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ADDENDUM, PAGE XIV. PREFACE.

Since this volume was printed, my friend Mr. W. H. St. John Hope, Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries, has pointed out to me the interesting fact that the matrix of the fourteenth century seal of the Chapter was found near Sudbury, Suffolk, in the early part of the century. It was engraved in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, in 1848 (vol. xxx., p. 134), where there is a good account of its discovery. On this engraving the legend is perfectly clear, and the termination of the inscription is:—LYCHFELD' AD CAS; that is, that the seal was used *ad causas*, or for causes ecclesiastical. It is much to be hoped that this interesting seal may find its way back to the custody of the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield.

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The William Salt Archaeological Society.

GENERAL MEETING, 19TH OCTOBER, 1886.

The Eighth General Meeting of the Subscribers was held at the William Salt Library, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 19th October, 1886, The Right Hon. Lord Wrottesley in the Chair. There were also present: Mr. N. Joyce, Mayor of Stafford, The Dean of Lichfield, Major-General the Hon. G. Wrottesley, Major-General Edmund Manningham-Buller, Mr. Thomas Salt, M.P., Mr. Francis Whitgreave, Captain Congreve, the Rev. F. P. Parker, the Rev. W. Beresford, Mr. J. C. Tildesley, Mr. Robert Fenton, Mr. Joseph Naylor, Mr. W. H. Duignan, Mr. J. H. Stone, Mr. J. Edge, Mr. T. J. de' Mazzinghi, and others.

The President detailed the steps which had been taken to procure the original MS. by Walter Chetwynd, of the History of Pirehill Hundred, and the ineffectual search which had been made for it at Ingestre, by permission of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who, upon the failure of his agent to find the MS. in question, had placed at the disposal of the Society the original collections which had been made by Walter Chetwynd for the history in question. The President finished by proposing a vote of thanks to the Earl, which was carried unanimously.

The following Report of the Editorial Committee was read to the Meeting by the Honorary Secretary:—

The Editorial Committee submit to the Council and Subscribers a report of their operations during the past year:—

Part I. of the Sixth Volume of the Transactions of the Society was issued to the subscribers in the early part of this year, and the Second Part was completed and issued in June last. The printing of Vol. VII. is well advanced, and it will be probably in the hands of subscribers before the close of the present year. The contents consist of extracts from the Plea

Rolls between the 21st year of Edward I. and the close of the same reign, and the Subsidy Roll of the 1st year of Edward III. These comprise Part I. of the Volume, and have been collected and edited by the Honorary Secretary; Part II. of the Volume will contain the History of the Family of Swynnerton of Swynnerton, and of the younger branches of the same family which settled at Hilton and Butterton. This has been compiled for the Society by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Bridgeman. As the funds at present available will not admit of the issue of a double volume within the same financial year, the above will be bound together and issued to the subscribers as a single volume.

The Editorial Committee having decided at their meeting of last year to print Walter Chetwynd's History of Pirehill Hundred, if the permission of the Earl of Shrewsbury could be obtained for that purpose, the President of the Society addressed a letter to the Earl shortly after the date of the last General Meeting, informing His Lordship of the wish of the Society, and at the same time asking him for the loan of the original MS. now at Ingestre, in order to compare it with a copy in the William Salt Library. Lord Shrewsbury acceded very courteously to this application, and ordered his agent to send to the William Salt Library any of his ancestors' collections which might be required for the Transactions of the Society. The original MS. of the History of Pirehill Hundred cannot unfortunately be found at present, but in pursuance of the Earl's instructions, his agent has sent to this Library Walter Chetwynd's collections for the above work, which are in some respects more valuable than the History itself, as they contain the transcripts of the ancient deeds on which the work was based. The Rev. F. Parker has undertaken to copy and arrange this material for the Society, and to edit the proposed printed edition of the History of the Hundred. It is expected that, with the material now available, he will be able to produce a volume which will form a very complete History of the most important of the Staffordshire Hundreds.

It having been decided to commemorate in the present month the 800th anniversary of the completion of the Domesday Survey the Royal Historical Society issued a circular early in the present year to the various learned and archæological societies of England, requesting them to appoint two or three delegates from each Society to serve on the Commemoration Committee. The members of the William Salt Society who

have consented to act in this capacity are the Dean of Lichfield, the Rev. Ernald Lane, and Mr. Mazzinghi. The Commemoration takes place at the close of the present month, in London, and will take the form of a series of meetings for the reading of a certain number of papers on the Domesday Survey, and their subsequent publication. The correspondence respecting the proposed Commemoration has been laid on the table for the information of the present Meeting, but all the material part of it has appeared already in the public papers.

The Honorary Auditor, Captain Congreve, brought to the notice of the Meeting the accounts of the Society, which showed a deficit against them of upwards of £54. To meet this deficit it was decided, after some discussion, to reduce the bulk of future volumes, but to make no change in the forthcoming Volume, No. VII., about to be issued to the subscribers.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Contributors and Officers of the Society, the Meeting broke up.

William Salt Archaeological Society.

BALANCE SHEET OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR FROM
SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1885, TO SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1886.

(In respect of Vols. I., II., III., IV., V., and VI.)

	£	s.	d.		Dr.	£	s.	d.
Ct.								
By arrears on Vols. I., II., and III., as per last account	19	19	0			33	17	10
Still unpaid	19	19	0					
Vol. II., one new Subscriber		1	1	0	By Balance from last year's accounts.. .. .			
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Two new Subscribers.. .. .		1	1	0	December 12th, 1885. To Mr. G. Sutton, for making Index to Part I., Vol. VI.	8	16	0
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Five additional copies to subscribers	214	4	0		September 22nd, 1886. To Mr. G. Sutton, for making Index to Part II., Vol. VI.	4	0	0
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(Signed) W. CONGREVE, *Hon. Auditor.*

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

I.—That the Society be called the “WILLIAM SALT ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.”

II.—The leading object of the Society shall be the editing and printing of original documents relating to the County of Stafford, to which, however, may be added papers selected by an Editorial Committee, illustrative of the same, or coming under any of the eight following heads:—

- (a) Abstracts of the Monastic Chartularies, and of Ancient Family Deeds, with the names of witnesses and fac-similies of seals; Genealogies of Nobility and Gentry (accompanied by proofs), Heraldic Visitations, and other papers touching the general history and descent of properties and families.
- (b) Printing and editing of the Public Records relating to the County, including the Exchequer or Pipe Rolls, the Assize Rolls, Fine Rolls, Inquisitions, Perambulations of Forests, Subsidy Rolls, and Assessments, &c., &c.
- (c) History of Parishes and of Manors, and of Manorial Customs and Tenures, illustrated by Copies of, or reference to, original grants.
- (d) Church Notes hitherto unpublished, such as Ecclesiastical Surveys, Extracts from Episcopal and Parish Registers, Copies of Epitaphs, and Description of Monuments and Ecclesiastical Buildings, Abstracts or Copies of Wills, &c.
- (e) Notices of British and Roman Remains, and Roads and Buildings, and the Antiquities generally of the District.
- (f) Autograph Letters and other Documents relating to the Civil War.
- (g) Notices of distinguished Worthies, Broad-sides, Election Squibs, &c.
- (h) Correspondence, in which enquiries may be made and answered, on any of the above subjects, and miscellaneous information, including corrections of errors.

III.—The general affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council of ten, of whom five shall be trustees of the William Salt Library, and nominated by them, from time to time, and five shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Subscribers. The Council shall be empowered to delegate, if they see fit, the selection of the papers to be printed, to an Editorial Committee. Of the Council, three shall be a quorum, and in case of equality of votes, their Chairman shall have a casting vote.

IV.—The Officers of the Society shall be a Treasurer, a Secretary, and an Auditor, to be appointed by the Council. These Offices shall be honorary, but the Council shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary to be paid at the discretion of the Council, as the nature of his duties may warrant.

V.—The Subscription shall be One Guinea annually, to be paid in advance, upon the first of January in each year, and such annual payment shall entitle each Subscriber to the volume issued for the year of such subscription. Any Subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw from the Society by giving notice of his intention three months before the termination of any year of Subscription.

N.B.—To save trouble, it is recommended that the Members of the Society pay their subscriptions to the Society's bankers by revocable order upon their own bankers, a printed form for which may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE preface to the Plea Rolls in Vol. VI., Part I., of these Collections carried the sketch given of the History of the Law as far as the Statute of "*Quia emptores*" of the 18th year of Edward I. Between this year and the end of the reign of this Sovereign, the only Statutes of any importance are the confirmations of the Great Charter, and of the Charter of the Forest, in the 25th and 28th years of Edward I.

The general discontent produced by the arbitrary conduct of the King, and the heavy burdens thrown upon all classes for the support of the King's warlike policy, culminated at length into open resistance to the Royal authority at the period of the proposed expedition to Flanders in 1297. A large body of the Barons refused to accompany the King, on the ground that they were not bound to serve him beyond the seas, and they shortly afterwards delivered to him a formal remonstrance complaining of the violation of Magna Charta and of the Charter of the Forests, and demanding a confirmation of the two Charters, and a renunciation of the King's claim to impose aids and tallages without the consent of Parliament. The dissensions between the King and his subjects continued for nearly three years, but the firm attitude assumed by the Barons, and the necessities of the King's position arising from the number of his foreign enemies, at length prevailed, and after a fruitless effort on the King's part to introduce the words, "*salvo jure coronæ nostræ,*" in the 28th year of his reign, he affixed the Great Seal of England to an absolute confirmation of the great and lesser Charters without any reservation of the Royal prerogative.

The historian Hume goes very fully into these transactions, following closely the text of Walter Hemingford's chronicle; but

the first writer who showed a full appreciation of their importance is Hallam, who, in his "Constitutional History," styles the confirmation of the Charters by Edward I. one of the pillars of the English Constitution. In this statute the King renounced for himself and his heirs for ever all claim to make aids and tallages without the assent of the whole realm (*par commun assent de tut le royaume*), saving the ancient aids and prises due and accustomed, which would be the aids such as scutage due by tenure, and the prises for the King's household or royal fortresses. This is the first mention in the Statute Book of a renunciation of right to levy taxes without the assent of Parliament. There had been a similar renunciation in the Great Charter of King John, but it had been omitted in the revised Charter issued by Henry III.

This statute, being in the form of a charter, was sealed with the Great Seal at Ghent in Flanders on 5th November, in the 25th year of his reign. Complaints, however, having been made that the Charter was not observed, an additional Act, known as the *Articuli super Chartas*, was passed in 28 E. I. In these additional articles the King remits all his anger against Humfrey de Bohun, the Constable, Roger Bigod, the Earl Marshal, and all the other Earls, Barons, Knights, and others, and also the tenants of land to the yearly value of £20 who had not obeyed his summons to pass over into Flanders. The same articles also contained a provision that three Knights should be elected in every county to redress all acts done against the Great Charter and the Charter of the Forest.

In pursuance of these articles, a close writ was directed to the Sheriff of Staffordshire, dated from Westminster, 27th March, 1300, directing him to cause three Knights of the county to be elected, who were to appear before the King and Council at York on the morrow of the Ascension (20th May), to perform whatsoever should be enjoined of them for the better performance of the Great Charter and the Charter of the Forests.

By Letters Patent dated from St. Edmunds on the 10th May following, William de Stafford, Robert de Pype, and William de Wrottesleye, were appointed Justiciaries for the due observance of the articles contained in the Great Charter and the Statute of Winchester, within the county of Stafford, and to hear and determine all pleas and complaints arising thereon.

In describing this Court of three Knights, which were elected by the freeholders of each county, to hear and determine offences

against the two Charters, Hume observes: "Three Knights were appointed to be chosen in each county, and were invested with the power of punishing, by fine and imprisonment, every transgression or violation of the Charters, a precaution which, though it was soon disused, as encroaching too much on the Royal prerogative, proves the attachment which the English, in that age, bore to liberty, and their well grounded jealousy of the disposition of Edward I."

One of the consequences of these disputes between the King and his Barons, was the perambulations of the forests of 28 E. I., which have been given in Part I. of Vol. V. of these Collections, the object being to define the bounds of the jurisdiction of the forest officers.

The Statute of Winchester was enacted in 1285 for the better security of the subject, and the more prompt pursuit and capture of felons. It directed that the hue and cry, the *hutesium et clamor*, should be made in all County Courts, Hundred Courts, markets, fairs, or other places where there was great resort of people, so that none might excuse himself out of ignorance. Inquisitions were to be made when necessary by the lord of the vill, and afterwards in the Hundred and County, and in two or more counties in the case of felonies committed in the marches of shires, so that the offenders might be attainted. If the county would not answer for the bodies of such offenders, the people of the county were to be responsible for the robberies committed and the *damages sustained*, so that the whole Hundred where the robbery was committed should be answerable. The Hundred was to have only forty days allowed them to agree for the damages or answer for the bodies of the robbers. It is upon this provision of the Statute of Winchester that the right has originated that compensation might be recovered against the Hundred for loss sustained by a breach of the peace.

It was also enacted that in walled towns the gates should be closed from sunset till sunrise, and that watches were to be kept, as had been used in former times, viz., in every walled town six men at each gate; in every borough twelve men; in every vill six or four, according to the number of the inhabitants; and these were to watch continually from sunset till sunrise. If any stranger passed by, the watch was to arrest him till the morning, and if any suspicion appeared, he was to be delivered to the Sheriff. If anyone resisted the arrest, hue and cry was to be raised, and those

who kept watch were to follow the hue and cry from town to town till the offender was taken.¹

It was directed that highways should be cleared from woods, bushes or dykes for two hundred feet on each side of the road, in order to prevent malefactors from lurking there, but ash and oak and other large trees were not to be felled to make a clearance. If a park was made by the side of a highway, it was to be at the distance of two hundred feet, or such a wall or fence was to be made that malefactors might not come out to commit offences and then escape back again. It was further ordered that every man should have harness and arms according to his degree and the ancient assize of arms.

In the 28th year of Edward I. was likewise passed the Statute of "Wards and Reliefs," which seems to be nothing more than a declaration of the common law upon those subjects. It states that whenever a relief was given, wardship was incident to the tenure, and the contrary; and that in all tenures by *sergeanty* with an obligation to go with the King when under arms, wardship and marriage were an incident thereto; but that those who held by *petit sergeanty* should not be liable for wardship, marriage, nor relief; that a free sokeman was not to give ward nor relief, but was to pay double rent after the death of an ancestor, or according to what he had been accustomed to pay to his lord. As regards wards, it declared that the wardship and marriage of a tenant by Knight's service belonged to the lord till the heir was 21 years of age, and that the marriage, as ordained by Magna Charta was to be without disparagement, and that in the case of a tenure by soccage, the wardship of the heir, if the land descended *ex parte matris*, belonged to the nearest relative on the father's side, and so *vice versâ*. In the event of an heir holding by Knight's service of more than one lord, the wardship belonged to the lord who made the first feoffment.

¹ The hue and cry was raised by the blowing of a horn, and the horn thus became a common symbol of jurisdiction. See on this subject a very interesting account of the Tutbury Horn, by the Rev. Dr. Charles Cox, in the last volume (January, 1886) of the Derbyshire Archæological Society. Note also the proceedings in the suit of Richard de Bentley *versus* Philip de Montegomeri, at p. 255, Vol. VI., and the proceedings when William de Parles raised the hue and cry in the suit at p. 174 of Vol. IV., of these Collections.

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 21 EDWARD I.

Salop. In the suit of William le Botiler of Wemme, against Walter de Hopton for waste and destruction in Wemme, a jury stated that Walter had cut down twenty oak trees, worth 2s. each, after the death of Matilda his wife. William is therefore to recover their treble value according to statute. Damages £6. *m.* 34.

Salop. William brother and heir of Gawan le Botiler withdrew his writ against Walter de Hopton for waste and destruction in Hynestoke. *m.* 34.

Staff. The suit of the King *versus* Thomas Corbet, for free warren and wayf in Kyngesbromlegh, was adjourned to Hillary term, 22 Edward I., to enable Thomas to produce his charter. *m.* 35.

Staff. The suit of the King *versus* Richard de Loges, for the manor of Great Wirlegh, was adjourned to the morrow of All Souls, to be heard before the King. A postscript states that Richard de Breteville the King's attorney appeared on that date, and testified that Richard was dead. The writ was therefore discharged, and the King's attorney was ordered to carry on the suit against the existing tenant of the manor. *m.* 36.

Staff. William brother and heir of Gawan le Botiler withdrew his writ against Walter de Hopton for causing waste and destruction in Alkementon (Amington).

Staff. Hugh de Otteleye sued William son of Robert de Staundon, Magister Thomas and Warine, the brothers of Robert de Staundon, and Maddoc le Waleys for a trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest them and produce them at the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 11, *dorso*.

CORAM REGE ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 21 EDWARD I.

Staff. In the suit of *Quo warranto* against Hugh le Blund, who claimed pleas of the Crown and other franchises in Penkriz, Hugh stated that he and his ancestors had held the said liberties from time out of memory, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury of twenty-four, of which six are to be Knights girt with the sword, to be *coram Rege ubicunque, etc.*, at the Octaves of Trinity next. *m.* 37.

Staff. In the suit of the King *versus* Edmund the King's brother, respecting the advowsons of Wolstanton and Stoke, the attorney of Edmund pleaded that the said vills belonged to the manor and Castle of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and that King Henry the King's father had granted to Edmund and the heirs of his body the said manor of Newcastle, with the vill and castle and all advowsons of churches pertaining to the said manor, and he appealed to the records of the Chancery of 51 H. III. The King's attorney denied that the advowsons formed a part of the gift, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury of twenty-four as in the last suit, for the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 38.

Staff. In the suit of *Quo warranto* against the Dean and Chapter of Penkryz, who claimed view of frankpledge, assize of bread and beer, and infongenthef in Penkryz and More, the Dean and Chapter pleaded they

had held the said liberties from time out of memory, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 43.

Staff. In the suit of *Quo warranto* against Hugh de Audeleye and Isolda his wife, who claimed pleas of the Crown and other franchises in Arleye, Hugh and Isolda appeared in Court and stated they held the said manor for the life of Isolda of the inheritance of Edmund de Mortimer, without whom they cannot answer to the writ. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon Edmund, who came and stated that one John de Burgo held the said manor with the said liberties, and which were in use during his time, and John gave the manor with the said liberties to Robert Burnel, who conveyed the manor to the present King, and the King had granted it with the same liberties to Letard de Heny, and Letard, with the King's permission, gave it to Roger de Mortimer the father of Edmund, and they stated he and his father and all who had held the manor had held the said liberties with it from time out of memory, and they appealed to a jury. Hugh and Isolda afterwards produced the Charter of King Edward, dated the fourth year of his reign, granting permission to Letard de Heny and heirs to sell the manor to Roger de Mortimer, to be held of the King *in capite* for the service of one Knight's fee. The King's attorney pleaded that the said liberties pertained to the Crown, and could not be annexed to a manor so as to pass with it, and the case is adjourned to Trinity term, 22 E. I., reference to be made to the King in the interim. *m.* 43.

Staff. William de Epwell the *custos* of William le Botiler sued Walter de Hopton for causing waste and destruction in the inheritance of William in Alkementon and Blore, by cutting down one hundred oaks worth 40*d.* each, between the 15th year of the King's reign and the date of the writ, viz., 15th July, 21 E. I. Walter denied the waste, and appealed to a jury, and the Sheriff was ordered to make inquisition on the spot. A postscript states that the Sheriff returned the inquisition at Easter, 22 E. I., by which it appeared that Walter within the term specified had cut down one hundred and forty oaks, each worth 12*d.*, in the woods of Alkementon and Blore, viz., in Le Rowenhey and Knolles, and throughout the wood in various places as far as Colebrok, and he had also given four oaks to the men of the country and the King's bailiffs, each worth 18*d.* It is therefore considered that William should recover triple damages according to statute, viz., £32 8*s.* *m.* 45.

Salop. The same William recovered £18 8*s.* 6*d.* for waste and destruction caused by Walter de Hopton at Hynstoke. *m.* 45.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to raise 10 marks from the goods and chattels of John son of John fitz Philip, for a debt owing to the estate of Robert, lately Bishop of Bath and Wells, and he returned that he held the sum *penes se.* He is therefore ordered to pay it into Court at the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 48.

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 21 E. I.

Staff. Magister Elyas de Napton, parson of the Church of Eccleshale, sued Peter son of Reginald de Stapeleye for half a carucate of land in Eccleshale as the right of his Church, and of which his predecessor Andrew de Derby was seised as of fee and in right of his Church in the time of King Richard. Peter appeared by attorney and took exception to the writ, because the land was in Joniston (Johnstone) and not in Eccleshale, and because Cecilia formerly wife to Reginald de Stapeleye, held a third part of the tenement in dower, and held it on the day the writ was sued out, viz., 6th May, 21 E. I. It afterwards appeared that Peter was under age, and the suit is to remain till his full age *m.* 120.

Staff. Ralph de Kersewelle and Margaret his wife sued William Germain of Fenton-Culverd for a third of two parts of two messuages and of two parts of two bovates of land in Fenton-Culverd, which they claimed as dower of Margaret. William did not appear, and had previously made default at Trinity term. Ralph and Margaret are therefore to recover seisin. *m.* 130.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of John de Acovere sued Henry son of William fitz Herbert for a third of a messuage, three carucates of land, a water mill, thirty acres of meadow, one hundred and fifty acres of wood, and £10 of rent in Acovere (Okeover) as her dower. Henry called to warranty Roger son and heir of John de Acovere, who is under age and in ward to Margaret, and whose land is in the custody of William de Monte Gomery; and he produced a deed of the said John the father which testified that John the father had given the said tenements to the said Henry with a clause of warranty. The custodians are therefore to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary, on which day Margaret is to produce the heir in Court. *m.* 152.

Staff. Roger de Levynton and Petronilla his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ against the Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford for a rent of 2s. 11d. in Cherleton, the suit is dismissed. Their sureties John fitz Elias of Cherleton, and Robert Tunny of Stafford are *in misericordia*.

Staff. John de Arderne sued Magister Adam de Walton, Canon of the Church of St. Cedde of Lychefeld, for four and a half acres of meadow in Elleford. Adam took exception to the writ, because he held a certain dignity in the Church, viz., that of precentor, and which ought to have been stated in it. John obtained permission to withdraw his writ. *m.* 199.

Staff. Cecilia formerly wife of Henry de Wyvereston sued Magister Richard Crambel and Pavia his wife, and Roes sister of Pavia, for a third of five messuages, two carucates and a half of land, six acres of meadow, fifty acres of wood, eight acres of pasture, and 47s. of rent in Befcote; and she sued Henry de Wyvereston for a third of five messuages, a carucate of land, a mill, and 22s. 4d. of rent in Wyvereston (Worston) as her dower. The defendants appeared, and Henry called to warranty for the dower claimed against him, Richard Crambel, Pavia, and Roes, who are to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary; and Magister Richard, Pavia, and Roes pleaded that Cecilia was not entitled to dower, because she had not been lawfully married to Henry. A mandate was therefore sent to the Bishop to make inquisition into the facts, and return it at the same date. A postscript states that the Bishop returned that the said Henry and Cecilia had been lawfully married. Cecilia is therefore to recover dower.

The same Cecilia sued Joan the daughter of Roger de Assheley for a third of a toft and thirty acres of land in Befcote, and she sued William son of Adam de Cotes and Margaret his wife for a third of 5s. of rent in the same vill. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hands, and re-summon them for the Quindene of Hillary.

Staff. The Abbot of St. Ebrulph, John Asser, and two others, were summoned by William Iracle of Stafford for an illegal distress; and he stated they had taken two horses and two oxen belonging to him, and driven them to the Abbot's manor of Onne, and for which he claimed 40s. damages. The Abbot answered for all the defendants, and stated that William held of him a tenement in Forthyate by fealty and the service of 40d. and suit at his Court of Forthyate and Merston (Marston) every three weeks, and because 4d. of his rent was in arrear, he had taken a horse, and because he had made default at the Court of Merston, he had taken another horse, and as regards the oxen, that William had been elected in Court to collect the rent of Forthyate, and of which service the Abbot was in seisin by the hands of Geoffrey Iracle the

father of William ; and as the rent was in arrear through the default of William, he had taken two oxen as was lawful. William stated he held his tenement of the Abbot by the service of 40*d.* and fealty and three appearances annually in the Abbot's Court of Merston, and no service was in arrear at the date of the distress. A jury is to be summoned at five weeks from Easter. *m.* 230.

Derb. The Sheriff had been ordered to take Richard de Draycote, Knight, and detain him in the King's prison till he had satisfied a debt of £11 16*s.* 8*d.* which he had acknowledged to owe to Ralph de Croppil before Michael the jeweller, Mayor of Nottingham, and John de Rempeston, the King's Clerk, deputed to take recognizances of merchants ; and he returned that Richard resided in co. Stafford, and held land there sufficient to satisfy the claim. The Sheriff of Stafford is therefore commanded, etc. (as before). *m.* 235.

Staff. Robert Bek sued Richard son of Philip de Draycote for causing waste and destruction in lands of his inheritance in Tene and Hopton, and which Richard held by the courtesy of England. The Sheriff was ordered to attach Richard for the morrow of the Purification. (A postscript shows successive adjournments of the suit up to Michaelmas, 22 E. I.). *m.* 228, *dorso.*

Staff. The King sued Hugh le Blund for a messuage and two carucates of land, excepting sixty acres of land and six of meadow in Penkeryz (Penkridge), by writ of right, and of which Henry the King's great-grandfather had been seised, etc. ; and Hugh le Blund stated that Walter Huse had granted all his land in Penceryz to Andrew le Blund his father, and he called to warranty John son and heir of John Husee, the heir of the said Walter, who was under age. Hugh le Louthier the King's attorney stated John was of full age, and the Sheriff had been ordered to produce him at this term ; and John son of John Husee now appeared, and was of full age, and warranted the tenements to Hugh le Blund and defended his right, and put himself on a jury in the place of the King's great assize (*et ponit se in juratam patrie loco magne assise domini Regis*). Adjourned to the morrow of the Purification. *m.* 208, *dorso.*

Warw. The Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford and Thomas de Standon the executors of the will of Roes de Standon, sued John de Montefort for 70 marks. John appeared, and the Prior had permission to withdraw his suit, because Thomas his co-executor had died. *m.* 136, *dorso.*

Staff. Matilda, formerly wife of John son of Adam de Norton sued William son of Juliana de Homerwich and Alice his wife for a third of half a virgate of land in Homerwich (Hammerwich) as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hands. *m.* 101, *dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 22 E. I.

Staff. Hervey Bagot was summoned by Robert son of John Moryz, in a plea that he should acquit him of the service which Edmund son of Nicholas de Stafford exacted of him for the free tenement which he holds of the said Hervey in Ricardescote (Rickerscote), and of which Hervey, who is mesne lord (*medius*) between them, ought to acquit him ; and he stated that he held of the said Hervey a messuage and two carucates of land in Ricardescote by homage and fealty, and the service of 10*s.* yearly for all service ; and the said Edmund distrained him to do suit to his Court at Stafford every three weeks, and he claimed 100*s.* as damages. Hervey appeared by attorney and acknowledged he ought to acquit the said Robert of the service. *m.* 73.

Staff. Matilda formerly wife of William de Declinge sued Richard de Adenbrok for a third of ten acres of land and fifteen of moor in Rouleye

(Rowley Regis), and she sued Richard de Salughtley for a third of ten acres of land and fifteen of moor in the same vill as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and summon them for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 78.

Warw. Robert son of Henry de Northampton sued Robert de Hastang and John his son for a debt of 6 marks. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 151.

Staff. Ermegarda formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur sued William de Mortimer and Alianora his wife for a third of a messuage and carucate of land in Flyteleye and Legh which she claimed as dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and summon them for Easter term. *m.* 157, *dorso.*

Staff. Richard de Bissupestone, clerk, appeared against William son of Reyner de Bissoppeston in a plea that he should warrant to him a messuage and half a virgate of land in Bissoppeston (Bishton) which he holds and claims to hold of him. William did not appear, and is to be attached for Trinity term. *m.* 129, *dorso.*

Staff. Adam de Mukleston appeared against Richard de Sonbach in a plea that he should warrant to him six acres and a half of land in Legh which he claims to hold of him. Richard did not appear, and a day was given to him by an *essoin de servitio Regis*, after he had been distrained. Adam is therefore to recover 20s. for his expenses according to statute. *m.* 125, *dorso.*

Staff. William son of Adam de Chetewynde sued Richard son of Henry de Prestwode for causing waste and destruction in houses, woods, etc., in Prestwode near Hascote, which William had demised to him for the life of Richard. Richard did not appear, and is to be attached for Trinity Term. *m.* 122, *dorso.*

Staff. Robert le Mareschal appeared against Roger de Pywelesdon and Joan his wife, and Gilbert son of Geoffrey de Aston, in a plea that whereas the said Robert, Roger and Joan, and Gilbert receive the issues of a certain mill in Aston near Stanes by equal portions, and the mill was destroyed (*dirrutum*), the said Roger, Joan, and Gilbert refused to contribute to re-establish it. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for Trinity term. *m.* 74, *dorso.*

Staff. Stephen de Elmedon sued Walter de Elmedon for a messuage and a virgate of land, ten acres of wood, twenty acres of pasture, and 10s. of rent in Huntedon (Huntingdon), by writ of right. Walter appeared by attorney, and with permission of the Court gave up the tenements. Stephen is therefore to recover seisin, and Walter is *in misericordiâ*, because he had at first refused to give them up. *m.* 63, *dorso.*

Staff. Alan de Threngreston and Elena his wife sued Richard de Mortimer for the third of a messuage in Lichefeld as dower of Elena by the dotation of her first husband. Richard stated that John her first husband was never in seisin of the messuage as of fee, and appealed to a jury. A post-script states that at Michaelmas term, 24 E. I., a jury came who stated that John de Camvill, the first husband of Elena, was not seised of the messuage in fee, and could not endow her out of it. Alan and Elena are therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m.* 25, *dorso.*

Kanc. *Staff.* Richard de Wolvernehamton appeared against Ralph de Hengham in a plea that he should warrant to him a messuage, a mill, and a carucate of land in Sundresshe in co. Kent, which John Huberd claimed against him. Ralph did not appear, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to take into the King's hand, land belonging to him to the value of the land claimed; and as the value was not known, the Sheriff of Kent was

ordered to return its value. A postscript states that the Sheriff of Kent returned its value at Easter, 22 E. I., and the return was challenged by Richard as being below the true value of the land, and the Sheriff was ordered to return it again at Michaelmas term 22 E. I., at which date the Sheriff returned the value at 39s. 10*d.* The Sheriff of Staffordshire is therefore ordered to take land of Ralph's to that value into the King's hand, and to summon them for Easter term 23 E. I. *m.* 15, *dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. HILLARY, 22 E. I.

Staff. A mandate had been sent to the Sheriff that whereas Henry de Wyverston has acknowledged before the Justices Itinerant, 21 E. I., that he owed Laurence de Lodelawe 76s. 4*d.*, and which should have been paid at the Feast of the Annunciation, 21 E. I., and the Prior of Duddele acknowledged he owed to the same £10, and William de Coueleye acknowledged he owed the same 38s. 8*d.*, and Richard son of Thomas de Oldinton, Richard Brid, and William Gerard, and Richard de Mulnehouse acknowledged they owed to the same £14, to be paid at the same date, and the debts had not yet been paid, he was therefore to raise the money on their lands and chattels, and pay it into court at this term; and the Sheriff returned that Henry de Wyverston was dead. He is therefore commanded as before, and to raise the money and pay it into Court at three weeks from Easter. *m.* 40.

Staff. Cecilia formerly wife of Roger de Narwedale appealed John de Narwedale for the death of Roger her husband, and stated that John had inflicted on Roger thirteen mortal wounds before the eyes of the said Cecilia, and by which he had been killed. And John appeared and denied the felony, and took exception to the appeal because it made no mention of time or place, nor the weapons by which the wounds were inflicted, nor whether it was a time of peace or war, nor did she offer to deraign it against him as the Court should think fit; and as so many omissions are found in her appeal, it is considered that it was nullified, and that Cecilia should be committed to prison for a false appeal. She is pardoned, however, because the appeal was continued at the suit of the King; and John being asked how he wished to acquit himself of the said death, put himself on the country. A jury is therefore to be summoned *coram Rege* at the Quindene of Easter, and John is committed to the Marshalsea. A postscript states that a jury came on the Octaves at Michaelmas, 22 E. I., and said on their oaths that John was not guilty. *m.* 31, *dorso.*

Staff. *Pleas of various counties at Derby at the Quindene of Easter, before Gilbert de Preston and his fellow Justices, 53 H. III. (by writ of certiorari).*

Staff. "Alesia formerly wife of Philip de Leye sued Robert de Grendon for two mills in Senestan (Shenstone), and she sued Adam de Gresebrok for a mesuage and two acres of land in the same vill as her right by writ of entry; and Robert and Adam appeared and called to warranty Robert de Leye, who was present and warranted the tenements to them, and by permission of the Court gave up to Alesia the tenements in question. She is therefore to have seisin of them, and Robert and Adam are to be compensated from the land of Robert de Leye." In pursuance of the above the Sheriff was ordered to summon Reginald de Legh, Richard de Sambech, and Philip de Draycote, the heirs of the said Robert de Leye, by two legal men of his county, to be present in Court on this day to show cause why Robert de Gresebrok the brother (*sic*) and heir of Adam de Gresebrok should not be compensated to the value of the land which the said Alesia had recovered. And the Sheriff returned he had summoned Reginald de Legh and Philip de Draycote by William de Stafford and Ralph Basset of Chedele; and Reginald and Philip now appeared by Thomas de Assheburn their attorney, and likewise Robert de

Gresebrok, and a day was given to them at a month from Easter *prece partium*. And respecting the said Richard the Sheriff returned he was not living in his county but in co. Chester, and held no lands in his county, therefore nothing had been done in his case ; and it was testified that he took £10 annually from the vill of Leye as the purparty of his inheritance there. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to summon him as before to be present at the above term. A postscript states that at the Quindene of St. John the Baptist, 22 E. I., the said Robert de Gresebrok appeared and likewise Reginald de Legh, and Thomas de Asshebourne stated that Philip (de Draycote) was dead ; and as regards Richard de Sandbech the Sheriff returned he had been summoned in proper form. The suit is therefore to proceed against him ; and the Sheriff was ordered to value the messuage and two acres in Seneston which Alesia formerly wife of Philip de Leye had recovered against Robert de Legh, and which Robert had warranted to Adam the brother of Robert de Gresebrok, whose heir he is, and so that the said Robert should have of the land of Richard de Sandbech, one of the heirs of Robert de Legh, in a competent place to the value of the tenement so recovered, and to give him seisin of it without delay ; and the said Reginald stated that Robert de Gresebrok had conceded and remitted to him, one of the heirs of Robert de Legh, all his action and claim in this matter, and he produced the deed of the said Robert (de Gresebrok) to this effect ; and Robert could not deny this. He is therefore to take nothing by this action, and is *in misericordiâ* ; and being asked if he wished to sue Richard son and heir of Philip de Draycote, he answered in the affirmative. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to summon him (Richard) on the morrow of All Souls¹ to show cause, etc. *m. 27, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 22 E. I.

Staff. Thomas de Engleton sued Richard Champyun of Engleton for two parts of a messuage and virgate of land in Engleton ; and Roger Jurdan and Edith his wife for a messuage and virgate of land and the third of a messuage and virgate of land excepting one acre ; and Roger Cadyhou of Great Sandon for an acre of land in the same vill, in which they had no entry except by a demise which William de Engleton the grandfather of Thomas, and whose heir he is, had made to William de Someford for a term which had expired. Richard called to warranty Robert de Somerford, and Roger and Edith called the same Robert to warranty for the messuage and virgate of land claimed against them ; and as regards the third part of the other messuage and virgate, Roger stated he found Edith seised of it as of dower of the inheritance of Richard le Champiun, whom he called to warranty ; and Roger Cadyhou called Roger Jurdan to warranty. Adjourned to the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 3.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to arrest Roes Trussel, lady of Cublesdon, for a debt of nine sacks of wood, of the value of 10 marks each, owing to Laurence de Lodelawe, and of which she had acknowledged the debt on the day of St. John the Baptist, 18 E. I. And the Sheriff returned that Roes was dead. Writ of *scire facias* to be issued. *m. 5.*

Staff. Ralph de Rocheford and Agnes his wife were summoned by John de Rocheford in a plea that they should warrant to him sixty acres of land and 100s. 6d. of rent in Gayton and Drengeton (Drineton), which he claimed to hold of them, and for which he held their deed. Ralph and Agnes appeared, and a concord was made, by which Ralph and Agnes acknowledged the said tenements to be the right of John,² etc. *m. 12.*

¹ No record of this suit appears on the Rolls of Michaelmas, 22 E. I.

² The family of Rochford appear from the Rolls to have been considerable land-owners at this date in the counties of Derby and Notts.

Staff. An assize of last presentation to the Church of Northbury (Norbury), the advowson of which the King claimed against Ralph le Botiler and Matilda his wife by reason of the idiocy of John Walrand, who was in ward to the King. And Nicholas de Warrewyk, who sued for the King, stated that a certain William Walraund and Isabella his wife, the ancestors of John, in the reign of King Henry the King's father, in right of the said Isabella, had presented one John Walraund their clerk, who had been admitted and instituted and afterwards resigned the Church. And after his resignation they had presented William de Berkele their clerk, who had been admitted and died the last parson of the Church; and from Isabella the right of presentation descended to one Robert as son and heir, and from Robert to John as brother and heir.

Ralph and Matilda stated that they held the manor of Northbury, to which manor the advowson of the Church was appurtenant, and that one Philip Marmyun and Joan his wife, the mother of Matilda, and of which she was one of the heirs, formerly held the said manor together with the advowson of the Church as her right and inheritance together with other manors. And after their deaths the same manor together with the advowson had been assigned to Ralph and Matilda, as purparty of the said Matilda; and that William de Berkele had been admitted on the presentation of Philip and Joan, and not of the said William and Isabella as stated by the lord the King; and they appealed to the assize. A postscript states that a jury at the following Trinity term returned a verdict stating that John Walrand had been admitted on the presentation of William and Isabella, and had held the Church for three years, and that the see of Coventry and Lychfield being vacant on his resignation, the said William de Berkele had put himself into the Church by the consent and will of the said John, and had occupied it for thirty-two years without any admission and institution on the part of the Bishop. And as it was shown by the assize that William Walrand and Isabella had presented the last parson, viz., John Walrand, and who had died parson of the Church, it is considered that the King should recover the advowson in right of John Walrand the son and heir of Isabella, who was an idiot in ward to the King, and likewise 10 marks for his damages according to Statute, inasmuch as the Church was taxed at 20 marks. *m.* 17.

Staff. Ralph le Botiler and Matilda his wife were summoned by Joan de Morteyn, in a plea that they should permit her to present a fit parson to the Church of Northbury (Norbury) which was vacant. And she stated that Philip Marmyun and Joan his wife, the mother of Joan, and of which she was one of the heirs, had presented in the right of Joan to the Church one William de Berkele in the reign of King Henry, the King's father, and who had been admitted and instituted. And from Joan the right of presentation descended to Joan who now sues, and to Mazera and the said Matilda as daughters and heirs of Joan; and the presentation this time belonged to her as the eldest daughter.

Ralph and Matilda denied the claim of Joan, and stated they held the manor of Northbury, to which the advowson was appurtenant, and that the manor together with the advowson had been assigned to them as purparty of Matilda after the death of Philip and Joan; and being asked by the Justices whether a partition of the said inheritance had been made between the heirs, and if so whether by jury or by lot or by King's writ, they declined to answer, but stated they were ready to prove by a jury that the advowson was appurtenant to the manor and that the manor and advowson had been assigned in purparty to Matilda.

And Joan stated that after the death of Philip and Joan the King had taken into his hands all the lands of which they had died seised, and had afterwards assigned to each heir her purparty as she came of age, and that in

the assignment made of the manor of Northbury to Ralph and Matilda no mention had been made of the advowson, and she appealed to the Rolls of the Chancery. A day was given to the parties on the morrow of the Ascension to enable scrutiny of the Rolls to be made. A postscript states that an examination of the Rolls showed that the manor of Northbury together with all the lands, tenements, fees, and advowsons of which Philip and Joan had died seised, had been taken into the King's hands after their deaths, and that when the manor of Northbury was assigned by the King in purparty to Matilda, no mention was made of the advowson. It therefore appeared to the Court that the presentation at present rather belonged to the King than to the said Joan or Ralph and Matilda, because the King had retained the advowson in his hands. The suit was therefore dismissed. *m. 17.*

Staff. Ralph de Kerswall and Margaret his wife recover the third part of a messuage and bovate of land in Fenton-Culverd, as dower of Margaret, against Adam son of William le Tannur of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Eva his wife, by default of the defendants. *m. 42.*

Staff. Ermegarda formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur sued William de Mortimer and Alianora his wife for the third of a messuage and carucate of land in Fleteleye and Legh, which she claimed as dower. And they had made default, and the dower claimed had been taken into the King's hand, and they had been re-summoned for this date. And William did not appear, but Alianora came and stated that the tenements were her right, and prayed she might be admitted to defend them; and she appeared in Court before judgment had been rendered. She is therefore admitted by the Statute, and she called to warranty Philip son of Philip de Chetewynd, who is to be summoned for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 42.*

Staff. Hawyse formerly wife of Reginald de Sadintone sued Nicholas super le Hull of Bromley Abbot for a third of a carucate of land and 7*s.* 6*d.* of rent and half a messuage in Blythebury as her dower.

Nicholas stated he claimed only for a term by a demise of the said Reginald, and called to warranty Roger son and heir of Reginald, who is under age and in ward with a part of his land to Thomas le Brabazun the parson of the Church of Hungerton, and another part of whose land is in the custody of Roger le Brabazun, and another part in custody of the said Hawyse; and he produced a deed which showed that Reginald had demised to him all his tenements in Blyebyri for a term of twenty years. Adjourned to Michaelmas term. *m. 57.*

Staff. John Jacob, the essoignor of Agnes formerly wife of John de Pendeford, appeared against Thomas de la Hyde in a plea respecting the third of an acre of land and two acres of pasture in Pendeford; and against Ralph de Bisshebury, the *custos* of the land and heir of Robert Purcel, in a plea respecting the third of fourteen acres of land in Bisshebury which she claimed as dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand and summon them again for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 77.*

Staff. The Abbot of Salop and Alan Plukenet were summoned by Ralph le Botiler and Matilda his wife in a plea that they should permit them to present a fit person to the Church of Northbury, which was vacant, etc. And they stated that Philip Marmiun and Joan his wife, the mother of Matilda, of whom she is one of the heirs, by right of Joan had presented to the Church one William de Berkeley, their clerk, in the reign of King Henry the King's father, and who had been admitted and instituted. And from Joan the right of presentation descended to one Joan and to the said Matilda and to Mazera as daughters and heirs, and from Mazera the right of her purparty descended to one Joan as daughter and heir. And the manor of Northbury,

to which the advowson of the Church is appurtenant, after the death of the said Philip and Joan his wife, was assigned to Matilda in purparty of the inheritance of the said Joan her mother. And they complained that whereas the right of presentation belonged to them, the defendants unjustly impeded them, for which they claimed £40 as damages.

