Broughtone	... ..	viii d.
de Alicia Wysman	... ..	ii s. ii d.
de Agnete Waryn	... ..	viii d.
de Galfride le Roos	... ..	vi d.
de Roberto Martyn	... ..	ii s. vi d.
de Emma Martyn	... ..	xx d.
de Ricardo Clarice	... ..	xviii d.
de Roberto Dyngacote	... ..	xviii d.
de Willelmo de Farnburgh	... ..	ii s. ii d.
de Willelmo de Hadenham	... ..	vs.
de Johanne Wattes	... ..	viii d.
de Willelmo Cilote	... ..	vi d.
de Johanna Meyn	... ..	xvi d.
de Ricardo Wattes	... ..	ii s.
de Ricardo Nanegar (or Nauigar)	... ..	xvi d.
de Johanne Nanegar	... ..	xx d.
de Johanne de Hastings	... ..	xii d.
de Thoma Meyn	... ..	x d.
de Agnete Barttelot	... ..	viii d.
de Simone le Whyte	... ..	viii d.
de Ricardo le Cook	... ..	vi d.
de Willelmo Blanchard	... ..	vi d.
de Willelmo Steuenes	... ..	vi d.
de Johanne Perkyn	... ..	viii d.
de Roberto atte Coumbe	... ..	viii d.
Collectores	{ de Johanne de Luton	... .. xii d.
	{ de Willelmo de Clouuille	... .. xii d.
	{ de Ricardo Palmer	... .. xiii d.
Summa ⁽¹⁾		C.vi.s.viii d.

(1) The total is, as usual, incorrect, being too little by thirteence.

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