And the Abbot and Alan defended their rights, and the Abbot stated that one Hugh de Kingeston the predecessor of the Abbot in the reign of King John the King's grandfather, had presented to the Church one William de Northbury his clerk, who had been admitted and instituted; and afterwards one Henry de Leya his predecessor had presented to the same Church one Hugh Pipard in the reign of King Henry the King's father; and the same Henry had also presented one William de Vyene to the Church; and afterwards William de Upton, formerly Abbot, had presented in the reign of King Henry to the same Church one Philip de Pyulesdon his clerk, and who had died the last parson of it; and he appealed to a jury. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of Trinity.

And Alan stated that the manor of Northbury together with the manors of Kylpek and Purlebache (Pulverbach) were formerly in the seisin of one Hugh de Kilpek. And after his death the manor of Kilpek was assigned in purparty to Isabella the eldest daughter and heir of Hugh, who married William Walraund. And the other two manors of Northbury and Purlebache were assigned to Joan the other daughter and heir of Hugh, who married Philip Marmion; and as the manors of Northbury and Purlebache exceeded in value the manor of Kylpek, the advowson of the Church was assigned to Isabella in purparty; and he stated that he was in seisin of the manor of Kilpek to which the advowson belongs; and for that reason he had rightly impeded the plaintiffs, and he had conceded the presentation for this time to the lord the King, saving his right, etc. *m.* 128.

Warr. Nicholas son of Nicholas le Archer had elsewhere sued Margaret la Russe for a messuage and two carucates of land excepting two virgates in Caldecote by writ of entry before the Justices Itinerant in the county in the thirteenth year of the King's reign. And the suit had remained *sine die* because the King had moved the record and process *coram Rege*. And the King now remitted the record and process to this Court; and Margaret had been summoned by a writ *de resumptione*. And Nicholas and Margaret now appeared, and Margaret prayed that the writ might be read; and it appeared by it that the suit had been made *a remanet* in the fourteenth year of the King's reign and not in the thirteenth as pleaded. The present suit is therefore dismissed, Nicholas to take out another writ if he pleased.¹ *m.* 132.

Staff. An assize of last presentation to the Church of Northbury, the advowson of which appertained to the King by the idiocy of John Walraund, who was in ward to the King and of which advowson the Abbot of Salop had deforced the King. Nicholas de Warewyk the King's attorney stated that William Walraund and Isabel his wife the ancestors of the said John, had presented to the Church in the reign of King Henry the King's father, one John Walraund their clerk, who had been admitted and instituted; and upon his resignation the said William and Isabella had presented to the Church William de Berkele their clerk, who had been admitted and instituted, and died the last parson of the Church; and from Isabella the right descended to one Robert son and heir; and from Robert to John as brother and heir. The Abbot defended his right and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for Trinity Term. A postscript states that the Abbot

¹ This Nicholas le Archer who claimed the manor of Caldicote, was of Sybertoft, co. Northampton. See proceedings in Banco, Easter, 23 E. 1. I find a Nicholas son of Nicholas l'Archer of Sybertoft, Knight, named in a Northamptonshire suit of 28 E. 1.

afterwards conceded to the King the right of presentation *hac vice*, saving his rights, etc. *m. 128, dorso.*

Staff. In another suit respecting the same advowson, Joan de Mortein conceded to the King the right of presentation *hac vice*, saving her rights, etc. *m. 128, dorso.*

Staff. Alan de Plukenet in the same way conceded to the King his right of presentation *hac vice.* *m. 102, dorso.*

Staff., Leyc. John de Flamstede who had been called to warranty by Hugh de Notingham, and who warranted to him, appeared against Amice formerly wife of Elyas de Flamstede in a plea that she should warrant to him the third part of a messuage and three virgates of land in Twycross in co. Leycester, which Isabella formerly wife of Thomas fitz Herbert claimed as dower. Amice did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take into the King's hand, land belonging to her to the value of the claim and to summon her again for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m. 62, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 22 E. I.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to raise 100s. from the lands and tenements of Philip brother of Richard de Prestwod, at Michaelmas, 19 E. I., adjudicated against him for a trespass committed against John de Salteley, and he returned that Philip could not be found and held nothing within his bailiwick. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to arrest him. *m. 43.*

Staff. In the suit of *Quo warranto* against the Abbot of Deulacres, the Abbot claiming infangenthef, gallows, wayf, and view of frankpledge, fair, market, and warren in Leek. The Abbot stated that King John had granted to Ralph Earl of Chester and his heirs a weekly market and a yearly fair in the said manor, and he produced the King's charter; and as regards the other franchises he stated that the same Earl had granted to the Abbot and Convent of Deuleucres the whole of the said manor, with the above liberties, in free and perpetual alms, and King Henry had ratified the gift; and similarly the present King had conceded the said manor to the convent and monks, and he produced the said King's charters.

Hugh de Louthre, who sued for the King, stated that the Abbot claimed the above liberties of the gift of Earl Ralph, who held no royal dignity, nor was he Earl Palatine, so that he could confer franchises which are annexed to the Crown. The suit was adjourned to the morrow of the Ascension. A postscript shows a further adjournment to Trinity term. *m. 44.*

Staff. John de la Wade sued Richard de Bisshopeston and Nicholas le Wodeman for cutting down his trees growing at Fetherstone to the value of £20; and they did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them, and he returned that the said Nicholas was dead, and that Richard was a *clericus* and held no lay fee, and it was testified in Court by the said John that Richard held two carucates of land in the county of Stafford, and that he was the nephew (*nepos*¹) of the Sheriff. The Sheriff is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false return, and he is ordered to attach the said Richard for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m. 47, dorso.*

Staff. A day was given to Robert de Gresbrok plaintiff, and to Roger de Legh and Philip de Draycote in a plea of land at the Quindene of St. John the Baptist, at which day it was testified by Thomas de Assheburn that he (Philip) had died. The same Robert had sued Richard de Sandbach in the same

¹ "Nepos" is often used on the Rolls for grandson.

plea, and he did not appear ; and the Sheriff was ordered to summon Richard to show cause, etc., and he returned he had summoned him by Thomas atte Mere of Neubolt, and Henry atte Bernes of the same, and he did not appear. Adjourned to the said term. *m. 44, dorso.*

Staff. In the suit of *Quo warranto* against Walter Deverous, and Richard de Marnham and Margaret his wife, his coparceners, respecting franchises claimed by them in Bromwych (West Bromwich). Richard and Margaret appeared and stated they claimed no pleas of the Crown excepting view of frankpledge, infangenthef, gallows, and wayf, and that their ancestors had held them from time out of memory, and they appealed to a jury, which found in their favour.

The King's attorney stated that wayf was a *grossum* annexed to the Crown, and could not be separated from it without special warrant, and he prayed for judgment on that point. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury of twenty-four for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. Richard and Margaret renounced any claim to free warren. *m. 43, dorso.*

Staff. Emma daughter of William le Lorimer of Lemynstre had appealed *coram Rege* at Michaelmas, 18 E. I., William de Sallowe, Succentor of the Church of St. Cedde of Lychfeld for rape and breach of the King's peace at Michaelmas, 18 E. I., and afterwards at the Octaves of the Purification, beyond which day the suit was not continued ; and the Sheriff was ordered to produce the said William to answer to the King for the same ; and William now appeared and pleaded he was a *clericus* ; and saving his clerical privilege he put himself on the country. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to summon a jury for the Quindene of Trinity, unless R. Brabanzon (the Justice) first, etc., (came into those parts) ; and Richard de Fulschawe, John Banastre, William le Leverre of co. Lancastre, Thomas de Assheburne of co. Derby, John Bardulf of co. Leicester, and Henry de Mancestre of co. Warwick, stood bail to produce the said William at the above term, and until the end of the plea. *m. 37, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of the King *versus* John de Narwedale for the death of Roger de Narwedale is respited till the Octaves of Trinity, through defect of a jury. The Sheriff was ordered to produce at the same term the jury of twenty-four which he first put into the panel, and besides these the twelve honest and legal men whom Cecilia formerly wife of the said Roger, who sued for the King, had named on behalf of the King. And as the Sheriff sent the names of the jury on the panel without attachment, he is *in misericordid.* *m. 9, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. TRINITY, 22 E. I.

Staff. In the suit of *Quo warranto* of the King *versus* Nicholas de Aldithele, the claim of Nicholas to free warren in Endon, Aldithele, Bettele, Tunstal, Chesterton, Horton, and Alstaneefeld, is allowed, Nicholas having produced a charter of King Henry granting free warren to his ancestor James de Aldithele in those manors ; and he claimed view of frankpledge, amends of the assize of bread and beer, and infangenthef in Enedon, Aldithele, and Bettele by prescription, and appealed to a jury, and the jury stated that Nicholas and his ancestors had held those franchises in those manors before the time of King Richard. They are therefore allowed ; and as regards the manor of Horton, he claimed view of frankpledge, amends of the assize of bread and beer, and infangenthef, and stated that the manor had formerly been in the seisin of one Henry (*sic*, Hervey) de Stafford, who in his time held them, and that in the seventeenth year of King Henry a fine was levied between Henry de Aldithele his ancestor, and the said Hervey, by which Hervey acknowledged the said manor to be the right of the said Henry, and for which Henry gave him certain other tenements, and he produced the fine,

and he called to warranty Edmund son of Nicholas de Stafford, the heir of the said Hervey, who is under age; and Hugh de Louthre the King's attorney objected, stating that the liberties in question belonged to the Crown, and did not appertain to a tenement, and there was no express mention of them in the fine; and he also pleaded that the said Hervey never possessed the franchises in that manor, and appealed to a jury; which found that Hervey possessed those franchises during his time. The suit is therefore to remain till the heir comes of age; and as regards the manor of Tunstall, Nicholas stated he claimed view of frankpledge, assize of bread and beer, and wayf, and that Engenulf de Grasele and Elena his wife, whose right the manor was formerly, gave it to one Adam de Aldithele his ancestor, and Engenulph and Elena from time out of memory had held those liberties in that manor, and he appealed to a jury, which found in his favour. And as regards the manor of Bettelegh, he stated he claimed to have in it a fair and market by a charter of King Henry, which he produced, and which testified that the King had given to Henry de Aldithele his ancestor that he and his heirs should have in perpetuity a weekly market on Thursdays, and a fair of three days on the Vigil, the Feast, and the morrow of St. Margaret in the manor of Bettelegh. These franchises are therefore allowed to him. And as regards the manor of Chesterton, he stated that Ela formerly wife of James de Audele held it in dower, and that he claimed none of the above franchises in the manors of Chesterton and Alstanesfeld; and as regards "wayf," the King's attorney pleaded it was a *grossum de coronâ*, which could not be separated from the Crown without a special grant from the King; and a day was given to the parties to hear judgment on this point on the morrow of the Ascension, and which was adjourned from term to term till the Octaves of Trinity in this year, when Nicholas did not appear, and it was adjudged to the King by his default. A postscript states that afterwards, in the Octaves of St. Michael, 22 E. I., the King sent a writ stating that whereas he understood from the said Nicholas that the King had recovered the franchise of wayf against the said Nicholas in his manors of Enedon, Tunstal, Alditheleie, Horton, Chesterton, Betteleie, and Alstanefeld, through default of appearance of Nicholas, whilst he was in the service of Edmund the King's brother in Gascony, he was to be put into the same position as regards the question as before his default. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to put Nicholas again into seisin of the said liberty of wayf, saving the King's rights, etc. *m. 19, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 22 E. I.

Derb., Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Ralph de Burgo sued William Gryffyn and Alianora the daughter of Henry de Verdun, for a third of a messuage and three virgates of land and nine acres of meadow in Walton-upon-Trent as her dower. William and Alianora called to warranty John Gryffin and Alice his wife, Robert son of William le Lord, William son of Robert de Cavereswell and Joan his wife, and Robert son of Nicholas de Fynderne, who are to be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas; the first five to be summoned in Staffordshire, and Robert son of Nicholas in Derbyshire. A postscript states that on the day named, the Sheriff sent no writ, and was ordered to summon them for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 4.*

Staff. A jury returned a verdict that a messuage and seven acres and a half of land in Wednesbury were the free alms of the Church of Nicholas de Burton the parson of Wednesbury, and not the lay fee of Philip Bonde of Bromewych, who held the tenement, and that it had been alienated by Nicholas the Abbot of Hales. Nicholas the parson is therefore to recover seisin of it. *m.*

Staff. Thomas the Prior of Sondwell (Sandwell) sued Nicholas Comitassone

of Grete, for a mill and half an acre of land in West Bromwych and Tybenton (Tipton) as the right of his Church; and Nicholas did not appear, etc. A postscript states a jury came at Trinity term, 24 E. I.,¹ and stated that there was no collusion between the Prior and the said Nicholas, and as regards the mill, that a certain William fitz Guy, the lord of Bromwyz, gave the mill at a time out of memory to the predecessor of the said Prior, and that one Geoffrey fitz Warin, the lord of Stybinton (*sic*, Tybenton), in the reign of King Henry the King's father, gave the half acre in question to one Richard de la Barre the Prior of Sandwell, and that the said Richard was seised of it as of the right of his Church before the date of the Statute (of Mortmain). It is therefore considered that the Prior should recover seisin. *m.* 36.

Staff. Henry de Wednesfeld was summoned by William de Boweles for causing waste and destruction in a wood he held for a term of ten years in Russhale, and he complained that Henry had pulled down a house worth 20s., and cut down forty ash trees each worth 3d., and ten pear trees each worth 2d., for which he claimed 100s. as damages. Henry appeared and demurred to the writ because he held the tenement by a demise made by William de Boweles the son of the plaintiff, and not from William the father, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of St. Martin. A postscript shows no jury had been assembled up to Trinity term, 23 E. I. *m.* 58.

Staff. John Basset and Roger de Weston, the executors of the will of Ralph Basset, formerly parson of Draycote, sued William de Talk for 4 marks. William did not appear, and is to be attached for the morrow of All Souls. *m.* 75.

Derb. John son of Henry de Chaundos sued Joan formerly wife of Richard de Harecurt for six messuages, six bovates of land, and the fourth part of a mill in Eginton, of which Margaret daughter of Robert Wakelyn (*sic*, fitz Walcheline), the grandmother of John, was seised in demesne as of fee when she died. Joan appeared and stated that one John de Chaundos formerly held the tenements in dispute by the courtesy of England, of the inheritance of John son and heir of the said Margaret, and who was formerly husband of the same Joan, and by virtue of his seisin gave the said tenements to the said John the son (*de seisinâ suâ reddidit predicta tenementa predicto Johanni filio, etc.*), so that the said tenements after the decease of John the son should remain to the said Joan for her life in the name of dower, after which surrender (*redditionem*) the said John formerly husband of Joan, whose heir the said John son of Henry is, was seised of the said tenements, and she stated she claimed nothing in them except for her life.

John son of Henry acknowledged the tenements were formerly in seisin of the said John de Chaundos, but he pleaded that the said John formerly husband of Joan was at that time under age and in ward to the said John de Chaundos, and died whilst under age; and he denied that either John formerly husband of Joan nor the said Joan during the lifetime of John her husband were ever in seisin of the said tenements by any gift of the said John de Chaundos, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 124.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of William de Caverswalle and William de la Donne appeared against Henry de Cavereswalle Levedale (*sic*) in a plea that he had taken fish *vi et armis* from the free fishery of the said Joan and William at Levedale and Donne. Henry did not appear, and is to be attached for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 156.

Staff. *Willelmus Bagod et Robertus Bagod filii domini Willielmi Bagod senioris, dedimus, etc., Herveo Bagod avunculo nostro totum messuagium nostrum*

¹ A verdict must have been delivered in favour of the Prior in the interim, and the subsequent proceedings grew out of the Statute of Mortmain of

de la Wodeton, cum totâ terrâ arabili, etc. Pro hac autem donatione, etc., dedit nobis et concessit Herveus Bagod totum jus suum quod habuit in villâ de Mourton Bagod, etc. m. 162.

Staff. Pateat, etc., ego Herveus Bagod certus fido de sex marcis et dimidiâ argenti annualis redditûs ad terminum vite mee percipiendis in manerio de Pattleshull circa festum Sancti Michalis anno R. R. E. xvii., per Willelmum et Robertum filios Domini Willelmi Bagod volo et concedo ex meâ merâ voluntate quod predicti Willelmus et Robertus habeant totum messuagium de la Wodeton, etc., quod quidem messuagium habui de traditione eorundem, et quod carta et seisina nullius valoris poterint de cetero . . . clamavi, etc. m. 162.

Staff. Universis, etc., Willelmus Bagod, Robertus Bagod, filii Domini Willelmi Bagod, salutem, etc. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi consensu dedisse, etc., et ad terminum vite dimississe Herveo Bagod avunculo nostro centum solidos argenti annualis redditûs percipiendos de hominibus de Coppenhale nativis nostris scilicet de Ricardo en le Lono de Coppenhale, de Veviano de eâdem, de Nicholao filio Mathei de eâdem, de Galfrido fratre ejus, de Thoma le Greys, de Adamo de Merston, Rogero de Wetenaker, de Roberto de Acton, de Johanne Drambel, etc. (seven more named). m. 163.

Staff. The essoignor of Alianora the wife of William de Mortimer appeared against Philip son of Philip de Chetewynde, in a plea that he should warrant to her the third part of a messuage and carucate of land in Fleteleye and Legh which Ermegarda formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur claimed as dower. Philip did not appear, and is to be summoned for the Quindene of Michaelmas. m. 147, *dorso*.

Derb. Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswall sued Richard Foliot of Etewall for ten acres of land in Etewall, and she sued Nigel de les Breres for sixteen acres, and Alexander de Morton and Isabel his wife for eight acres of land in the same vill as her dower of the dotation of Robert son of Nicholas her first husband. The defendants prayed a view, and the case is adjourned to a month from Michaelmas. A postscript shows it was further adjourned till Hillary term. m. 141, *dorso*.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of John de Pendeford recovers dower in Pendeford against Thomas de la Hyde, and in Bissebiri against Ralph de Bissebiri, the *custos* of the land and heir of Robert Purcel, through default of the defendants. m. 113, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard de Sonbach (Sandbach) was summoned in a plea by Adam de Mukleston that he should warrant to him six acres and a half of land in Legh, which he claimed to hold of him, and for which he holds his deed with a clause of warranty, and for which Robert de Stepelton and Matilda his wife had afterwards sued him before the Justices Itinerant in Staffordshire in 21 E. I., and which suit he had lost through his defect of warranty, and for which he claimed £20 as damages. Richard stated that Adam did not hold the tenement at the date of the writ, viz., 10th February, 21 E. I., and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of St. Martin. m. 59, *dorso*.

Staff. William de Stretton and Alditha his wife not appearing to prosecute their suit against Hugh le Blund for twelve acres in Peyncrich (Penkridge), the case is dismissed. m. 27, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 22—23 E. I.

Staff. Richard de Lee, William de la Lowe of Fulford, and three others, were attached to answer William de Talk in a plea that they had carried off his corn from Folford (Fulford) *vi et armis* in the 19th year of the King's

reign. Richard and the other defendants denied the trespass, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 4.

Staff. The suit between the King and John Husee, whom Hugh le Blund had called to warranty respecting land in Penkryz, is to remain *sine die.* *m.* 4.

Derb., Staff. In the suit of Margaret formerly wife of John de Acovere *versus* Henry son of William fitz Herbert, for dower in Acovere (Okeover), Henry had called to warranty Roger the son and heir of John, who was in ward to William de Montgomeri; and William now appeared and prayed it might be shown why he should warrant the dower; and Henry stated that John de Acovere had given the said tenements to him with a clause of warranty, and he produced the deed. William stated that Henry never was in seisin of the tenements by any gift of the said John, because John had died seised of them, and he appealed to a jury. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 25.

Staff. Thomas the Abbot of Burton-on-Trent, Brother Hugh le Ousyver, and John le Serjant were attached to answer the plea of Henry son of William fitz Herbert, that against the Statute and custom and law of the kingdom, they had taken from a place called Pyncheneye in Acovere, sixteen oxen of the plough belonging to him, and had impounded them. The defendants admitted they had taken six oxen, and stated that a certain John de Acovere held of the Abbot the vill of Acovere and Ile (*sic*) (Ilam), and half the vill of Castel (Casterne) by homage and fealty, and the service of two marks annually; and that two marks were owing for relief after the death of the said John, for which the Abbot had distrained Roger the son and heir of John, and they appealed to a jury. And Henry stated that the Abbot could have found sufficient distress within the fee without taking cattle from the plough, and appealed to a jury on this point. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 27.

Staff. Geoffrey de Skeftyngton sued Nicholas de Audele to warrant to him four messuages and fifty-four acres of land in Bredeshale, which Richard de Curzun claimed. Nicholas did not appear, and Richard de Weston came into court and produced the King's letters of protection, to last so long as the said Nicholas was away in the King's service. The suit is therefore to remain *sine die.* *m.* 33.

Staff. Henry de Egebaston and William his son appeared against John de Eton and Joan his wife in a plea that they should warrant to them half of two parts of the manor of Himeleye and half of five acres of land in Seggeleye which they hold and claimed to hold of them, and for which they have their deed. John and Joan did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Hillary.¹ *m.* 73.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Philip de Draycote sued Philip son of Philip de Draycote for a third of a messuage, fifty acres of land, ten acres of meadow, sixty acres of wood, forty acres of pasture, and £10 of rent in Legh; and she sued William de Paunton for a third of a rent of a pound of pepper in the same vill; and she sued Roger the son of Philip de Draycote for a third of a messuage and a carucate of land and 40s. of rent in the same vill as dower. Philip, as regards the dower claimed against him, called to warranty Richard son of Philip de Draycote; and William and Robert called to warranty Philip son of Philip de Draycote. Adjourned to the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 93.

Staff. The suit of Ralph Pypard *versus* Theobald de Verdun is to remain

¹ This suit was concluded by a fine in 23 E. I., by which Henry and Joan acknowledged the above tenements to be the right of Henry and William.

sine die, Theobald having letters of protection whilst in Gascony on the King's service. *m.* 144.

Staff. William Griffyn and Alianora the daughter of Henry de Verdun, appeared against John Griffyn and Alice his wife, Robert son of William le Lord, William son of Robert de Caverswell and Joan his wife, and Robert son of Nicholas de Fynderne in a plea that they should warrant to them the third part of a messuage and three virgates of land and nine acres of pasture in Walton-upon-Trent in co. Derby, which Agnes formerly wife of Ralph de Burgo claimed as dower. Adjourned to the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 145.

Staff. In the suit of Robert de Somerford *versus* Walter son of Thomas Mazebrayn of Engelton for a messuage and a virgate of land in Engelton, excepting three acres, Walter took exception to the writ, because one John de Engelton held a part of the land claimed, viz., half an acre. As Robert could not deny this, the writ was withdrawn. *m.* 157.

Staff. Richard de Goldesburgh and Alesia his wife, and Edmund de Percy and Joan his wife, by their *custos*, sued John Doyle for a messuage, two carucates and fourteen and a half virgates of land, four acres of meadow and twenty acres of wood in Ronton, Mulnemes (Milmees), and Little Wryley, of which Roes Doyle the grandmother of Alesia and Joan, whose heirs they are, was in seisin when she died. John appeared and stated that in the Octaves of St. Martin in the 6th year of the King's reign, a fine was levied between the said John and Roes respecting the said tenements, by which fine Roes acknowledged the said tenements to be the right of John as of the gift of Roes, and for which John conceded them to Roes for her life, and by the above fine John was in seisin of the tenements during the life of Roes for two years, and he appealed to a jury.

And Richard and the other plaintiffs stated that Roes after the date of the said fine had continued in seisin of the tenements and died seised of them, and they appealed to a jury. And the Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for three weeks from Easter. A postscript states that after several adjournments through defects of juries, the parties appeared on the morrow of St. John the Baptist at York, in the 27th year of the King's reign, and John Doyle then pleaded that a jury ought not to be summoned to try the above issue, because the Statute stated that fines should not be brought into question by the verdict of juries in this form, and he produced the fine and prayed judgment if any one could claim any right in the tenements against the tenor of it. And the King by his mandate to the Justices commanded that no inquisition should be made, nor anything attempted against the Statute; and Richard and the other plaintiffs being asked if they knew aught against the said fine, stated that they appealed to a jury as before. And as the lord the King, after the parties had put themselves on a jury, had made a statute that fines levied in his courts should not be enervated by exceptions of this nature,¹ nor inquisitions taken respecting the same, it appeared to the court that the trial could not proceed on the above issue. The suit is therefore dismissed; and Richard and the other plaintiffs are *in misericordia* for a false claim. The fine of Edmund de Percy is remitted because he is under age. *m.* 174.

Staff. William de Chatulne and Alice his wife, and Roger de Newport and Edolina his wife, sued Henry Schelde and Petronilla the daughter of William Gilbert for two messuages in Stafford. The defendants did not appear, and a day had been given to them by their essoignors after appearance in court. The Sheriff is therefore to take the tenements into the King's hands, and summon them for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 174.

Derb. John son of Henry de Chaundos and Robert de Stafford appeared

¹ This was a new statute passed in 27 E. I., entitled "Statutum de finibus levatis."

against Henry son of William le fitz Herbert and Margaret his daughter (*sic*) in a plea that they had deforced Roger son and heir of John de Acoure (Okeover), whose wardship pertained to them, inasmuch as John de Acoure held his land of them by knight's service. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for five weeks from Easter. *m.* 240.

Staff. Geoffrey de Camvill appeared against Richard de Vernun in a plea that he should be present in court to hear the record and judgment in a suit which was before the Justices last Itinerant at Stafford between the said Geoffrey plaintiff, and the said Richard, tenant of one and a half acres of meadow in Clifton Camville which Geoffrey claimed as his right, and which was heard before the said Justices in 21 E. I., and remained over, because the said Richard was in prison; and he is now out of prison, and the Justices sent the record in these words, &c. (*Here follows the record as in 21 E. I.*) Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the tenement into the King's hand, and summon him for the morrow of the Purification. *m.* 282, *dorso*.

Staff. John son of Henry de Casterne sued John de Knotton for a messuage in Newcastle-under-Lyme, in which John de Knotton had no entry except by a demise which Henry de Casterne his father had made to one Elyas le Ironmongere for a term which had expired. John de Knotton took exception to the writ, because he was jointly enfeoffed of the messuage with Alota his wife, who was not named in it, and John de Casterne withdrew his suit. *m.* 122, *dorso*.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Philip de Draycote sued Alice daughter of Richard atte Touneshend and Matilda and Mabel her sisters for a third of five acres in Draycote, and she sued Elias de Stretford and Strangia his wife for a third of twenty-two acres in the same vill; and she sued Thomas de Combrugge for a third of four bovates of land in Calton; and Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Holeys for a third of a messuage and thirty-three acres of land in Kyngesleye; and she sued William son of Henry for a third of six and a half acres of land in the same vill; and she sued Richard de Whytemore and fourteen other tenants for a third of their holdings in the same vill; and she sued Richard son of Isolda and eight other tenants for a third of their holdings in Whiston; and she sued Richard Sitle for a third of 12*d.* rent in Werslowe, and Benedict de Buterdon for a third of a messuage and a bovate of land in Butterdon; and she sued Nicholas the Vicar of the Church of Bromley Abbots for a third of twelve acres of land and 2*s.* 6*d.* rent in Legh; and William de Ferrars for a third of 16*s.* of rent, and fourteen other tenants for a third of their holdings in the same vill as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and summon them for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 97, *dorso*.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Philip de Draycote sued William Phelip of Tene for a third of four acres of land in Draycote, and Thomas le Clerk for a third of five acres in the same vill; and she sued William Pilke of Middleton and Alice his wife for a third of a messuage and sixteen acres of land; and Adam de Frodeswell for a third of twenty acres; and Richard Ilberd for a third of twenty acres; and William son of Philip de Draycote for a third of a messuage and sixty-seven acres; and Richard de Cressewelle for a third of a messuage, four bovates, and fifteen acres of land, and four and a half acres of meadow, and ten acres of pasture in the same vill; and she sued William Wyther for a third of a messuage and six bovates of land in the same vill and in Calton, as her dower. The defendants appeared and prayed a view. And Adam and Richard called to warranty the said William son of Philip de Draycote, who was present and warranted their holdings to them, and likewise

the holdings of the other defendants. And William Wyther called to warranty Richard de Draycote, who is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 91, dorso.*

Staff. William son of Peter Corbysun sued John Gyffard of Chilinton for the manor of Chilinton excepting fifteen messuages, a hundred acres, and a virgate and a half of land, by open writ of right, and stated that Margaret his ancestor was seised of it in the reign of King Richard, etc. (*as before*); and John appealed to a Great Assize, and offered half a mark to have mention of the time; and a day was given to them on the Octaves of the Purification when four Knights are to come (to name a jury). A postscript adds that on the Octaves of St. Martin, 23 E. I., the parties appeared, and likewise John Doyley, John de Heronville, John fitz Philip, and Robert de Knygtelegh, four Knights summoned to elect, etc., and they elected these, viz., William Trussel, Robert de Dutton, Adam de Brunton, Ralph le Botiler, Thomas Corbet, John de Wasteneys, Robert de Bromley, William Trumwyne, Robert de Pype, Robert de Verdun, Richard de Vernoun, Henry de Eggelaston *sic* (Edgbaston), John de Oily, John fitz Philip of Bobinton, John de Herunville, and Robert de Knytelegh. The Sheriff is ordered to summon them for a month from Easter. *m. 75, dorso.*

Staff. Walter de Beisin sued Robert Beysin for two parts of a message and carucate of land, three acres of meadow, and 10s. of rent in Shuston (Shushions), of which Adam de Beysin his great grandfather, whose heir he is, had been seised as of fee when he died. Robert denied that the said Adam had died seised of the tenements, because before his death he had given the land to one Warine de Besin, and he appealed to a jury; and the Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript states that a jury appeared on the Quindene of Trinity, 25 E. I., who stated that Adam had died seised of the tenements in demesne as of fee. It is therefore considered that Walter should recover seisin, and his damages are taxed by the jury at £7 8s.

Staff. Richard son of Hervey de Stretton sued Adam Henry and Cecilia his wife, and William son of Henry, for half a virgate and four acres of wood in Stretton; and he sued Robert le Champyun and Agnes his wife for half a virgate in the same vill; and Richard Teveray for four acres in Doneston (Dunston), of which Richard de Stretton his grandfather, whose heir he is, was seised as of fee when he died. Robert le Champyun and Agnes his wife called to warranty William le Champyun, who is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. Richard Tyveray stated that the said Richard de Stretton did not die seised of the tenement claimed against him, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the same date.

The same Richard son of Hervey sued Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswelle for 10s. of rent in la Doune near Bradelegh. Joan appeared and demurred to the writ because she was enfeoffed conjointly with one Alianora the daughter of William de Caverswell; and as Richard could not deny this, he withdrew his writ. *m. 38, dorso.*

Staff. Matilda formerly wife of William de Decl yng recovers dower in a message and twenty-four acres of land, seven acres of meadow, and four acres of moor in Ruleye (Rowley Regis), held by Edith de Tokenhale, formerly wife of Philip de Tokenhale. *m. 30, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Meverel of Gayton was summoned by Thomas de Ferrars in a plea that he should render a reasonable account for the time he was his bailiff in Certeleye (Chartley), Ambriton, (Amerton), Grenlegh, Merebroc, and Weston (Weston-on-Trent); and he stated that Thomas Meverel had been his bailiff from the Feast of the Purification, 7 E. I., until the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James, 21 E. I., in the said villis, from which the rent

was £15 from free tenants and villains, and other perquisites, and he had been unable to obtain from him any account whatever. Thomas Meverel appeared and denied he had ever been bailiff in the said vills.

Thomas de Ferrars stated that Robert de Ferrars his father had given to him the said rent, and had appointed the said Thomas Meverel *custos*, and to answer to him (Thomas) for the profits, because he was under age, and that Thomas Meverel had received the profits of the manors for the whole of the above time, and without rendering any account for the same, and in that way he was acting as his bailiff, and he appealed to a jury, and Thomas Meverel likewise. The Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript states that on the morrow of the Purification, 25 E. I., Thomas de Ferrars appeared by his *custos*, and Thomas Meverel acknowledged that he was his bailiff in the said vills, and consented to render an account, and auditors were assigned by the Court, before whom the said Thomas rendered an account, by which it appeared that he was in arrears to the said Thomas de Ferrars in the sum of £140 17s. 4d., and which he paid in Court to John de Brundish the *custos* of Thomas de Ferrars. *m.* 27, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 23 E. I.

Staff. William de Chatculne and Alice his wife, and Roger de Neuport and Edelina his wife, recover seisin of two messuages in Stafford in a suit *versus* Henry Schelde and Petronilla his wife, daughter of William Gilbert, the defendants making default. *m.* 52.

Staff. Theobald de Verdun sued Agnes formerly wife of William de Ipstones for the wardship of the land and heir of William de Ipstones, which belonged to him inasmuch as the said William held his land of him by Knight's service; and Agnes did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to distrain; and he now returned that he had distrained her by her chattels to the amount of 20*d.*, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain again and produce her at the Octaves of Michaelmas; and as it was testified that the Sheriff might have returned more issues from her chattels, a mandate was sent to the Justices assigned (to take assizes) in the county to return on the oath of a jury what issues might have been taken upon which the Sheriff might have answered to the King. *m.* 57.

Staff. Benedict le Rotur of Alveton sued Walter de Boyfeld of Alveton and Elizabeth his wife for nine acres of land in Alveton as his right and inheritance, in which Walter and Elizabeth had no entry except by a demise which Nicholas le Rotur the uncle of Benedict, whose heir he is, had made to Alice Gansel for a term now expired. The defendants appeared and demurred to the writ, because two of the acres claimed were in the vill of Bradeley and not in Alveton. Benedict denied this, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 67.

Staff. The Sheriff is ordered to raise 20*s.* from the goods and chattels of Richard de Sandbach and pay them into Court, damages adjudicated against him on account that he had essoined himself as on the service of the King at Michaelmas, 21 E. I., in a suit against Adam de Muckleston, and had not produced any warrant for the essoin. *m.* 78.

Staff. John son of Robert de la Lee of Drengeton sued the Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford for five acres of land in Drengeton (Drineton), of which the Prior had unjustly disseised Robert de la Lee his father. The Prior stated that as regards three acres the said Robert held them of him, and had committed a felony for which he had been outlawed, and the Prior had entered into them as his eschaet, and he denied he had disseised him of the

other two acres and appealed, to a jury. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m. 88.*

Staff. John son of Robert de la Lee of Drengeton sued the Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford for a messuage and three acres of land in Drengeton, in which the Prior had no entry except through Thomas le Fevre of Hughtesdon (Hixon), to whom Richard de la Lee had demised them, and who had unjustly disseised Agnes formerly wife of Robert de la Lee the mother of John, of them. The Prior admitted he had entered through Richard, but denied there had been any unjust disseisin of Agnes, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the same date. *m. 88.*

Staff. Elice formerly wife of William de Derlaston sued William son of Richard de la Pyrye for a third of four acres of land in Derlaston, and William son of Adam Tromwyne for a third of an acre of land, and Nicholas son of Richard de Wylinghale for a third of an acre in the same vill as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 112.*

Staff. The Sheriff is ordered to arrest William Bagod and Richard his son, and keep them in safe custody until they had paid a debt of £40 they had acknowledged to owe Philip the Cutler (Cissori) of London. *m. 148.*

Staff. John the Parson of the Church of Weston under Brewode sued William son of William Bagod and Robert his brother for deforcing him of four acres of wood and forty acres of pasture in Wylbrighton which Bertram de Burgh had demised to him for a term, and within which term the said Bertram had sold the wood and pasture to the said William and Robert, upon which they had ejected him. The defendants did not appear. William is to be attached for a month from Michaelmas; and it was returned that Robert was a cleric and had no lay fee. It was afterwards testified that he had a benefice within the Diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, and a mandate was sent to the Bishop to produce him at the same date. *m. 135, dorso.*

Staff. William son of Robert de Northerhull sued Robert son of Osbert de Strangeshull for a messuage and two bovates of land in Strongeshull (Stramshall), and he sued the same Robert, called to warranty by Richard son of Walter Obernot, for two acres of land in the same vill, and in which they had no entry except by a demise which Robert de Northerhull his father had made to Henry le Denesone for a term now expired. Robert stated that Robert the father of William never was in seisin of the tenements, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for a month from Michaelmas. A postscript shows the suit was adjourned to Trinity term, 24 E. I. *m. 131, dorso.*

Warw. A King's writ dated from Aberconewey 6th January, 23 E. I., orders the Justices to proceed with the suit of Nicholas son of Nicholas le Archer of Sybertoft *versus* Margaret la Rous respecting a messuage and two carucates and two virgates of land in Caldecote. The parties are therefore to be summoned for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 129, dorso.*

Staff. Richard de Draycote withdrew his writ of entry against Robert Bek respecting tenements in Okton (Hopton) and Tene. *m. 92, dorso.*

Staff. William de Hambury gives half a mark for license of concord with John Pecok and Hawise his wife. *m. 31, dorso.*

Staff. Mabella formerly wife of Thomas de Melewych sued Eva formerly wife of Richard de Buterhale and Dionisia daughter of Richard de Buterhale for a third of a messuage and half an acre of land in Forbrugge; and she sued John son of Hugh Hache of Stafford for a third of a toft, which she claimed as dower. The defendants did not appear; and as the Sheriff is ordered to take

the dower claimed into the King's hand, and summon them for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 23, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 23 E. I. (AT CHESTER).

Staff. Hillaria de Harcurt appeared against Robert de Fraunkeville William de Fraunkeville, Henry his brother Stephen son of Alexander de Knyghton, Richard Cok, Wyman de Aston, Robert Brusewalle, Richard de Rugge, Thomas de Chateulne, Robert his brother, Stephen de Podemore, Henry his brother, Yevan le Waleys, and William le Ward of Schaldeford, in a plea of trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them, and returned they could not be found. He is therefore ordered to arrest them, if he can find them, and produce them at the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 2.*

Staff. Edmund the King's brother appeared against Simon de Jarpevoyle, John de Esseleye, John del Brok, William Gryffyn, Henry de Howenille, Henry de Wasteneys, Hugh le Fevre of Mucleston, Henry le Curzun, Roger de Lidington, Peter de Gresele, and Nicholas fitz Herbert in a plea that they had entered his free chase at Nedwode *vi et armis*, and had killed and carried away game and done other enormities to the damage altogether of £200. None of the defendants appeared, and their bail are *in misericordiâ*; and as regards John de Esseleye and Henry de Howell (*sic*) the Sheriff returned they were in Wales in the King's service, and he had done nothing as regards them. The Sheriff is *in misericordiâ* because they had produced no letters of protection, and he is ordered to put all the defendants into the *exigent*, and if they do not appear to outlaw them. *m. 23, dorso.*

Assizes taken at Wolvernhampton before Adam de Crokedayk and William Inge, Justices assigned, etc., in co. Stafford, on the Monday after the Feast of St. Michael, 23 E. I.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard de Thyknes, William de Podmor William de Thycknes, Richard son of Magister Richard de Thyknes, William son of William de Betteleye, Thomas son of Ughtred, and Eudo le Chapeleyn, had unjustly disseised Nicholas de Thyknes of a messuage and a carucate of land in Aldytheleye (Audley). None of the defendants appeared; and Richard son of Magister Richard was attached by John de Whytemore and Ralph brother of John; the others were not attached. The assize is therefore taken against them by default. The jury say the defendants, with the exception of Eudo, had disseised Nicholas as alleged. Nicholas is therefore to recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at 100s. *m. 1.*

Alice Durand, Licoricia Durand, and Matilda Durand, not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin against Geoffrey de Lilleshull and others, they and there sureties, viz., Nicholas son of Robert de Thickeness and Robert de Horseleya, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if Roger Dobyn, William Hendy, Gilbert le Rede, Roger Hamond, Hugh Hendy, Roger Russel, Hugh de Kemeseye, John son of Gilbert le Rede, John son of Roger Russel, and six others, had unjustly disseised Hugh de Aldytheleye and Isolda his wife of sixteen acres of land in Arleye. Roger stated he held the tenement by certain service, and Hugh and Isolda had ejected him from it. Hugh and Isolda stated he held by villenage, and they had taken the land into their hands for a trespass he had committed, and it was in their hands until Roger and the others named had disseised them, and they appealed to a jury. The jury found in favour

of Hugh and Isolda. William de Wythinton, William de Overton, Warine de Penne, Richard de Beckeburi of Oldynton, Adam le Fremman of Oke, Thomas de Bradeleye, and Richard Dany of Rouley, recognitors, never appeared, and are *in misericordiâ*. The damages of Hugh and Isolda are taxed at 60s., and the said Roger Dobyu who was present in court was committed to prison, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest the others. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if Richard son of Peter de Burton, William Costard, Chaplain, and John de Haselegh, Chaplain, had unjustly disseised Felicia formerly wife of Peter de Burton near Stafford of her free tenement in Forebryge near Stafford, viz., of a monthly rent of twelve bushels of mixtilon or of siligin (rye). An agreement was made by which Felicia was to receive twelve bushels each month for her life from the Hospital of St. John the Baptist near the bridge of Stafford. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if William son of William le Loverd (Lord), William de la Doune, Adam Organ, Richard son of William de la Doune, and four others, had unjustly disseised Hugh son of William le Loverd of Burton of an acre of moor in Burton. Richard son of William answered for all, and stated he found Margaret his wife seised of the land when he married her. The jury say that Hugh never was in seisin of the land. He is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if Roger the Bishop of Coventry and Lychefeld, Robert de Pye, and Roger de Aston had unjustly disseised Joan daughter of John le Clerk of Brocton and Mabel her sister of their common of pasture in seven acres of moor and heath in Brocton.

The same assize came, etc., if Roger the Bishop, Richard Bysshop, Walter Togod, Geoffrey Reyner, Robert Gerveys, and Robert Gronou, had unjustly disseised the same and Geoffrey son of Mabel de Brocton of common of pasture in seven acres of moor and heath in Brocton near Eccleshale.

Roger de Aston answered as the Bishop's Bailiff, and took exception to the writ because the plaintiffs held separately and not conjointly; and as they could not deny this, the suit was dismissed. *m. 1.*

Richard de Prestwode withdrew his writ of novel disseisin against Richard de Swyndon, Clerk, and others, respecting tenements in Kyngeswyne ford, Humeleye, (Himley), and Seggeleye. He and his sureties, William de Chetewynd and William Atte Shawe of Swyneford, are *in misericordiâ*.

An assize, etc., if Henry Finch the brother of John Fynch of Lychefeld was seised as of fee when he died, etc., of a messuage and thirty acres of land, an acre of meadow, and 16*d.* of rent in Morughale near Lichefeld, which William son of Adam Trumwyne and Lettice his wife hold. John afterwards withdrew his writ, and is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 1.*

Simon son of Thomas de Mulewych and Alice his wife, withdrew their writ of novel disseisin against Edmund Baron of Stafford and others respecting tenements in Mulewych (Milwich). He and his sureties, viz., William Gilbert of Stafford, and Simon son of Gilbert, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if Alice formerly wife of John de Norton, William son of William de Kneyghton in Hales, Richard le Bret and Cecilia his wife, had unjustly disseised Adam son of William de Kneghton of his free tenement in Kneyghton (Knighton) in Hales, viz., of his sustenance in food and clothing, and a chamber, viz., of a robe and a tunic for summer (*estivali*), and two pairs of *pannorum linearum*, two pairs of breeches (*caligarum*), and four pairs of stockings (*socularum*), of two *lynchecaminibus*, and the grass of the fourth part of an acre of meadow for the sustenance of a horse, and of a cloak (*capet*) every third year, and the produce of an acre of wheat each year at the choice of the said Adam, and his expenses when employed on his own

business, and he produced the following deed of William the father of the said William : *Notum sit omnibus, etc., quod ego Willielmus filius Willielmi de Knitton fide bondæ etc., obligavi pro me et heredibus meis Ade fratri meo omnia necessaria sua omnibus diebus vitæ suæ pro terrâ sud quam habuit in villâ de Knitton, ita scilicet quod ei inveniam victum honorabilem pro quolibet lectum scilicet in die Omnium Sanctorum cujusbet anni unam robam honestam, et unum par linearum, et duas caligas, et duas soculares, et in die Purificationis Beate Mariæ duos soculares, et in die Paschæ cujusbet anni unum tunicam de estate et unum par linearum, et duas caligas et duas soculares, et unum lyncheam, et in die Sancti Johannis duos soculares ; et unum pratum jacentem inter molendinum de Wininton et molendinum de Bewardistre, et totum segetum super meliorem acram meam crescentem per quemlibet annum in autumno et foragium uno. . . et semper in tertio anno unum capetum. Et quando in negotiis suis in alienis partibus ire voluerit inveniam ei expensas rationabiles. Et si ita contingat me infatis descendere ante fratrem meum Adam quod heredes mei et quisunque dictam terram quacumque modo tenuerit omnia prescripta plene et fideliter dicto Ade invenient. Et ad omnia predicta fideliter observanda ego dictus Willielmus fidei religione me astrinxi subjiciens me jurisdictioni et coercioni Vicecomitis Stafford, etc.* Alice and the other defendants appeared and stated they did not hold the meadow for which Adam claimed the herbage, and that Adam never was seised of the expenses he claimed for his own business nor of the robe. The jury found that none of the defendants held anything in the meadow from which Adam claimed the grass, and he was never in seisin of the expenses he claimed, nor of the robe, but only of a tunic annually and an over tunic (*supertunica*) ; but they say that he had not received the other things named in the deed ; and whereas the said William son of William was viewed in Court, and is evidently under age, and he holds two parts of the said tenements, and the deed of feoffment was produced which the said Adam had made to the said William his brother of the said tenements, and in which it was contained that the same William and his heirs should hold the tenements for the service of a farthing in lieu of all service, no express mention was made in it of the said estovers for which the tenements were *obligata* for the payment of the said estovers, but only of certain persons, a day is given to them to hear judgment at Westminster before the said A. and W.¹ (*In the margin are the words, " Westm. ad judicium dampna sua xx. s., et Adam ponit loco suo Adam Swynesheved."*) m. 1, dorso.

An assize, etc., if Henry son of Robert, son of Godefri, and Nicholas Dravel, had unjustly disseised Robert Damyot of Derby of a messuage in Alveton.

Henry stated he entered through Nicholas, and Nicholas stated he entered by virtue of a feoffment made by Robert. The jury found in favour of Henry and Nicholas. John lord of Prestwode, William Phelip of Tene, Henry son of Ralph de Alstanesfeld, Richard de Berdemore, Geoffrey *de ductu* in Denston, Ralph the Smith (*faber*) of Chedle, recognitors, never appeared, and are *in misericordiâ*. m. 1, dorso.

William le Ken of Knyghteleye withdrew his writ of mord ancestor against Henry de Heckstal and Julia his wife. He and his sureties, viz., Robert de Coton and Thomas de Whynton, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 1, dorso.

¹ *i.e.*, Adam and William the Justices of Assize. The case had apparently been transferred to Westminster on a point of law to be heard before the Justices of the Bench. There is a previous suit arising out of the same transaction at p. 290, Vol. VI., of these Collections.

Perambulation made by Adam de Crokedayk, William Inge, and Malculine de Harleye between the land of John Tresel in his manor of Tresel in co. Stafford, and the land of the King in his manor of Claverleye in co. Salop upon the Heath of La Rugges, on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Michael, 23 E. I.

The King sent his writ in these words. *Here follows the King's writ to those named above, stating that upon the requisition of John de Tresel the King had appointed them to make a perambulation:* "We therefore command you on a certain day to be fixed, you go in person to the said heath and on the oath of forty-eight Knights of the counties of Worcester and Warwyk, Salop and Stafford, viz., twelve from each county, you make the said perambulation by the ancient metes and bounds, and return the same to us at our next Parliament after Easter. Dated from Canterbury, 23rd December, 22 E. I."

Upon this, the Sheriffs of the above-named counties¹ were ordered to summon before the said Justices on the said Heath of La Rugges (Rudge Heath) on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Michael, 22 E. I., twenty-four, of which twelve at least should be Knights girded with the sword (*milites gladio cincti*); on which day the perambulation remained over owing to defect of Knights; and the Sheriffs were ordered to summon them again for the Saturday after the Feast of Trinity; on which day the Justices did not come, and orders were sent to the Sheriffs (of Salop and Stafford) to summon twenty-four, of which twelve at least were to be Knights, on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Michael in this year; on which day the said Justices came on the heath, and there appeared also William de Stafford, William de Mere, Robert de Bromlegh, Richard de Kavereswalle, Henry de Kavereswalle, Robert de Knytelegh, Ralph Basset, Hugh de Weston, Henry de Morf, Thomas de Luttelegh, Roger de Swynnerton, and Geoffrey de Gryselegh of co. Stafford and Ralph Sprengnose, Robert Corbet, Walter de Hopton, William de Huggefurd, Ralph de Sandford, Peter de Eyton, Richard de Leython, William de Ercalawe, Ralph de Arras, Ivo de Clynton, William Randolph, and Fremund of Erdynton of co. Salop; and Nicholas de Oddyngheshales, Henry de Egbaston, William de Bracebrugge, Thomas de Wolveye, John de Somerville, Peter de Wolwardynton, Gerard de Camville, Robert de Val, Richard de Folwode, John Wodard, Robert de Kyngesford, and Jordan de Etteleye, of co. Warwick; and Robert de Bracey, Henry le Walys, William le Power, William Fokeran, Adam de Elonbrugge, Thomas de Stone, John de Kent, Thomas de . . . ley, Stephen de Bosco, Walter de Wytelynge, Richard Oliver, and John de la Berewe, of co. Wygorn; who said on their oath that the bounds between the counties of Stafford and Salop, *i.e.*, between the land of John de Tresel in his manor of Tresel in the co. of Stafford, and the land of the Lord the King in his manor of Claverleye in co. Salop, begin at Bekwyneburynesse, passing by the summit of Rugges as far as Wytemerswey, and from Wytemerswey as far as Puttes, and from Puttes to the road which runs from Aston, as far as Seysdonwey, always upon la Rugges; and from Seysdonwey le Condes as far as the foot of Aguardescastel, and from Aguardescastel as far as the corner by the high road as far as Schupelefeldes, and from the corner of Schypelefeldes by another road which leads towards Wolverhampton as far as Wytewersmere; and this perambulation under the seals of the four principal Knights of each county, together with the King's writ, was delivered into the Chancery by the said Adam de Crokedayk. *m. 1, dorso.*

¹ *i.e.*, Stafford and Salop. These were the two counties in which the Justices were taking assizes; the precepts to the Sheriffs of Warwickshire and Worcester-shire would appear on other Rolls.

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 23 E. I.

Staff. The Sheriff was commanded to distrain Geoffrey son of Elyas de Tillington, Richard le Reniyd, Robert de Foryate, Richard de Secheville and Isabel his wife, Robert the Smith and Isolda his wife, Thomas Garbod, Robert Dych, John son of Walter de Pylkestok, John le Gaunter, James Slomyn, John de London, William the Smith, Stephen Attestone, Margaret Schomyl, and Juliana le Freman, and to produce them at this term to acknowledge by what service they hold their tenements in Tillynton, which services the said Thomas¹ (*sic*) had conceded in the King's Court to Simon son of Roger de Newport of Stafford by a fine levied between them. And Thomas Garbod, Robert Dych, John son of William de Pylkestok, William the Smith, and Stephen Attestone now appeared; and John son of William was viewed in Court, and was under age; therefore let the suit as against him remain till his full age; and the said Thomas, Robert, William, and Stephen performed homage. The Sheriff is ordered to distrain the others, and produce them at the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 5.*

Staff. Richard de Cavereswelle sued Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswell for a debt of £35, and she did not appear. To be attached for the Octaves of Hillary. A postscript states that she did not appear at that term, and was attached for Trinity term, when she did not appear, and the Sheriff had done nothing and sent no writ. She is therefore to be attached for the morrow of All Souls, and the Sheriff to be summoned. *m. 32.*

Staff. Christiana formerly wife of Hamon de Honyle sued Thomas de Wovere for a third of two acres of land in Onyle (Onneley); and she sued Adam de Wulfhull and Mabel his wife for a third of two acres in the same vill; and she sued two tenants in Weninton (Winnington) in Hales for a third of their holdings as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand and summon them for the morrow of St. Martin. *m. 34.*

Staff. Hugh de Wyvereston sued Peter son of Robert Aleyn and Roes his wife, Magister Richard le Taylur and Pavia his wife, in a plea that they should acquit him of the service which Robert Hastang claimed from him for the free tenement he holds of them in Hulcote (Hilcote), in which they are mesne tenants between him and Robert. They did not appear, and are to be attached for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 34.*

Staff. Magister John de Cadamo, Prebendary of the free Chapel of the King in Wolverhampton, appeared against Richard de Rossale, Reginald Fraunceys, Felicia Fraunceys, William son of John del Pipe, Agnes formerly wife of John del Pirie, John in the Lane, Richard of the Hethe, William son of Adam de Smalhethe, Nicholas son of Laurence, Nicholas de Trescote, Richard son of Gervase, and Richard son of Petronilla, in a plea that they should appear before a jury to determine whether nine acres and a rood and a half of land in Wolverhampton held by them was free alms belonging to his prebend, or the lay fee of the said Richard and others. They did not appear, and are to be attached for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 46.*

Staff. Mabel formerly wife of Thomas de Melewych recovers dower, viz., a third of a virgate of land in Melewych (Milwich), against Simon son of Thomas de Melewych, through default of the latter. *m. 107.*

Staff. Richard son of Philip de Draicote was sued by Robert Bek for causing waste and destruction in the lands, woods, and houses, and gardens in Thene (Teau) and Hopton, which he held by courtesy of England; and he stated that the said Richard held the manor of Thene and two carucates of

¹ This Thomas is not previously named.

land in Hopton near Stafford by courtesy of England of the inheritance of the said Robert, and he had caused waste by pulling down or selling seven houses each worth 20s., and by cutting down three hundred oak trees in Thene worth each 2s., and forty oaks worth each half a mark, and for which he claimed £20 as damages.

And Richard denied he had caused any injury, and stated that one Orabel the wife of William Wyther was dowered from the said tenements in Thene and Hopton,¹ and similarly one Margaret Trussel was dowered from those in Thene,² and the damage had been done by them whilst they held the land in dower, that they had cut down timber in the woods at their will, and had pulled down houses and sold the material, and had built houses elsewhere from the timber; and he stated also that one Roger de Caverswell, the Parson of the Church of Checkeley, and the Prior of St. Nicholas near Stafford, had reasonable estovers in the said woods, and had caused much waste, and he appealed to a jury. The Sheriff is therefore commanded to go in person and summon a jury on the spot, and return by inquisition the amount of waste on the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 112.

Salop. Thomas de la Hyde and Isolda his wife, who was executrix of the will of Geoffrey le Orfeure of Lodelowe,³ sued Robert le Estrange, Walter de Pedwardyn and Elizabeth his wife, for a sum of £52, and they sued Walter and Elizabeth for a sum of £14 in addition. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 116.

Derb. Henry son of William le fitz Herbert and Margaret his daughter are in *miseriçordiâ* for several defaults (of appearance).

The said Henry and Margaret were summoned to answer John son of Henry de Chaundoy, and Robert de Stafford, in a plea that they should give up to them Roger the son and heir of John de Acovere (Okeover), whose wardship belongs to them, inasmuch as the said John de Acovere held his land of them by Knight's service (*per servitium militare*); and they stated that the said John de Acovere held of the said John and Robert the manor of Attelowe by military service, viz., by homage and the service of one Knight and 40s. for a scutage of 40s. when it should fall due, and also by the service of 20s. per annum; and the said John had died in seisin of the said manor and in the homage of the said John (de Chandos), because he was the elder coparcener, and for that reason the custody of the said Roger belonged to the said John and Robert; and Henry and Margaret had deformed them of the wardship, and for which they claimed £20 as damages.

Henry stated he made no claim to the wardship, and Margaret answered for herself and stated she made no claim except as a kind of nurse (*preter quam nutriculam tantum*), and because John the father of Roger held the said manor in socage, viz., by the service of 11s. annually for all service, and not by military service, as John and Richard asserted; and she appealed to a jury. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of the Purification. *m.* 149.

Warw. Ralph Basset of Sapecote appeared against Theobald de Neville, Agnes de Somery, Walter de Aylesbury, Robert Arthur the Parson of the

¹ Orabel was the widow of Robert de Beck, lord of Hopton and Tean in 31 H. III. She appears also to have been the widow of a Draycote, and to have married William Wyther for a third husband. (Deeds in the Chetwynde MS., and Plea Rolls, Vol. VI.)

² Margaret Trussel was widow of Gilbert de Beck, lord of Tean, who was dead in 31 H. III. She subsequently remarried William Trussel. (*Ibid.*)

³ Thomas de la Hyde seems to have married Isolda the widow of Geoffrey de Ludlow, who was one of the most prominent money lenders and usurers of the day. It was probably owing to this marriage and the wealth he acquired by it, that we find him afterwards warden of the Stannaries and Sheriff of Cornwall.

Church of Brightwalton, William Parson of Forton, and Roger the Chaplain, executors of the will of Roger de Somery, in a plea that together with William de Bereford, another executor, they should give up to him Amabel the daughter and heir of Ralph de Rokeby (Rugby), whose wardship belonged to him, because the said Ralph had held his land of Simon Basset the father of Ralph by military service. None of the defendants appeared, and are to be attached for the Quindene of Hillary. Theobald and Robert to be summoned in Leicestershire, and the ecclesiastics to be summoned by means of the Bishop of Chester, in whose diocese they held benefices. A postscript states that at the term named the Bishop sent no return, and a new writ was issued to the custodian of the Spiritualities, as the Bishop had died. *m.* 171.

Staff. The suit of Roger de Levynton and Petronilla his wife *versus* Juliana la Chenese of Weston and Vivian her son, for a messuage in Cherleton (Chorlton), is dismissed, the plaintiffs not appearing. *m.* 177.

Staff. William Wyther appeared against John son of John de Benetleye in a plea that he had abducted from Lichfield *vi et armis* Alan the son and heir of Robert de Acovere of Westbroughton, who was under age, and whose wardship and marriage belonged to him; and the Sheriff was ordered to find out where the heir was, and if within his bailiwick to produce him in Court. And John did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his bailiwick, but that he had goods and chattels in co. Derby. The Sheriff of Derbyshire is therefore ordered to attach him for the Octaves of the Purification; and as regards the heir, it was shown that he was living in Warwickshire. The Sheriff of that county is therefore ordered to produce him in Court at the same date. *m.* 222.

Staff. The suit of John de Arderne *versus* the Dean and Canons of St. Cedde of Lychfield for land in Elford is to remain over, because the Bishop had died, the defendants pleading they could not answer the writ without the Diocesan. *m.* 207, *dorso*.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Robert Elys sued John Giffard of Schilinton (Chillington) and Ada his wife for a third of a messuage and eighteen acres of land, and 2s. of rent in Chilinton as the dower of the said Ada (*sic*, Agnes). John and Ada called to warranty Peter son of Robert Elys, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 128, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard le Eyr sued William son of William de Knyghton for two parts of a messuage and a virgate of land in Knyghton near Wyninton; and he sued Richard le Brer and Cecilia his wife for a third of a messuage and a virgate of land in the same vill, of which William le Eyr his grandfather, whose heir he is, was seised in demesne as of fee when he died; and he stated William his grandfather was seised of the tenement in the reign of King Henry, the King's father, and from William the right descended to one Adam as son and heir, and from Adam to Richard, who now sues, as son and heir. The defendants appeared, and Richard and Cecilia stated they only claimed the dower of the said Cecilia of the inheritance of William, and called him to warranty; and William was in Court, and was evidently under age; and the suit is therefore to remain till his full age. *m.* 107, *dorso*.

Staff. John Huberd sued Richard de Wolvrenehampton for a messuage and a mill, and carcate of land in Sundrisshe (Sundridge, co. Kent), in which Richard had no entry except by Ralph de Hengham, to whom Robert le Blund had demised it, and who had unjustly disseised Hubert le Champneys the father of John. Richard called to warranty Ralph de Hengham, who was to be summoned in co. Stafford; and who now appeared and warranted the tenement to him, and denied that Robert had disseised the said Hubert, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff is ordered to summon a jury for the morrow of the Purification. *m.* 79, *dorso*.

Staff. Robert son of Robert de Esnynton (Essington) sued Robert de Sewallefeld for a toft and half a virgate of land in Bisshebury, in which the said Robert de Sewallefeld had no entry except by a demise which Robert de Esnynton the grandfather of Robert, whose heir he is, made to William de Sondon for a term now expired. Robert de Sewallefeld prayed a view, and the case was adjourned to the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 18, dorso.*

Staff. Henry son of Roger de Caverswell was summoned by Richard de Creswell in a plea that he should render to him an account for the time when he was his bailiff in Creswell; and he stated that Henry had acted as his bailiff from the Feast of St. Michael, 6 E. I., until the same feast, 12 E. I., and had always refused to render any account to him, and for which he claimed £10 as damages. Henry appeared and stated that the tenements for which Richard claimed an account were held in soccage, and on the death of the ancestor of the said Richard, and when Richard was under age, one Mary his wife together with the said Henry had (*three words illegible*) Richard, inasmuch as the said Mary was nearest heir to Richard.¹ Richard denied this, and stated that Henry was in possession only as his bailiff, and appealed to a jury; which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 1, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 24 E. I.

Staff. Salop. Bogo de Knowle and Alianora his wife, Joan formerly wife of William Barentyne, Robert de Bracy and Matilda his wife, sued Thomas son of Nicholas de Aldytheleye for a messuage and a carucate of land in Loskesford in co. Salop, which was valued at 70s. annually, as the right of the said Alianora, Joan, and Matilda, in which the said Thomas had no entry except by a disseisin which James de Aldytheleye had unjustly made of Hugh de Albo Monasterio, the uncle of the said Alianora, Joan, and Matilda, whose heirs they are. Thomas called to warranty Giles de Alditheleye, who appeared and called to warranty Nicholas de Aldytheleye, who is to be summoned in co. Stafford for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 7.*

Staff. The suit of Matilda formerly wife of William de Declynge *versus* Roger son of Roger de Somery, for a third of the manor of Rouleye, is respited till the Octaves of St. Michael, reference not having yet been made to the King concerning it (*eo quod nondum locutus est cum Rege*). *m. 49.*

Staff. The Prior of Stanes was summoned by the Prior of Kenilworth to render to him £10, the arrears of an annual rent of 12 marks 6s. 8d., and he stated that Brother John, formerly Prior of Stanes, at Brewode, on the tenth of the Kalends of January, A.D. 1292, and the Convent of that place, had pledged themselves to pay the said rent to the Prior and Convent of Kenilworth, and he produced the deed. The Prior of Stanes appeared and acknowledged the deed, and conceded that unless the said annual rent was paid in future, the Sheriff might raise it by writ of *feri facias*, and for this concession the Prior of Kenilworth remitted the arrears which were owing. *m. 80.*

Staff. Walter Beysin appeared against Hugh de Beumes in a plea that whereas it had been provided by statute that the custodians of lands and tenements which were held in soccage during a minority, should render a reasonable account of the issues of the lands, etc., to the heirs when they

¹ Probably nearest of kin is meant. Sibilla one of the granddaughters and eventually a co-heir of Ralph de Dilhorn had married Richard de *Cresswall* (not *Caverswall*) as stated in the suit of 21 E. I., p. 230, Vol. VI.), and had had issue another Richard de *Cresswall*, the plaintiff in this suit. Mary another co-heiress had married Henry de *Caverswall*, the defendant, and would thus be aunt of Richard. A suit in Banco, Mich., 10 E. II., shows distinctly that Sibilla married Richard de *Cresswall* and that *Caverswall* had been written in error by the Clerk of the Judges of Assize in 21 E. I.

reached their full age, the said Hugh refused to render his account for the lands, etc., of Walter in Byllnyngesleye and Cylntonon, which were held in soccage, and the custody of which the said Hugh had held whilst Walter was under age. Hugh did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 96.*

Staff. Joan formerly wife of John de Wanton withdrew her writ of entry *versus* Robert de Somerville respecting a messuage and 160 acres of land, six and a half acres of pasture, and 16s. of rent in Tuttenhull (Tattenhill). *m. 113.*

Letters of protection for William Bagot, who was about to proceed to Gascony with Robert fitz Walter in the retinue of Edmund the King's brother. *m. 149 dorso.*

Staff. Richard the Prior of St. Thomas the Martyr near Stafford, sued Philip de Chetwynd for a messuage, a carucate of land, and five acres of wood in Rewyl (Rule), as the right of his Church, and in which Philip had no entry except by an intrusion which he had made after the death of Philip de Mutton, to whom Nicholas de Aspeleghe, formerly Prior of St. Thomas, his predecessor, had demised the tenements for the life of Philip de Mutton. Philip appeared and stated the tenements were formerly in seisin of one Ralph de Mutton his ancestor, whose heir he is, and who gave them to the said Philip de Mutton to be held by him and the heirs of his body, and if the said Philip should die without issue, the tenements were to revert to the said Ralph and his heirs; and Philip de Mutton had died seised of them, and had left no issue, and after his death Philip de Chetwynde had entered into them as nearest heir of the said Ralph, *per formam donationis*, and he appealed to a jury. A postscript states that a jury *ex consensu partium* gave a verdict at Trinity Term, 24 E. I., and stated that the said Philip de Mutton had an intention to enfeoff Nicholas the Prior of St. Thomas of the said tenements in 14 E. I., and had with his own hand delivered seisin to the Prior of the said messuage, and the Prior had been in seisin for a month, within which time he had ploughed the land with his own plough, and had sown what was ready for seed, but during the whole time a certain female servant (*ancilla*) of Philip occupied the messuage with milch cows in the name of Philip, and depastured them in the tenement, and she was responsible to the said Philip for all the dairy produce (*de toto exitu albi*), viz., butter and cheese; and they said further that the said Prior being afraid that he was not in complete seisin, arranged with the said Philip that Philip should eject him, and that he should recover seisin by an assize of novel disseisin, and this had been effected; but that the said Prior had never executed the judgment of the Court, for Philip continued his seisin until his death, and died seised of the tenements; and as the jury found that the said Prior had not demised the tenements to the said Philip for his life as he had averred, judgment was given in favour of Philip de Chetwynde. *m. 24, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL MICHAELMAS, 24 E. I.

Staff. John son of Robert de Cotes, together with Richard de Alrewych and William son of Nicholas, sued William de la Doune for a messuage and a carucate of land in Bradeleye. William appeared and pleaded he could not answer without the said Richard and William son of Nicholas his coparceners. They are therefore to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 23.*

Staff. The suit of Robert le Mareschal of Aston *versus* Thomas the Prior of Stone is dismissed, Robert not appearing to prosecute it. *m. 29.*

Staff. The suit of Walter de Beysin *versus* Robert Beysin, tenant of two parts of a messuage and a carucate of land, three acres of meadow, and 10s.

¹ See p. 162, Vol. VI., Part I., of Staff. Coll., where the commencement of this suit is given, the rest being illegible.

of rent in Shuston, is respited till the Quindene of Hillary, through defect of a jury. *m.* 43.

Staff. Reginald de Legh, Magister Robert de Stafford, William son of Robert de Cavereswell, and William de Fulford, the executors of the will of William de Cavereswell, sued Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswell, William Godfrey, Henry de Cavereswell, and William de la Doune, for £150 16s. 1½*d.* The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of St. Martin (a note states Reginald de Legh had died). *m.* 45.

Staff. The suit of William son of Peter Corbison *versus* John Giffard of Chilynton, for the manor of Chylinton, is respited till the morrow of the Purification, through defect of a jury.¹ *m.* 47.

Staff. Ermegarda formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur, sued Roes formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur, for a third of a rent of £26 in Felde as her dower. Roes prayed a view, and the suit is adjourned to the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 90.

Norht. Ermegarda formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur, sued Roes formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur for a third of the manor of Herdwyk as her dower. Roes prayed a view, and the suit is adjourned to the same day as the other. *m.* 90.

Staff. Cecilia formerly wife of Roger de Narudale (Narrowdale), sued Adam le Hunte of Uttokeshather for a third of a messuage and 16 acres of land in Narudale as her dower. Adam called to warranty Thomas de Petherwyk, who is to be summoned in co. Derby for the Quindene of St. Martin. A postscript adjourns the case till five weeks from Easter. *m.* 90.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham sued William son of Richard le Clerk of Corfton for two acres of meadow and two and a half of pasture in Bromwych as her right and inheritance. William prayed a view and the suit is adjourned to the morrow of the Purification. *m.* 98.

Staff. The same Margaret sued Margaret formerly wife of Richard le Clerk of Corfton for an acre of meadow and one and a half acres of pasture in Bromwych as her right, etc., and she did not appear. The Sheriff is therefore to take the land claimed into the King's hand, and summon her for the same date. *m.* 98.

Staff. Alesia formerly wife of William de Trumwyne not appearing to prosecute her suit for dower in Great Sandon and Little Sandon, against William de Stafford, the case is dismissed. *m.* 102.

Norht. Hugh de Mortimer sued Felicia formerly wife of Philip de Monte Gomery for two parts of the manor of Whelton, by a writ of right,² which John Wake the capital landlord remitted to the King's Court, and he pleaded that one William his ancestor was seised of the tenements in demesne in the time of King Henry the King's father, and from William the right descended to another William as son and heir, and from this William who died *s.p.* to Jocosa his sister and heir, and from Jocosa to Hugh the plaintiff as son and heir. Felicia denied the seisin of the original ancestor, and appealed to a great assize, and a day is given to the parties at three weeks from Easter. *m.* 139.

Staff. William de Thicknesse, who brought a writ of entry against Nicholas de Thicknesse respecting a messuage and carucate of land in Thicknesse, withdrew his writ. *m.* 161.

¹ This entry occurs on every roll till Hillary Term, 32 E. I., when the suit was dismissed on a technical point.

² *i.e.*, by a writ of right in the Lords' Court, the most ancient of all the forms of pleas by which the right to an inheritance could be tried.

Staff. William de Neuton, *Clericus*, recovers a toft in Aston-upon-Colefield in a suit *versus* Matilda formerly wife of Richard de Tamenhorn, through default of the latter. *m.* 200, *dorso*.

Warr. The Sheriff had been commanded to distrain Alexander de Fryvill and Joan his wife, one of the heirs of Philip Marmyun and to produce them at this term to acknowledge the service by which they held their tenements in Ryseby, in co. Lincoln, of Gilbert de Gaunt, and which services the said Gilbert had conceded to the lord the King by fine, etc. A postscript states that Alexander and Joan appeared on the Octaves of Hillary, and stated that one Mary (formerly) wife of the said Philip held the said vill of Reseby in dower, and it was of the inheritance of the said Joan and of Ralph son and heir of Ralph le Botyler, and of Joan daughter of the said Philip, who was one of the co-heirs¹ and was under age and in ward to the King; and they pleaded they could make no acknowledgment of service before the partition of the inheritance. The cause is therefore to remain *sine die*. *m.* 182, *dorso*.

Staff. Agnes de Somery appeared in court and gave up to Ralph Basset of Sapcote, Amabel the daughter and heir of Ralph de Rokeby, who had held his land of Ralph Basset by military service. *m.* 103, *dorso*.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham recovered eight and a half acres of land in Bromwych from John de Salileye, and an acre from Walter de Linden, four acres from Richard son of John Fyne, and two acres from Ralph son of John Fyne, and an acre and a half from Margaret formerly wife of Richard le Clerk, in the same vill, by default of the defendants. *m.* 85, *dorso*.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Thomas le Freman of Tyllinton sued Thomas Gerbode for a third of two messuages, forty-seven acres of land, and ten acres of pasture in Tyllinton as her dower. Thomas called to warranty Robert son and heir of Richard de Tillynton, who was under age and in ward to Ralph Basset of Chedel, and whose land is in the custody of Richard le Mazon. Richard (le Mazon) now appeared and stated he held the said tenements from which dower was claimed as *custos* of the inheritance of the said heir, viz., with one Dionisia his (Richard's) wife, by a demise of Thomas Tuchet and Simon Tuchet, Philip son of Philip de Draycote and of Robert de Newton, the executors of Alice Tuchet, by virtue of a deed which he produced, and which contained no clause of warranty, and he prayed judgment on this point. Afterwards the said Richard, by permission of the Court, acknowledged the claim to dower, and as it was testified he held sufficient of the freehold formerly belonging to Thomas (le Freman) the husband, it is considered that the said Thomas Gerbode should hold his land in peace, and Margaret be endowed out of the land held in custody. *m.* 81, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered by writ of *recordari* to transfer into this Court the suit of Edith de Pirie *versus* William de Hamelton, the Parson of the Church of Honesworth (Handsworth), for a trespass committed against her, and which she complained had been falsely conducted in the County Court; and the Sheriff returned the names of four Knights, viz., Geoffrey de Gresele, John Hamelyn, William de Whytinton, and Robert de Bromle² who did not appear. He is therefore to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 78, *dorso*.

¹ Philip the last Lord Marmion, of Tamworth, who died 20 E. I., had married a second wife Mary, and left a fourth daughter Joan, much younger than the other co-heiresses. A note on a previous roll states that the eldest daughter Joan de Morteyn had died. It will be seen he left two daughters surviving him, both named Joan, probably after his first wife Joan de Kilpek. Joan de Frevill was his granddaughter.

Staff. William de Mere gives half a mark for license of concord with Hugh de Veel and Aloyna his wife. *m. 68, dorso.*

Staff. Richard son of Hervey de Stretton sued Robert Champyun and Agnes his wife for half a virgate of land in Stretton, of which Richard de Stretton his grandfather had been seised in the reign of King Henry the King's father, and from Richard the right descended to Henry his son and heir, and from Henry to Richard who now sues. Robert and Agnes called to warranty William Champyun, who appeared and warranted the tenement to them, and denied the seisin of Richard the grandfather, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 64, dorso.*

Salop. Joan daughter of Roger de Pyveleston by her *custos* appeared against William de Venables, Henry de Cresswall, Roger de la Vile, and John del Brodeoke, in a plea that they had abducted from Pyvelesdon (Puleston) *vi et armis* Robert the son and heir of Robert de Morton, who was under age, and whose marriage belonged to her. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Hillary; and as regards the heir, the Sheriff returned he was not within his Bailiwick, but was living in co. Chester in the custody of John de Croye. The Justiciary of Chester is ordered therefore to produce the heir at the same date. *m. 43.*

Staff. Lettice formerly wife of William de Alrewych (Aldridge) not appearing to prosecute her suit for dower against Alan le Breton, it is dismissed. *m. 21, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 25 E. I.

Staff. Theobald de Neville, Gilbert le Hunte, and Elyas Pye, were summoned by Robert de Gresebrok in a plea that they had taken and unjustly detained his cattle; and he stated that on Monday, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, 23 E. I., they had taken in the vill of Shenestone in a certain place called Robertscroft six oxen and two cows of the said Robert, and had driven them to the manor of the said Theobald in Shenestone and had there impounded them, and for which he claimed 40s. as damages.

Theobald and the other defendants appeared, and Theobald answered for all, and admitted the taking of the cattle, and stated that one Ralph de Grendon died seised of the manor of Shenestone, and after his death a third of the manor was assigned as dower to one Isabella who had been his wife, and Isabella had demised the said third part to him to hold for her life, and that one Adam the father of the said Robert, whose heir he is, held of the said Ralph in the said manor a messuage and a carucate of land by homage and fealty, and by the service of 5s. annually and a heriot when it should fall due, and that after the death of the said Ralph the service of the said Adam was assigned to Isabella as part of her dower, and after the assignment of Isabella's dower to the said Theobald, Adam had attorned his service to him and had died in his service (*in servitio ipsius Theobaldi*), and because the said Robert after the death of Adam had detained the heriot due according to the custom of the manor, viz., a horse with saddle and bridle, aketon and lorica, and other arms appurtenant to it, he had distrained the said Robert by the said cattle, as was lawful.

And Robert stated that Adam his father had never attorned his service to the said Theobald, and had died six years and more before Theobald held anything by the assignment of the dower to him, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of the Holy Trinity. *m. 25.*

Staff. William Bagod, junior, recovers a messuage and a carucate of land in Pateleshull in a suit *versus* Roger Peye by the default of the latter. *m. 34.*

Staff. John son of Robert de la Lee of Drengeton (Drineton) sued Brother

² Who were to bring up the record.

Richard, Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford, for five acres of land in Drengeton, in which he had no entry except by Nicholas de Aspeley formerly Prior of St. Thomas, who had unjustly disseised Robert de la Lee the father of John, whose heir he is. The Prior appeared and denied that Robert had been unjustly disseised, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m. 87.*

North. Staff. Ermegarda formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur sued Roes formerly wife of Henry de St. Maur for a third of the manor of Herdewyk in co. Northampton, and for a third of the manor of Felde (Field) in co. Stafford, as her dower. Roes pleaded Ermegarda was not entitled to claim dower against her because it had been agreed between her and Henry formerly husband of Roes that she should receive 7 marks annually from the manor of Felde for her life in lieu of dower from the said manors. Ermegarda acknowledged that the said Henry had assigned her the said 7 marks as her dower; but she stated that Roes after the death of the said Henry had detained the rent and had distrained the tenants from whom she formerly received the rent to pay the said rent to her, and they had attorned themselves to the said Roes and the rent had been withheld now for three years.

Roes finally acknowledged that Ermegarda was entitled to receive 7 marks annually from Field for her life, and that she owed her 8 marks of arrears of it. *m. 88.*

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham recovers an acre of meadow and an acre and a half of pasture in Bromwyche (West Bromwich) against Richard le Clerk of Corfton by default of the latter. *m. 95.*

Staff. Richard son of Walter de Cotes sued Roger de Neuport and Edelina his wife, and William de Chatculne and Alice his wife for a messuage in Stafford, in which they had no entry except by a demise which he had made to one Richard Scheld of Stafford for a term now expired.

Roger and the other defendants appeared, and William and Alice stated they held no part of the messuage, and held none at the date of the writ; and Roger and Edelina stated they held the whole of it, and that one Robert, lord of Coton, had given it to them with a clause of warranty, and they produced the deed and called to warranty Elyas the son and heir of Robert, who was under age and in ward to Alice formerly wife of Robert, because the lands of Robert were held in soccage. Alice is therefore to be summoned for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m. 108.*

Staff. John son of Robert de la Lee of Drengeton sued Richard Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford for a messuage and ten acres of land and an acre of meadow in Drengeton (Drineton) as his right and inheritance, and in which the Prior had no entry except by a disseisin which Richard de la Lee had unjustly made of Agnes formerly wife of Robert de la Lee, the mother of the said John, whose heir he is. The Prior stated that as regards six acres and a half of land and the meadow, John could make no claim by descent from the said Agnes, because Agnes had enfeoffed Nicholas his predecessor, and he produced four deeds of the said Agnes; and as regards the residue of the land, he denied that Richard de la Lee had disseised Agnes of it.

John stated that the deeds produced were never executed by Agnes, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m. 87, dorso.*

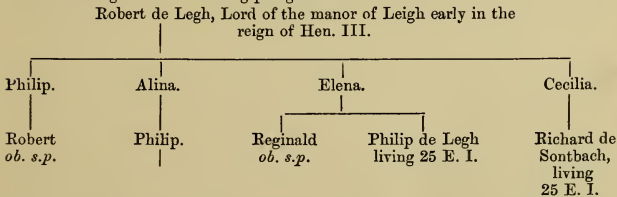
Staff. Richard de Draycote was summoned by Philip de Draycote in a plea that he should permit him to present a fit person to the Church of Leghe (Leigh) which is vacant, and he also summoned in the same plea the Abbot of Burton, William de Stafford of Bromshulph (Bramshall), Philip de Leghe, Richard de Sontbache, and Adam de Mokleston.

Philip stated that one Robert was seised of the manor of Leghe to which

the advowson of the Church was appurtenant, and he presented one Reginald his Clerk, who was admitted and instituted in the time of King Henry the King's father, and from Robert his right descended to one Philip as his son and heir, and from Philip to one Robert as his son and heir, and from Robert, who died *s.p.*, his right passed to Alina, Elena, and Cecilia the sisters of the said Philip the father of Robert as his aunts and heirs, and from Alina the right of her purparty descended to one Philip as son and heir, and the said Philip had enfeoffed him (Philip de Draycote, who now sues) of his purparty of the manor, to be held by him and the heirs of his wife lawfully begotten, and of which purparty the said Philip is seised by the said feoffment; and for the reason that he is enfeoffed of the purparty of Alina the eldest sister, it pertained to him to present to the Church, and in which he had been impeded by the said Richard and the other defendants, and for which he claimed £40 as damages.¹

Richard de Draycote, William, and Adam, stated they made no claim to the advowson; and the Abbot of Burton stated he claimed only to receive annually 5 marks from the hands of the Rector of the Church, as the right of his Church in perpetuity; and Philip de Legh and Richard de Sontbach stated that from the said Elena the second sister, descended one Reginald her son, and from Reginald who died *s.p.*, the right of her purparty descended to this Philip de Legh as brother and heir; and from Cecilia the right of her purparty descended to this Richard de Sontbach as her son and heir. Philip de Legh and Richard de Sontbach conceded to Philip de Draycote his right of presentation to the Church *hac vice*, saving to them their turn to present when it should fall due. *m. 12, dorso.*

¹ This suit gives the following pedigree:—



Robert fitz Ulviet, the feoffee of the Abbot of Burton at Leigh, was succeeded by his son Henry de Legh, who occurs as a Knight of Great Assize A.D. 1199, and was dead probably in 1212, when Robert de Lei occurs in the same capacity on the Curia Regis Roll of 14 John (Vol. III., Staff. Coll. pages 50 and 158). This Robert is shown to be son of Henry de Legh by a deed in the Ronton Chartulary (Staff. Coll., Vol. IV., p. 281), and occurs frequently as a Knight of Great Assize on the Rolls of the early part of Hen. III. (Staff. Coll., Vol. IV.) Alina the eldest co-heiress married Richard de Draycote, who was grandfather of Philip the plaintiff in this suit. Elena married Hugh de Legh, and Cecilia was the wife of a Sandbach. Philip de Legh the son of Robert was dead in 53 H. III., for Alesia his widow was suing for her dower at that date. This Alesia in other suits is called Alexandra. Robert de Legh the last male heir probably died in 1271, for his widow Matilda was suing for her dower in January, 1272 (Vol. IV., Staff. Coll. p. 187). Philip de Draycote, senior, enfeoffed his younger son Philip at Leigh in 8 E. I. (see p. 106, Staff. Coll., Vol. VI., Part I.). Richard de Draycote the defendant was the elder brother of Philip the plaintiff, and was the head of the house of Draycote at this time.

Reginald de Legh the co-heir, who died *s.p.*, was the Parson of the Church of Leigh (see suit at p. 61, Vol. VI., of these Collections), where the place printed Badesle should evidently be Dadesle or Dodsleigh, a member of Leigh. Two inquisitions *ad quod damnum* of 17 E. I. and 22 E. I. show that this Reginald added largely to the endowments of the Church of Leigh.

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 25 E. I.

Staff. Philip de Draycote gives 20s. for licence of concord with Richard de Draycote.¹ *m.* 12.

Staff. Roes formerly wife of Richard de Stretton sued Robert de Whiston and Anabel his wife for a third of a carucate of land in Stretton, and she sued Richard son of Hervey de Stretton for a third of a carucate of land, two acres of pasture, and 20s. of rent in the same vill, and she sued Adam Henry and Cecilia his wife for a third of a messuage and thirty acres of land, and William son of Adam Henry of Stretton for a third of a messuage and thirty acres of land in the same vill as her dower. The defendants prayed a view, and the case was adjourned to the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m.* 13.

Staff. The same Roes sued Robert Byshop and Agatha his wife for a third of two acres in Stretton, and Alditha formerly wife of William Byshop for a third of an acre, and Robert son of Agatha de Sumerford, and John his son for a third of two acres in the same vill, and she sued Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswall, Henry de Harcurt and Alianora his wife, for a third of 10s. of rent in Bradelegh and la Dune, and she sued Richard Teveray and Avice his wife for a third of six acres in Doneston (Dunston), and Robert de Parco for a third of six acres in the same vill, and Milisent daughter of Adam de Parco for a third of a messuage and six acres of land in Stretton, and Richard son of John Othegrene for a third of two acres in Doneston, and Richard Cradok for a third of an acre in the same vill, and Simon de Acco for a third of 18*d.* rent, and Cecilia de Parco for a third of 18*d.* of rent in the same vill, as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m.* 13.

Derb. The suit of John son of Henry de Chaundos, and Robert de Stafford, *versus* Margaret the daughter of Henry le fitz Herberd, is respited till three weeks from Michaelmas through defect of a jury, *nisi Justiciarii prius, etc.* *m.* 43.

Staff. The Sheriff is ordered to arrest Ralph Basset of Sapecote for a debt of £17 he had acknowledged to owe to Richard Sturie of Salop. *m.* 50.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to take with him twelve discreet and legal Knights of his county, and *in propria personâ* to make a perambulation between the land of Richard de Draycote in Draycote and the land of Robert de Hukeford (Huggeford) in Hyndolveston (Hilderston), and to send the return under his seal, and those of four of the Knights who made the perambulation, and Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff sent the inquisition made by twelve Knights, but as the Sheriff was not present in his own person, he is commanded to make the perambulation (as before) and return it on the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 50.

Staff. Robert de Standon appeared against William de Claybury of Fortone in a plea that he (William) should warrant to him a messuage, ten

¹ By this fine Philip acknowledged the third part of the manor of Leigh and of the advowson of the Church to be the right of Richard, and for which acknowledgment the said Richard grants to Philip the said third part and third of the advowson, and he further grants and concedes that a third of the third part of the said manor which William le Botiller of Werington and Alesia his wife hold in dower, and also a third of the third part of two parts of the manor which Robert de Stepelton and Matilda his wife hold in dower of the inheritance of Richard, and which should revert to him, after the deaths of Alesia and Matilda should revert to Philip. This fine shows that both Alesia and Matilda the widows of the two last lords of Leigh had married second husbands.

acres and half a virgate of land in Overtone (Orton) near Wulfrenehampton, which Agnes formerly wife of William de Wottone claimed against him. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him to the value of the land in question into the King's hand, and to summon him for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m. 54.*

Staff. Richard de Sondbache appeared against Thomas Prachet of Norton, Richard fitz Fyk of Aston, William son of Roger de Kneghton (Knighton), William le Serjeant, and Hugh Maysey, in a plea that they together with Adam de Mukleston, William de Mere, John Organ of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Henry le Barbur, Nicholas Thyknes, Stephen de Oklee, Robert de Hexston, John de Eytton, Benedict de Sutton, Adam de Daddesleye, Philip de Middleton, Robert Dolfyn, Hugh le Fevre of Mukleston, and Adam de Talk, had cut his wheat *vi et armis* at Legh near Tene, and had carried it off with other goods and chattels to the value of £40. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at Trinity Term. *m. 60.*

Staff. In the suit of Roger de Thornton *versus* Philip son of Philip de Chetwynd for a debt of £9 Os. 12*d.* (*sic.*), the Sheriff returned that Roger was dead. Philip is therefore to be summoned at Trinity term to show cause why the sum raised from his lands by *feri facias* should not be paid to Humfrey de Bassingburne and Mary his wife, Roger de Melrede and the other executors of the said Roger. *m. 117, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to raise £25 from the lands and chattels of William fitz Griffin, part of a debt of £33 which the said William had acknowledged to owe to Robert de Standon, and the Sheriff returned he held chattels belonging to William which would fetch £8. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to pay that sum into Court at the Octaves of Trinity, and to raise the residue by the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 73, dorso.*

Staff. Adam son of William de Puz of Ruggele gives a mark for licence of concord with William de Puz. *m. 60, dorso.*

Staff. Hugh son of John de Kantia (Kent) sued Thomas son of Thomas de Ferrars, Agnes formerly wife of Thomas de Ferrars, Margaret de Ferrars, William son of Cecilia de Leyes, Richard son of Alan de Leyes, John son of John Simund, John Osborn of Kyngeston, Julian his wife, Matilda Steynulf, Robert de Warilowe, John son of Gilbert de Gretewich, Richard son of Gilbert de Gretewich, Richard de Careswelle, John le Grom and Margaret his wife, Petronilla daughter of Lettice de Maddeleye, Robert de Olthay, Ralph de Flytleye, and Hugh le Rydere, to permit him common of pasture in the vill of Chirche Lockesleye in which his father John de Kent, whose heir he is, was seised as of fee when he died as appurtenant to his freehold in the same vill. None of the defendants appeared, and are to be attached for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m. 47, dorso.*

Staff. William de Neuton recovers a fourth of a virgate of land in Aston upon Colefeld, from Hugh son of John de Aston by default of the latter. *m. 30, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 25 E. I.

Staff. Richard the Prior of St. Thomas the Martyr near Stafford is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against Philip de Chetwynde in a plea of land as appears in Easter term, 24 E. I., Roll 24. *m. 8.*

Staff. Sibilla formerly wife of Roger de Lytlehay sued Richard de Berdemore for the third of a messuage and sixty acres of land in Chedle and Lytlehay, and she sued Adam de le Delf and Felicia his wife for a third of

thirty acres in the same vill as her dower. Richard called to warranty Richard son of Richard de Berdemor, and Adam and Felicia stated they claimed one-third of the third part as dower of Felicia, and they called to warranty Richard son of Richard de Littlehaye for this part and as regards the third part of thirteen acres of land they claimed only for a term of years by a demise of Richard de Berdemore, whom they called to warranty; and as regards the third part of seven acres they only claimed for a term of years by a demise of Simon Basset, and they called to warranty Ralph son and heir of Simon. Adjourned to the Quindene of Michaelmas, when the above are to be summoned. A postscript states the Sheriff had done nothing up to that date, and the suit was further adjourned to the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 35.

Staff. In the suit of Robert de Gresebrok *versus* Theobald de Nevil for an alleged illegal distress, the Sheriff returned the writ reached him too late, and it was adjourned to the morrow of All Souls. *m.* 47.

Staff. Adam de Mukleston, William de Mere, Henry le Barbur, Nicholas de Thykness, and fourteen others named, were attached to answer the plea of Richard de Sontbach, that they had reaped and carried off *vi et armis* his growing corn at Legh near Tene on the morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin, 24 E. I., and had taken other goods and chattels belonging to him to the value of £40, viz., barley, peas, and hay, timber, a *firmaculum*, gold rings, brass pots, skins, linen, cloth, and many other utensils. The defendants appeared, and except Adam denied the trespass, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for a month from Michaelmas.

Adam de Muckleston stated that one Reginald de Legh held a messuage and a carucate of land in the said vill on which the corn was grown, for term of his life by the demise of the said Adam, and after the death of Reginald he had entered into the land and had reaped and carried the corn.

Richard admitted that Reginald held the tenement on which the corn grew for his life, but stated he had demised it to him for the same period, and that he had sown the land during the lifetime of Reginald, and that Adam in the autumn following the sowing of the land had reaped a great part of the corn and a portion of it even during the lifetime of Reginald, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the same term. *m.* 84.

Staff. Sibilla formerly wife of Roger de Lytlehay recovers dower against William Bene in twelve acres of land in Chedle and Littlehay, and against William le Nayllur in twelve acres in the same vill, and against Joan daughter of Henry le Verdun in a messuage and thirty acres in Derlaston by default of the defendants. *m.* 105.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham sued William son of Richard le Clerk of Corfton for two and a half acres of land and an acre and a half of pasture in Bromwych (West Bromwich) and two acres of meadow and two acres of pasture in the same vill, as her right and inheritance. William called to warranty Richard son of Richard de Marnham, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of St. Martin. The summons to be made in counties of Leycester and Notts. *m.* 106.

Staff. A writ of execution against the lands and goods and chattels of Theobald de Neville, Knight and Thomas de Neville for a debt of £150 owing to Edmund Earl of Cornwall; and the Sheriff of Warwickshire was ordered to arrest the said Theobald, and keep him in safe custody till the debt is paid. Similar writs sent to the Sheriffs of counties of Rutland and Leycester. *m.* 66, *dorso*.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham recovers two and a half acres of land in Bromwych in a suit against Felicia formerly wife of Philip de la Haye, by default of the latter. *m.* 47, *dorso*.

¹ See pleas of Easter, 25 E. I.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to levy £8 from the lands and chattels of William fitz Griffin, part of a debt of £33 owing to Robert de Standon, and which should have been paid in 21 E. I., and returned that he held chattels to the above value belonging to William, but had not been able to find buyers for them. He is therefore ordered to send the money at the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m.* 11, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 25 E. I.

Staff. Reginald de Legh and the other executors of William de Cavereswalle withdraw their writ against Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswalle for a debt of £152 16s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* *m.* 43.

Staff. Richard le Tayllur appeared against Richard de Flosbrok and Thomas de Knyghton for abducting, *vi et armis*, his wife Pavia from Gnoushale, and taking his goods and chattels. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 83.

Staff. The suit of Agnes formerly wife of William de Wotton *versus* Robert de Staundon, respecting land in Overton (Orton), and in which Robert had called to warranty William de Cleybury, is respited *sine die*, Robert having King's letters of protection for a year from 5th August, 25 E. I.¹ *m.* 97.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham recovers an acre in Bromwych from Walter le Orpede, and two acres from Felicia formerly wife of Philip de la Haye, and two acres from Simon de Oscote in the same vill, through default of appearance of the defendants. *m.* 149.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Thomas atte Ok sued William le Hore of Fredeswale (Fradswall) for a third of a messuage and five acres of land in Mulewich (Milwich), and she sued Richard the Vicar of the Church of Mulewich for a third of six acres of land, and Robert son of Walter de Mulewych for a third of three acres and a half and two acres of meadow, and William son of William de Pykestok for a third of five acres of land, and Henry de Cokeslone for a third of one and a half acres, and Henry le Mouner of Mulewych for a third of half an acre, and Johu son of William de Pykestok for a third of five acres and an acre of meadow in the same vill as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 199.

Staff. Adam de Crassewalle and Agnes his wife appeared against Gilbert de Croxford in a plea that he should warrant to them a messuage in Stafford, which Magister John de Cadamo (Caen), Dean of the Church of St. Mary of Stafford, claimed as the right of his Deanery. Gilbert did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him to the value of the messuage into the King's hand, and to summon him for Easter Term; and as the value of the messuage was not known, to return its value at the next Hillary Sittings. A postscript states the value was returned at 8s. (per annum). *m.* 210.

Staff. William le Botiller of Wemme sued Vivian de Chetewynde of Stalebrok to give up to him the custody of the land and heir of William de Stalebrok, which belonged to him because the said William held his land by military service of Matilda de Paunton (Pantolf), the grandmother of William le Botiller, whose heir he is. Vivian did not appear, and is to be attached for the Octaves of the Purification. *m.* 243.

¹ The King was organizing an expedition to recover his continental dominions, and had summoned all tenants of land of £20 value and upwards.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to arrest William de Tamenhorn and William de Freford for a debt of £11 15s., which they had acknowledged to owe to Ralph de Upton of Nottingham, and which should have been paid at the Feast of the Annunciation, 24 E. I. The Sheriff returned that William de Tamenhorn had been taken and was detained in prison, and that William de Freford could not be found. Ralph is therefore to have a writ according to statute. *m.* 262.

Staff. Magister Robert de Stafford sued Richard Foun the executor of Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswell, for a debt of £121 16s. 1½*d.* Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing in co. Stafford, and it was testified he held sufficient in co. Derby. The Sheriff of Derbyshire is therefore commanded to summon him for a month from Easter. *m.* 273.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Pywelesdone sued Richard le Mouner, Thomas le Hayward, Robert son of Robert de Verney, and seven others named, for illegally taking, together with John son of Geoffrey de Aston, Robert son of Eve, Richard son of John de Aston and Agnes his wife, and William son of the said Richard, Henry de Horseley, and Richard Wryth, her goods and chattels at Burweston (Burston) to the value of 100s. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at a month from Easter. *m.* 278.

The King sent to the justices a writ in these words. Here follows letters patent of protection for Nicholas de Alditheleye, Robert de Staundon, Roger de Swynnerton, John de Ebroicis (Devereux), Roger le Burgellun, John de Swynnerton, and Richard de Chetelton, who by the King's commands and in his retinue were about to set out for parts beyond sea (*profecturi sunt ad partes transmarinas*), to last for a year. Dated from Sevenok, 5th August, 25 E. I. *m.* 310, *dorso*.

Staff. William de Westwode and Agnes his wife sued William son of James de Esing and Richard his brother for a message in Lek; and they sued Margaret de Rudeyerd for an acre in the same vill. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Octaves of Hillary. A postscript states the writ was furthur adjourned till the Octaves of Trinity. *m.* 303, *dorso*.

Staff. Robert son of John de Assheburn sued Theobald de Nevill for deforcing him of a rent of 13s. 4*d.*, in Swynefen, which Thomas son of Thomas de Hamstede had demised to him for a term which was unexpired, and within which term the said Thomas had sold the rent to Theobald, who had deforced Robert of it. Theobald did not appear, and his sureties, Henry son of Hugh de Swynefen and Robert the Provost of the same, are *in misericordia*. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Octaves of the Purification. *m.* 207, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff had been commanded to arrest John le Lord of Wytegrave and keep him in safe custody, till he had paid a debt of £20 he had acknowledged to owe to the executors of Bogo de Clare; and the Sheriff had done nothing but returned that John was dead. He is therefore commanded to raise the money by writ of *feri facias* according to statute, and to return the proceeds into Court at the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 87, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain William le Botiller and Alesia his wife, and to produce them at this term to acknowledge what right they claimed in the third part of the manor of Legh (Leigh) which Richard de Draycote had conceded to Philip de Draycote by a fine, and likewise to distrain Robert de Stepelton and Matilda his wife to acknowledge what right they claimed in the third part of a third of two parts of the manor of Legh, which the same Richard had also conceded to the said Philip by fine, and the

Sheriff had done nothing, but returned the writ reached him too late. He is therefore commanded as before, and to produce them at the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 77, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest William Bagot, Knight, and keep him in safe custody till he had paid to the executors of Urian de St. Pierre, Knight, a debt of £29, which ought to have been paid at Michaelmas, 19 E. I.; and the Sheriff returned that William could not be found. He is therefore ordered to raise the money by writ of *feri facias*. *m. 66, dorso.*

Staff. Richard de Draycote appeared against Richard de Cresswalle, Richard Roberdesman atte Lowe, and Roger Modwyn, for entering his free warren at Draycote *vi et armis* and chasing and carrying away hares from it. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff is ordered to attach them for the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 48, dorso.*

Staff. Roes formerly wife of Richard de Stratton¹ (Stretton) recovers dower against Robert Bishop and the defendants previously named, by their default, none of them appearing. *m. 45, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 25-26 E. I.

Staff. The suit of Philip de Chetewynde *versus* the Prior of St. Thomas respecting a messuage, a carucate of land, and five acres of wood in Rowell (Rule) near Gnoushale, is transferred *coram Rege* by writ of *certiorari*, and is adjourned to the Octaves of the Purification. *m. 58.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to put into the *exigent* John de Ilum of Burton-upon-Trent, and William Basse of Witemere, and if they should appear to apprehend them and keep them in prison to answer the appeal of Margaret formerly wife of Roger Wandel for the death of Roger her husband; and the Sheriff returned they had been outlawed on the Thursday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 25 E. I. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to return the value of their goods and chattels on the Octaves of the Purification. *m. 44, dorso.*

Staff. Simon son of Roger in the Lone of Rolliston, William son of Roger Bakun, Ralph de la Boure, and William son of Roger in the Lone, William Wodeman, Thomas Astel, William Owayn, Roger in the Lone, Roger Harding, John his son, William Harding, Ralph le Hore, William son of Henry le Fisshere, and eighteen others, were attached to answer the plea of Robert de Touk that they had trodden down his growing corn at a place called the New Rydinge in Aunsedeleye, *vi et armis*, with their cattle, in 25 E. I., and had committed damage to the value to the 100s.

The defendants appeared and denied any injury to Robert and pleaded that with the exception of Ralph de la Boure they were villeins of Edmund the King's brother, and the Newe Rydinge was common of pasture appurte-

¹ Roes the wife of Richard de Stretton was sister to Nicholas the Baron of Stafford, and had a daughter Joan, who was twenty-two years of age in 22 E. I., according to the evidence in the proof of age of Edmund Baron of Stafford, from which these particulars are derived. Richard was succeeded at Stretton by his nephew Richard son of Hervey de Stretton, but the manor was so reduced by improvident grants made by his uncle, that the last Richard was forced eventually to sell all his interest in it to Walter de Langton the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. In 20 E. I. Richard de Stretton had enfeoffed Robert le Champion and Agnes his wife of the third part of the manor, which they held at that date as dower of Agnes, who was the second wife of his father Richard.

nant to the free tenement of Edmund in Rolleston, and that Edmund had died seised of it, and they now hold the tenement in villenage of Thomas de Lancastre son and heir of Edmund, who was under age, and in ward to the King; and Ralph de la Boure stated he was a freeman, and the place called the Neweryding is common of pasture appurtenant to his freehold in Rolleston. Robert claimed to hold the Neweryding in severalty, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 10, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 26 E. I.

(*Apud Lincoln.*)

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to levy 40 marks from the lands and tenements of Nicholas, late Baron of Stafford, to pay a debt owing since 15 E. I., to Magister Henry de Bray, and by another writ to levy 23 marks from the same to pay another debt owing to Henry de Bray since 16 E. I. *m. 45.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to levy 10 marks from the lands of John son of John fitz Philip, to pay a debt owing to Robert Burnel, late Bishop of Bath and Wells, since 18 E. I. *m. 44, dorso.*

Derb. William de Stafford, Roger del Beche, James Maynwarving, William son of William de Hedefeld, William del Helde, and Fulcher de Padefeld, were attached to answer Roger son of Robert de Melvere in a plea of conspiracy and trespass; and he complained that by conspiracy and confederacy between them they had indicted him at Glossop in 25 E. I. before Thomas Foljaumbe the Bailiff of the Peak for harbouring Robert de Melvere, a common robber, and by which indictment he had been detained in prison at Nottingham until released by Richard de Bingham and his fellow Justices, and for which he claimed £20 as damages. William and the other defendants denied any injury to Roger, and stated that they indicted him by the common report of the country (*per communem famam patrie*) and not by any conspiracy, and they appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 24, dorso.*

Staff. Nicholas son of Roger de Marchinton and Roger son of Nicholas de Marchinton, executors of the will of the said Roger, appeared against John de Prestwode, William Shirard, Hugh Schyne, Henry Grounel, Simon Keling, John Keling, and four others, in a plea of trespass. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. Adam le Carter, William de Olneye, Adam Blakeman, Thomas Dene, Richard del Siche, Richard de Northampton, the Parson of the Church of Eyton, William de Eyton the Chaplain, John le Luttel (Little), Richard de Dokeseye, John de Cotes, Geoffrey le Wasteneyes, John de Berkeleye, Richard de Knyttle, and eight others, were attached to answer the plea of the Prior of Ware that they had taken *vi et armis* the goods of the said Prior to the value of £10 at Great Onne, viz., barley, oats, and beans and other chattels, in 25 E. I. The defendants denied any injury to the Prior, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 1, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 26 E. I.

Staff. Cecilia formerly wife of Roger de Narudale (Narrowdale) sued Adam le Hunte of Uttokeshathere for a third of a message and sixteen acres in Narudale, which were valued at 3s. 2d., as her dower. Adam called to warranty Thomas de Petherwych, who appeared and warranted the

tenement to him and stated Cecilia had no claim to dower, because her husband was not in seisin of the tenement at the time he married her nor ever afterwards, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury to be at York on the Octaves of Trinity,¹ *nisi Justiciarii prius*, etc. *m.* 12.

Staff. Ralph de Crumbwell sued Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville, John de Duddene, and John le Pouser the executors of the will of Robert de Somerville for a debt of 20 marks; the defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them to be at York on the Octaves of Michaelmas, and the Sheriff returned that the two Johns held nothing in his bailiwick, and it was shown that they held sufficient lands and tenements in Shirescote. The Sheriff was therefore commanded as before, etc. *m.* 33.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to arrest Sir William Bagot and keep him in safe custody till he had paid to Urian de St. Pierre, who is now dead, a debt of £29, and which should have been paid in 19 E. I.; and the Sheriff had done nothing in the matter, and returned that William Bagot held nothing within his bailiwick because he had enfeoffed William his son of all his lands and tenements; and it was considered the return was insufficient, as it did not name the date of the alienation. The Sheriff is therefore ordered as before to arrest William and to levy an execution on his lands, etc. *m.* 33.

Staff. Magister John Lovel sued Roger de Aston, Elyas de Napton, and Robert de Redeswell, the executors of Roger formerly Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, for 62 marks owing to him, the arrears of an annual rent of 6 marks, which the said Bishop had engaged to pay to him so long as he conducted the Bishop's business as Advocate in the Court of Canterbury by a deed dated 1283, which he produced. The executors denied that John had carried out the conditions of the deed, and the case was adjourned to the Quindene of Trinity at York. *m.* 40.

Staff. John de Cadomo (Caen), Dean of the Church of St. Mary of Stafford, sued Adam de Creswalle and Agnes his wife for a messuage in Stafford which Richard de Loundres formerly held, and which should revert to him as his eschaet because Richard was a bastard and died leaving no issue; and he stated that Richard held the tenement of him by fealty and the service of 2s. annually. Adam and Agnes called to warranty Gilbert de Croxford, who came and warranted the tenement to them, and stated that Richard did not hold it of the Dean and appealed to a jury. A postscript states that a jury appeared at Hillary term, 27 E. I., and stated that one John Camelyn and all his ancestors had held the tenement in fee of the Church of St. Mary for 18*d.* annually, and performed no service to anybody else; and John had enfeoffed one Ralph of the tenement to be held in the same way of the Church for 18*d.* annually; and Ralph had enfeoffed the said Richard de Loundres to hold of him and his heirs for the service of a rose annually and 18*d.* to the Church of St. Mary, and that Richard had died in the time of Bogo de Clare formerly Dean; and as the jury found that the said Richard did not hold of the Church of St. Mary but of the said Ralph, a verdict was given in favour of Adam and Agnes. *m.* 42.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest Robert de Somerville, the Lord of Wychenovere (Whichnor), and keep him in safe custody until he had paid a debt of 20 marks owing to the executors of Richard Hunte, and which should

¹ King Edward had moved all the Courts of Law to York, owing to the affairs of Scotland requiring his presence in the north; but it is questionable whether the transfer of the Common Pleas from London was not an infringement of the Great Charter.

have been paid in 24 E. I. ; and he returned that Robert was dead. He is therefore ordered to proceed according to the statute. *m.* 80.

Staff. John de Wenlok gives half a mark for license of concord with Richard son of Henry Wymer of Morton and Isolda his wife, and they have a chirograph. *m.* 109.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard de Marnham, recovers two and half acres of land and four acres of pasture in Bromwych against William son of Richard le Clerk of Corfton, by default of the latter. *m.* 127.

Staff. Magister Andrew de Esseburne sued Magister Elias de Napton Archdeacon of Derby, Magister Robert de Radeswell Archdeacon of Chester, and Roger de Aston,¹ executors of Roger formerly Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, for £50. Adjourned to the Octaves of St. John the Baptist at York. *m.* 149.

Staff. Philippa formerly wife of Richard de Berdemore sued Roger Attewalle of Whiston for a third of a messuage and bovate of land in Whiston, and she sued Richard son of Isolda for a third of a messuage and bovate of land, and Adam Hardheved for a third of four acres of land and an acre of meadow, and William son of Isolda for a third of an acre of meadow, and Robert Kyrraul for a third of four acres in the same vill, and Thomas Kyrk for a third of six acres in Caldon, and Robert son of Richard for a third of a messuage and sixteen acres of land in Farlegh, and Adam de la Shawe for a third of two acres in Thornbury, which she claimed as dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hands, and to summon them to be at York at the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 160.

Staff. Magister Robert de Stafford, executor of the will of William de Caureswelle, together with William son of Robert de Caureswelle and William de Fulford, his co-executors, and Adam le Venur the executor of the will of Reginald de Legh, co-executor of the said William, sued Richard Spigurnel, Stephen de Wolaston, William Godfrey of Byllyngton, Henry de Caureswell, William de Wolaston, and William de la Dune jointly and severally for a sum of £121 16s. 1½*d.* None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them to be at York at three weeks from Michaelmas. *m.* 141, *dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 26 E. I.

Staff. Blanch formerly wife of Edmund the King's brother, the Queen of Navarre, sued Adam de Char for a third of half the manor of Yoxale excepting the capital messuage, the forest of Nedwode, the park of Rowleye and advowson of the Church, as her dower. Adam stated that the said Edmund had demised the said half of the manor to him for his life, and he called to warranty Thomas de Lancaster son and heir of Edmund, who is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 7.

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville sued Ralph de Crumbwell and Joan his wife for a third of twenty-six messuages, seven virgates and seventy acres of land and 4s. of rent in Shirescote and Curburgh as her dower. Ralph and Isabella (*sic*) called to warranty Edmund son of Robert de Somerville, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of the Purification. *m.* 77.

¹ This Roger de Aston is the "*dilectus vallettus meus*" of Roger de Meuland, the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and the founder of the family of Aston of Tixall, who were raised to the Peerage *temp.* James I. According to Chetwynd he was constable of the Bishop's Castle of Eccleshall in 14 E. I., and obtained considerable grants of land from the Bishop in Longdon, Haywood, and Bishton.

Staff. Ralph le Deystere of Stafford, Robert son of Bertram, William le Wyseprest, John son of Robert le Yungehusebonde, Peter and Gerard brothers of John, and Richard Noel, appeared in a plea against Alan son of Simon de Acton that he should warrant to the said Ralph the third part of four acres, and to the said William the third part of a message and half a virgate of land, and to the said John and his brothers the third of nine acres in Acton, and to the said Richard the third of four messuages and a carucate of land and eight acres of meadow in the said vill and in Bedenhale, which Havyse formerly wife of Simon de Acton claimed as her dower. Alan did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him to the value of the dower claimed, into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Octaves of the Purification. *m. 230.*

Staff. The executors of Roger formerly Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield sued Ralph son of Ralph de Grendon for a debt of £10 owing to them. Ralph did not appear, and is to be attached for the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 225, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to arrest William Bagot, Knight, and keep him in custody in the King's prison at Stafford until he had paid £29 to the executors of Urian de St. Pierre, Knight, lately deceased, and which should have been paid at Michaelmas, 19 E. I. And the Sheriff had returned that William held no goods within his bailiwick on the day of the acknowledgment of the debt. Nevertheless he had returned that he made an extent upon oath of the lands and tenements which the said William held at the same date, and that no one came on the part of the executors to receive seisin of them; and as it was testified that the Sheriff had made a false return, and had likewise permitted the said William to leave the prison, the Coroner is commanded to produce the said Sheriff, Thomas Corbet, before the Court at the Octaves of Hillary. A postscript states that the Coroner did nothing, and made no return at the Hillary sittings, and the executors then asked permission to sue the debtor, which was conceded to them. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to produce the said William at the Quindene of Easter. *m. 225, dorso.*

Staff. Alan son of Robert de Denston appeared against Robert de Okoure (Okeover), in a plea that he caused waste and destruction in the lands and houses, etc., which he held by courtesy of England of the inheritance of Alan in Denstone. Robert did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript states, on that date the Sheriff made no return, and was ordered to attach him for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 131, dorso.*

Staff. The same Alan sued Richard de Okoure for causing waste and destruction in the same tenements which had been demised to him by Robert de Okoure for the life of Robert; the same process as in former suit. *m. 131, dorso.*

Staff. Lettice formerly wife of William de Allerwych sued Richard atte Chircheyerd of Allerewych, for the third of two acres of land in Albrewich (Aldridge) as her dower. And Richard had called to warranty Henry son of John atte Chircheyerde, who appeared and warranted the tenement to him, and called to warranty William son and heir of William de Alrewich, who is under age and in ward to William de Strangelford and Walter his brother, by a demise of Robert Lord of Barre. The *custodes* are therefore to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary to produce the heir. The summonses to be made in Stafford and Salop. *m. 115, dorso.*

Staff. Robert Bataylle recovers six acres of land in Alveton in a suit *versus* Henry de Macworth and Margery his wife through default of appearance of the defendants. *m. 100, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of Robert son of John de Assheburne *versus* Theobald de Neville for the arrears of a rent of 13s. 4d. in Swynefen *remanet sinc die*, Theobald having King's letters of protection till Xmas day. *m. 8, dorso.*

Staff. In the suit of the executor of Urian de St. Pierre *versus* William Bagot for a debt of £29, the Sheriff returned that William was detained in prison, and the lands and tenements belonging to him had devolved on William the son of William Bagot; and that William Bagot, senior, was beholden to the King in many debts on the day that the above debt was acknowledged, and that all the goods, chattels, lands, and tenements which the said William held on the day of the above recognizance would not suffice to pay the King's debts. And it was testified in Court that the Sheriff's return was false, and he is ordered to keep the said William Bagot in safe custody, and to levy an execution on his lands, etc., and return the proceeds at the Octaves of St. Martin.¹ *m. 7, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 27 E. I.

Warw. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain Isabella formerly wife of Ralph de Grendon, and to produce her in Court to acknowledge what right she claimed in a fourth part of the manor of Grendon which John de Clynton of Coleshull had conceded by fine to Ralph de Grendon and Joan his wife. Adjourned to three weeks from Easter. *m. 92.*

Warw. Eustace de Holeweye sued Isabella formerly wife of William de Burmingham, Thomas de Wykham, Parson of the Church of Swaleweclyne, Andrew de Evenefeld, and Brother Thomas, Master of the House of St. Thomas of Birmingham, the executors of William de Burmingham, for a sum of £10 owing to him. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 136.*

Staff. Hawise formerly wife of Robert de Etewelle sued Ralph de Rolleston and Lucy his wife for a third of six acres of land in Rolleston as her dower. Ralph and Lucy called to warranty Richard son and heir of Robert de Etewell, who is to be summoned for a month from Easter. The same Hawise sued Richard the elder son of Robert de Etewell for a third of a messuage and four bovates of land and an acre and a half of meadow in the same vill; and she sued Richard the younger son of Robert de Etewell for a third of two messuages in the same vill. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the same date. A postscript further adjourns the suit to the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 129, dorso.*

Staff. Robert son of Walter de Burton and Agnes his wife sued Henry de Verdun, Philip de Blakelowe, and Robert son of William de Blakelowe for a third of a virgate of land in Blakelowe as dower (of Agnes). The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to re-summon them for the Quindene of Easter. *m. 89, dorso.*

Staff. Felicia de Barre and Robert her son sued Walter de Aust for causing waste and destruction in the houses, gardens, woods, etc., at Alrewych (Aldridge), which they had demised to him for his life. Walter did not appear, and is to be attached for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 55, dorso.*

Staff. Richard de Duddlegh sued Walter le Fraunceys and Isolda his wife, and Joan and Cristiana, sisters of Isolda, for two acres in Lychefeld as his right and inheritance. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the land claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 52, dorso.*

¹ This entry is dated the Octaves of Michaelmas, and precedes that of membrane 225, *dorso*; the latter are the proceedings of the Octaves of St. Martin.

Staff. Edith formerly wife of Thomas de Chaveleye sued Thomas le Wodeward of Lychefeld and Sarah his wife for a messuage in Lychefeld. William and Sarah called to warranty John son of Adam Fynche, who is to be summoned for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 35, dorso.*

Staff. The Abbot of Cumbremere sued William de Bagenholt for half the manor of Bagenholt (Bagnall), which the said William held of him by certain service, and which should revert to him by the Statute, owing to William not having performed his service for two years, and he stated that the said William held of him half the manor by homage and fealty and the service of 6s. annually; and he had ceased to perform the service for two years before the issue of the writ, viz., 18th July, 26 E. I. William took exception to the writ because he did not hold the whole of the half manor, Margaret formerly wife of William de Bagenholt holding the third part of it, and William de Hancherch holding thirty acres of land, and Nicholas de Tykneshe holding twenty acres, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 24, dorso.*

Staff. Richerd atte Chircheyerd of Alrewiche had summoned William de Strangelford and Walter his brother, the *custodes* of the person and lands of William son of William de Alrewiche, to be present in Court and to produce the said heir to warrant to him the third part of a messuage and two crofts, eight acres and a half of land and an acre and a rood of meadow, which Lettice formerly wife of William de Alrewiche claimed as dower; and they did not appear, and had previously made default at Easter, and the Sheriff had been ordered to take into the King's hand land belonging to the heir to the value of the dower claimed, and to summon them for this term. And they did not appear. Richard is therefore to hold his land in peace, and the said Lettice is to be compensated from the land of the heir. *m. 5, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 27 E. I.

Leyc. Thomas de Stafford and Emma his wife withdrew their writ of dower against David de Fletewik. *m. 1.*

Staff. Ralph le Botiller and Alexander de Friville withdrew their writ respecting twelve acres of land in Northbury, against Jordan de Flosbrok, and another writ respecting ten acres in the same vill against Thomas de Burghton. *m. 7.*

Staff. John Trumwyne appealed Ralph Phoum of Lychefeld for the death of William son of Adam Trumwyne his brother. Ralph did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him at the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 19.*

Staff. Alice formerly wife of John son of William de Cherlton sued William son of John de Bromleye of Whytemore for a third of five acres in Bromleye and Whytemore; and she sued Walter son of Agnes de Trentham for a third of five acres in the same vill as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 22.*

Staff. William de Ryhere appeared against Hugh Vicar of the Church of Tyso in a plea that he should render to him a reasonable account for the time he was his bailiff in Coldenorton, Endon, Tyssington, Neuport, and Wychio. Hugh did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he was a Cleric and had no lay fee by which he could be attached. A mandate is therefore sent to the Bishop to produce him at the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 22.*

Staff. Matilda formerly wife of Philip Burnel sued Ralph Springehose for a third of a messuage, four carucates of land, forty acres of meadow,

eighty-two acres of wood, two hundred acres of pasture, and £10 of rent in Wolvernehampton. And she sued Robert Tromoyle for a third of two acres in the same vill as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and had previously made default, and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand. And the Sheriff returned they held no land in Wolvernehampton, and it was testified they held land at the date the writ was sued out, viz., 24th day of September, 26 E. I. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Octaves of Trinity.

The same Matilda sued Philip de Oldefalling for a third of an acre of land in the same vill as her dower, and he did not appear, and the land had been taken into the King's hand; and he had been summoned again and did not appear. She therefore recovers it by his default. *m.* 31.

Staff. Matilda formerly wife of Philip Burnel sued the following tenants in Wolverhampton for a third of their holdings in that vill as her dower, viz. :—

- Richard son of Moyse of Waltham, for a third of two acres.
- Geoffrey de Byleston, for a third of three acres.
- William le Segersteyn, for a third of four acres.
- John le Deye of Etyngeshale, for a third of four acres.
- John son of John le Taillur of Bileston, for a third of two acres.
- Walter son of Richard Adam of Bileston, for a third of one acre.
- Richard Godman, for a third of one acre.
- Walter le Leche, for a third of two acres.
- Richard le Neweman, for a third of one acre.
- Peter Attechirchegate, for a third of two acres.
- Adam de Covene, for a third of two acres.
- Nicholas de Trescote for a third of six acres.
- Richard de Ruston, for a third of one acre.
- Clement de Wylenhale, for a third of two acres.
- Henry de Prestwode, for a third of four acres.
- Adam son of Adam Attemore, for a third of one acre.
- John de Westerne, for a third of one acre.
- Henry Attemore, for a third of one acre.
- Geoffrey Attemore, for a third of one and a half acres.
- William Attecheles, for a third of five acres.
- Geoffrey Attehalle of Wylenhale, for a third of three and a half acres.
- William Mitty of Wylenhale, for a third of one and a half acres.
- Robert atte Pyrie, for a third of one acre.
- Richard son of Nicholas atte Pyrie, for a third of one acre.
- Agnes Attemere, for a third of one acre.
- John de Mumjevie, for a third of one acre.

Richard and the other defendants appeared by attorney, and pleaded that Matilda had no right to the dower claimed, because a rent of £16 from the same tenements had been assigned to her for dower by the King, and as Matilda could not deny this, her suit is dismissed. *m.* 42.

Salop. The essoignor of Nicholas de Aldytheleye appeared against Edmund de Wasteneys in a plea that whereas the said Edmund had bound himself for a sum of £50 to remain in the service of the said Nicholas during the war between the King and the King of France, and to follow him (the said Nicholas) anywhere he might be sent during the war; and he having taken the money, although required to carry out the agreement, utterly refused to do so. Edmund did not appear, and is to be attached for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 63.

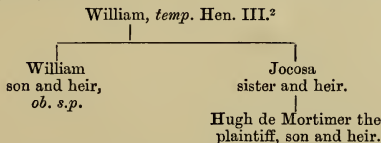
Staff. William son of Adam de Chetewynde appeared against Richard de Prestwode in a plea that he caused waste and destruction in houses and woods

in Prestwode, which William had demised to him for term of his (Richard's) life. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Quindene of Michaelmas. A postscript adjourns the case again to the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 105.¹

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Cavereswell, the executrix of Roger de Cavereswell, together with her co-executors, viz., William Godfrey of Bylinton and Thomas de Bradelegh, Clerk, sued Henry de Cavereswell in a plea that he, together with Roger son of Henry de Cavereswell and James de Sewallefeld, on the Wednesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew, 26 E. I., had taken *vi et armis* the goods of the defunct at Dulverne, viz., wheat and oats, to the value of 40s. Henry denied the trespass, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 110.

Wigorn. Thomas de Bermyngham appeared against Roger Barbast and the other executors of the will of William de Beauchamp formerly Earl of Warwick, custodians, together with Guy Earl of Warwick, and Matilda Countess of Warwick, their co-executors, of a portion of the lands of William son and heir of William de Bermyngham, in a plea that they should be present in Court this day to warrant to him together with Agnes formerly wife of Roger de Somery the *custos* of other lands of the said heir (to be summoned in Warwickshire), Oliver Bishop of Lincoln, *custos* of other lands of the said heir (to be summoned in co. Oxon), and Joan formerly wife of William de Valence, *custos* of other lands of the said heir (to be summoned in co. Bucks); the third part of the manor of Maydecote in co. Berks, and the third of a rent of 19s. in Bermyngham in co. Warwick, and the third of a rent of 6 marks in Morf, in co. Stafford, which Isabella formerly wife of William de Bermyngham claimed as dower. None of the custodians appeared, and the Sheriffs of the above counties are ordered to summon them again for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 118.

North. A writ superseding a Great Assize which Hugh de Mortimer had arraigned against Felicia formerly wife of Philip de Monte Gomery, respecting two parts of the manor of Whelton, and which Hugh claimed as his inheritance, giving the following pedigree from one William his ancestor, who was seised of it *temp.* Henry III.



The King's writ states that Robert Burnel formerly Bishop of Bath and Wells had granted the manor to Philip de Monte Gomery and Felicia his wife,

¹ By a deed enrolled on the Charter Roll of 20 E. I., and ratified by the King, Richard son of Henry de Prestwode granted to William son of Adam de Chetewinde the tenement of Prestwode within the Forest of Kinfare. This deed is witnessed by Sir Reginald de Legh, Sir William de Stafford, Sir William Bagot, Sir William Trumwyne, Sir William Wither, and Sir Robert de Staundon, Knights. Henry de Morf, John de Tresel, William de Wrottesleye, Ralph de Bishbury, William de Overlon, Andrew de Evenefeld, Philip de Lutteleye, John de Perton, and William son of Leon de Romesleye. Prestwood being held *in capite*, the consent of the King was required for its alienation. It would appear from the above suit that William de Chetewynde had subsequently admitted Richard de Prestwode into the tenement as a life tenant.

² Another suit at the back of the membrane shows the ancestor of Hugh was William La Zusche.

and to the issue of Felicia; and if Felicia should die *s.p.*, to remain to Philip and the issue of his body, and if Philip should die *s.p.*, to revert to the heirs of Robert. Felicia had a daughter Anne, who was under age and in ward to the King; and if the issue of Felicia should fail, the manor would revert to Edward son of Philip Burnel the kinsman and heir of Robert, who was also under age and in ward to the King. The Justices are therefore not to take the assize or proceed in any other manner which might be to the injury of the King's wards whilst they are under age. Dated 11th April, 27 E. I. *m.* 131.

Derb. The plea of dower of Agnes formerly wife of Oliver de Langeford (Longford) *versus* Nicholas son of Roger de Marchinton is adjourned to the morrow of St. John, on the prayer of the parties, and without essoin (*prece partium sine essoniâ*). *m.* 163.

Carta Regis facta Magistro Henrico de Bray. The King in consideration of a grant made to him by Henry de Bray of a messuage, sixteen virgates of land, sixteen acres of meadow, and 19s. of rent in Watford and Synelesworth, pardons him all debts, fines, amercements, etc., owing to the King for the time during which Henry held the office of Eschaeter *citra* Trent. Dated 25th May, 27 E. I. *m.* 172, *dorso*.

Ebor. Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville appeared against Agnes formerly wife of Thomas Romund of Thirnom in a plea that she should give up to her Alan the son and heir of Thomas, whose wardship belongs to her in consequence of Thomas having held his land of her by military service. Agnes did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce her at a month from Michaelmas. *m.* 144, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to record in full county the suit which was before the County Court by the King's writ between Swane le Fevre of Blythefeld and Hugh de Weston and others, respecting the unjust detention of the cattle of Swane, and regarding which the said Swane complained a false judgment had been delivered in the County Court, and to send the record into Court at this day under his seal, and by four lawful Knights of the County who were present at the record. And the Sheriff returned that he had recorded the suit, and had delivered it to four Knights, viz., Robert de Colton, Simon de Brusenulle, Richard lord of Pyrye, and Warine de Penne, to convey it to the Court, and they did not appear. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to distrain and to produce the said Knights at three weeks from Michaelmas, in order to testify respecting the said record. *m.* 142, *dorso*.

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville sued Nicholas de Hulle of Abbotes Brenleye (*sic*, Abbots Bromley) for a third of a rent of 16s. in Neubold and Tunstall as her dower. Nicholas called to warranty Edmund son and heir of Robert de Somerville, who now appeared and prayed it might be shown why he ought to warrant her dower. And Nicholas produced a deed of Robert the father of Edmund, by which he enfeoffed the said Nicholas in a rent of £10 in Tunstall and Neubold for a space of eight years from the Feast of the Annunciation, 33 E. I., after which he was to render £15 annually; and he stated that Edmund was the heir of Robert, and the dower claimed was part of the rent of £10. Edmund then admitted the claim to warranty, and it was agreed that Isabella should receive the dower she claimed from land belonging to Edmund. *m.* 96, *dorso*.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Caureswell sued William de Tillington of Bedenhale for a third of a messuage, and forty acres of land, ten acres of meadow, and 20s. of rent in Bedenhale; and she sued Margaret de la Dale of Billington for a third of a messuage, thirty acres of land, eight acres of meadow, and 10s. of rent in Billington as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to take the dower claimed into the

King's hand and to summon them for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 96, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Dorilod, Robert Dorilod, Sibilla sister of William de Hanlegh, and Julia Joudith were attached to answer the plea of John le Leche that, together with William de Hanlegh, Roger son of William de Draicote, Robert his brother, Hugh son of Richard de Stretton, and Richard Bruu, they had taken *vi et armis*, viz., with swords and bows and arrows, his wheat and oats at Little Onne, on the Wednesday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew, 26 E. I. The defendants appeared and denied the trespass, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m. 48, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD BEFORE ADAM DE CROKDAYK AND WILLIAM INGE, JUSTICES ASSIGNED, ETC., IN CO. STAFFORD, ON THE MONDAY THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MARY, 27 E. I. [7TH SEPTEMBER, 1299].

An assize, etc., if John Bagod of Bromleye, Hugh his brother, and Nicholas son of Edith, had unjustly disseised Hugh de Weston of an acre of land in Cromberleye.

John stated the land was in Bromley and not in Crumberley, and as Hugh could not deny this, the suit was dismissed. *m. 1.*

Felicia de Badenhale withdrew her writ of novel disseisin against Robert son of Robert Hastang respecting a tenement in Badenhale. Her sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., Thomas de Whytinton and William de Badenhale, Thomas had died. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if Henry de Bray, William le Ridere, Richard de Duffeld, Alan Norman of Boterdon () son of Isabella de Calton, had unjustly disseised William de Wrottesleye, Benedict de Boterdon, and William Poutrel of twenty acres of heath in Boterdon (Butterton-on-the-Moors). Henry stated that he was capital lord of Boterdon, and the plaintiffs held their tenements of him, and the heath in question was part of the waste of the vill which belonged to the demesne, and he prayed judgment on the point whether as the said William, Benedict, and William showed no special title to the waste, an assize would lie for a part of it. And William, Benedict, and William stated that their ancestors held the entire manor of Boterdon, and which manor they now hold, and by reason of the manor they were seised of the said heath until Henry and the others named had disseised them. And Henry stated that in the time of King John, viz., in the fifth year of his reign, a fine was levied at Lichfield between one Henry de Deneston, complainant (whose *status* the said Henry de Bray now holds) and a certain William son of Eda, and Ingrith, who was sister of Eda, and Roger Poutrel and Margery his wife and Hawys de Waterfal, tenants of fourteen bovates of land in Boterdon of the freehold belonging formerly to Robert de Waterfall the father of the said Eda, Ingrith, Margery, and Hawise in the said vill, the ancestor of the said William, Benedict, and William, by which fine it was settled that the said William, Ingrith, and the others held and ought to hold the said tenements of the said Henry de Deneston; and he produced the fine in question, in which there was no mention of any manor but of bovates of land only, and he prayed judgment, etc.; and as the said William, Benedict, and William did not deny that they and their ancestors held their tenements in Boterdon of the said Henry de Deneston and his heirs, nor that they hold now of the said Henry de Bray, nor show any special title to the

said waste which pertains to the capital demesne, it is considered that they should take nothing by this writ, and they are *in misericordiâ* for a false claim.

An assize, etc., if William de Stafford had unjustly disseised Richard son of Richard de Caureswelle of fourteen messuages, seven virgates of land, sixty acres of wood, two hundred acres of moor and heath, £12 of rent, a water-mill, and half a water-mill in Dulverne (Dilhorne) and Flotesbrok (Forsbrook).

William stated that Richard de Caureswell the father of Richard, whose heir he is, held the tenements of him by military service, viz., for the service of half a Knight's fee of Mortein, and after his death he had taken the said tenements into his hand by reason of the minority of the said Richard son of Richard, and he claimed only the custody of them. Richard stated he was of full age, viz., twenty-one years, at the date that William took possession, and he appealed to a jury. The jury found that Richard was not yet of full age, and that the tenements were held of William by the service of half a Knight's fee. Richard is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim; but his fine was remitted because he was under age. *m. 1.*

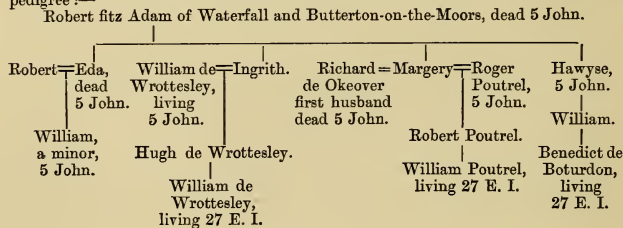
Henry son of William Herdenheved withdrew his writ of mord ancestor against Simon Crowe and Margaret his wife and others respecting a tenement in Kinglesley. *m. 1.*

Richard Gamel of Bredon withdrew his writ of novel disseisin against William son of William de Hondesacre and others respecting a tenement in Hondesacre (Handsacre).

An assize, etc., if Henry son of Henry de Verdun had unjustly disseised the Prior of Stone of twelve acres of heath in Derlaston. Henry stated he held the capital demesne of Derlaston to which the said heath was appurtenant. The Prior stated that the vill of Derlaston was divided between the ancestor of Henry and two coparceners, and that the heath in dispute fell to the purparty of one of the co-parceners who had enfeoffed his predecessor in it, and he put himself upon the assize; and Richard de Verney one of the recognitors

¹ This decision was reversed at subsequent assizes taken at Penkridge, for on the Patent Roll of 29 E. I., William Inge and R. de Suthcotes are appointed to take a jury of twenty-four Knights which Magister Henry de Bray arraigned against Benedict de Boterdon, William de Wrottesle and William Poutrel, to convict the jury who took the assize of novel disseisin which was summoned between the said Benedict, William, and William, and the said Henry and Roger de Bagenholt, and taken at Pencrich before Thomas de Sudington, Walter de Hopton, Reginald de Legh, and Hugh de Cave, respecting tenements in Boterdon. William de Wrottesley subsequently bought up the shares of the other coparceners, and his grandson Sir Hugh de Wrottesley dealt with the property under the denomination of the manor of Boterdon. It remained in the possession of that family till the reign of Charles I. (*Deeds at Wrottesley.*)

The suits at pages 71, 105, and 130 of Vol. III., Staff. Coll., taken in connection with the above suit and a deed from the Vincent Collection in which Hugh de Wrottesley speaks of his mother Ingrith, and other evidence, give the following pedigree:—



did not appear, and is *in misericordiâ*. The jury found in favour of the Prior, who is to recover seisin. *m. 1.*

An assize, etc., if William son of Roger de Caureswelle, Henry de Caureswelle, Roger son of Henry de Caureswelle, and John de Wotton had unjustly disseised Joan formerly wife of Roger de Caureswelle of four messuages, two virgates, and fifteen acres of land and () of rent in Levedale, Stretton, and Brewode. Henry stated he only claimed a messuage and ten acres of the land, and denied he had done the plaintiff any injury. John de Wotton stated as regards one messuage he found his wife Margaret in possession when he married her, and he took exception to the writ as she was not named in it; and as regards the rest of the land, William son of Roger stated Joan had never been in seisin of it. The jury stated that John de Wotton had found his wife seised of one messuage, and as regards the residue that William son of Roger and Roger son of Henry had unjustly disseised the plaintiff. Joan is therefore to recover seisin, and 10s. as damages. *m. 1.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Boweles and Robert his brother, Richard Serle, Simon son of Robert de Walsale, John de Walsale, John Gladwyn, Alan Lyne, Richard Coleman of Rushale, Paul de Medewey, Robert de Ortesey, and two others, had unjustly disseised John de Cave of a messuage, two carucates of land, twenty acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture, and two hundred acres of wood in Rusale (Rushall).

William de Boweles answered as tenant, and pleaded that John never was seised of the tenements. The jury state that William and the other defendants with the exception of Robert de Ortesey had unjustly disseised John of the tenements *vi et armis*. John is therefore to recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at 40s. The Sheriff is ordered to arrest all the defendants with the exception of Robert de Ortesey. *m. 1, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if Thomas de Crombrugge, John de Flamstede, John de Bromeshull, and three others, had unjustly disseised Robert son of Thomas de Combrugge of a messuage and sixty and ten acres of land and six acres of meadow in Combrugge. John de Flamstede answered as tenant and stated he had entered by the said Thomas, and the others said nothing against the assize. The jury state that the said Thomas had unjustly disseised Robert of the tenements, but that the other defendants had done him no injury. Robert is therefore to recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at two marks. *m. 1, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if William Wyther and Agnes his wife, John son of William de Ipstones, Robert de Bromlegh, Roger de Pycheford, Richard his son, Thomas de la Hyde, Thomas his son, Ralph Strech, Magister John de Weston, Peter de Jonestone and Roes his wife, Richard Crambel and Pavia his wife, Robert de Swyneselo, Stephen de Bromlegh, Thomas de Hibernia, (Ireland), and Walter Caghelegh had unjustly disseised Richard de Brunton of common of pasture in forty acres of heath and ten acres of wood in Blumenhulle (Blymhill), in which he used to common for all the year, with all manner of beasts (left unfinished). *m. 1, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if Adam de Blorton, Chaplain, and Robert de Blorton, had unjustly disseised Adam Wygar of half a messuage in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Robert answered as tenant, and stated he held the tenement conjointly with Joan his wife, who was not named in the writ, by the feoffment of the said Adam de Blorton; and as Adam Wygar could not deny this, the suit was dismissed. *m. 2*

Reginald Schirlok withdrew his writ of novel disseisin against Magister Alan le Bretun and others respecting a tenement in Whytinton. *m. 2.*

An assize, etc., if Robert de Leghes and William del Hurst had unjustly disseised Geoffrey son of Sampson de Legh of two parts of a messuage and sixteen acres of land in Leghe near Chetelton. William answered as tenant,

and stated he had entry by Robert, and that Geoffrey never was seised of the tenement. The jury found in favour of the defendants. John de Casterne, Roger de Hales in Denstone, William Phelippe, Hugh de Dokeseye, Simon Pare of Fotesbrok, Robert de la Mere, William de Tettesworth, Robert son of Stephen de le Brodeok, recognitors, never appeared, and are *in misericordiâ*.
m. 2.

An assize, etc., if Gilbert de Aston had unjustly disseised Thomas de Aston of a messuage and two carucates of land in Aston, Burghston, and Stoke near Stanes. Gilbert pleaded that Thomas never was in seisin of the tenement, and the jury found in his favour. Thomas is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. John de Whitemor, one of the recognitors, never appeared, and is fined *xxd.*
m. 2.

An assize, etc., if Adam de Bromhale and Lettice his wife, John son of Richard de Woure, Richard Broun of Stretton, Hugh his brother, and Roger son of William de Draycote had unjustly disseised John de Bromhale of a messuage, three acres of meadow, four acres of moor and wood, and half a virgate of land in Bromhale. Adam and Lettice took exception to the writ on the ground that Bromhale was not a vill nor a hamlet, and also pleaded that they had entered by a feoffment made to them by John. The jury say that Bromhale is a hamlet, and that the said John had enfeoffed Adam and Lettice by a deed; but it was agreed between the parties that they should have seisin for forty days, after which John was to come back and retain possession for his lifetime as lord, and Adam and Lettice as his servants as it were (*tanquam ejus servientes*); and that John had come back under this agreement and remained in the tenement from the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist until the following feast of the Annunciation, when disputes arose between them because John sold six oxen and two cows he had received as a gift of the said John son of Richard de Woure, and John had then expelled the said Adam and Lettice, who, with the assistance of John son of Richard and the others had then ejected John, and they say that the deed was made with the above condition, and that Adam had burnt it. Verdict for John de Bromhale, who is to recover seisin, and 20s. as damages. *m. 2.*

An assize, etc., if Stephen, the Parson of the Church of Swynnerton, had unjustly disseised Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton of seventeen acres of land in Acton near Whitemor. Stephen stated the tenement in question contained only ten acres, and that Roger the father of Roger had held the tenement of the Baron of Stafford by military service, and the Baron after the death of Roger had taken it into his hand by reason of the minority of the said Roger son of Roger, and had demised the custody of it to him, the said Stephen, until the lawful age of the said Roger son of Roger. Roger stated he had entered into the tenement after the death of his father, and had held it until he had been unjustly disseised of his own house (*de mansurâ suâ propriâ*) by the said Stephen.

The jury say that Joan the mother of the said Roger son of Roger had entered into the said tenement after the death of his father in the name of Roger, and held it for a year, when Stephen took possession; and that the said Baron after the death of Roger had set up no claim to the tenement by reason of wardship, nor in any other manner. Roger is therefore to recover seisin of the ten acres which Stephen admitted he had taken possession of; and his damages are taxed at half a mark. *m. 2.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard son of Richard Freman, the brother of Amice wife of Alan son of Adam de Scatculne (Chatcull), and of Edith the sister of Amice, was seised as of fee, etc., when he died, of a messuage and eleven acres of land and half an acre of meadow in Oldenton near Stone, and of which Henry son of Edith and Richard le Ro hold a messuage and eight

acres, and Nicholas Spandray three acres and half an acre of meadow. Adjourned for a view of the land. *m. 2, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if Robert son of Thomas de Chatculne, and Agnes daughter of the said Robert, and Henry son of Adam and Felise his wife, had unjustly disseised Margaret daughter of Robert son of Thomas de Chatculne of half a messuage in Etokeshale (Eccleshale). The jury say that Robert son of Thomas had disseised Margaret as stated, but that Agnes had done her no injury. Margaret is therefore to recover seisin, and 2s. as damages. *m. 2, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Ralph de Wevereston had unjustly disseised John de Brewode and Margaret his wife of an acre of land in Brewode. Ralph pleaded the tenement was in Covene and not in Brewode; and further that the plaintiff had never been in seisin of it. The jury stated the tenement was in Coven, and the suit was dismissed. *m. 3.*

An assize, etc., if Thomas Corbet, John Serche, and Robert Gaunsil had unjustly disseised Ralph de Roucestre of an acre of land in Alveton. Thomas pleaded he was Sheriff of the County, and had put Robert Gaunsil into possession by the King's writ, of an acre of land in Alveton, which he had recovered against Nicholas Bradeheved, and that John was his bailiff who had acted for him.

The jury say that the said Robert Gaunsil had brought a writ against Nicholas Bradeheved (Broadhead) respecting the said tenement, and which the said Ralph had demised to him for a term of years; and whilst the case was pending in the King's Court, Nicholas had reconveyed the tenement to the said Ralph, and Robert had afterwards recovered seisin of it against Nicholas by the default of the latter; and the said Thomas and his bailiff John in order to put him into seisin of it by the King's writ, had removed the said Ralph from it. And as it was found by the Assize that the said John and Robert had disseised Ralph of the tenement as stated, it is considered that Ralph should recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at 2s. Robert and John are *in misericordiâ*, and Ralph is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against Thomas the Sheriff. *m. 3.*

An assize, etc., if William le Hunte of Honeford and Agnes his wife, William Jouet and Agnes his wife, Richard Griffyn and Simon his son, Richard le Knave and Margaret his wife, Margaret formerly wife of John Lenton and Agnes her daughter, and four others, had unjustly disseised the Prior of Trentham of eighty acres of heath and moor in Trentham. The defendants denied any injury to the Prior, and stated that Thomas Earl of Lancaster held the tenement at the date that the Prior had sued out his writ, viz., 21st June, 26 E. I., and that the tenement was not in Trentham but in Honeford (Hanford); also that one Roger de Honefort held the tenement together with William le Hunte and the other defendants, and he was not named in the writ. And if these exceptions to the writ are not valid, they pleaded that the Prior never was in seisin of the tenement. The suit was adjourned through defect both of recognitors and claimants. John Coyne one of the recognitors, who never appeared, is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 3.*

An assize, etc., if John de Asshmerebrok, Henry de Stocton, Richard Cardun, and Adam le Clerk of Ruggele, had unjustly disseised William Othehill of Lychefeld of common of pasture in nine acres of land in Great Pype. Henry de Stocton answered for all as bailiff, and stated that Richard held no part of the land, that he himself held four acres, and John held two acres, and Adam held two acres, and that Roger formerly Bishop of Coventry and Lychfeld, the lord of the soil, had enfeoffed them with power of approval, and that William had sufficient pasturage elsewhere. The jury found in favour of the defendants. Geoffrey de Greseleye, William de Statculne (Chatcull), Hugh de Chaveldon, and Robert Gervayse, recognitors, who did not appear, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 3.*

An assize, etc., if Robert Poun, Robert de Pype, Knight, Peter de Colecestre, Henry de Alrewas, Henry Michel, William de Freford, Thomas de Hilton, Richard Attewelle. Reginald Shirelok, William le Taverner, Nicholas Savage, John Finch, Reginald le Rus of Longedene, Peter son of Peter de Colecestre, John de Sheynton, William de Cleydon, and John le Forester of La Burne, had unjustly disseised Ralph Poun of Lychefeld of a messuage and twenty-six acres of land, three acres of meadow, and a mill in Lychefeld. Robert Poun as tenant and bailiff of Peter de Colecestre, answered for all the defendants, and stated that Robert de Pype and the other defendants made no claim to the tenements, and had inflicted no injury to Ralph, and that he held the tenements conjointly with one Joan his wife, who was not named in the writ, and he produced a deed which testified to this. As Ralph could not contradict this, the suit was dismissed. *m. 3, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if Thomas Prior of Ronton, Walter de Evesham and Brother Warine de Ichynton had unjustly disseised Magister Richard de Colleshulle of a *corrodium* of meat and drink, viz., for himself as for a Canon, and for a groom, as for a groom of the Prior, and for a palfrey as of the Prior and a chamber for himself for life. The defendants stated that Magister Richard was in seisin of the *corrodium* if he chose to demand it, but he had voluntarily quitted the Priory owing to a quarrel with Brother Warine. The jury stated that Brother Warine had disseised the plaintiff as he stated, and they taxed his damages at 1 mark. *m. 3, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if Henry de Verdun of Serlaston (*sic*, Darlaston) had unjustly disseised Hervey Underwode of Derlaston of reasonable estover in twenty acres of heath and *jennet* (broom) for burning and for enclosure of his hedges in Derlaston. Henry stated that Hervey never was seised of the estovers claimed, and appealed to a jury. The jury state that Hervey was seised of estovers until the Prior of Stanes had recovered twelve acres out of the twenty by a writ. It is therefore considered that Hervey should recover his estovers in eight acres, and he is to sue the Prior for estovers in the remainder if he chooses. John de Wytemore, Nicholas de Thycknes, and Nicholas Meverel, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ*. (The word *eger* is written above the name of Nicholas Meverel.)

An assize, etc., if Thomas de la Hulton and Thomas de la Sale of Stichebrok and Felicia his wife, had unjustly disseised William de Cleydon of two acres in Stychebrok. Thomas de Hulton stated he made no claim to the land, and that John de la Sale the father of Thomas died seised of it, and after his death Thomas had entered as son and heir. William acknowledged that he had entered as son and heir, but stated that Thomas de la Sale had enfeoffed Thomas de Hulton of the tenement, and Thomas had enfeoffed him (William) by a deed which he produced, and he had been in seisin of it until ejected by Thomas and the others.

The jury say that William never was seised of the tenement, and he is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 3, dorso.*

An assize, etc., if Richard Prior of Trentham, John de Colton, John de Derlaxton, Canon of the said House, and Richard Cutfox of Blorton, had unjustly disseised John son of Geoffrey de Cokenage of forty acres of wood and pasture in Cokenage.

The Prior stated that John son of Geoffrey never held anything in the wood but common of pasture, and that if it was held otherwise, he pleaded that he held conjointly with Margaret his wife, who was not named in the writ. Adjourned to the Thursday after the Feast of St. Valentine. *m. 3, dorso.*

*Essoins taken at Stafford before the same Justices on Monday the
Vigil of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 27 E. I.*

Extracts.

Staff. Robert son of Hugh de Borweston (Burstion) and Roysia his wife *versus* William de Stafford, in a plea of mort d'ancestor by John son of William.

Peter Seman and Margaret his wife in the same by William son of John.

Joan de Venables in the same by Henry Jordan.

The Prior of Stone in the same by Geoffrey Cok.

Emma la Marechale in the same by William Hamond.

Robert le Marechal in the same by Henry Bek.

Gilbert son of Geoffrey de Aston in the same by William de Weston.

Staff. Nicholas de Mercington *versus* William (. . .) in a plea of mort d'ancestor by Adam Polle.

Ralph de Monjoye in the same by (.).

Isolda wife of Ralph in the same by Adam (.).

John de Grondon in the same by Robert Grenne.

Thomas Meverel in the same by Adam Pye.

Nicholas Meverel in the same by Robert Fat.

John le Sweyn in the same by Adam Cut.

Stephen de Sondon in the same by Adam Put.

Staff. Margaret de Coven *versus* William de Penne, William son of Richard de Gorscote, William son of Alan, and Richard de Horreye, in a plea of novel disseisin by Henry Fox.

Staff. Roger de Rideware, Chaplain, *versus* Thomas son of Walter de Rideware Hamstal, Thomas de Arderne and Elena his wife, Thomas Halfsweyn, Thomas le Archer, Simon le Marchaund, Robert son of Henry de Colton, Ralph Griffin of Colton, and thirty others named, in a plea of novel disseisin by John Cut.

BANCO ROLL, MICHAELMAS, 27 E. I.

(Apud Ebor.)

Staff. The suit of John de Cokenage *versus* the Prior of Trentham for cutting down his trees at Cokenage is dismissed, John not appearing to prosecute it. *m. 6.*

Staff. Edmund de Stafford sued Henry de Harecurt and Alianora his wife for one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bradelegh near Stafford as his right and inheritance, and in which Henry and Alianora had no entry except by William son of Robert de Caverswelle, to whom William de Caureswelle had demised the land, and who had unjustly disseised Robert de Stafford the grandfather of Edmund of it; and he stated that Robert his grandfather held the said tenements in peace, *temp. H. III.*, and from Robert the right descended to one Nicholas as his son and heir, and from Nicholas to Edmund as son and heir, who now sues.

Henry and Alianora stated that Robert the grandfather of Edmund had given to the said William de Caureswell all his land in Littewood and Littimore to be held by William and his heirs and assigns, and they produced the deed of Robert to that effect, and they stated that the lands in question were included in this deed, and they were the assigns of the said William.

And Edmund being asked by the Justices if the above deed had been

executed by his grandfather Robert, declined to answer, but said that William had unjustly disseised his grandfather of the tenements, which he was prepared to prove. Henry and Alianora appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 10.

Staff. William Griffyn and Alianora his wife sued John Griffyn of Colton for causing waste and destruction in the houses, woods, etc., in Colton, which they had demised to him for his life. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Octaves of Hillary. A postscript further adjourns the suit till Trinity term. *m.* 24.

Staff. Philip de Chetewynd sued the Prior of St. Thomas the Martyr near Stafford for sixty-two acres of meadow in Abbeton (Apeton) near Gnoussale, in which the Prior had no entry except by an unjust disseisin which Ralph de Mutton had made of Ralph son of Adam de Mutton the grandfather of the said Philip de Chetewynde, whose heir he is; and he stated that one Ralph his grandfather was seised of the said tenements as of fee, etc., in the time of King Henry the King's father, and from Ralph the right descended to one Isabella his daughter and heir, and from Isabella to Philip who now sues, as her son and heir. The Prior prayed a view, and the suit was adjourned to the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 34.

Staff. Robert son of Walter de Burton and Agnes his wife sued Henry le Verdun, Philip de Blakelawe, and Robert son of William de Blakelawe, for a third of a messuage and half a virgate of land in Blakelawe as the dower of Agnes by the dotation of William her first husband. Henry and Philip stated they held nothing in the land, and Robert stated that Agnes was in seisin of her dower by an assignment made by Henry the chief lord whilst Robert was under age and in ward. Robert and Agnes denied this, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 34.

Staff. Henry Fleting of Daddeslegh sued William fitz Philip of Thene, Robert Machen, and Walter son of Ralph de Thene for insulting, illtreating, and imprisoning him at Thene, and taking his chattels to the value of £10. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 50.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to arrest Richard de Stratton, Knight, and to keep him in safe custody till he had paid Andoen de Montegomery, Clerk, a sum of 6 marks which he had acknowledged to owe to him; and the Sheriff returned that Richard was dead. He was therefore ordered to hand over to the said Andoen the goods and chattels of the said Richard according to statute. *m.* 94.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Cavereswelle recovers a third of three messuages, two virgates and sixty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, and four acres of wood in Billinton, Leyes, Dunston, Levedale, Stretton, and Bedenhale as her dower, by default of William son of Roger de Cavereswelle. *m.* 101.

Staff. William Trussel of Cubelesdon sued Roger de Aston to give up to him the custody of the land and the heir of Roger de Waleton, who had held his land of him by military service. Roger did not appear, and is to be attached for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 111.

Warw. Richard de Farndon sued Magister Henry de Bray for 20 marks owing to him under an obligatory deed by which Henry had bound himself to provide the equipment of Michael if he assumed the religious habit of the Hospitallers, and he produced the deed of Henry in these words:—

Universis, etc., me Henricum de Bray pro me et heredibus meis tenuri Michaeli filio domini Thome de Farendon, cum idem Michael religionem

Hospitalarem ingredi voluerit, ipsorum habitum assumendo in viginti marcis sterlingorum ad equitaturam suam et alia necessaria sua inde providendum, vel ad inveniendum eidem Michaeli, etc., rationabilem equitaturam, etc. Henry acknowledged the deed and could not contest the debt; it is therefore considered that the said Michael should recover from Henry the said debt, and 40s. as damages. *m.* 117.

Staff. Ralph de Rolleston and Lucy his wife appeared against Richard son and heir of Robert de Ettewell in a plea that he should warrant to them the third part of six acres of land in Rolleston which Hawyse formerly wife of Robert de Ettewell claimed as dower. Richard did not appear, and the dower claimed had been taken into the King's hand, and Richard again made default. Ralph and Lucy are therefore to hold their land in peace, and Hawyse is to be compensated from land belonging to Richard. *m.* 126.

Staff. William Engessone of Rossinton and Matilda his wife sued Benedict de Botyrdon the *custos* of the land and of the heir of Thomas de Hudlesdale, for the third of three messuages, forty acres of land, and ten acres of meadow in Hudlesdale as the dower of Matilda of the dotation of Thomas de Hudlesdale her first husband. Benedict denied that he was the *custos* of the land and heir on the date the writ was sued out, viz., 7th May, 27 E. I., and the plaintiffs appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 113.

Staff. Hawyse formerly wife of Robert de Ettewelle recovers the dower she claimed in Rolleston against Richard the elder son of Robert de Ettewell, and Richard the younger son of Robert de Ettewelle, by the default of the defendants. *m.* 142.

Staff. The suit of Cecilia formerly wife of Roger de Narudale for dower in Narudale (Narrowdale), *versus* Thomas de Pencrich, is dismissed, Cecilia not appearing. *m.* 178.

Staff. John Swayn of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Avice his wife appeared against Edmund son of Robert de Somerville in a plea that he should carry out a covenant made between the said Avice and Robert de Somerville, the father of Edmund, respecting a rent of £16 in Benton and Kelingworth in co. Northumberland. Edmund did not appear, and is to be attached for the morrow of the Purification. *m.* 192.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of John de Brok sued William de Miravalle for a third of a messuage and six acres of land in Hildreston; and she sued John son of Hugh de Draycote for a third of a messuage and eight acres in Fulford, and William son of Hugh de Draycote for third of a messuage and ten acres of land in the same vill as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand and to summon them for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 254.

Derb. The Coroners for the County were ordered to diligently make inquiry after Alan son and heir of Robert de Ocovere of Westbroughton, who was under age and whose marriage belongs to William Wyther, and whom John son of John de Bentleye had abducted from Lychefeld in co. Stafford, and if they should find him to keep him in safe custody and to bring him into Court on this day; and the Coroners returned they could not find him, and it was testified that he was with Ralph de Shyrleye the Sheriff of the County. The Coroners are therefore commanded (as before) to produce the heir at five weeks from Easter. *m.* 321.

Salop. Thomas de la Hyde and Isolda his wife, executors of the will of Geoffrey le Ofevre of Lodelowe, sued Roger Lestraunge for £52 owing to them. Roger did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Octaves of the Purification. *m.* 336.

Staff. A jury came to make recognition if four messuages and six bovates of land in Lek were the free alms of the Church of the Abbot of Deulacresse, Parson of the Church of Lek, or the lay fee of Ralph de Rodyerd, Alice formerly wife of Richard de Rodyerd, Henry de Rodyerd, William son of Alan, and Alice formerly wife of Alan de Bothes, and of which Ralph holds a messuage and two parts of four bovates, and Alice formerly wife of Richard holds a messuage and the third part of four bovates, and Henry holds a messuage and a bovate of land, and William holds two parts of a messuage and of a bovate of land, and Alice formerly wife of Alan holds the third part of a messuage and of a bovate of land. The Abbot stated that Ralph his predecessor was seised of the tenements in fee in the time of King John. Ralph answered for himself and Alice formerly wife of Richard, and pleaded the land was in Rodyerd and not in Lek; but if it should be found to be in Lek, he stated it was a lay fee and not free alms of the said Church, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for three weeks from Easter.

And Henry called to warranty the said Ralph; and William answered for Alice formerly wife of Alan, who held her land in dower of his inheritance, and called to warranty the said Ralph, who is to appear at the same date. *m. 241, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of Robert Gaunsile *versus* the Abbot of Crokesdene for four bovates of land in Dogge Chedle (Cheadle) is dismissed, Robert not appearing. *m. 149, dorso.*

Staff. Richard le Foun the executor of the will of Joan formerly wife of William de Cavereswell, appeared against Theobald de Verdoun in a plea that whereas he had demised by a deed to William de Cavereswell a messuage, a mill, a carucate of land, four acres of meadow, thirty acres of moor, and £10 of rent in Athelaxton (Ellaston) for the life of William, and if he should die within a term of twenty-four years, William should have the power to demise it till the end of the said term, and the said William by his last will had left the same tenements to the said Joan, and she being in peaceful seisin of them, had left them in her last will to the said Richard to hold to the end of the term, for the execution of her will, the said Theobald immediately after the death of Joan and within the term aforesaid had intruded himself, to the grievous damage of the said Richard and to the retarding of the execution of her will. Theobald did not appear, and is to be attached for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 116, dorso.*

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Cavereswelle sued Robert son of Robert de Cavereswelle for a third of a messuage and ten acres of land in Levedale as her dower. Robert appeared by his *custos* and prayed a view. Adjourned to the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 94, dorso.*

Staff. The same Joan recovers a third of a messuage in Bylington *versus* Margaret de la Dale of Bylington as her dower, by default of Margaret. *m. 91, dorso.*

Warw. Ela formerly wife of William de Oddingeseles sued Ralph de Whyteleye of Solihul for a third of a messuage and twenty-five acres of land in Solyhull as her dower; and Ralph called to warranty John de Clynton and Ida his wife, Peter de Bermyngham and Alice his wife, Morice de Kaunton and Ela his wife, and John de Gray and Margaret his wife, because the said women were the daughters and heirs of William de Oddingeseles; and John de Clynton and Ida appeared and stated that the said Peter had no wife named Alice, nor had Morice a wife named Ela, but that Peter had Ela to wife and Morice had Alice. Ralph denied this, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript shows adjournments to Trinity term, 28 E. I. *m. 61, dorso.*

Staff. Philip de Chetewynde recovers ten acres of land in Albeton (Apeton), near Gnousale, from Philip son of Philip de Mutton through default of the latter. *m. 21, dorso.*

Staff. William de Westwode and Agnes his wife sued William son of James de Esing and Richard brother of William, for a messuage in Lek, and they sued Margaret de Rudeyerd for an acre in the same vill, as their right, etc. The defendants called to warranty Ralph son of Richard de Rudeyerd, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. A postscript shows adjournments to Trinity, 28 E. I. *m. 10, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 28 E. I.

(Apud Ebor.)

Staff. A concord was made between Robert de Bek and Richard de Draycote respecting the advowson of the Church of Chekkelegh, by which Robert conceded to Richard the presentation *hac vice* saving his rights, and Richard remitted all claim to damages except as to 40 marks which Robert acknowledged to owe to him, and which are to be paid within a year from Michaelmas next. *m. 41.*

Staff. Richard de Puis (Puteo) was sued by William de Bereford¹ for a debt of 13 marks. William stated that one William de Puis had bound himself to him for the debt in 24 E. I., and Richard was his surety. Verdict for William de Bereford, who recovers £4 as damages in addition; and the Sheriff is ordered to deliver to him all the goods and chattels of the said Richard and half his lands. *m. 80.*

Staff. The suit of Alianora formerly wife of John son of Robert de Wytemore *versus* Elyas de Bromleye of Wytemore, in a plea of land is adjourned to Trinity term. *m. 84.*

Notts., Staff. Roger de Crophill and Legarda his wife and Ralph their son appeared against Edmund son and heir of Robert de Somervyle in a plea that he should warrant to them the third of seventeen messuages, twenty-six bovates of land, and £4 9s. 8d. of rent in Sheleford, Stokebardel, Godeking, and Byrton in co. Notts., which Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somervyle claimed as dower. Edmund did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him, now in the hand of the King, into the King's hand, to the value of the dower claimed, and to summon him for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 154, dorso.*

Oxon. William the Bishop of Bath and Wells was summoned by Hugh le Blund in a plea that he had caused waste and destruction in lands of his inheritance in Kyngeston, which David de Offinton had held by courtesy of England, and had demised to the said Bishop; and he stated that the Bishop had held the Manor of Kingeston by the demise of David, and had pulled down a certain chapel worth 8 marks, a kitchen worth 100s., and a *pistrina* worth 100s., and for which he claimed £100 as damages. The Bishop took exception to the writ, because it named no date or term of his or David's tenancy. Hugh replied that David was dead, and he was now seised of the tenements, and that the writ was competent and in good form. A day was given to them at the Quindene of Michaelmas, at which date Hugh withdrew his writ. *m. 117, dorso.*

Warw. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagod withdrew her writ for dower out of tenements in Solyhull *versus* Walter de Aylesbury. *m. 83, dorso.*

¹ This is William de Bereford, the Justice. It seems to have been a common practice for the judges of these days to lend money on mortgages of land or notes of hand in this way, and to have made large fortunes by the practice.

Warw. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagot sued Walter de Aylesbury for a third of a messuage, two carucates of land, and 20s. of rent in Wytenhay as her dower. Walter did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for the morrow of All Souls. A postscript further adjourns the suit to the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 41, *dorso.*

Staff. Walter de Beysyn sued Stephen de Wolaston and Isabella his wife for two messuages, three nokes of land, an acre of meadow in Schuston, and he sued Ralph de Grenhull and Rose his wife for a mill, an acre of meadow, and 10s. of rent, and the third of a messuage and carucate of land in the same vill of which Adam de Beysin his grandfather, whose heir he is, was seised as of fee when he died. Stephen and Isabella called to warrantay Philip de Leygh, and Ralph and Rose his wife called to warrantay Hugh de Dudmanston. Adjourned to the Quindene of Michaelmas; Philip to be summoned in Staffordshire, and Hugh in co. Salop. *m.* 19, *dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD BEFORE WILLIAM INGE AND NICHOLAS FERMBAND, ASSIGNED TO TAKE THE SAME IN CO. STAFFORD, ON THE FRIDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY, 28 E. I.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas son of William de Overton, William Pycok, and Richard le Clerk of Suyndon, had unjustly disseised John de Eton and Joan his wife of twenty acres of land and three acres of alderwood (*alnetum*) in Womburne and Overton. William answered as bailiff of Thomas the tenant of the land, and stated William de Overton the father of Thomas died seised of it in demesne as of fee, and after his death Thomas had entered as his son and heir. Richard answered as tenant of the three acres of alder, and stated he had entered through one William de Overton, who was not named in the writ, and that John and Joan never were seised of the tenement. The jury found in favour of the tenants. *m.* 9.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert de Stepelton and Matilda his wife, James de Asteleye, Walter de Wynterton, Walter Mutun, William de Boweles of Rushale, and Robert his brother, Simon son of Robert de Walesale, Richard de Hatteleye, and four others named, had unjustly disseised Elena formerly wife of Thomas de Arderne of a messuage, and eight acres of land, and two weirs (*gurgitibus*) in Rydewar Hamstal. Robert stated that he found Matilda seised of the tenements on the day he married her, and Matilda stated she held them in dower of the inheritance of Roger de Rideware by the dotation of William de Ridewar her first husband, and that she entered into them by the assignment of William son and heir of the said Roger de Rideware. Elena pleaded that one Robert son of Robert le Rous was for some time in seisin of the said tenements, and had enfeoffed Thomas de Arderne formerly her husband and herself conjointly in them, and by reason of that feoffment she was in seisin of them during her husband's lifetime, and similarly after his death, until the said Robert and the others, excepting William de Boweles, had unjustly disseised her; and she appealed to the assize, which found in her favour. She is therefore to recover seisin, and her damages are taxed at 40s. *m.* 9.

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Hondesacre, Ala formerly wife of William de Hondesacre, Thomas de Tytteleye and Joan his wife, John de Meleburne, Chaplain, Robert le Prestessone, Gilbert le Cupere, William de Norton, Thomas de la Grene, Richard Spaynel, John Deneys, Walter de Swynefen, William Gamel, John in the Hem, Richard Jouot, Ralph Prudfot, Henry Vicar of Ruggeleye, Henry Pewe, and four others, had unjustly disseised Philip de Chetewynde of common of pasture in eighty acres of wood and

alder (*alnetum*) in Hondesacre appurtenant to his freehold in Breredon. Thomas de Tytteleye answered for Ala and for Joan his wife, as their bailiff, and stated they held nothing in the common of pasture claimed; and William de Hondesacre stated he was lord of the vill of Hondesacre, and that the tenement in which Philip claimed common of pasture was part of the waste of the manor, and that he had approved it as was lawful, and he put himself on the assize. The jury stated that the said John de Melburne the Chaplain had newly enclosed twelve acres of the wood to the injury of the freehold of Philip, and that the said William de Hondesacre and John de Melburn had unjustly disseised him of common of pasture in those twelve acres. It is therefore considered that Philip should recover seisin of them, and his damages are taxed at 40*d.*, and he is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the others. *m. 9.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Thomas Dadus and Roger le Theyn, had unjustly disseised Emma daughter of Thomas Dadus of Pademor (Podmoor) of a messuage and a bovate of land in Chatculne. The defendants did not appear, but one Thomas Gerveys answered for them as their bailiff, and stated Roger held nothing in the said tenement; and as regards Thomas, *sic* (William) he stated that one Sibilla formerly wife of Thomas de Chatculne held a third of the messuage, and Matilda formerly wife of Thomas Dadus held a third of the bovate of land, and held them at the date of the writ, viz., on the 21st November of this year; and he stated further that the said Thomas Dadus the father of William had enfeoffed one Isabella his daughter of the said tenements to be held by her and her heirs of body, and as she died leaving no issue, the said William had entered into them as son and heir of Thomas, and he appealed to the assize. Emma stated that Thomas her father had enfeoffed her in them, and she was in seisin of them until ejected by the said William and Roger.

The jury say that the said William son of Thomas Dadus held the whole tenement at the date of the writ, and that the said tenements were formerly in seisin of the said Thomas, who had enfeoffed in them Isabella his daughter, and she was in seisin of them for eight days, and the said Thomas had afterwards enfeoffed the said Emma of the same conjointly with the said Isabella; but they added that Isabella had never relinquished her *status* in them, and had died seised of them, and after her death the said William had entered into them as son and heir of Thomas. Emma is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 9, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Hondesacre, John de Melburne, Chaplain, Robert son of John, Chaplain of Colton, Gilbert son of Adam le Cupere, William de Norton, John en le Hemme, and Richard his brother, Hugh de Bromcote, Thomas son of Roger atte Wode, Hugh Gilberd, Henry Pewe of Hondesacre, Richard de Longedon, William son of Robert Skulle, and three others, had unjustly disseised Roger de Aston of common of pasture in eighty acres of wood and moor in Hondesacre appurtenant to his free tenement in Longedon. William de Hondesacre answered for all the defendants, and stated he was lord of the vill, and the land in question formed part of the waste, which he had approved, as was lawful.

The jury say that the said William de Hondesacre and John de Melburn had newly enclosed twelve acres of the wood, Richard de Longedon three acres, and William son of Robert Skyl two acres, to the injury of the said Roger, and had unjustly disseised him of common of pasture in the same. Roger is therefore to recover seisin of common of pasture in the said tenements, and his damages are taxed at 5*s.*, and he is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the other defendants. John de Essemerestrok, one of the recognitors, never appeared, and is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 9 dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John Bagod of Bromeleye, and Hugh his brother,

and Nicholas son of Edith de la Bolde, had unjustly disseised Hugh de Weston of two acres of land in Bagodesbromeleye. John answered for all, and stated the other defendants held nothing in the said tenements, and he only claimed them for a term by a demise of one Matilda, daughter of Adam de Lutteley. The jury found in favour of John. *m. 9, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Philip son of Philip de Draycote, Adam de Mucleston, Philip de Legh, and Richard le Hunte, had unjustly disseised Nicholas son of Henry de Wetton of his reasonable estovers in Legh, viz., husbote and heybote in three hundred acres of wood by view of the foresters. Philip and Adam appeared, and Adam answered for the others as bailiff, and denied any disseisin on their parts; and Philip and Adam stated that the said Nicholas never was in seisin of the estovers claimed; and the jury found in their favour. Thomas de Ferers of Lockesleygh, one of the recognitors, never appeared, and is *in misericordiâ.* *m. 10.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Geoffrey de Camvyll, John de Milbourne, Hugh le Rotour and William de Stratton had unjustly disseised John de la Bache of a messuage and a virgate of land in Haunton.

Geoffrey stated he claimed nothing in the tenements but the lordship of them (*nisi dominicum*). John denied the disseisin, and Hugh never appeared, and William pleaded that one Roger de Stratton held the messuage with the exception of a grange, and that the whole messuage was formerly in the seisin of one Geoffrey de Stratton, who gave it to Robert his son, and heirs of his body, and if he should die *s. p.*, then to remain to him (William) and his heirs; and as Robert died *s. p.*, he had entered into the tenements according to the form of gift, and he appealed to the assize. John de la Bache stated that the said Robert son of Geoffrey held the tenements of him (John) by the feoffment of Geoffrey his father, and was a bastard, and died, leaving no issue, and after his death he had entered into the tenements as his eschaet, and was in seisin of them until ejected by the defendants.

William prayed for judgment whether inasmuch as John acknowledged that the said Robert held the tenements by the feoffment of his father Geoffrey, and that he died *s. p.*, and that he, William, claimed by an act of the said Geoffrey, which act John did not contradict, so that it manifestly appeared that the said Robert held nothing in the tenements except in fee tail (*per feodum talleatum*), viz., to him and heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and as he, William, entered after the death of Robert (*per formam donationis*), whether the assize would lie. Adjourned till the Monday after the Conversion of St. Paul. *m. 10.*

Staff. William son of Hugh de Badenhale not appearing to prosecute his writ against William son of Robert de Badenhale, respecting common of pasture in Badenhale, the suit is dismissed, and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., Jordan de Flossebrok and William le Parent, of Horselegh. *m. 10.*

Staff. Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton (*infra etatem*) not appearing to prosecute his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Thomas de Tittensovere, respecting a freehold in Tittensovere (Tittensor), it is dismissed, and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., Adam son of Henry de Swynnerton and John son of Adam of the same. *m. 10.*

Staff. John de Grostcote not appearing to prosecute his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Richard de Grostcote, it is dismissed. *m. 10.*

Staff. Jordan son of Nicholas Coli not appearing to prosecute his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Thomas Coli, it is dismissed, and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., Henry de Verdon and William de Knyperley. *m. 10.*

Staff. Thomas son of Alianora de Colton and Mabel his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin *versus* Robert son of Henry de

Colton and others, it is dismissed and their sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., Robert de Hampton and John de Hampton. *m. 10.*

Staff. Richard son of Robert Coli of Fulford not appearing to prosecute his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Richard de Lee and others, it is dismissed, and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., William de Chetewynde and John son of Adam de Berherton. *m. 10.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Roger son of Roger Bagod of Brinton, Alice formerly wife of Roger Bagod, Roger Bagod, senior, John de Stoke, Reginald son of William de la Ford, and John de Chatwell had unjustly disseised John son of Richard Bagod of a message, fifty acres of land, and ten acres of meadow in Blumenhulle (Blymhill). Roger son of Roger appeared, and William Kyng answered for the others as bailiff, and stated that as regards the last three defendants named they held nothing in the tenements; and as regards Roger Bagod he stated that he was dead; and for the said Alice he stated she held a third of the tenements in dower of the inheritance of the said Roger son of Roger, and had entered into them by the assignment of the said Roger son of Roger; and he appealed to the assize. Roger son of Roger stated that as regards two parts of the tenements he had entered into them after the death of his father as son and heir, and he put himself on the assize.

The jury say that the tenements were formerly in the seisin of Roger Bagod the father of Roger son of Roger, who whilst suffering under great infirmity had demised them to the said John son of Richard Bagod to be held by him and his heirs, upon condition that if it should happen that he recovered from his illness, it should be lawful for him to re-enter into the said tenements, and they said that Roger recovered from his infirmity and re-entered into the tenements by the license and with the will of the said John, and held them for the remainder of his life, and died seised of them; and after his death Roger son of Roger had entered into them as his son and heir. Verdict for the defendants. *m. 11.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert Poun and Joan his wife, Robert de Pipe and Rose his wife, Peter de Colcestre and Alice his wife, John de Ashmeresbrok, Richard le Cuteler of Lichesfeld, Richard de Wolaston, Robert le Tannere of Pipe, Robert de Eynesham, Louis de Lenton and William de Shepeye had unjustly disseised Ralph Poun of a message and thirty-two and a-half acres of land, three acres of meadow, four acres of moor, and a water-mill in Lichesfeld. All the defendants appeared except Joan, Rose, and Alice, and Robert de Pipe answered as tenant of the mill by a demise of Robert Poun, and Peter stated he held of the tenements claimed, a message, four acres of land, and two of moor by the demise of the said Robert for term of his life; and John stated he held two acres by the demise of the said Robert; and Richard le Cutiler stated he was called Richard le Quylter and not Richard le Cutiler, and prayed judgment on the writ; but if it was given against him, he answered as tenant of an acre of moor by the demise of the said Robert; and Richard de Wolaston stated he held eight acres of land for term of his life by the demise of the said Robert; and Robert le Tannere stated he held two acres of land by the demise of the said Robert; and Robert de Eynesham stated he was called Robert de Ellesham, and prayed judgment on the writ; and if it was given against him, he and Louis de Lenton stated they held two acres and a half of land and an acre of meadow by the demise of the said Robert; and William de Schepe stated he held an acre of land by the demise of the said Robert; and they called Robert to warranty, who was present and warranted the above holdings to them, and stated that as regards the said tenements and the residue, he had entered into them by the feoffment of the said Ralph Poun, and appealed to the assize, which was respited till the Monday after the Conversion of St. Paul through defect of recognitors. *m. 11.*

Staff. Robert Galpyn not appearing to prosecute his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Hugh son of Adam Galpyn and Adam Galpyn, respecting a freehold in Dulverne (Dilhorn), the suit is dismissed. *m. 11.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of William de Picstoke had unjustly disseised William son of William de Picstok of the third of one hundred and eighty acres of heath and pasture in Dunston near Pencrich.

John took exception to the assize because Nicholas de Pickestok held ten acres of the land, William de Cavereswell ten acres, John de Wenlok seven acres, Richard Teveray three acres, William de Coppenhale two acres, the Master of the House of St. John of Stafford eleven acres, John de Say six acres, and Roger de Stratton the third part of the residue, and they held the land at the date of the writ, viz., 13th January of this year; but if it was given against him, he stated that one Thomas de Pikestok died seised of the tenements in his demesne as of fee, and after his death he had entered as his cousin and heir, and he put himself on the assize. William son of William stated that John held the whole tenement at the date of the writ, and that he was seised of it until the said John had enclosed the land and so appropriated to himself the tenement, and he appealed to the assize.

The jury say that the said John son of William holds the whole third of the one hundred and eighty acres of heath and pasture claimed, and held it at the date of the writ, and had disseised the said William son of William of it. William is therefore to recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at half a mark. *m. 11.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of John Griffyn of Colton, John son of John Griffyn, and Robert son of John Griffyn of Colton had unjustly disseised John son of William Gilbert of Colton of a messuage, ten acres of land, and an acre of meadow in Colton. William son of John Griffyn answered as tenant and stated he entered into the tenements by one Margaret Stoninges, and that the said William (*sic*) had never been seised of them, and he appealed to the assize.

The jury say that the said Margaret Stoninges was formerly wife of William Gilbert the father of John the complainant, and who held the tenement in frank marriage, and had left issue, viz., the said John; and after the death of William Gilbert, Margaret married one William Skil, and they lived together for some time as man and wife, but that Margaret left (*se elongavit de*) her husband, the said William, and gave the tenements to the said William son of John Griffyn by a deed to hold to the said William son of John and his heirs, finding food and raiment for the said Margaret for her life; and Margaret had lived after the said deed of gift for a year and a half, and after her death the said John son of William Gilbert entered into the tenements and held them for a day, and until ejected by the said William son of John and the other defendants. The suit was adjourned, but John son of William afterwards withdrew his writ. *m. 11.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Adam de Bresenhul the father of Alice, daughter of Adam de Bresenhulle, was seised as of fee, etc., when he died, of four acres of land in Hekh Offelye (High Offley), which Robert de Halgton holds. Robert admitted that the said Adam died seised of the tenements, but stated that after his death one Roger his son and heir had entered into them as son and heir, and prayed judgment on the writ. Alice stated that Roger never held anything in the tenements, because he had died in the lifetime of his father. The assize is therefore to proceed. The jury found that Roger had entered into the tenements after the death of Adam as his nearest heir. Verdict for Robert. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert le Loved of Buterhale, and Simon his son, Richard son of Richard, William le Clerk of Bradelegh, Henry Cobyn, William Muriel of Levedale, John de Norton, William atte Chirchestile, of Copnale, William Brusel, Nigel de Copnale, John de Bertherton, and William

de Huntingdon, had unjustly disseised Henry de Harecourt and Alianora his wife of common of pasture in four acres of pasture in Buterhale, appurtenant to their freehold in Bylinton and Luttiwode. The defendants denied any injury or disseisin, but the jury found in favour of Henry and Alianora. Damages 10s. William le Lord (*sic*) and all the others are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. A jury of twenty-four came to convict twelve recognitors in a plea, if Ralph le Butiler had unjustly disseised Jordan de Flossebrok of his freehold in Northbury (Norbury), and respecting which the said Ralph complained that the jurors of an assize of novel disseisin which had been summoned between the said Jordan (*sic*) and Matilda formerly his wife, and Richard Body, and which had been taken before Adam de Cuckdayk and William Inge at Tamworth, had delivered a false verdict; Jordan appeared and likewise the twelve recognitors; and as it appeared that the beginning of the writ named Ralph le Butiler, and afterwards in the middle of the writ he was called Richard, the suit was dismissed, and the said Ralph is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. The penalty of imprisonment is remitted, because it was the fault of the writers. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Baskerville the father of John son of John de Baskerville was seised as of fee, etc., of ten acres of land in Mere and Aston when he died, which William le (*sic*) Mere holds. William denied that John the father died seised of the land, and John son of John afterwards withdrew his writ. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. Roger de Berleye and Isolda his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin *versus* Robert le Blund of Hughcesdon and others named respecting common of pasture in Hughcesdon (Hixon), the suit was dismissed. Their sureties, Henry de Heywode and Robert Amicell are *in misericordiâ*. (The sureties were not fined, Isolda having died.)

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville not appearing to prosecute her writ of novel disseisin *versus* Edmund de Somerville and Henry de Sumeville respecting tenements in Whichenore, the suit was dismissed. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. Henry le Parker and Margaret his wife, and Laurence de Erbury and Felicia his wife, not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin *versus* Osbert de Tamworth and Margaret his wife, respecting tenements in West Bromwich, the suit was dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Adam de Morf of Barre and Nicholas son of Thomas de Barre, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. John son of Geoffrey de Cokenage not appearing to prosecute his writ against the Prior of Trentham and others, he and his sureties, viz., Thomas de Titnesovere and William de Talk, are *in misericordiâ*.

Staff. Agnes daughter of Robert de Thornes not appearing to prosecute her writ of novel disseisin *versus* Ralph de Grendon and others respecting tenements in Schenestone, she and her sureties, viz., Walter del Thornes and William del Thornes, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 11, dorso.*

Staff. Amice formerly wife of Hugh de Hildreston not appearing to prosecute her suit *versus* Richard son of Robert le Despencer of Hildreston, she and her sureties, viz., Gilbert de Aston and Robert de Hufeford, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 11, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 28 E. I.

Warw. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagot sued Robert de Grendon for a third of a rent of £10 in Derdon, and she sued Isabella de Grendon for a third of a rent of £10 in the same vill, as her dower. Robert stated

he only held a rent £6 8s. 9¹/₄d., for his life by the demise of Ralph de Grendon, and he called Ralph to warranty, who is to be summoned for the morrow of All Souls, the summons to be served in Staffordshire; and Isabella stated she held in dower of the inheritance of Ralph de Grendon, and called him and his wife Joan to warranty, who are to be summoned for the same date. A postscript adjourns the suit to the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 16.

Staff. Mabel formerly wife of Geoffrey de Gorsthill sued Gilbert le Hunte for a third of three acres in Shenestone as her dower. Gilbert admitted her claim. *m.* 39.

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagot sued Robert son of John de Grendon for a messuage and a virgate of land and 7s. of rent in Chestrefeld (Chesterfield in Shenestone) as her right and inheritance. Robert prayed a view. Adjourned to the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 40.

Staff. The suit between the same Isabella and Theobald de Nevill and Cecilia his wife, tenants of two messuages, a virgate of land, and 8s. rent in Chestrefeld, *remanet sine die*, Theobald having letters of protection whilst in Scotland in the retinue of John de Segrave. *m.* 40.

Staff. Avice formerly wife of Hugh son of William son of Ralph de Hildreston sued Richard son of Robert le Despencer of Hildreston for a third of a messuage and eight acres of land in Hyldreston (Hilderstone); and she sued Richard le Parker of Fenton for a third of a messuage and three acres, and Thomas Rose of Hildreston for a third of two and a half acres in the same vill as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 151.

Salop. Ralph de Hengham sued Hugh son of Robert de Mortimer for a debt of 100 marks, and he sued Geoffrey de Walsale for 50 marks, and Ralph de Mounjoyne for 17 marks, and Ralph de Saunford for 60s., and Katrina formerly wife of Nicholas de Aldythelegh, and Geoffrey de Wolsele, and William de Stafford, executors of the will of Nicholas de Aldythelegh, for £32 owing to him. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of Hillary; and the Sheriff stated that the two Geoffreys were clerics and had no lay fee. A mandate is therefore sent to the Bishop to produce them at the same date. *m.* 154.

Staff. Margery formerly wife of John de Rowelawe sued William Aileward for a third of three acres of land in Rowelowe and Stafford as her dower. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 155.

Staff. William de Westwode and Agnes his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ against William son of James de Esing and others, the suit was dismissed. *m.* 166.

Staff. Stephen de Wolaston and Isabella his wife appeared against Philip de Leygh in a plea that he should warrant to them two messuages and two nokes of land and an acre of meadow in Shuston (Shushions) which Walter Beysin claimed against them. Philip did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held no lands within his bailiwick, and it was testified he held lands sufficient at Legh near Teyne (Tean). The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon him for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 195.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of William de Ipstanes was sued by Theobald de Verdoun to give up to him the custody of the land and heir of William de Ipstanes, who had held his land of him by military service; and he stated that the said William held of him the Manor of Ipstanes by homage and the service of half a Knight's fee, viz., for a scutage of 40s. when it fell due, 20s., etc.,

and by the service of 10s. 1*l*. annually, and suit at his Court at Alveton from three weeks to three weeks, and of which services John de Verdoun father of Theobald was in seisin by the hands of one John the grandfather of the heir; and likewise Theobald was in seisin of them all except scutage by the hands of William the father of the heir; and that the said William died in his homage, and for which reason the said custody pertained to him, and Agnes had unjustly deforced him of it, by which he had been damaged to the amount of £300, and he produced his proofs. Agnes stated that Theobald had no claim to the custody, because William did not hold the said manor by military service, but by soccage, and by the service of 10s. 1*l*. annually for all service, and she appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript states that a jury came at the Quindene of Trinity, 29 E. I., and stated that William the father of the heir held the said manor of Theobald by homage and fealty, and the service of 10s. 2*l*. annually, and suit of Court from three weeks to three weeks for all service, and not by military service. Verdict for Agnes. And as regards the wardship of the heir, Agnes stated after the death of William the father, the King was in seisin of the person of the heir, and had committed the wardship and marriage of the heir to her, and this she was prepared to prove by the record of the rolls of the Exchequer. And afterwards Roger de Hefham the Baron of the Exchequer sent a *cedula* which showed that the King had conceded to the said Agnes the marriage of the heir without disparagement for 50 marks. A day is therefore given to them at the said term, the King to be consulted in the *interim*. A postscript adjourns the case to the Quindene of Hillary. (*Interim loquendum cum Rege.*) *m.* 230.

Staff. Hugh son of William de Okoure (Okeover) sued Simon son of Thomas de Melwych and Alice his wife, to carry out the terms of a covenant made between them respecting half the manor of Melewych. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 233.

Staff. Henry de Rudyngge and Agnes his wife sued Roger son of Richard Wysel of Werselowe for a messuage and eighteen acres of land in Nether Elkesdon, as the right and inheritance of Agnes, and in which Roger had no entry except by a demise made to him by Adam de Elkesdon formerly husband of Agnes, and to which she could not object during his lifetime. Roger stated that Agnes and her husband Adam de Elkesdon never held a *status* in the tenements as of fee, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 247.

Staff. In the suit of Richard le Foun, executor of the will of Joan formerly wife of William de Caverswelle *versus* Theobald de Verdun, for an intrusion into tenements in Athelaston (Ellaston) which Joan had left to Richard by her will to carry out certain bequests, Richard stated in addition to the former pleadings, that whereas the said Theobald on the day of St. Augustine in summer, 13 E. I., had demised the tenements to the said William for his life or for a term of twenty-four years, and William having died within the term, had left them to Joan, and Joan having bequeathed them to him, Richard, to hold for the residue of the term, the said Theobald on the day of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 25 E. I., immediately after the death of Joan, had intruded himself into them, for which he claimed £40 as damages. Theobald appeared by attorney, and asked that Richard should certify to the Court his executorship; and Richard produced the will of Joan, by which it appeared she had appointed him and John de Bakepuz and William Godefrey her executors. Theobald then took exception to the writ because Richard was stated in it to be sole executor, and the case was adjourned to the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 252.

Staff. Robert Bataylle and Peter de Gryseley (Gresley) are *in misericordia* for many defaults.

The said Robert, Peter, Henry de Norton, John Grim of Hadcote, Thomas son of John de Norton, Robert son of Michael de la Warde, Ralph le Fevre of Griseleye, Adam Scate of Neuton, Richard de Ednesoure, John Brydon, Richard Base, Robert Umfrey, John Sweyn, Richard Aleyn, Robert le Bonde, Henry Walter, John Walter, and nine others, were attached to answer the plea of Geoffrey de Camville that whereas on the Monday before the Feast of St. John the Baptist, 27 E. I., he had taken by his servant Hugh le Rotour in a certain place called Le Scarpe upon Houdeneheth in Clifton, seventy pigs, oxen and cows, which were depastured upon his growing corn, and was about to impound them, the said Robert and the others rescued the cattle *vi et armis*, viz., with swords and bows and arrows, and for which he claimed £40 as damages. Robert, Peter, Henry, John, Thomas, Robert and Ralph denied the trespass altogether, and appealed to a jury; and Adam Scate and the other defendants stated they were tenants of the vill of Kingesneuton, and they and their ancestors performed certain service to the said Geoffrey for which they had common of pasture in the above named place, viz., the service of ploughing the land of Geoffrey in Clifton with twelve ploughs for one day in Lent, and for reaping his corn for one day in autumn, and Geoffrey having attempted to impound their cattle in the said pasture, they had resisted it. Geoffrey appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 293.*

Staff. A jury came to make recognition whether a messuage and nine and a half acres of land and half an acre of pasture in Marchynton upon Nedwode was free alms pertaining to the Church of William de Hambery of Hambery, or the lay fee of Robert de Pipe. William stated that one Thomas de Ferars, Parson, and his predecessor, was seised of the tenements as of right of his Church in the time of King Henry the King's father, and after him Gerard de Grandisson, Parson, and his predecessor, was seised of them in the reign of the present King, who had alienated them during his tenancy. Robert appealed to a jury which was to be summoned at a month from Easter. A postscript states that on that day a jury found in favour of Robert de Pipe, stating it was a lay fee for which Robert had paid to the Church 2s. *m. 293.*

Staff. Cecilia formerly wife of William de Wirleye sued Henry Wymer of Stafford for the third of a messuage, a virgate of land and windmill in Homerwys (Hammerwich) near Lychefeld as her dower. Henry did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand and to summon him for the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript further adjourns the suit to Trinity term. *m. 317, dorso.*

Staff. John de Coueyle of Bromley by his *custos*, sued Katherine formerly wife of Henry de Bromleye for causing waste and destruction in the houses and woods she held in dower of the inheritance of John in Bagotes Bromley. Katherine did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach her for the Octaves of the Purification. *m. 280, dorso.*

Derb. An assize, etc., of last presentation to the Vicariate of Langeford (Longford) the advowson of which John de Langeford claimed against John de Cressy, the Parson of the Church of Langeford; and he stated that Oliver de Langeford his father had presented the last Vicar Geoffrey, and who had died Vicar of the Church. John de Cressy stated he was the Parson of the Church by the presentation of John, who was sole patron (*advocatus integralis*) of the Church, and that he had presented him to the whole Church, and the Vicariate was a part of it; and that John de Langeford could not claim two advowsons in the same Church. John de Langeford stated that Oliver his father had presented his Clerk Geoffrey to the Vicariate, who was Vicar of the Church before John de Cressy was presented, and for six years afterwards, and that Nigel his grandfather had presented to the same Vicariate one John

his Clerk, who had been admitted and instituted on his presentation, and he appealed to the assize. The suit was adjourned to the Octaves of Hillary through defect of recognitors. *m. 270, dorso.*

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagod sued William de Chetewynde for a third of 12 marks of rent in Hildeleston, and she sued Adam de Eye and Joan his wife for a third of 6 marks of rent in the same vill as her dower. Adam and Joan called to warranty William the son and heir of William, who appeared and warranted the same to them, and called to warranty Edward son of Philip Burnel the cousin and heir of Robert Burnel who was under age, and in ward to Antonine, Bishop of Durham, and part of whose lands are in the custody of the King, and part in the custody of Antonine, the Bishop of Durham, and of Walter, Bishop of Coventry and Lychefeld, and many others named, and William produced a fine levied between Adam de Chetewynde, complainant, and the said Robert Burnel, deforciant, of the said rent, by which Adam acknowledged the said rent to be the right of Robert, and for which the said Robert, at the instance of Adam, conceded it to John the son of the said Adam, to be held by him and the heirs of his body; and if the said John should die *s. p.*, to remain to the said William and heirs of his body. Adjourned to the Quindene of Easter. *m. 209, dorso.*

Staff. Felicia formerly wife of William de Blakehalgh sued Henry son of William de Blakehalgh for a third of a messuage and 30 acres of land in Dulverne (Dilhorn) as her dower. Henry did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon him for the Octaves of Hillary, and to take the dower claimed into the King's hand. *m. 160, dorso.*

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of John de Rowelowe sued Henry de Ernefen for a third of sixteen acres of land in Rowelowe and Stafford, and she sued John Wenlok for a third of a messuage in the same vill as her dower. The defendants appeared, and Henry stated he held the tenement for a term of thirty years by a demise of the said John de Rowelowe, and he called to warranty John the son of John de Rowelowe. John Wenlok also called the same John to warranty. Adjourned to the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 137, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 28-29 E. I.

(*Apud Ebor.*)

Staff. Dyonisia formerly wife of William Wlipshyre appealed Nicholas de Bedenhale for the death of William her husband in the County Court, and the appeal was moved by writ of *certiorari*, to be heard before the King; and she stated in the County Court that Nicholas had killed her husband with a sword at a place called le Lesefeld near Smythesbrok, and having found pledges to prosecute the said plea in the County Court, Nicholas had surrendered and was put into prison in the time of Ralph de Shirle (the Sheriff), and is now in the gaol at Stafford; and the said Dyonisia having appeared against him in Court at this term, the said Nicholas did not appear, being in prison. The Sheriff was therefore commanded to produce him *coram Rege* at the Octaves of Hillary. *m. 4.*

Staff., Warr. The proceedings against Margaret la Russe for the death of her husband John Paynel, killed at Walshale, are brought into Court by writ of *certiorari* owing to an informality, Margaret having been acquitted by a mixed Staffordshire and Warwickshire¹ jury at the Gaol Delivery at Warwick before Hugh de Brauntiston and John Neyremyt in 26 E. I., and the Staffordshire jury consisted of William de Worleye, William Hillary, William de Boweles, Thomas de Berlaston, Thomas Hillary, William le

¹ Walshall is on the confines of the two counties.

Freman, Richard de Wolaston, Richard Basset, Reginald de Neuport, Reginald de Pek, Robert de la Bruere, and Ralph de Pype of Alrewych. And Margaret had been summoned by the Sheriff of Staffordshire to be *coram Rege* at the Octaves of Michaelmas, on which day the Sheriff returned he had summoned her by Robert de Hodenet and William de Mere, and Margaret had refused to appear; and as the felony was committed in co. Stafford, the Sheriff of that county was ordered to arrest her and produce her before the King at the Quindene of Hillary, on which day the Sheriff returned she could not be found within his bailiwick, and he was ordered to put her into the *exigend*, upon which the said Margaret appeared before the King at York, and was committed to the custody of the Marshal. And a writ of *supersedeas* was sent to the Sheriff to annul the outlawry. Afterwards at the Quindene of Michaelmas the said Margaret appeared *coram Rege*, and being asked how she wished to be acquitted of the death of her husband, stated she was not guilty, and put herself on the country. The Sheriff was therefore commanded to send a jury at the Quindene of Hillary, unless R. le Brabanzun first, etc. (came into those parts). A postscript states that afterwards at the Quindene of St. John the Baptist, 30 E. I., a jury came before the King at Westminster, and the said Margaret was brought from the Marshalsea, and the jury stated that she was not guilty of the death of her husband, nor had abetted or assented to it. She is therefore acquitted. *m. 28, dorso.*

Staff. Agnes de Sumeri the *custos* of the land and heir of Roger de Sumery not appearing to prosecute her suit against John Perseval of Sumery, John le Brun, Richard de Walcote, and two others, it is dismissed. *m. 5, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 29 E. I.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to levy 40s. from the lands and chattels of Robert de Stapelton and Matilda his wife, James de Astleye, Walter de Wyntertone, Walter Motun, Robert de Boweles of Roshale, and others, damages adjudicated against them for an unjust disseisin of Elena formerly wife of Thomas de Arderne; and he returned they held nothing within his bailiwick; and it was testified that they held sufficient at Normanton in co. Leycestre. The Sheriff of Leicestershire was therefore ordered to levy the said sum and return it into Court at the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 8.*

Staff. James de Astleye was attached at the suit of Elena formerly wife of Thomas de Arderne, Roger, Parson of the Church of Northbury, and John de Myners, the executors of Thomas de Arderne, in a plea that together with William le Porter of Sandbarewe, William his son, and Thomas Culeye, he had taken *vi et armis* goods and chattels formerly belonging to the said Thomas to the value of £200, which were in the custody of the said executors, at Ridware Hampstal; and they stated that James together with the other defendants and others on the Tuesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Swithin the Bishop, 27 E. I., had taken furniture and cloth both of linen and wool, wheat, barley, beans, and peas, and hay, and goblets of silver, and cups of lead and horn, and other goods to the above value. James appeared and denied the trespass or any injury to the plaintiff, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Trinity. The other defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them at the same date. *m. 21.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to transfer into this Court the appeal of Agnes formerly wife of Geoffrey de Wolaston against Juliana le Mey for the death of Geoffrey her husband, and to inform the said Agnes to prosecute

it *coram Rege* if she wished (*si voluisset*), inasmuch as the said appeal could not be terminated in a lesser Court than *coram Rege* or elsewhere before the King's Justices, according to the law and custom of the kingdom; and the Sheriff returned the appeal on the morrow of the Ascension in these words:—

COUNTY OF STAFFORD, on the Thursday before the Feast of the Epiphany, 29 E. I. On this day Agnes formerly wife of Geoffrey de Wolaston appealed Juliana le Meyes of Apeton for feloniously and against the King's peace on the Sunday before the Feast of St. Edith the Virgin, 27 E. I., holding Geoffrey her husband in her arms whilst Hugh de Mutton the husband of the said Juliana feloniously killed the said Geoffrey with a knife, and which she offered to prove, etc., the sureties for the prosecution being Richard de Bruynton and Thomas the Clerk of Eyton. At the first interrogatory Juliana did not appear; she is therefore to be attached.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD, on Thursday the Feast of the Purification of the same year. On this day Agnes formerly wife of Geoffrey de Wolaston prosecuted her appeal against Juliana le Meyes of Apeton, who at the second interrogatory did not appear; she is therefore to be attached.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD, on the Thursday the Feast of St. Cedde the Bishop of the above year. On this day Agnes formerly wife of Geoffrey de Wolaston prosecuted her appeal, etc. (*as before*). On the third interrogatory Juliana did not appear; she is therefore to be attached.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD, on the Thursday *in cena domini* of the above year. On this day Agnes formerly wife of Geoffrey de Wolaston prosecuted her appeal, etc. (*as before*). On the fourth interrogatory Juliana did not appear but was bailed.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD, on the Thursday after the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, of the above year. On this day Agnes formerly wife of Geoffrey de Wolaston prosecuted her appeal against Juliana le Meyes of Apeton for the death of Geoffrey de Wolaston her husband, who on the fifth interrogatory came and produced the King's writ to remove the appeal *coram Rege* on the morrow of the Ascension, wherever the King might be; and the Sheriff returned he had told the said Agnes to be *coram Rege* at the said term to prosecute her appeal according to the tenor of the King's writ. Afterwards on the above day before the King at Worcester the said Juliana appeared prepared to answer the appeal of the said Agnes, and the said Agnes being solemnly called on the first, second, third, and fourth day did not appear, and she was the appellor. She is therefore to be arrested, and her sureties for the prosecution are *in misericordiâ*, and the said Juliana is quit of the said appeal, but was prosecuted at the suit of the King for the death of the said Geoffrey; and being asked how she would acquit herself, she said she was not guilty, and put herself on the country, and as it was testified that the said Geoffrey de Wolaston was killed at Apeton near Bradeleye, the Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to summon a jury of twenty-four of the vicinage to make recognition if the said Juliana was guilty of the death of the said Geoffrey or not (unless R. le Brabanzun first came into the county). Afterwards at the Quindene of Michaelmas, 31 E. I., a jury came, and the said Juliana was brought up by the Marshal, and the jury said on their oath that she was not guilty. And being asked if the appeal was brought against her out of malice, they said it was; and being asked if the said Agnes held sufficient to make restitution according to statute, they said no, because she was poor and a mendicant; and asked if anyone had maliciously abetted her, they said not.¹ *m. 1, dorso.*

¹ This case is curious and interesting, exemplifying as it does the process of the ancient County Court in a criminal appeal. Geoffrey appears to have been killed by an infuriated husband, who found him in the arms of his wife.

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 29 E.I.

Staff. John Griffyn was summoned by John de Wasteneys in a plea that he should permit him to have common of pasture in Colton, of which William Griffyn had unjustly disseised William de Wasteneys his grandfather, whose heir he is; and he stated that William de Wasteneys was seised of common of pasture in sixty acres of wood in the said vill with all manner of cattle for the whole year except at time of pannage, viz., from the Feast of St. Michael to the Feast of St. Martin, as appurtenant to his freehold in the said vill, and from William the right descended to one William as son and heir, and from this William to John, who now sues as son and heir. John Griffyn prayed a view, and the suit was adjourned to the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 23.

Staff. Edmund de Stafford was sued by Adam del Char for £14, the price of a horse which he had sold to him at Yoxhall on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedral, 24 E. I., and which debt Edmund was bound to pay on the Feast of St. Michael following. Verdict for Adam, who recovered the debt and 40s. damages. *m.* 75.

Staff. Robert de Standon appeared by attorney against William de Clebury, the Parson of the Church of Forton, in a plea that he should warrant to him a messuage and ten acres and half a virgate of land in Overton near Wolverhampton which Agnes formerly wife of William de Wotton claimed against him. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him to the value of the tenement in question into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 91.

Staff. Richard de Cressewalle sued Ralph Basset for causing waste and destruction in the lands and houses of the inheritance of Richard in Fossebroke and Dulverne, which he held by the courtesy of England. Ralph did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m.* 145, *dorso*.

Staff. Robert son of John Morice of Rycardescote appeared against Petronilla formerly wife of John Morice of Ricardescote, in a plea that she should render a reasonable account of the issues of the lands and tenements of his inheritance in Rycardescote, Kyngesleybothes and Melewych, which she had held as guardian in soccage while he was under age. Petronilla did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce her at a month from Michaelmas. *m.* 141, *dorso*.

Staff. John de Cave sued Richard Constantin for the manor of Thorp Constantin, excepting two messuages, a virgate, and eighteen and a half acres of land, of which the said Richard had unjustly disseised Hugh de Cave the brother of John, whose heir he is.

Richard appeared by attorney, and stated that John could not claim by descent from his brother, because the said Hugh held no right or fee in the said tenements, inasmuch as John Costantin the brother of Richard, whose heir he is, had demised the tenements to Hugh for his life, rendering to the said Richard and his heirs after the term of twelve years £20 per annum; and he produced an indenture under the seal of the said Hugh. John afterwards withdrew in contempt of the Court, and he and his sureties are *in misericordia*. *m.* 135, *dorso*.

Staff. Cecilia formerly wife of William de Wyrleye recovers dower against Robert West, viz., the third of a messuage, a toft, and virgate of land in Wyrleye by default of Robert. *m.* 91, *dorso*.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Thomas Corbet sued John son of John fitz Philip for a third of the manor of Berleston (Barleston) as her dower. John

called to warranty Roger son of Thomas Corbet, who is to be summoned for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 59, dorso.*

Staff. Alice formerly wife of John son of Reginald de Norton sued William son of John son of Reginald de Norton for half a mill in Norton near Canok as her right and inheritance. William called to warranty the Prior of Ronton, who is to be summoned for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 35, dorso.*

Staff. Ralph Basset appeared by attorney against Richard son of Philip de Draycote, William his brother, Philip son of Richard de Draycote, and John de Severleye, in a plea that whereas the custody of two parts of the manor of Tylinton belonged to him until the full age of Robert son and heir of Richard de Tylinton by reason of a demise of Roger de Draycote, who held it by the demise of Richard le Machun, to whom Thomas Tuchet, Simon Tuchet, Robert de Neuton, and Philip de Leye, the executors of Alice formerly wife of Philip de Draycote, had demised it, and which Alice held it by the demise of Philip de Draycote, of whom the said Richard de Tylinton held his land by military service, the said Richard son of Philip, and William, Philip and John had violently ejected him from it. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 25, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 29 E. I.

(*Apud Ebor.*)

Warw. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagod sued Isabella de Grendon for a third of a rent of £13 in Durdene as her dower; and Isabella stated she held the said rent in dower of the inheritance of Ralph de Grendon and Joan his wife, and she called them to warantry. They now appeared and called to warranty John de Clynton of Coleshill, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 21.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to take with him four discreet men, etc., and to go in his own person to the Court of Hugh le Blund of Pencrych, and there in full Court to cause to be recorded the suit which was before the said Court by the King's writ of right, between Richard de Befcote, plaintiff, and Peter de Joneston and Roes his wife, Richard de Flossebrok and Pavia his wife, and Thomas Amiot of Befcote, tenants of seven and a quarter acres of land in Befcote, and to return the record into Court at this day under his seal by four who were present at the Record. And the Sheriff sent the Record by Richard le Louerd (Lord) of Cowleye, William Hewet, Mathew de Coungreve, and William de Lynhull, who did not appear. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain and produce them on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 30.*

Staff. William son of Thomas son of Richard de Tene gives a mark for license of concord with Thomas son of Richard de Tene in a plea of covenant. *m. 31.*

Staff. Ralph de Hengham sued Christiana formerly wife of John de Mere of Audeleye, the executrix of John de Mere, for five marks and 5s. Christiana did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce her on the morrow of St. Martin. *m. 62.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to summon for this day the Abbot of Deulacres, Richard de Vernoun, Henry de Alrewas, William de Freford, and John de Arderne, to acknowledge the services by which they held their tenements of Edmund de Somerville in Whychenore, Tunstall, Neubold, Bridleshall, and Alrewas, and which services Edmund had conceded to

Philip de Somerville by fine levied between them; and he was likewise ordered to summon Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville and Robert de Bures to acknowledge what right the said Isabella claimed in the third part of the manors of Whychenore, Tunstall, Neubold, and Briddeshall, and Alrewas, and what right the said Robert claimed in twenty acres of wood and thirty acres of pasture in Alrewas, which tenements the said Edmund had conceded in Court to the said Philip by the same fine. They did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and to produce them at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 76.

Staff. Amice of the Stalles of Lychefeld recovers six acres of land in Shenestone against Robert le Waleys of Longedon and Nicholas le Waleys, by default of the defendants. *m.* 93.

Staff. Constantine de la More of Old Swyneford sued Elias de Breydehille, Thomas de Breydehille, William son of Edith of Brechelemore, Richard son of Agatha of Bromle, Thomas le War, Richard his brother, William son of Richard son of Thomas, and eight others, for insulting, beating, and ill-treating him at Ordesle. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Octaves of St. Martin. *m.* 158.

Staff. Henry Ruddyng and Agnes his wife sued William Atte Wode and Agnes his wife for a messuage and ten acres of land in Nether Elkesdon as the right of Agnes. And they did not appear, and the land was taken into the King's hand. Upon which came Roger son of Richard Wysel of Worseleye, and stated that the said William and Agnes held the tenements as dower of the said Agnes of the inheritance of him (Roger), and prayed that he might not lose the tenements by their default, and as Henry and Agnes acknowledged this to be true, he was admitted to defend his right, and Henry and Agnes stated that William and Agnes his wife had no entry into the tenements except by a demise which Adam de Elkesdon formerly husband of Agnes the wife of Henry had made to Thomas de Ednesoure during the lifetime of Adam, when she could not object. Roger stated that Adam and Agnes were never in seisin of the tenements as of fee, so that they could not make any demise of them, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 162.

Derb. Roger son of John de Acovere (Okeover) by Nicholas de St. Pierre his *custos*, sued William son of William Bastard of Montegermeri for one hundred acres of pasture in Snelleston, of which Robert de Acovere his grandfather, whose heir he is, was seised as of fee when he died. William defended his right, and denied that Robert the grandfather of Roger had died seised of the tenements, and appealed to a jury; and the Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of St. Martin. A postscript states that after several adjournments a verdict was delivered in 35 E. I., before L. de Thrikyngham, with whom was associated Sir Roger de Bradburne Knight. The jury stated that the said Robert de Acovere the grandfather of Roger was lord of half the Manor of Snelleston, and one William de Grendon was lord of the other half, and each held their half in severalty, except the waste of the manor, viz., the one hundred acres of pasture now in dispute, which they held in common and undivided, and William de Grendon afterwards enfeoffed the said Robert of his half of the manor together with his share of the waste, saving to him his capital messuage and the service of a farthing from one John Saule and his heirs, and saving to the said William reasonable husebote and heybote to be delivered by the forester of Robert and his heirs, and saving to William also Fyrbote each week in Byrchewode, viz., a cart load of wood to be delivered by the forester, and saving to him also the multure at the mill of Snelleston as he was accustomed to have; and the said William de Grendon afterwards remitted and quitclaimed to Robert all his right and claim in the said half of the manor, and it was then agreed between them

that Robert should find for the said William food and clothing for his life, according to the terms of a deed which was drawn up at that time, and William was in seisin of the food and clothing for some time, until the said Robert withheld it, and William then impleaded Robert for it in the Hundred Court of Appeltre; and Robert then in full Hundred said to William that, as regards the tenements of which William had enfeoffed him, he might enter by the Devil (*ex parte diaboli intraret*), that he did not care for them, nor to find food and clothing any longer for him. After which the said William on the morrow and for four or five days afterwards, taking with him his neighbours, came upon the pasture now in dispute, and after expounding to them the answer which Robert had made before the Hundred Court, he took seisin in their presence by virtue of the breach of the agreement; and the jury being asked if the said Robert had delivered any deed or seisin, answered he had not; and being asked how long Robert had lived after the said answer made to William in the Hundred Court, they stated not more than three weeks, because immediately after he left the Hundred Court he started for London, and died on his journey back within three weeks; and being asked what seisin William had during the lifetime of Robert, whether by digging, or agisting, or depasturing cattle, they stated he had no other seisin except by taking possession in presence of his neighbours, and he claimed the pasture to be his own soil after the aforesaid answer; and being asked what the tenements were worth, and what time had elapsed since the death of Robert, they said the tenements before the death of Robert were worth 3s. 4d. annually, but they were now improved in value, because they had been ploughed up, and that sixteen years had elapsed since the death of Robert. And because the said William de Grendon held nothing in the tenements during the lifetime of Robert de Acovere by livery of Robert, nor in any other manner, and Robert had died seised of them in demesne as of fee as Roger son of John asserted in his writ, it is considered that Roger son of John should recover seisin against William son of William Bastard; and his damages are taxed at 4 marks. *m. 177.*

Staff. William son of Hugh de Tymmor was attached at the suit of Magister Alan le Bretoun of Rufford, for taking *vi et armis* his hay at Tymmor for six consecutive years, from 17 E. I., and for which he claimed £10 as damages. William denied having done any injury to Alan, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m. 211, dorso.*

Staff. Robert de Sewalfeld sued Thomas son of William Purcel for three acres of land, one rood of meadow, and the third of a messuage in Bysshebury; and he sued Alice formerly wife of William Purcel for an acre and a rood of land, a rood of meadow, and two parts of a messuage in the same vill as his right and inheritance. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m. 204, dorso.*

Staff. Alice formerly wife of John Lyoyne sued William son of John Lyoyne for a third of a messuage and ten acres of land in Arnleye as her dower. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for a month from Michaelmas. *m. 170, dorso.*

Warw. The suit of John son of Thomas de Faryndon *versus* Magister Henry de Bray, in which John claimed damages because Henry had not found him his equipment as a Knight Hospitaller according to his agreement, was compromised by Magister Henry admitting he owed John 23 marks, half to be paid at Michaelmas, and half at the Easter following. *m. 161, dorso.*

Warw. Magister Luke of Ely sued Edmund de Somervyle, Clerk, and

John de Somervyle for 6 marks 6s. 8d., and they did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach the said John for a month from Michaelmas; and as regards Edmund he returned he was a Clerk, and held no lay fee; and it was testified in Court that he held benefices within the See of Durham. A mandate was therefore sent to the Bishop to produce him at the same time. *m. 151, dorso.*

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of John le Waleys sued Walter Marchys and Emma his wife for a third of a messuage, and six bovates of land, and five acres of meadow in Bertramescote as her dower. The defendants prayed a view and the suit was adjourned to a month from Michaelmas. *m. 136, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to summon Ela formerly wife of William de Oddyngeseles to acknowledge what right she claimed in a third part of the Manor of Weford which John de Grey of Rutherford and Margaret his wife had conceded to William de Warmodeston by a fine; and he returned the writ reached him too late, and he was ordered to summon her for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 93, dorso.*

Staff. Walter Beysyn sued Stephen de Wolaston and Isabella his wife for two messuages, three nokes of land, and an acre of meadow in Shuston (Shushions) as his right and inheritance; and Stephen and Isabella called to warranty Philip de Leygh, who had died; and now they called to warranty Reginald son and heir of Philip, who is under age, and they produced a deed of one Reginald de Legh the ancestor of the said Reginald, granting the tenements to them with a clause of warranty; and as Walter acknowledged that Reginald was under age, the suit is to remain till he comes of age. *m. 86, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD BEFORE WILLIAM INGE AND ROGER DE SUTHCOTE, ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. MARGARET THE VIRGIN, 29 E. I. (17th July, 1301.)
(From Assize Roll of Divers Counties).

Staff. An assize, etc., if Isabella formerly wife of Henry de Lillebourne, Alexander de Fryvill and Joan his wife, and Richard Dun of Tamworth, had unjustly disseised Nicholas de Tunstal of his freehold in Drayton Basset.

Alexander asked that the writ might be read, by which it appeared that the wife of the said Alexander was named Joan in the plaint, and was called John in the attachment. The suit was therefore dismissed. *m. 20.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Wenlok, John son of William de Pykestok, and Hugh le Bachiler of Levedale had unjustly disseised William son of William de Pykestok of the third part of twelve acres of pasture and heath in Dunston near Penkrich.

John de Wenlok stated he held the tenements and had entered by the said John son of William de Pykestok, and called him to warranty, and he was present in Court and warranted them to him, and stated that one Thomas de Pykestok his kinsman died seised of them in demesne as of fee, and he had entered into them after his death as his cousin and heir, and he put himself on the assize.

William stated that the said Thomas long before his death had enfeoffed him, the said William, of the tenements. The jury found that Thomas died seised of them, and William is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. Henry de Hexstal and Richard de Rounale, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20.*

Staff. Hugh de Weston not appearing to prosecute his suit against John Bagot of Bromlegh Bagotes and Matilda de Lutteleye, it is dismissed, and he

and his sureties, viz., Ralph de Hampton and William de Stalbrok, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 20.

Staff. John de Brewode and Margaret his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin against Ralph de Wyvereston and others respecting land in Covene, the suit is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Ralph le Loverd (Lord) of Covene and Richard de Stretton, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 20.

Staff. James de Stafford not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Ralph le Botiler the younger and others respecting common of pasture in Northbury (Norbury), the suit is dismissed, and James and his sureties, viz., William de Chetwynde and Roger son of Jordan de Peulesdon, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 20.

Staff. William de Sparham and Dyonisia his wife not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin against the Abbot of Burton respecting a tenement in Shobenhale, the suit is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., William de Eydeware and William de Barton, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 20.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert de Combrugge and William de Wotton had unjustly disseised John son of Elyas de Flamstede of four acres of land in Combrugge. William did not appear, and the assize was taken in his absence. Robert stated that he had recovered seventy acres of land by a writ of novel disseisin against the said John before Adam de Cokedak and William Inge, and that the four acres in question formed a portion of them. John denied this, and put himself on the assize, but afterwards withdrew his writ. m. 20.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert Strech, Magister John, Parson of the Church of Weston, Simon Elyot and Agnes his wife, and William Hawys had unjustly disseised Richard son of Roger Bagot of a messuage, three acres of meadow, and half a virgate of land in Brunton (Brinton). Magister John stated he held the tenement for a term of two years by a demise of the said Robert, and Robert stated that Ralph his father died seised of it as of fee, and he had entered after his death as son and heir, and he put himself on the assize.

Richard stated that his father Roger died seised of the tenements, and he had entered as his son and heir, and had held them until ejected by Robert and the others.

The jury say that the said Roger father of Richard died seised of the tenements in demesne as of fee, Richard at the time being on business at a distance (*remote agente*), and after his death Ralph the father of Robert, being capital lord of the fee, had taken the tenements into his hand saving all rights, and had held them for a year before his death, and Robert son of Ralph who now holds them entered after the death of Ralph his father, and held them for a year, until Richard returning from those parts and finding his father to be dead, entered the tenements as son and heir to his father, and had held them until Robert and the other defendants had unjustly disseised him. Richard is therefore to recover seisin and 40s. as damages. m. 20, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if William Prior of Ellesham, John son of William de Hondesacre, and Richard de Rideware, Chaplain, had unjustly disseised John de Meleburne, Clerk, of a messuage, fifteen acres of land, and four acre of meadow and 6s. 6d. of rent in Hondesacre (Handsacre). The jury found in favour of John de Melebourne, who is to recover seisin and 55s. as damages; and William son of Felice of Welselegh, John de Essemerebrok, Adam son of Robert de Breredon, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordia*. m. 20, *dorso*.

Staff. Edmund de Stafford not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor

against Hugh de Aldythelegh and William de Mere respecting tenements in Norton, he and his sureties, viz., Richard le Parker of Bradele and William son of Thomas de Bradele, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20, dorso.*

Staff. Hugh de Denston not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against William de Billesdon and others respecting tenements in Denston, he and his sureties, viz., Philip de Barynton and John Serche, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas del Overtune not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Roger de Bidulf respecting tenements in Bidulf, he and his sureties, viz., William Talk and Richard de Golburne, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20, dorso.*

Staff. Richard de Hampton not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against William de Neuton near Blythefeld, he and his sureties, viz., Robert de Hampton and William de Hampton, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Roger de Bydulf had unjustly disseised William son of Roger de Bydulf of seven messuages and three carucates of land, one hundred acres of wood, and three hundred acres of heath in Bydulf. The jury found in favour of William, who is to recover seisin, and 40s. as damages. William de Stanlowe, one of the recognitors, did not appear, and is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 21.*

Staff. Richard Pecok of Esnyngton not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Richard de Esnynton respecting tenements in Esnyngton (Essington), he and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 21.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Ralph de Rolleston and Lucy his wife had unjustly disseised Ralph son of William le Breton of three acres of pasture in Tuttebury. Ralph de Rolleston pleaded the pasture was in co. Derby and not in this county, and if that was given against him, he pleaded that Ralph son of William never was in seisin of it, and he put himself on the assize. The jury found that the pasture was in Derbyshire, and the suit was dismissed. *m. 21.*

Staff. John de Bromeshulf not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Geoffrey de Greseleye and others respecting common of pasture in Kyngeston, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 21.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas son of Geoffrey de Aston and John de Houton had unjustly disseised Gilbert de Aston of a messuage and thirty acres of land and five acres of meadow in Stokes near Stone. John pleaded he held the tenement jointly with Amice his wife, who was not named in the writ; and as Gilbert could not deny this, he withdrew the writ. *m. 21.*

Staff. John de Tessale not prosecuting his assize of novel disseisin against Richard de Trewenhale and others respecting common of pasture in Horburn (Harbourne), the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William Wyltchar of Lychefeld and Thomas de Hampstede, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 21.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of Adam Trumwine, Amice daughter of William Trumwyne, Roes Fynch, and Adam son of Richard Perunel of Cannokbury, had unjustly disseised Adam Trumwyne of a messuage and twenty-four acres of land, and three acres of meadow, and six of heath in Cannokbury. None of the defendants appeared, and the assize was taken in their absence. The jury say that defendants had disseised the said Adam of the tenements *vi et armis*. Adam is therefore to recover seisin, and half a mark as damages, and the defendants were ordered to be arrested. Amiscia was afterwards viewed in Court, and being evidently under age, her arrest is to cease (*ideo cessat captio quo ad eam*). *m. 21.*

Staff. Ralph Poun not prosecuting his assize of novel disseisin against Robert Poun and others respecting tenements in Lychefeld, the suit is

dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William son of John de Chaveldon and William de Chaveldon, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 21.

Staff. Henry le Fauconer and Alice his wife not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin against Richard le Walker and others respecting tenements in Weeford (Weeford), the suit is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Robert de Croxale and Richard de Wolaston, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 21.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John le Cunter, William le Cunter, and Margaret formerly wife of John son of Geoffrey de Colton had unjustly disseised Margaret formerly wife of John son of Hugh of a piece of land in Colton, sixty feet in length and six feet in width. William did not appear, and the Sheriff stated he was dead; and John and Margaret denied any injury to the plaintiff, and the jury found in their favour. m. 21, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard le Parker of Charteley and Roger Page had unjustly disseised Sibilla daughter of Robert de Podmore and Margaret his wife (*sic*) of a messuage and half a virgate of land in Bures. Richard stated he held the tenements for a term of three years by a demise of one William de Grafton, who was not named in the writ. The jury found in his favour on the above ground, as the tenements belonged to the said William. m. 21, *dorso*.

Staff. Stephen de Ocleve, William le Wencher of Podmore, Roger de Wonynton, Henry son of Ivo de Tytteneshovere (Tittensor), Thomas son of Isote of the same, and Robert de Camera of Madele, recognitors, did not appear; they are therefore *in misericordiâ*. m. 21, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard Pecok of Cumpston not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against Richard Ulyng and others respecting tenements in Churchepenne, he and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*. m. 21, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Sparham and Agnes his wife had unjustly disseised Margaret Pyngel, Nicholas son of Hugh de Cleydon, and Felicia sister of Nicholas, of half a messuage in Lychefeld. John and Agnes stated they had entered through Roger Bishop of Coventry and Lychfeld, and that one Hugh de Cleydon, the Chaplain, held the tenement, and was a bastard, and died leaving no issue, and after his death the Bishop had taken seisin of it as his eschaet, and had enfeoffed the said John and Agnes. The jury found in favour of the plaintiffs, and gave them 6s. as damages, and John and Agnes are *in misericordiâ*. m. 21, *dorso*.

Staff. Adam son of John de Bromhale and Lettice his wife not prosecuting their writ *de certificatione* against John de Bromleye, the suit is dismissed. m. 21, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of John de Bromshulfe had unjustly disseised William son of Robert de le Leyes of common of pasture in Gretewych (Gratwich), viz., in thirty acres of wood where he used to common with all manner of beasts throughout the year. John pleaded he was only tenant at will under Philip de Chetewynde, who was not named in the writ, and if this point was given against him, he denied any injury to the plaintiff, and put himself on the assize.

And William stated that one Ralph de Mutton had given and conceded by deed to one Robert son of William son of Thomas, the ancestor of the said William son of Robert, free common in all places belonging to the vill of Gretewich, to be held by him and his heirs, and the said Robert had died seised of the above right of common, and after his death he was seised of it as his nearest heir. The jury found in favour of William, who is to recover seisin, and 2s. as damages; and they stated that John held the tenements in fee and not at the will of Philip. m. 22.

Staff. Geoffrey Walrand of Lullington and Margaret his wife not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin against William son of Roger Brayn of Whychenoure respecting tenements in Whychenoure (Wichnor), the suit is dismissed. *m. 22.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John Bagod of Bromlegh Bagod had unjustly disseised Nicholas son of Stephen of Bromlegh Bagod of housbote and heybote in two hundred acres of wood without view or livery of anybody. John denied any injury to Nicholas, and put himself on the assize. The jury found that Nicholas was in seisin of the said profit in the above wood without view or livery of anybody, from all manner of trees growing in the wood, except oaks and their bark, until deprived of it by the said John. Verdict for Nicholas; damages 40*d.* *m. 22.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard Burgeys of Alveton the father of William, was seised, etc., of a messuage and seven acres of land in Alveton when he died, etc., and which Alan de Mulveley and Isolda his wife, and John son of Isolda hold. Alan and Isolda stated they held a third part of the tenement as dower of the said Isolda of the inheritance of John, and called him to warranty. John answered for two parts of the tenement, and admitted that Richard Burgeys died within the term, but denied he died seised of the tenements as of fee, and he denied also that the said William was his next heir. The jury found in favour of William, who is to recover seisin, and 20*s.* as damages. Robert son of Hugh de Leye, one of the recognitors, did not appear, and is *in misericordiâ.* *m. 22.*

Staff. William le Fauconer of Thorkeston and Milisent his wife not prosecuting their writ of mort d'ancestor against Adam son of Stephen respecting a tenement in Falede (Fauld), the suit was dismissed, and they and their sureties, John Grym of Brecheford, and Adam le Parker of the same, are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 22.*

Staff. Ralph de Covene not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against William le Bercher and others respecting tenements in Covene, the suit is dismissed, and the said Ralph and his sureties, viz., Robert de Caverswalle and Thomas de Benteleye are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 22.*

Staff. A jury of twenty-four Knights to convict a jury of twelve which Richard de Caverswelle arraigned against Theobald de Verdoun and others respecting tenements in Caverswelle, is respited till the Monday after three weeks from Michaelmas through defect of John de Wasteneys, Robert de Bek, and William fitz Philip of Tene, jurors of the first assize, who did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered therefore to distrain and produce them at the above term. *m. 22.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Geoffrey de Camville, John de Milburne, Hugh le Rotour, and William de Stratton, had unjustly disseised John de la Bache of a virgate of land in Haunton. Geoffrey stated he claimed nothing in the land except the lordship of it (*dominicum*). William answered as tenant, and stated that the tenement was formerly in seisin of one Geoffrey de Stratton, who gave it to Robert de Stratton his son, to be held by him and heirs of his body, and if Robert should die *s. p.*, the tenement was to remain to him, William de Stratton; and as Robert had died leaving no issue, he had entered according to the terms of the grant, and he produced the deed of Robert and put himself on the assize. And John de la Bache stated that the said Robert son of Geoffrey held the tenement of him (John), by the feoffment of Geoffrey his father, and was a bastard, and died leaving no issue, and he had entered into the tenement as his eschaet, and had held it until disseised by Geoffrey and the other defendants. The suit was adjourned till the Monday after three weeks from Michaelmas, on which day John did not appear to prosecute it,

and he and his sureties, viz., Henry de Hambury and Robert de Edeninghale, are *in misericordia*. *m. 22, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if the Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, Brother Simon de Gynges, Brother Henry de Lund, Walter de Elmyndon, Richard son of Ralph le Muner (Miller), Geoffrey de Pyry, Agnes formerly wife of Roger de Somery, and John de Somery, had unjustly disseised John de Parles of the manor of Hondesworth (Handsworth). Agnes answered as tenant, and pleaded the present assize would not lie because the said John de Parles had elsewhere arraigned a similar writ before Adam de Crokedek and William Inge, the Justices, respecting the same manor; and as regards the present writ, she stated she held the manor in dower of the inheritance of the said John de Somery by assignment of the King, and in allocation of other tenements then in custody of the King by reason of the minority of the said John de Somery, in consequence of which the said Justices had suspended the assize until the King could be consulted, and she prayed for judgment whether John de Parles under these circumstances could resuscitate the assize whenever he pleased in this manner.

John de Parles stated the assize should not be put off on this account, because it had not been respited to any fixed date or place. A day was given to the parties to hear judgment on the Monday after three weeks from Michaelmas, at which date John de Parles withdrew his writ. *m. 22, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT WARWICK BEFORE WILLIAM INGE AND ROGER DE SUTHCOTE, ON THE MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL. 29 E. I.

Warw. A jury of twenty-four Knights to convict twelve, came to make recognition if Edmund Baron of Stafford and William de Thomenhorn had unjustly disseised John de Montfort of his free tenement in Henleye, Forwode, Wyteleye, Holnhale, and Wauveswotten, the said Edmund and William complaining that the jury of an assize of novel disseisin taken before Adam Crokedayk and William Inge of Tamworth had given a false verdict. John de Montfort appeared by his *custos*, and William de Thomenhorn did not appear. The suit was therefore dismissed, and William committed to prison. He was afterwards released for a fine of 1 mark, for which Robert de Pipe and William de Wrottesleye are his sureties.

The same jury which Edmund Baron of Stafford arraigned against the said John de Montfort is respited through defect of the record until the Octaves of Hillary at Tamworth. *m. 6.*

Warr. The suit which John de Cundelive arraigned against Robert de Okoure (Okeover) and Alice his wife, respecting a tenement in Coventry, is dismissed, John not appearing to prosecute it. John was committed to prison, and afterwards released for a fine of 1 mark, for which Hugh de Okovere and Robert brother of Hugh are his sureties. *m. 6.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD BEFORE THE SAME JUSTICES, ON THE MONDAY AFTER THREE WEEKS FROM ST MICHAEL. 29 E. I.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Jordan de Swerkeston the father of Stephen de Swerkeston was seized as of fee, etc., of six acres of land in the vill of Newcastle-under-Lyme when he died, and of which Roger de Swerkeston holds three acres, and William de Swerkeston three acres. The defendants Roger and William pleaded the tenements were in Penkhull and not in Newcastle, and the jury found in their favour. *m. 14.*

Staff. William de Westwode not appearing to prosecute his suit against the Abbot of Deulacres, it is dismissed. *m. 14.*

Staff. Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton not appearing to prosecute his assize of novel disseisin against Robert de Staundon and others, the suit is dismissed, and his sureties, viz., Adam de Swynnerton and Bette de Swynnerton, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 14.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Matilda la Brune the mother of Philip le Brune of Tuttebury Wodehuses, was seised as of fee of a messuage and four acres of land and three acres of meadow in Tuttebury Wodehuses when she died, etc., and which Robert son of Robert le Brune holds. Robert stated that Matilda did not die seised of the tenements, because long before her death she had enfeoffed him in them; and the jury found in his favour. Stephen de Curzun, John de Myners, William de la Rydeware, Nicholas de Bromleye, Roger March of Neubold, William de Hulton, and Robert Note of Rodelowe, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 14.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas de Shirford the father of Henry de Shirford was seised, etc., as of fee, etc., of a messuage, a carucate of land, six acres of meadow, two acres of pasture, and 12 marks of rent in Ethelaxton (Ellaston) when he died, and which Theobald de Verdon holds. Theobald pleaded that the same assize had been arraigned before Adam de Crokedayk and William Inge, and afterwards withdrawn by Henry. The suit was therefore dismissed, and Henry and his sureties, viz., John Brokedysh and William Curzon of Edenyngdale, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 14.*

Staff. William de Tamenhorn and Agnes his wife, not appearing to prosecute their assize of novel disseisin against Walter the Bishop of Coventry and Lichefeld, Gilbert de Hamelhamstede, Richard de Holyhurst, and Robert son of Giles de Rugeleye, respecting tenements in Rugeleye, it is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Henry de Alrewas and Thomas de Strethay, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 14.*

Staff. William son of William son of Robert de Overton not appearing to prosecute his assize of mort d'ancestor against Warine son of William de Overton and others, respecting a tenement in Overton, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., Adam Coyne and Richard le Parker of Chartelgh, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 14.*

Staff. William son of Richard Burgeys sued Isolda wife of Alan de Melvelegh for a third of a messuage and seven acres of land in Alveton by writ of mort d'ancestor; and she did not appear, and a day had been given to her in Banco, on which date she had called John son of Isolda to warranty. The assize is therefore to be taken by her default, but is respited through defect of recognitors.

From Robert de Bromleye, because he did not appear, 20*d.*

From Richard de Brunton, for the same, 10*d.*

From Robert de Melbourne, for the same, 10*d.*

From Hugh de Aston, for the same, 10*d.* *m. 14.*

Staff. Richard de Cavereswelle appeared against John fitz Philip, John de Ludelowe, Alan le Mouner of Alveton, John his brother, William Horn, Henry de Athelaston, Clerk, and Henry le Baillevesmon, in a plea that they should be present to hear the verdict of a jury of twenty-four to convict twelve, which the said Richard had arraigned against them and others respecting tenements in Cavereswelle, and the defendants did not appear. The suit is therefore to be taken by their default, but is respited till the Octaves of St. Hillary at Tamworth through defect of Henry de Hambury one of the recognitors of the first assize. *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Edmund Baron of Stafford, William de Frodeswelle, and Robert Bycok had unjustly disseised Philip son of Reginald le Warner of an acre of meadow and the bailiwick of the Beadleship of the liberty of Bradeleye. William de Weston appeared for all the defendants,

and denied that any injury had been inflicted upon Philip; but the jury found in favour of Philip, and taxed his damages at 10s. William de Penne of Esington, one of the recognitors, did not appear, and was fined 20*d.* *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. Richard son of Geoffrey de Ferrars not appearing to prosecute his assize of novel disseisin against Robert de London and Alice his wife, respecting tenements in Strongeshuil (Stamshall), the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William de Ferrars and Ivo his brother, are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. Hugh de Aston not appearing to prosecute his assize of novel disseisin against Ralph de Grendon and others, respecting tenements in Little Aston-upon-le-Colefield, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., John Loverych of Waleshale and Alan Syvard of the same, are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Theobald de Verdun, senior, and Philip de Barenton had unjustly disseised Robert le Venur of Uttokeshather (Uttoxeter) of common of pasture in Crakemersh appurtenant to his freehold in Uttokeshathere. Theobald pleaded he was not bound to answer to the writ without a reasonable attachment of fifteen days according to statute; and he stated that one William Serle the bailiff of Tatemonneslowe had attached him within the last ten days; and the said William Serle being sworn and examined, first said that Theobald had not had a reasonable attachment of fifteen days, and afterwards asserted the contrary. He is therefore committed to gaol, being convicted by himself, and is no longer to be employed in the King's service (*abjudicetur ab officio Regis in perpetuum*). The assize was afterwards respited till the morrow of St. Hillary at Tamworth, at the request of the plaintiff. *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard de Lee and Alina his wife, Richard Brun, John son of Hugh de Draycote and Hugh his brother, Alexander de Severle, Walter de Severle, Orme de Fulford, Benedict son of Benedict, William son of Elias and Elyas his brother, Robert de la Lowe and Agnes his wife, Henry son of Alexander and Richard his brother, Robert son of Juliana and Roger in the Lane, had unjustly disseised Richard le Parker of Charteleye and Felicia his wife of common of pasture in thirty-seven acres of moor and heath in Fulford, appurtenant to his freehold in the same vill. Adjoined to the morrow of the Octaves of St. Hillary at Tamworth. *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John Bagot of Bromleye and Matilda the daughter of Adam de Lutteleye had unjustly disseised Hugh de Weston of two acres of land in Bromleye Bagotes. John stated he claimed to hold only at the will of Matilda, and Matilda stated she had entered into the tenements through one Richard son of Thomas de Haddeleye, and that Hugh never was in seisin of them, and the jury found in her favour. Nicholas Meverel one of the recognitors never appeared, and was fined 10*d.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Alda the daughter of Warine de Vernoun the mother of William de Stafford was seised as of fee, etc., when she died, of sixty-three and a half acres of land in Sondon (Sandon), and of which Robert son of Hugh de Burweston and Roes his wife hold five acres, Peter Seman and Margaret his wife hold five acres, Joan de Venables fourteen acres, the Prior of Stone four acres, Robert son of Alote of Herdewyk one acre, Henry son of Hugh de Burweston three acres, John son of Richard de Burweston two acres, Emma la Mareschalle one acre, Robert le Mareschall four acres, Gilbert son of Geoffrey de Aston four acres, Nicholas de Marchynton nine acres, Ralph de Munjoye and Isolda his wife three acres, Thomas Meverel three acres, John de Grendon three acres, Stephen de Sondon one acre, Nicholas Meverel one acre, and John Sweyn half-an-acre. Many of the defendants did not appear, and the assize was taken in their absence, and Nicholas de Marchynton stated as regards

three acres claimed from him, he held them for the life of Thomas Meverel, and called him to warranty; and he is to be summoned to be at Tamworth on the Octaves of St. Hillary; and as regards three other acres, he called to warranty Robert son of Agnes de Rocheford, who is to be summoned for the same date. And Thomas Meverel stated as regards the lands claimed against him, he held them conjointly with Scolastica his wife, who was not named in the writ; and as William de Stafford could not deny this, the suit against him was dismissed. And Stephen de Sondon called John Sweyn to warranty, who was present in Court and warranted the land to him; and he and Nicholas de Marchinton for his remaining three acres, and Ralph de Munjoye and Isolda for the three acres which they hold, and John de Grendon and Nicholas Meverel for their respective tenancies, stated that the said Alda the mother of William had two sisters, viz., Margaret and Roes, who held two parts of the manor of Sondon together with the said Alda as daughters and heirs of Warine de Vernoun, and one Richard le Butiler held the third part of the said manor, and Margaret had issue one (*blank*) her son, and Roes had issue one (*blank*) her son, who are now living, and they prayed judgment if the said William could sue without his coparceners, and if this should be conceded, they pleaded that one Margaret formerly wife of Warine de Vernoun held the third part of the said two parts in dower of the inheritance of the said Alda, Margaret and Roes; and the said Margaret formerly wife of Warine survived the said Alda, so that the said Alda never died seised of the said third part of two parts, which was held in dower, and they prayed judgment on this point; and if given against them, they pleaded nothing else. The assize is therefore to proceed, but is respited till the morrow of the Octaves of St. Hillary at Tamworth through defect of recognitors, because all were challenged, and the Sheriff was ordered to produce a good assize at the said date (*quod venire faciat bonam assisam ad prefutum terminum*). *m. 15.*

Staff. From Adam Preyers, Bailiff of Pyrhull, for a transgression, 40*d.*

From Robert de Bromleye, a surety, for non-appearance, 20*d.*

From Hugh de Prestwold, Bailiff of Tatmanneslowe, for a transgression, half a mark.

From Henry de Sheone, for the same, 20*d.*

From Roger de Assheleye, Bailiff of Cuthleston, for the same, 20*d.*

From Richard de Brunton, a surety, for non-appearance, 10*d.*

From Robert de Hodenet, Bailiff of Mosselowe (Offlow), for the same, 40*d.*

From Robert de Melebourne, a surety for non-appearance, 10*d.*

From Hugh de Astone, for the same, 10*d.*

From Richard de Boys, the Bailiff of the Liberty of the Bishop of Chester, 20*d.* *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Roger de Baddelegh the father of Robert was seised etc., of a messuage and twelve acres of land in Bukenhale when he died, and which John son of Roger de Baddelegh, Robert son of Richard de Danrudyng and Filamina his wife hold. The defendants took exception to the writ because the wife of Robert was named Felicia and not Filamina; and if given against them, they pleaded that John son of Roger held two parts of the tenements, and the said Robert and Filamina his wife held a third part of the same as dower of Filamina; and if given against them, they pleaded that the said Roger never died seised of the tenements as of fee, and on this point they put themselves on the assize. The jury found that the wife of the said Robert son of Richard was called Filamina and not Felicia, and that the said John, Robert, and Filamina hold the tenements in common, and they said that Roger did not die seised of the tenements in demesne as of fee. Robert son of Roger is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. Hervey son of Hervey de Stonilowe not appearing to prosecute his assize of mord'ancestor against Simon de Mapham, the Parson of the Church

of Madelegh under Lyme, respecting a tenement in Madelegh, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William de Pikestok and Robert de Mareys, are *in misericordia*. *m. 16.*

Staff. Richard son of John de la Stonilowe and Petronilla his wife not appearing to prosecute their assize of novel disseisin against Magister Simon de Mapham, the Parson of the Church of Great Madelegh under Lyme, and Henry de la Stonylowe, respecting a tenement in Great Madelegh, the suit is dismissed. *m. 16.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Caldewelle the father of Walter was seised, etc., of two and a half acres of land in Overton when he died, which John son of Alan Moysan of Seggesle holds. John pleaded that William did not die seised of the tenements as of fee, but held only at the will of the said John son of Alan. The jury found that William died seised of the tenements as of fee, and that Walter was his nearest heir. Walter is therefore to recover seisin, and one mark as damages. *m. 16.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Geoffrey Benet of Ruggeleye and Lettice his wife, and Felicia de la Halle and Margaret her daughter, had unjustly disseised John le Gidie of Ruggeleye of the third of a messuage in Ruggeleye. The jury found in favour of the tenants, and John is *in misericordia* for a false claim. John de Asshemerebrok, Roger Burguys, Roger Forester of Weford, William son of Felice of Welselegh, Robert de Bromleye, of Langedon, and Gilbert de Clare, of Wytinton, recognitors, never appeared, and are each fined 10*d.* *m. 16.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Isabella formerly wife of Henry de Lillebourne, Alexander de Freyvile and Joan his wife, and Richard Dun, of Tamworth, had unjustly disseised Nicholas de Tunstal of an acre of meadow in Drayton Basset. Richard answered as bailiff of Isabella, and denied any injury to Nicholas. Alexander answered for himself and Joan, and pleaded that the tenements were in Aminton in co. Warwick and not in Drayton Basset, and he stated further that the said Joan had arraigned an assize of novel disseisin before William Inge and Nicholas Fermband against the said Richard Dun and others respecting the said meadow at Warwick in 28 E. I., and had recovered it against them, and he pleaded the present assize should not be taken in consequence. A postscript states a verdict was given at Tamworth on the morrow of the Octaves of Hillary, when the jury stated that the tenements were in Drayton Basset and not in Aminton in co. Warwick, and that they were formerly in seisin of one Ralph Basset the Paumer (Palmer), who had enfeoffed in them one Henry de Lillebourne the father of Nicholas the plaintiff, to be held by him and his heirs of the said Ralph and his heirs for the service of one farthing annually; and Henry died seised of them as of fee, and after his death the said Isabella assumed the custody of them by reason of the minority of the said Nicholas, and enfeoffed in them the said Richard Dun, Nicholas being under age, and in ward to her, and they said therefore that the said Isabella and Richard had disseised Nicholas of the tenements unjustly, but that the said Alexander and Joan had done him no injury, because the Warwickshire jury had found that the tenements were in Amynton and not in Drayton Basset, and they had recovered them by the assize. A day is given to the parties to hear judgment on the Friday after the Octaves of Trinity at Stafford. *m. 16.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Alan de Blore, Thomas Meverel, John de Casterne, Hugh his brother, and Richard le Greyn had unjustly raised a fence in Grendon (Grindon), near Waterfall, to the injury of the freehold of William son of Benedict de Boterdon in Grendon. William stated he had formerly a right of way for his cattle from his houses in Grendon in a direct line to his pasture in the same vill, until the said Alan and the other

defendants had raised the fence, and by which he was forced to make a circuit of half a league.

The defendants with the exception of Alan denied they had caused any injury to William. Alan answered as tenant of the land where the ditch was made, and pleaded he was called Alan de Aldytheleye and not Alan de Blore, and if this point was given against him, he pleaded he had not made any fence to the injury of William, and put himself on the assize.

The jury stated that the said Alan was called Alan de Blore and Alan de Aldytheleye, and that he had raised a fence to the injury of William. The fence is therefore to be prostrated by view of the recognitors, and the damages of William are taxed at three farthings, and William is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the other defendants. *m. 16.*

Staff. Alan son of Adam de Scatculne (Chatculne) and Amice his wife, and Edith sister of Amice, not appearing to prosecute their assize of mort d'ancestor against Henry son of Edith and others, respecting a tenement in Oldenton, the suit is dismissed. (*A note states Alan was dead.*) *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. John de Parles not appearing to prosecute his assize of novel disseisin against the Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England and others respecting tenements in Honesworth, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William de Egynton in Rolleston and John Mychel of the same, are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William le Hunte of Honeford and Agnes his wife, William Jouet and Agnes his wife, Richard Gryffin and Simon his son, Richard le Knave and Margaret his wife, Margaret formerly wife of John Lenton and Agnes her daughter, Roger son of Roger de Honeford, William de Carewell, and three others, had unjustly disseised the Prior of Trentham of eighty acres of moor and heath in Trentham. The Prior afterwards withdrew his writ, and he and his sureties, viz., Thomas Phelipe of Trentham and Roger de Aston, are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of Robert de Herdewyke had unjustly disseised Robert de Leyes of half an acre of meadow in Felde. The jury found in favour of Robert, who is to recover seisin and 2s. damages. Robert son of Hugh de Legh and William fitz Philip of Thene, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Geoffrey de Greseleye, Nicholas de Ambrighton, Clerk, John Ridel, Robert le Blund, Robert and Thomas his sons, Walter le Clerk, William de Breydeshayle, William de Chestershire, William le Wasteneys, and Roger son of Richard, had unjustly disseised Robert de Berleye of common of pasture in forty acres of moor and heath in Hughesdon (Hixon).

Nicholas de Ambrighton answered for all the defendants except Geoffrey, as their bailiff, and denied any injury to the plaintiffs, and he answered for Geoffrey as tenant of the tenements, and stated that the said moor and heath was his waste, which he had lawfully approved according to the Statute of Merton, and he put himself on the assize. The jury found that the said Robert had sufficient common with free exit and entrance to it, and he is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Walter Bishop of Coventry and Lychefeld, Gilbert de Hemelamstede, Robert son of Giles de Rugeleye, Henry Hert, Richard de Holyhurst, Robert son of Robert de Lichefeld, and Richard Malherbe, had unjustly disseised William de Tamenhorn and Agnes his wife of the bailiwick of the Bishop's Chace in the vill of Rugeleye. The Bishop by Roger de Aston his bailiff asked that William and Agnes should state by what right they claimed the bailiwick; and they stated in reply that one William de Puz the father of the said Agnes died seised of the bailiwick as of

fee, and appurtenant to the freehold he held in the said vill, and which they now hold, and into which the said Agnes had entered as daughter and heir, and they put themselves on the assize. The Bishop acknowledged that the said William de Puz died seised of the bailiwick, but he stated that he had taken possession of it as capital lord after the death of William, saving all rights, and that one Richard the brother of William, and his nearest heir, had afterwards remitted and quitclaimed to the Bishop all his right in the said bailiwick by a deed which he produced, and he stated also that Agnes could make no claim through her father as she was born out of wedlock. William and Agnes stated she had entered into the said tenements as heir of her father after his death, and had held them for years and days (*per annos et dies*) until the Bishop and the other defendants had disseised her, and she put herself on the assize. The assize is therefore to proceed, but is respited till the morrow of the Octaves of St. Hillary through defect of recognitors, because they were all challenged, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon a good assize for that day of Knights girt with the sword as well as others. A postscript states that on the day named a jury returned a verdict, and stated that the said William de Puz died seised of the said tenements which William and Agnes now hold, and to which the bailiwick is appurtenant, in his demesne as of fee, and after his death the said Agnes daughter and heir of the said William, inasmuch as she was born in wedlock had entered into the said tenements together with William her husband, and they were seised of the bailiwick as appurtenant to the said tenements until the Bishop and Gilbert had disseised them of it. William and Agnes are therefore to recover seisin of it by view of the recognitors, and their damages are taxed at 40s.; and William and Agnes are *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the other defendants. *m. 16, verso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 29 E. I.

Staff. Adam de Bromhale appeared against Thomas de la Hyde, Thomas de Engleton, and John Ryot, in a plea of conspiracy and trespass. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and to produce them at the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 21.*

Staff. Osbert de Tamworth of Westbromwich and Margaret his wife, Richard le Parker, Richard de Wygemere, Ralph Swyft, Henry Dun, and William del Hull were attached at the suit of Walter de Ebroicis (Devereux) for cutting down his trees at Westbromwich *vi et armis*. The defendants denied the trespass, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of the Purification. *m. 49.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to return into this Court the appeal of John le Counter of Colton against Ralph Griffyn and Robert his brother for the death of William le Counter his brother, and to inform the said John that he was to be present to prosecute his appeal, inasmuch as it could not be determined in a lesser Court than *Coram Rege* or before the Justices Itinerant, according to the law and custom of the kingdom; and the said John being solemnly called on the first, second, third, and fourth days did not appear. He is therefore to be arrested, together with his sureties for the prosecution, viz., John de Monte of Colton and Nicholas Fox of the same, and the appeal is to proceed at the suit of the King; and as the defendants did not appear, the Sheriff was ordered to arrest them and keep them in prison and produce them *Coram Rege* on the morrow of the Purification to answer for the said death. A postscript states that at that term the Sheriff sent no writ, and he was ordered to produce them at (*date illegible*). *m. 50.*

Staff. Elena formerly wife of Thomas de Arderne, Roger Parson of the Church of Northbyry, and John Muigners, the executors of the will of the said Thomas, sued Richard de Culeye and two others for a trespass. The

defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest them and produce them in Court at three weeks from Easter. *m.* 55.

Linc. The Sheriff was ordered to levy 12½ marks from the goods and chattels of Hugh de Tatereshale, Simon son of Robert de Dryby, William Wasteneys and Roger his brother, Simon de Penynton, and Richard le Warrener, damages adjudicated against them in an assize of novel disseisin which Ralph de Dryby had arraigned against them. *m.* 21, *dorso*.

Staff. John son of William de Pykestok appeared against Thomas Bonde, William de Cherleton, Clerk, Thomas de Stanilowe, Henry de Cherleton, Robert son of Philip de Chetewynde, Ralph his brother, Simon le Joyere, Adam de Cherleton, Thomas de Stalbrok, William Fraunceys, Laurence de Aston near Dokeseye, and four others in a plea of trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 18, *dorso*.

ASSIZES TAKEN AT TAMWORTH IN CO. STAFFORD BEFORE WILLIAM INGE AND ROGER DE SUTHCOTE, ON THE MORROW OF THE OCTAVES OF ST. HILLARY, 30 E. I. (From Assize Roll of Divers Counties.)

Staff. An assize, etc., if Isabella formerly wife of William de Burmyngham, Roger son of John de Acover, William de la Spyneye, and Margaret his wife, John Gupil, and Gregory le Bercher, had unjustly disseised Roger Abbot of Roucester of common of pasture in three acres of moor in Swynesoghe (Swinscoe). The Abbot withdrew his plea. *m.* 51.

Staff. Richard de Hopton and Lettice his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin against Robert de Bromleye and others, respecting tenements in Wonynton, the suit is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., William de Preston and John Russel, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 51.

Staff. Richard le Parker of Charteleye and Felicia his wife not appearing to prosecute their writ of novel disseisin against Richard de Lee and others, respecting common of pasture in Fulford, the suit is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Henry de Verdun and Henry Hoke of Newcastle, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 51.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Benedict son of Henry del Coudray and John his brother has unjustly disseised William le Tailleor de Leke of two parts of a messuage in Leke. The jury found in favour of Benedict and John. William de Tetesworthe, Robert de Heton, Henry de Alstonefeld, Henry Oweyn, and Hugh Kyngh of Rounale, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 51.

Staff. William de Hondesacre not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Joan formerly wife of Thomas Corbet and others, respecting common of pasture in Brumleye (King's Bromley), the suit is dismissed. *m.* 51.

Staff. John son of William de Pykestok not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Vivian de Chetewynde and others, respecting tenements in Bylington, Leyes near Bylington, and the vill of Castre (Castlechurch), near Stafford, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William de Pykestok and Roger de Asseleye, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 51.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Caldewelle, Stephen Hawardyn, and Clement de Warlawesterof, had unjustly disseised Henry son of Hugh de Teddesleye of a messuage and a virgate of land in Blokkeswyth, near Wales-hale. Clement answered for himself as tenant and as bailiff for the others; and pleaded that the tenements were in Wales-hale and not in Blokkeswyth, and if that is decided against him, he pleaded that he entered by one Roger de Morteyn, who was not named in the writ; and if that is given against him,

he stated that Henry never was seised of the tenements, and put himself on the Assize. The jury say that Blokkeswych is a vill appurtenant to Walesdale, and the said tenements are in Blokkeswych, and that Stephen Hawardyn had unjustly disseised the said Henry of them. Henry is therefore to recover seisin, and 8s. as damages, and he is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the others. Thomas de Hamstede and John son of Robert de Wyrleye, recognitors, never appeared, and are *in misericordiâ*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Amicia formerly wife of Stephen son of Ralph de Falede, the mother of Milisent the wife of William le Fankener of Thorkeceston, was seised as of fee, etc., when she died of a messuage and a bovate of land in Falede (Fauld), near Tuttebury, and of which Alice formerly wife of Stephen le Wodeward holds a messuage and a third of a bovate, and Adam son of Stephen le Wodeward two parts of a bovate of land. Alice stated she held the said tenement in dower of the inheritance of the said Adam son of Stephen, and called him to warranty, who warranted the same to her, and for the whole tenement in dispute called to warranty Stephen son of Stephen de Curzun, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 51.*

Staff. The jury of twenty-four Knights to convict a jury of twelve which John Bagot of Bromleye arraigned against Nicholas son of Stephen respecting tenements in Bromleye Bagot, is respited till the Friday after the Octaves of Holy Trinity at Stafford, through defect of Richard de Hexstall, one of the recognitors of the first assize who never appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest him and produce him at that date. *m. 51.*

Staff. Hugh son of Geoffrey de Denston not prosecuting his assize of mort d'ancestor against William Honde and others respecting tenements in Denston, is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 51.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of Roger de Sperham and Robert Skercut had unjustly disseised Roger de Sperham of Hatton of a messuage, and twenty acres of land, and half an acre of meadow in Hatton near Bishopesbrewode (Brewood). Robert answered as tenant, and stated he had entered by John son of Roger, and John stated that Roger never was in seisin of the tenements and put himself on the assize, and Roger likewise; but it was respited till the Friday after Holy Trinity, at Stafford, through defect of recognitors, viz., of Robert de Bromlegh, Thomas de Engelton, John de Kyngton, Hugh atte Pirie of Goneston, Roger Jordan de Engelton, William son of Hugh de Brewode, Robert son of Henry de Bromhale, Reginald le Rous of Langedon, Thomas de Hulton, John de Essemerebrok, John Curson of Strethay, Alban de Balindene, Thomas Alymund of Wytinton, Adam Trumwyne of Canok, Reginald de Markedhok of Langedon, who are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 52.*

Staff. Walter de Ebroicis (Devereux) not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Osbert de Tameworth and Margaret his wife, respecting tenements in Westbromwych, is *in misericordiâ*, but his fine was remitted at the instance of Edmund de Mortimer. *m. 52.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Alianora formerly wife of John de Houton, and John her son, and William Brid of Aston near Stone, and another, had unjustly disseised Robert son of Hugh le Wayte of an acre of meadow in Aston near Stone. John stated he held nothing in the land, and he answered for Alianora who was tenant, and stated she held the tenement in common with William de Mere, Joan formerly wife of Roger de Peulesdon, the Abbot of Cumbermere, Roger de Verdun, and Robert le Mareschal, who were not named in the writ; and if he was overruled on this point, he pleaded that she entered by one Roger the Prior of Stanes, who was not named in the writ; and if overruled on this point, he pleaded that Robert son of Hugh never was seised of the tenements. The assize was respited till the Friday after the

Octaves of Trinity, through defect of Thomas le Chaumberleyn, Stephen le Cursun, Stephen de Barneville, Thomas de Overton, Robert de Caldewalle, recognitors who never appeared, and are *in misericordiâ*. A postscript states that at the day named above, the assize was put off *sine die*, through the absence of the Justices; and the Sheriff was afterwards ordered to summon the parties before William Inge and Roger de Bellafago on Monday the morrow of St. Katherine, on which day the assize was taken in the absence of the plaintiff, who never appeared. The jury stated that Alianora held the meadow in common with the said William and others, and Robert son of Hugh is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 52.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Nicholas Meverel of Gayton and Thomas his son, had unjustly disseised Nicholas de Marchinton of four pieces of land in Gayton. Nicholas Meverel pleaded he entered by one Richard Meverel, who was alive and who was not named in the writ; and if this point was given against him, he pleaded that Nicholas de Marchinton never was seised of the tenements, and put himself on the assize. The jury found in favour of Nicholas de Marchynton, who is to recover seisin. Thomas de Ferrers, one of the recognitors, never appeared, and was fined 20*d.*

Staff. Richard de Carswell withdrew his appeal to a jury of twenty-four to convict one of twelve in a plea against Theobald de Verdun, John Chaynel, Philip de Barinton, John his son, Richard Pes, Gilbert le Parker of Alveton, John de Ludelowe, John le Irreys, William de Perdeville, Alamon le Mouner of Alveton, John his brother, William Horn, Henry de Athelaston, Clerk, Matthew Inthetythyng, and Henry le Baylivesmon, respecting two parts of the manor of Carswell. It is considered therefore that the said Theobald and the first jury of twelve be dismissed *sine die*, and the said Richard de Carswell be committed to prison. He was afterwards fined 5 marks, for which William de Mere is his surety; and Walter de Beysin, Richard de Doxesheye, Ralph le Botiler, Henry fitz Herberd, Richard de Sandbache, William de Wrottesley, Reginald de Charnes, Stephen de Oklegh, Adam de Chelle, Michael de Morton, Walter de Morton, Richard de Brynton, Thomas le Forester, Roger de Levynton, Henry de Wyvereston, William Wycht of Cotes, Adam de Bereford, and William de Bagenholt, jurors, never appeared, and are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 52.*

Staff. John son of William son of Gilbert not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against William son of John Gryffin of Colton and others, the suit is dismissed. *m. 52, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Hugh de Okovere, William de Barre, Thomas de Say, William Page, and Richard de Wochewreste, had unjustly disseised Thomas son of William de Pykestoke of a toft, four acres and a half of wood, and an acre and a half of moor in Mulewych (Milwich). Hugh answered for himself as tenant and as bailiff for the other defendants, and took exception to the writ, because the vill was called Melewych and not Mulewych; and if this was given against him, he pleaded that he entered by one Simon de Melewych and Alice his wife who were not named in the writ; and if this point is given against him, he stated that Thomas never was in seisin of the tenements.

And Thomas son of William stated that Petronilla formerly wife of Robert de Melewych held the said tenements in dower of the inheritance of Robert son of Robert de Melewich, and Robert son of Robert afterwards remitted all his claim and right in them to the said Petronilla and her heirs, and Petronilla had enfeoffed in them William de Pykestoke his father, who had enfeoffed him in them, and he was in seisin of them until ejected by the defendants. The suit was respited till the Friday after the Octaves of Trinity at Stafford, through defect of recognitors, because all of them were challenged by the said Hugh and the other defendants, on the ground that the said Thomas son of

William was a kinsman of Richard de Harleghe the Sheriff of the county. The Coroner is therefore ordered to send an assize (*i.e.*, a jury) at the said term. *m. 52, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 30 E. I.

(*Apud Ebor.*)

Staff. Avice formerly wife of Robert de Podymor sued Ralph () of Bredon and Lucy his wife, for a third of a messuage in Byrton-upon-Trent as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 33.*

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagod sued Elias son of Roger de Burghton for a messuage, a virgate of land, and 9s. 4d. of rent, and the rent of a pound of cummin in Toft near Dunchurch as her right and inheritance. Elias called to warranty Magister Elias de Napton, who is be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas, the summons to be served in co Stafford. *m. 43.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to raise 7 marks from the lands and chattels of Ralph de Pype and of William son of William de Allerwyche (Aldridge), part of a debt of 14 marks they had acknowledged to owe to Magister Alan le Breton, the Treasurer of Lychfeld. *m. 78.*

Staff., Warw. Ralph de Grendon gives a mark for licence of concord with John de Clynton of Coleshulle in a plea of covenant.¹ *m. 86.*

Staff. Henry de Grey and Joan his wife appeared by attorney against Edmund son and heir of Robert de Somerville, in a plea that he should warrant to them the third part of twenty-six tofts and seven virgates and seventy-nine acres of land in Corbrigg and Scyrescote, which Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville claimed as dower. Edmund did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon him for the Quindene of Michaelmas, *prece partium.* *m. 94.*

Staff. Christina formerly wife of John son of Walter de Mere of Duddeleye sued Robert le Blomer for the third of a watermill, four acres of land, and four acres of meadow in Tybeton (Tipton) as her dower; and Robert did not appear at Hillary term, and the dower claimed had been taken into the King's hand, and Christina now claimed it by his default. And Robert now came and stated he was ready to prove he had not been summoned, and offered to wage his law. He is therefore to appear with his compurgators at the Octaves of St. John. *m. 94.*

Staff. The same Christina recovers the third of six acres of land in the same vill against Thomas de Horseleye by his default, and a third of six acres of land in the same vill against Adam de Telle by his default. *m. 94.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to raise 40 marks from the lands and chattels of Robert de Bek for a debt he had acknowledged to owe to Richard de Draycote. *m. 100.*

Staff. The great assize of William son of Peter Corbyzon *versus* John Giffard of Chilington is respited till three weeks from Michaelmas through defect of Knights. *m. 105.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to return into Court an extent of the

¹ By this fine Ralph de Grendon and Joan his wife acknowledged the manor of Shenston to be the right of John de Clynton of Coleshill, for which acknowledgment, etc., John granted the manor to Ralph and Joan, with remainder to Robert son of Ralph; and if Robert should die *s. p.*, to Joan sister of Robert, and if Joan should die *s. p.*, to Thomas son of John de Clynton. (*Pedes Finium, Staff.*)

manor of Berleston (Barlaston), in which Joan formerly wife of Thomas Corbet claimed dower against John son of John fitz Philip; and John having called Roger son of Thomas Corbet to warranty, the said Roger had admitted the claim of Joan. The extent to be returned into Court on the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 162, dorso.*

Staff. John de Cokynage sued the Prior of Trentham for sixty acres of wood in Cokinage (Cocknage), of which Peter de Cokinage his grandfather was seised as of fee, etc., in the reign of King Henry the King's father, and from Peter the right descended to Geoffrey his son and heir, and from Geoffrey to John as son and heir. The Prior stated that the said John had remitted and quitclaimed to him all his rights in the said wood, and he produced his deed; and as John acknowledged the deed, he is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 149, dorso.*

Staff. Athelina formerly wife of Robert Shyret sued Robert son of Hervey de Leyes for a third of a messuage in Marchynton under Nedwode as her dower. Robert called to warranty Richard Broderigge, who is to be summoned for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 102, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of Edmund de Stafford *versus* Henry de Harecurt and Alianora his wife, tenants of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bradelegh near Stafford, *remanet sine die*, Henry having letters of protection whilst in the service of the King in Scotland to last for one year from the 8th of April, 30 E. I. *m. 46, dorso.*

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagod sued Robert son of John de Grendon for two messuages, a virgate of land, and 7s. of rent in Chesterfeld as her right of the gift of Roger de Cumberford, who had enfeoffed her in them, and in which the said Robert had no entry except by a demise which William formerly her husband had made during his lifetime when she could not object. Robert pleaded he did not hold the tenements, nor had held them at the date of the writ, viz., 14th May, 28 E. I., and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 32, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 30 E. I.

Staff. Robert de Dutton sued Juliana de la Grene for six acres of land in Mere and in Aston near Asshelegh, which Thomas de Dutton gave to Thomas son of Thomas de Dutton and heirs of his body, and which by the form of gift should remain to the said Robert, because Thomas died without leaving issue. Juliana denied that the said Thomas de Dutton gave the land to Thomas son of Thomas and heirs of his body, and stated that he had made a grant of it in fee simple (*in feodo simplici*), and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin. A postscript shows adjournments of the suit up to Easter term. *m. 11.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain William Wyther, Philip de Draycotes, and Robert atte Blakkele, and to produce them in Court at this term, to acknowledge the services by which they held their lands of Richard de Draycotes in Draycotes, Paynesle, and Cuneshale, which services Richard had conceded to Philip de Draycotes and Joan his wife by a fine levied in this Court,¹

¹ By this fine Philip and Joan acknowledged the manors of Draycotes, Paynesle, and Coneshale, and eighteen messuages twenty-two and a half bovates of land in Wyton, Kyngesleye, Werselowe, Butterdon, Swaynesmore, Alstanefeld, Bramcote, and Haseles, together with the bailiwick of the Forest of Maubanc and advowson of the Church of Draycote, to be the right of Richard de Draycote; for which acknowledgment, etc., Richard granted the said tenements, bailiwick, and advowson to Philip and Joan, and issue of Philip, and if Philip should die *s. p.*, to Roger brother of Philip and his issue; and if Roger should die *s. p.*, to William uncle of Roger and his issue, and with remainder to the right heirs of Richard. (*Pedes Finium, Staff.*)

and they did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain them as before and to produce them at the Octaves of St. Michael. *m.* 13.

Salop. Emma formerly wife of Philip de Legha sued Hugh son of Richard de Lega and Alice his wife for a third of twelve acres of land in Lega (Leigh); and she sued nineteen other tenants in the same vill for a third of their respective holdings as dower. Hugh and the other defendants called to warranty Reginald son and heir of Philip de Legha,¹ who is under age and in ward with a part of his lands to Emma formerly wife of Philip de Leghe in this county, and another part of his lands were in the custody of William de Stafford in co. Stafford; and the said custodians now appeared, and William de Stafford denied he held any part of the inheritance of the heir as *custos*, and Emma acknowledged that she was *custos* of the whole inheritance in the county of Salop. And the said Emma by Adam de Coygne her attorney, in the name of the heir, surrendered to the said Emma (*sic*) her dower. *m.* 55.

Staff. Richard de Verne (Verney) gives half a mark for licence of concord with Magister Simon de Mepham in a plea of covenant.²

Staff. Theobald de Neville was summoned to answer Robert son of John de Assheburne in a plea that he had deformed him of a rent of 13s. 4d. in Swynefen, which Thomas son of Thomas de Hampsted had demised to him for a term which was unexpired, and within which term the said Thomas had sold the rent to the said Theobald, who had ejected him; Robert stated that Thomas had demised to him the said rent at the Feast of the Annunciation, 22 E. I., for a term of eleven years, and before the said term was expired he had sold the same rent to the said Theobald, who had ejected him at the Feast of St. Martin, 23 E. I., and for which he claimed £10 as damages. Theobald appeared and pleaded that he was enfeoffed of the said rent with one Cecilia his wife, who was not named in the writ, and as Robert could not deny this, the suit was dismissed. *m.* 123.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of William de Wotton sued William de Clebyry, Parson of the Church of Forton, whom Robert de Stanton (*sic*, Standon) called to warranty, and who warranted to him a messuage, ten acres of land, and half a virgate of land in Overton (Orton) near Wolverhampton, as her right, of the gift of William de Keteringge, who had enfeoffed her of the tenements, and in which Robert had no entry except by a demise which William formerly her husband had made during his lifetime when she could not object. William de Clebyry called to warranty Thomas son of William de Overton, who appeared and stated that Agnes could claim no right in the tenements, because she had remitted all her right to them whilst they were in the seisin of William his father, and he produced her deed to that effect.

Agnes pleaded the deed was no bar to her claim, and denied it was executed as Thomas stated, and she appealed to a jury and to the witnesses of the deed. The Sheriff is therefore commanded to summon a jury for the Octaves of St. Martin, and to summon for the same day John lord of Tresel and Robert Buffray the witnesses, and the deed is to remain in the custody of John Bacun. A postscript states that on the day named the Sheriff sent no writ, and the suit was adjourned to a month from Easter. *m.* 153.

Linc. The Sheriff was ordered to levy 40s. from the lands and chattels of John le Wasteney and Isabella his wife, and of John de Leverton and Alice de Stircheley, part of a sum of 40 marks which had been adjudicated to William de Chaddeyworth as damages for an unjust disseisin of the said William. *m.* 116, *dorso*.

¹ Reginald was co-heir of the manor of Leigh in Staffordshire, but took his name from Leigh in Salop.

² By this fine a messuage and half a carucate of land in Madele was settled on Magister Simon for his life, Simon rendering yearly 11s. to Richard, and to revert after his death to Richard and his heirs. (*Pedes Finium, Staff.*)

Staff. Lucy formerly wife of Robert de Birebrok sued Nicholas Meverel and Sarra his wife for a messuage and five bovates of land in Gayton, of which Richard Meverel of Gayton, the grandfather of Lucy, whose heir she is, was seised as of fee when he died, etc. Nicholas and Sarra prayed a view, and the suit was adjourned to the Quindene of St. Martin. *m. 79, dorso.*

Staff. Richard son of Walter de Allerleye sued Hugh le Smythessone of Wrottesle, William son of Thomas de Allerleye, and Agatha formerly wife of Nicholas de Crunkewelle, in a plea that they should give up to him six deeds which they unjustly detained. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them, and he now returned that Hugh was attached by William son of Benedict of Wrottesle and Richard le Pope of the same, etc. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 65, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for this term of twelve from the vicinage of Waleton, none of whom should be of affinity to William Trussell of Cubelisdon or Roger de Aston, to make recognition if one Roger de Waleton had ever held of the said William a messuage, two carucates of land, and 10 marks of rent in Waleton by homage and fealty and the service of one fourth of a Knight's fee, the custody of which the said William claimed from the said Roger de Aston; and the Sheriff had done nothing, but returned the writ reached him too late. He was therefore ordered to summon a jury for the morrow of All Souls. A postscript further adjourns the case to the Quindene of Easter. *m. 65, dorso.*

Staff. Henry son of Agnes de Refegge sued Thomas de Refegge for a messuage and sixteen acres of land in Bradenop, and he sued Robert de Stanlowe for five acres in the same vill, which John Bek had given to John de Refegge and Agnes his wife and heirs of their bodies, and which should descend to him after the death of the said John and Agnes. The defendants pleaded that Henry could make no claim to the tenements, because they had been alienated by the said John and Agnes before the Statute *de donis conditionalibus*.¹ Henry denied this, and stated the tenements had been alienated subsequent to the date of the statute, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 22, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 30 E. I.

Pleas before Ralph de Hengham, etc., at York.

Staff. John Giffard, lord of Chilington, Knight, acknowledged he owed to Ralph de Hengham 6 marks, to be repaid at the rate of one mark annually at the Feast of the Annunciation each year, and if he should fail, the Sheriff might levy the money by writ of *feri facias*; and the said Ralph conceded that any other writings of the said John in his possession respecting other debts before the date of this acknowledgment should be nullified. *m. 243.*

Staff. Richard son of John de Bromshulf recovered thirteen and a half acres of land and the third of a messuage in Gretewych (Gratwich) and Charteleye, in a suit *versus* Joan daughter of John de Saverle, by default of the latter. *m. 288.*

Staff. Walter Marchis and Emma his wife appeared against Roger de Morteyn in a plea that he should warrant to them the third of a messuage and six bovates of land in Bertramescote, which Isabella formerly wife of John le Waleys claimed as dower. Roger did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him into the King's hand to the value

¹ This statute was passed in 13 E. I.; for an account of it, see the Introduction to the Plea Rolls of the reign of Edward I., p. 48, Vol. VI., of these Collections.

of the dower claimed, and to summon him for the morrow of the Purification.
m. 294.

Staff. Walter Beysin sued Ralph de Grenhull and Roes his wife for a mill, an acre of meadow, 10s. of rent, and the third of a messuage and carucate of land in Schuston (Shushions) as his right and inheritance. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for five weeks from Easter. *m.* 332.

Staff. Robert de Hugerford of Hildereston is *in misericordiâ* for many defaults (of appearance).

The said Robert was summoned to answer John de Pulton in a plea that he should carry out the terms of a covenant made between them respecting the tenth part of thirty acres of moor in Hildereston (Hilderstone); and John stated that a dispute having arisen between the said Robert and himself respecting common of pasture, it had been agreed between them that Robert should approve four acres of the said moor, and if he wished to approve a further quantity, a tenth part of all the moor which was approved should remain to him (John); and the said Robert after the date of the above covenant, in addition to the four acres, had approved thirty acres, and the said John having claimed a tenth part according to the agreement, Robert would not allow him to take it, and he produced the agreement under the seal of the said Robert, dated the Tuesday after St. Martin, 12 E. I.

Robert denied he had approved more than four acres of the moor in question, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for five weeks from Easter. A postscript adds that William de Bereford returned into Court a verdict taken before him and William de Stafford at Wulverhampton on the Saturday after the Feast of St. Matthew, 32 E. I., which stated that the said Robert had not approved more than four acres of the moor in question but that he had enfeoffed William his son of it to hold as he the said Robert had held it without improvement. John is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m.* 337, *dorso*.

Staff. William le Sauvage and Lucy his wife not appearing to prosecute their suit for dower *versus* Richard Costantyn, the case is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Robert de Crevequer and John de Benteleye, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 316, *dorso*.

Warr. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagod sued Henry son of Walter de la Sale and Isabella his wife for half a virgate of land in Toft near Dunchurche, which she claimed as her right by the gift of Henry de Rokeby, who had enfeoffed her and the said William of it, and in which Henry and Isabella had no entry except by a feoffment made by her husband William to Roger formerly Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and to which she could not object, during the lifetime of her husband. The defendants stated they held the tenements only for life by a demise of Roger de Burghton, and they called him to warranty. Roger is therefore to be summoned in co. Stafford, and to be in Court at a month from Easter. *m.* 283, *dorso*.

Staff. John Giffard sued John de Harecurt for ten acres of wood and ten acres of moor in Waleton, near Chebbeseye, by writ of right. John de Harecurt prayed a view, and the suit was adjourned to three weeks from Easter. *m.* 242, *dorso*.

Derb. William de Monte Gomeri appeared against Isabella formerly wife of William de Bermingham in a plea that she should give up to him Roger the son and heir of John de Acoure (Okeover), whose wardship belonged to him, inasmuch as the said John held his land of William de Monte Gomeri his father by military service. Isabella did not appear, and the Sheriff returned she held no land in co. Derby, and it was testified she

held land in co. Stafford. The Sheriff of Staffordshire was therefore commanded to summon her for the Quindene of Easter. *m. 217, dorso.*

Staff. William de Billesdone and Margaret his wife sued Ralph son of Robert (*sic*) Basset of Sapecote in a plea that he should warrant to them a messuage and forty acres of land in Denston, which they hold of him, and for which they hold his deed. Ralph did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Quindene of Easter. *m. 201, dorso.*

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of William Bagot sued Robert son of John de Grendon for two messuages, a virgate of land, and 17s. of rent in Chesterfeld, as her right, etc., of the gift of Roger de Comberford, who had enfeofed her in them, and in which Robert had no entry except by a demise which the said William her husband had made to the said Robert during his lifetime, when she could not object.

Robert stated he held the said rent for term of his life only, and he called to warranty Ralph de Grendon and Joan his wife, who are to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary; and as regards the other tenements, he stated he did not hold them nor had held them at the date of the writ, viz., 14th March, 28 E. I., for they were held by Richard son of Nicholas, Geoffrey son of Richard, William de Bromley, Gilbert son of Henry de Grendon, and Gilbert le Hunte, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the same term. A postscript further adjourns the case to the Octaves of Trinity, unless W. de Bereford came first into those parts. *m. 156, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas de Pyvelesdon and Alianora his wife sued Philip de Chetewynde in a plea that he should warrant to them twenty acres of land and two acres of meadow in Felde (Field), which John de St. Maur claimed against them; and he did not appear (*sic, left unfinished*).¹ *m. 78, dorso.*

Staff. Saer de Harecourt gives a mark for licence of concord with Geoffrey son of Robert de Quixhull and Isabella his wife.² *m. 63, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to distrain Richard le (*sic*) Vernun and Robert de Bures, and to produce them at this term, to acknowledge by what service Richard held his lands of Edmund de . . . (Somerville) in Whicenore, Tunstall, Neubold, Briddeshale, and Alrewas, which services Edmund had conceded to Philip de Somerville by a fine, and to acknowledge what right Robert claimed in . . . acres of pasture in Alrewas, and to produce John de Arderne to acknowledge by what services he held his lands in the same vills, which services Edmund had conceded to the same Philip by a fine, etc.; and they did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and to produce them at the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript shows further adjournments of the suit to the Michaelmas following. *m. 59, dorso.*

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Caverswelle, executrix of the will of the said Roger, sued John son of William de Pykestok, for £20 and 13s., and he did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 56, dorso.*

Staff. Geva formerly wife of William Russel of Bradewelle sued Thomas . . . the *custos* of the land and heir of Adam son of John de Bradewelle for the third of a messuage and a bovate of land, and five acres of pasture in Bradewelle as her dower. Thomas appeared by attorney and conceded the dower claimed. *m. 56, dorso.*

¹ This suit occurs again on another membrane. The Sheriff was ordered to take land of Philip to the value of the tenement claimed into the King's hand and, to summon him for the Quindene of Hillary.

² By this fine Geoffrey and Isabella acknowledged two messuages, eighty acres of land, and three of meadow in Quixhull, Denston, Prestwode, and Ethelaxton (Ellaston) to be the right of Saer de Harecourt. (*Pedes Finium Staff.*)

Staff. Ralph de Hengham sued the Prior of St. Thomas near Stafford for £66 9s. 2d. owing to him. The Prior acknowledged he was bound to the said Ralph in the above sum, and he bound himself to repay it by instalments of 20 marks at Michaelmas each year, and if he failed to pay any instalment, that Ralph might raise the sum on his goods and chattels. *m. 8, dorso.*

Staff. Geva formerly wife of William Russel of Bradewell recovered dower against the following tenants in Bradewell by their default, viz., against Richard de Dymnesdale and Agnes his wife, . . . de Knotton and Eudo his son, Thomas son of Adam Mauvallet, Clerk, and Felice his wife, William de Copston and Joan his wife, and Roger de Chardel, Clerk; the dower claimed was in each case the third of a messuage and of a bovate of land. *m. 7, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 30-31 E. I.

Staff. William son of William de Alrewych, Ralph de Pipe, Hugh son of Hugh le Ridere of Alrewych, and Hugh his brother (*sic*), William Hillari of Bermundescote (Bescot), Roger Hillari, Thomas Hillari, Robert Hillari, Robert on the Hethe of Bermundescote, Walter de Wyntertone, Elyas le Bercher, Robert de Mora, William son of William de Blokwyche, and Robert son of William de Blokwyche, were attached to answer Walter de Strongforde in a plea that whereas the custody of the land and of the heir of William de Alrewych (Aldridge) belonged to him until the full age of the said heir, by reason of a demise made to him by William de Strongforde, to whom Felicia de Magna Barre and Robert her son, of whom the said William de Alrewych held his land by military service, had granted the custody, the said William and the others named on the Sunday before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 27 E. I., had ejected him from the custody *vi et armis*, and had taken his goods and chattels, viz., wheat, oats, pigs and capons, hay, apples, and other goods to the value of £40, and of which he produced his proofs. The defendants appeared and pleaded that they had not ejected Walter, and had done him no injury, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of the Purification. A postscript states that afterwards at York at the Quindene of Trinity, 31 E. I., Walter appeared *in propria personâ*, and William and the other defendants did not appear, and the trial proceeded in their absence, and jury stated that the said William son of William, and all the other defendants except Hugh le Ridere, Roger Hillari, and Robert son of William de Blokwyche had ejected the said Walter from the custody *vi et armis*, and had carried away goods and chattels belonging to him to the value of £40. Walter is therefore to recover the said damages against them, and the Sheriff is ordered to arrest them. Walter de Wyntertone afterwards appeared and made fine with the King, as appears in the Roll of Michaelmas term, 31 E. I., and the others afterwards appeared and made fine with the King, as appears on the Roll of Easter term, 32 E. I. *m. 58, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD, BEFORE WILLIAM INGE AND RALPH DE BELLAFAGO, ON THE MORROW OF ST. KATHERINE THE VIRGIN, 31 E. I. (26th November, 1302).

Staff. An assize, etc., if Roger Corbet and Joan formerly wife of Thomas Corbet, had unjustly disseised William de Hondesacre of common of pasture in sixty acres of wood and in forty acres of moor in Hondesacre (Handsacre). Roger did not appear, and the assize was taken in his absence, and Joan appeared by her bailiff. The jury found in favour of William, damages half a mark; and John de Herounville, John atte Touneseynde of Herynlowe,

Robert de Melburne, Elyas de Wykynton, Richard Costentyn, Henry de Prestwode, and William Dymmok, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ*. A postscript states that the record and the original writ were sent *coram Rege* by a writ dated from Lanercost, 4th October, 34 E. I.

Staff. Roger son of Roger Bagot of Bruynton, William Kyng and Alice his wife, not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin against Richard Potte and others respecting tenements in Blumenhulle, they and their sureties, viz., Walter de Morton and Richard de Flosbrok, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 13.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of Roger de Sperham and Robert Skerout had unjustly disseised Roger de Sperham of Hatton of a messuage, twenty acres of land, and half an acre of meadow in Hatton. Robert stated he entered by the said John, and John answered as tenant and pleaded that Roger never was seised of the tenements. The jury found in favour of Roger de Sperham the plaintiff : damages 40s.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Agnes formerly wife of Richard de Morghale, Richard son of the said Agnes, and two others, had unjustly disseised Robert West of a toft in Elmhurst. Agnes answered as tenant, and pleaded the tenement was in Stychesbrok and not in Elmhurst ; and the jury found in her favour. *m.* 13.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert de Bromleye, Roger his son, and Richard the Provost of Wonynton, had unjustly disseised William son of Richard de Leghys of Wonynton of two parts of a messuage and a carucate of land in Wonynton. Robert stated he claimed nothing in the tenements except the custody of them by reason of the minority of the said William son of Richard, inasmuch as Richard his father had held the tenements of him by military service, viz., by homage and the service of 5s. for every scutage of 40s., and more or less in the same proportion. William stated that Robert could not claim wardship, because his father Richard held the tenements of Robert by fealty and the service of 11*d.* annually for all service, and he put himself on the assize. The jury found in favour of Robert de Bromley, and William is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. His fine is remitted because he is under age. *m.* 13.

Staff. The same assize came, etc., if Robert de Bromley, Roger his son, Richard the Provost of Wonynton, and William son of Richard de la Leye, had unjustly disseised Lettice the wife of Richard de Hopton of the third part of a messuage and carucate of land in Wonynton. Robert took exception to the writ because one Alice, formerly wife of Richard de Legh, held the third part of the tenements claimed, and held it at the date of the writ, viz., 24th May, 30 E. I. ; and if given against him, he pleaded that Lettice never was in seisin of it. Verdict for Robert de Bromley and the other defendants ; and Thomas Cabot of Blore, one of the recognitors, did not appear, and is *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 13.

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of John Griffyn of Colton had unjustly disseised John son of William son of Gilbert de Colton of a messuage and ten acres of land in Colton. William son of John, stated he entered by a certain Margaret the mother of the said John, and put himself on the assize. The jury stated that a certain Robert Mauveysyn gave the tenements to one William son of Gilbert de Colton father of the said John, who now sues, and Margaret his daughter, to be held by the said William and Margaret and heirs of their bodies ; and John who now sues was their son ; and that Margaret after the death of the said William her first husband, married one William Skyl ; and during the lifetime of the said William Skyl her husband she had conveyed the tenements to the said William son of John Griffyn and his heirs, for the maintenance of the said Margaret, to hold for her life, the said William Skyl at that time living apart from her ; and the said William son of John Griffyn held the tenements by the demise of Margaret without the consent or

assent of William Skyl her husband for three years during the lifetime of Margaret, and after her death the said John entered into the tenements, and was in seisin of them until William had ejected him. William (*sic*, but should be John) is therefore to recover seisin, and 20s. damages, and William is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 13.*

John de Bromschul (Bramshall), the Bailiff of Tatmaneslowe, is *in misericordiâ* for contempt, and is fined 40s.

Staff, Salop. An assize, etc., if John de Tresel had unjustly disseised the Prioress and the White Nuns of Brewode of common of pasture in Tresel appurtenant to their freehold in Rugge (Rudge) near Claverley in co. Salop, viz., in three hundred acres of heath. The Prioress asked permission to withdraw her writ, and it was granted. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. Roger de Rydeware, Chaplain, not prosecuting his writ against Thomas son of Walter de Rydewarehamstal and others, respecting tenements in Rydeware Hamstal, he and his sureties, viz., John Organ and William de Badenhale, are *in misericordiâ*. (A note states that both sureties were dead, and Roger was a pauper.)

Staff. An assize, etc., if Henry Bagot and Richard le Shepherde of Pyrie had unjustly disseised John de Wyrleye of two acres in Pyrie (Perry Bar). Henry did not appear, and the assize was taken in his absence. Richard answered as tenant, and stated that John never was in seisin of the tenement. Verdict in favour of John, who is to recover seisin, and 2s. as damages; and Henry de Prestwode, one of the recognitors, did not appear, and is *in misericordiâ*. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Thicknesse of Betteleye and William his son, James, Henry, and Richard, brothers of the said William son of William, John de Whytemore, Richard de Thicknesse and Petronilla formerly wife of Henry le Barber of Thicknesse, and two others, had unjustly disseised William Swan of a messuage and a carucate of land in Chesterton near Newcastle-under-Lyme. William afterwards withdrew his writ, and he and his sureties, viz., Thomas le Forester of Newcastle, and Robert de Blorton, are *in misericordiâ*. The fine of William Swan is remitted because he is under age. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Amice formerly wife of Stephen son of Ralph de Falede, the mother of Milicent wife of William le Faukener of Thurketeston, was seised as of fee, etc., when she died of a messuage and bovate of land in Falede (Fauld) near Tuttebury, of which Alice formerly wife of Stephen le Wodeward holds a messuage and one-third of a bovate, and Adam son of Stephen le Wodeward two parts of a bovate. Suit respited till the fourth day after three weeks from Trinity, owing to the absence of Alice. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. Roger son of John de Beghterton not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Robert son of John of Little Onne, and others, respecting tenements in Little Onne, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., John de Beghterton and Adam de Mershton, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. John de Sparham and Agnes his wife not prosecuting their writ *de certificatione* against Nicholas Pyngel, Margaret Pyngel, and Felicia Pyngel, respecting tenements in Lychefeld, the suit is dismissed, and they are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. The jury of twenty-four Knights to convict a jury of twelve which Clement de Warlawestcroft arraigned against Henry son of Hugh de Teddesleye respecting tenements in Little Bloctuswych (Bloxwich) near Walesha'e, is respited till the Tuesday after three weeks from Trinity, through defect of Geoffrey de Stretton, Robert Hervey of Okleye, William de Chaundeys, and

Richard Bagot, recognitors of the first assize, who did not appear; they are therefore *in misericordiâ*, and the Sheriff is ordered to distrain and produce them at the above date. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. The jury of twenty-four Knights to convict a jury of twelve which John Bagot of Bromleye Bagot arraigned against Nicholas son of Stephen, respecting tenements in Bromleye Bagot, is respited till the Tuesday after three weeks from Trinity, through defect of John Griffyn and John son of Walter, recognitors of the first assize, who did not appear. They are therefore *in misericordiâ*, and the Sheriff is ordered to distrain and produce them at the above date. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Henry Ours of Strongeshulle, Robert de London and Avice his wife, Alice daughter of Roger de Crokesdene, and Margaret and Matilda, the sisters of Alice, had unjustly disseised Richard de Ferrars of a messuage and seventeen acres of land and an acre of meadow in Strongeshulle (Stramshall). The jury say that the said Roger de Crokesdene died seised of the said tenements and of others in his demesne as of fee, and after his death one John son of Roger entered into them as son and heir, and assigned to Margaret his mother one-third of them in dower, and afterwards enfeoffed the said Richard de Ferrars of the two parts and of the third part when it should fall in; and Margaret his mother attorned herself and service to the said Richard, and performed fealty to him; and Margaret died whilst the said Richard was in Wales and ignorant of the fact, and Avice and the other sisters of the said John entered into the tenements; and as soon as Richard returned from Wales, and was informed of the death of Margaret, he took possession of the said tenements; and Henry and the other defendants then ejected him. Richard is therefore to recover seisin by view of the recognitors, and 1 mark as damages. *m. 13, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Philip de Somerville, Roger de Stocton, Henry son of Cecilia, John fitz Herbert, Richard de Sumerville of Whychnore, William Brayn, Peter le Kuherde, William son of William Fox, John Horewale, Robert Suklyng, Roger March of Neubold, William March, and John Gunnyld of Frodele, had unjustly disseised Robert son of Hervey de Okle of an acre and a rood of meadow in Whichenore. Philip answered for all the defendants, and denied that Robert had ever been in seisin of the tenements; but the jury found in favour of Robert, who is to recover seisin, and 2s. as damages. *m. 14.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Matilda de Fulford, Richard son of Richard le Parker of Charteleye, William atte Lowe, senior, Robert de Brusewelle, Roger de Brecy, William Jacke, and Robert Batesone, had unjustly disseised Robert son of Robert le Serjant of Stallynton of eight acres of land and six acres of heath in Fulford. Richard answered as tenant, and stated he entered by the said William son of Matilda, and he produced his deed; and William son of Matilda stated that one (*blank*) his father died seised of the tenements in demesne as of fee, and he had entered into them after his death.

Robert son of Robert stated that William son of Matilda had enfeoffed him of the tenements by a deed which he produced, and he was in seisin of them until ejected by the defendants.

The jury say that William son of Matilda had formerly demised the said tenements to Robert son of Robert for a term of years, and within the term had made to him a deed of feoffment, and Robert before the execution of this deed renounced his term and tore up the writings respecting it, and Robert was in seisin by the said deed for eleven days, until the said William, because a certain sum of money was in arrear which was owing for the said tenements, sold them to the said Richard son of Richard; and Richard and William then ejected Robert, but the other defendants did not interfere.

And the jury being asked if the said William had any seisin in the tenements after the said renouncement, answered in the negative. A day was given to the parties to hear judgment at Gloucester on the morrow of St. Luke, on which day Robert son of Robert withdrew his writ. He and his sureties are therefore *in misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Richard son of Alexander de Severley not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Richard son of Richard de la Lee, William de Draycote, William son of Gilbert de Severley, Richard son of John de Fulford, and John son of Henry del Stonyegge respecting tenements in Severleye (Saverley), the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*. (*This entry is scored out, and a note in the margin says, "vacatur quia error."*) m. 14.

Staff. John de Bromwych, Chaplain, not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against John de Parva Barre and others, the suit was dismissed. m. 14.

Staff. Peter de Bermyngeham (*Baro in Hiberniâ, sic*) and Ela his wife, and Maurice de Canuteton and Alice his wife, not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin against John de Clynton of Maxtoke and Ida his wife, John de Grey of Rotherefeld and Margaret his wife, William le Wodeward and Richard le Warrener, respecting tenements in Weford, the suit is dismissed, and they and their sureties, viz., Henry de Mortimer and Nicholas de Burton, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Adam son of William Tredefen, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Richard Tredefen, Chaplain, Roger Carles, William Hodidan and Thomas Golf, respecting tenements in Newcastle-under-Lyme, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William de Chaledon and Robert atte Lowe, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Robert son of Hugh le Wayte is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against Alianora, formerly wife of John de Houton. m. 14.

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Puteo (de Puis), the father of Agnes the wife of William de Thomenhorn, was seised as of fee, etc., when he died of six acres of land and three acres of meadow in Rugege, which Richard son of Richard de Puteo holds. The jury found in favour of Agnes, and she and Robert are to recover seisin and one mark as damages. Geoffrey Salvayn, and Nicholas de Bedenhale, recognitors, did not appear, and are *in misericordiâ*. m. 14, dorso.

Staff. Robert le Venur, of Uttokeshather, not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Theobald de Verdun, senior, and Philip de Barenton respecting common of pasture in Crakemersh, the suit is dismissed, and Robert and his sureties, viz., Adam le Hunte, and Robert de Hampton, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 14, dorso.

Staff. Matilda de Luttelegh not prosecuting her writ of novel disseisin against John Bagot of Bromleye, respecting tenements in Bromleye Bagot, the suit is dismissed. m. 14, dorso.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas son of Thomas Gerbot and Adam le Clerk of Ingestre, had unjustly disseised Alice daughter of Thomas Gerbot of Stafford and Margaret her sister of two messuages, twenty acres of land, and ten acres of meadow in Tillynton.

Thomas stated that a certain Thomas his father and Agnes his mother were conjointly enfeoffed of the tenements, to be held by them and their heirs, and Agnes had survived Thomas and died seised of the tenements, and after her death he had entered as her son and heir. Alice and Margaret stated that the said Thomas their father had enfeoffed them of the tenements by his deed, and put them into good seisin of them; and after the death of Thomas, Agnes had remitted and quit-claimed to them all her right in them, and they produced the deeds of Thomas and Agnes to that

effect. The jury found in favour of Alice and Margaret, who are to recover seisin. Damages half a mark. *m. 14, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Hugh son of Robert de Shirford, Adam de Chetewynde, John de Verdun of Alveton, Magister Henry de Bray, Henry atte Walle, Theobald de Verdun, and Theobald his son, Nicholas, Bartholomew, and John, brothers of the said Theobald son of Theobald, and Hugh Hod, had unjustly disseised Henry son of Thomas de Shirford of a messuage, two carucates, and twelve bovates of land and a mill in Ethelaxton (Ellaston). Theobald de Verdun and Theobald his son and Nicholas appeared in person, and the others did not appear, and the assize was taken in their absence. Nicholas answered as tenant, and stated he had entered into the tenements by Theobald the elder, and he called him to warranty; and Theobald was present and warranted them to him, and stated that John his father died seised of them in demesne as of fee, and after his death the King had taken possession of them, as well as the other tenements which John held *in capite*, by the hands of his eschaetor; and after the acceptance of his homage the King had given them up to him with all his other lands, as son and heir of the said John de Verdun, so that he had entered into the tenements as son and heir to his father, and not by a disseisin, and he put himself on the assize. The assize is therefore to be taken, but is respited till the Tuesday after three weeks from Trinity through defect of recognitors, because all of them were challenged on the ground that Robert de Buckenhole the chief bailiff of Tatemanneslowe is the Seneschal of the said Theobald de Verdun, and had summoned the assize. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to summon another assize by another bailiff. *m. 14, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 31 E. I.

(*Apud Ebor.*)

Staff. Henry de Grey and Joan his wife sued Edmund son and heir of Robert de Somerville, in a plea that he should warrant to them the third part of twenty-six tofts and six virgates of land and seventy-nine acres of land in Corbrugge and Scirescote, which Isabella formerly wife of Robert claimed as dower. Edmund did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon him for three weeks from Easter. A postscript further adjourns the suit to Trinity term. *m. 49.*

Staff. Henry de Rolleston sued Thomas son of Robert de Pype, John de Miners, Mathew de Vilers, William son of Robert de Caverswell, and Henry de Alrewas for a debt of £40 owing to him. Adjourned to Trinity term. *m. 49.*

Staff. Margaret daughter of Agnes de Norton sued Hugh de Audeley for £300 owing to her. Adjourned to Trinity, and afterwards to Michaelmas term. *m. 64.*

Staff. Roger de Burghton sued Cecilia formerly wife of Adam son of Robert de Swyneshed, in a plea that she should render up to him the custody of the land and heir of Adam son of Robert de Swyneshed, which belonged to him, because the said Adam held his land of him by military service. Agnes did not appear, and is to be attached for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 66.*

Staff. In the suit of Geva formerly wife of William Russel, of Bradewelle, against Thomas le Forester, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, for dower, Thomas appeared and called to warranty Thomas the son and heir of Nicholas de Aldytheleye, who is under age and in ward to Hugh le Dispenser, and whose lands are in the custody of Amadens, Count of Savoy (Sabaudiæ) and he produced a deed of the said Nicholas, granting the tenements to him and his heirs with a clause of warranty. The *custodes* are to be summoned for a month from Easter. A postscript further adjourns the suit to Trinity term. *m. 79.*

Staff., Ebor. Grimbold Fraunceys sued Richard de Vernun in a plea that he should warrant to him a messuage, one hundred and sixty acres of land, six acres of meadow, and half a mill in Barton near Melsanby in co. Ebor, which John de Hertford claimed against him; and Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff of York was ordered to take land belonging to him into the King's hand to the value of the tenements claimed; and as the value was not known to the Court, to send an extent of them at Easter term. A postscript states that the Sheriff sent an extent at Trinity term which showed the tenements were worth £15 a year. He was therefore ordered to take land of Richard to that value into the King's hand and to summon him for the Octaves of St. Martin, on which day the Sheriff sent no writ, and the suit was adjourned to the Easter term following. *m. 186.*

Letters of protection enrolled for John de Ferrars, who was about to proceed to Scotland in the service of the King. Dated from Odiham 12th January, 31 E. I. *m. 216, dorso.*

Staff. The executors of Magister Robert de Stafford sued Magister Robert de Fyleby for 30 marks; and the *custos* of the Spiritualities of the See of Ely had been ordered to produce the said Robert at this term, and had done nothing in the matter, and it was testified that the said Robert held a lay fee in co. Kent. The Sheriff of that county is therefore ordered to produce him at Trinity term. A postscript adjourns the suit to the Quindene of St. Martin. *m. 150, dorso.*

Staff. Ralph de Hengham sued Katrine formerly wife of Nicholas de Aldythele, William de Stafford, Knight, Geoffrey de Walpole, and William de Weston, the executors of the will of Nicholas, for a debt of 208 marks. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Easter. *m. 79, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to distrain Isabella formerly wife of Ralph de Grendon, and to produce her at this time to acknowledge what right she, together with Theobald de Neville, claimed in the third part of the manor of Shenstane, which Ralph de Grendon had conceded to John de Clynton of Coleshille by a fine, and she did not appear. He is therefore ordered as before, and to produce her at Easter term. The same day is given to the said Theobald in banco. *m. 27, dorso.*

GAOL DELIVERY OF CO. STAFFORD BEFORE ROBERT DE BURES AND
ROGER DE BELLAFAGO, JUSTICES ASSIGNED, ETC., ON THE
MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. CEDDE. 31 E. I. (4th
March, 1303.)

(*Extracts.*)¹

Richard de Wolselega, taken and detained in the gaol of Stafford for the death of Geoffrey de Heiwode, being asked how he wished to acquit himself, put himself on the country; and he produced a writ from the King, which stated that if the said Richard chose to put himself on the country, his case was to be tried (*deliberationem de eo fiat*); and Robert de Pype, Robert de Bromlega, Ralph Basset, Roger Trumwyne, Richard de Draycote, Robert de Grendon, Richard de Barton, *Clericus*, John de Wenlok, William de Freford, William de Lee, John de Perton, Philip de Luttelega, John de Tresel, Robert le Megere, Thomas de Engleton, Robert de Horselega, John de la Bourne, Richard le Mortimer, Ralph de Bromelega, *Clericus*, Ralph de Pype, Roger le Rouz, Henry de Caverswell, Robert de Esenington, and Nicholas de Ambrinot, *Clericus*, jurors, say on their oath that Richard is not guilty.

¹ Not above one-tenth of the cases have been extracted, the great bulk of them consisting of the ordinary crimes, committed by very obscure individuals.

Roger de Alstone, taken and detained in gaol for the death of the said Geoffrey de Heywode, put himself on the country; and he produced a writ of the King (as before), and Robert de Pype and the other jurors named above say he is not guilty.

William Schenestall was tried by the same jury and acquitted for the death of Adam Hergin of Ruggele.

Thomas son of William de Charnes and Roger de Alston were tried and acquitted by the same jury for the death of the same Adam Hergin of Ruggele.

Simon Stoch of Kyngesbromley was tried and acquitted for the death of William Gerard of Stafford, and likewise for the death of William Jurdan, a tenant of the Abbot of Chester.

John de Byssopiston, Chaplain, and Richard his son, detained in gaol for the death of Geoffrey de Heywode, are remitted to gaol because they have no writ of the King, *de bono et malo*.

Robert Neythekyn of Onileye was tried and acquitted for a burglary in the house of Richard de Thilkenes, and taking goods of the value of £20.

Elianora de Maddele, taken and detained in gaol, and found in the possession of cloth taken by breaking open the house of Williams on of Elias of Bromle, put herself on the country, and the jury say she did not break into the house, but entered by the door, and took goods to the value of 3*d.* and not exceeding 12*d.* She was therefore acquitted.

Roger de Levynton, detained for robbing Robert de Veston (Weston) of two colts, put himself on the country and was acquitted.

William, the Parson of Norburi (Norbury), detained for fishing by night in the fish-ponds and marl pits of Ralph le Botiler, Robert de Veston, Roger de Levynton and others, stated he was a *Clericus*, and upon this Magister Richard de Norhampton and John Pippard, acting for the *custos* of the See of Coventry and Lychfield claimed him as a clerk, and in order that the *status* in which he was to be handed over might be known, let the truth be investigated by the country. The jury found he was not guilty.

Adam de Clayton, Chaplain, detained for divers robberies, stated he was a Clerk. The same process was followed as in the last case, and the jury said he was not guilty.

Adam de Mulnegreve of Longenlore (Longnor), detained for harbouring Henry le Ku who killed Henry de Norton, is remitted to gaol because the principal had not been committed.

Thomas Dorilot of Little Onne was tried and acquitted for a burglary at the house of Simon de Parva Onne, and stealing cloth to the value of 10*s.*

John Sauvage of Thomeworth taken by Henry de Alrew as the Coroner on suspicion of a robbery committed at Great Barre, was acquitted.

Avice de Hereford who was living at Thamworth, taken for harbouring William le Pestour of Atherstone, Jordan de Pollesworth, Walter the servant of William le Bret, and Henry Colkyn of Thamworth, who killed William le Fremon of Barre, was remitted to gaol, because the principals had not been committed.

Roger Alwyne of Longedon was tried and acquitted for the death of Adam de Bentele.

Thomas de Alsacher, detained for a robbery near Matherfeld (Mayfield) being asked how he wished to acquit himself, stated he would not put himself on the country, and because he refused the common law (*quare refusavit communam legem*), he is to be remitted to gaol *et ponitur ad penam*.

Henry de Caldewall, detained for stealing oxen and cows and for divers

robberies, put himself on the country, and all the aforesaid jurors say he is guilty, *ideo*, etc. The word *suspensus* is in the margin ; he had no chattels.

Roger the Vicar of Sondon (Sandon), detained for harbouring Robert de Oxele a common robber, is remitted to gaol, because the principal was not committed.

Thomas son of Richard de Blythefeld, taken and detained for the death of Thomas son of William de Lutteleye, put himself on the country ; and Robert de Pype and the other jurors say that on the day of the Circumcision of the Lord, 30 E. I., a dispute arose at Blythefeld between Thomas son of William de Lutteleye and Thomas son of Richard de Blythefeld, and Thomas son of William de Lutteleye drew his bow with an arrow in it, meaning to shoot (*sagitare*) Thomas son of Richard, and Thomas son of Richard perceiving his malice, drew his dagger (*cultellum*), and Thomas son of William tried to kill him, and Thomas son of Richard then ran away as far as the cemetery close of the vill and attempted to climb over the fence in order to escape from the other, and he could not climb over the fence owing to its height, and he fell to the ground, and the said Thomas son of William was pursuing him all the time with his knife drawn, meaning to kill him as he lay on the ground, and Thomas son of Richard perceiving he could escape death in no other way, struck Thomas son of William with his knife in the stomach, as he was lying upon him, so that he died, and they say positively that the said Thomas son of Richard de Blythefeud killed Thomas son of William de Luttele in self defence, and not feloniously or by malice aforethought (*se defendendo occidit et non per feloniam aut maliciam excogitatum*). He is therefore remitted to gaol to await the King's pardon.

John Schayl of Pessale, taken and detained in Stafford gaol for the death of William de Pessale (Peshall), put himself on the country, and Robert de Pype and the other jurors say that on the Thursday before the Feast of St. Katherine, 30 E. I., a dispute arose in the vill of Ecclesale on the high road, between John Schayl and William de Pessale, and the said William drew his knife and assaulted the said John meaning to kill him, and John perceiving this ran away as far as the house of Ralph de Berithone, and William followed him with his knife drawn, and John fled through the house into a curtilage and as far as a high hedge of thorns, and tried to get over the hedge in order to escape ; and he could not climb over the hedge owing to its height, and fell to the ground, and William pursued him ferociously with his knife drawn, and struck the said John through the middle of the arm with it ; and the said John was on his knees shouting and supplicating for peace, and William de Peshale said he should have no peace and he would kill him ; and John then attempted a second time to climb over the hedge, and William again attempted to strike him with his knife ; and John perceiving he could escape in no other way, then struck William on the head with an axe, so that he died, and they say positively that John killed him in self defence, and not feloniously or with malice aforethought. He is therefore remitted to gaol to await the King's pardon.

BANCO ROLL, TRINITY, 31 E. I

(*Coram R. de Hengham, etc., apud Ebor.*)

Staff. Henry Colyn of Offeleye sued Nicholas le Mareschal, Canon of the Church of St. Lawrence of Gnoushale, in a plea that whereas by the King's close writ of right it was commanded to the said Nicholas that he should do full right to the said Henry respecting a message and eighteen acres of land in Gnoushale according to the custom of the manor of Gnoushale, the said Nicholas had maliciously suppressed the King's writ, and up to this time had refused justice to him, in contempt of the King and to the disinheritance of

the said Henry. Nicholas did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he was a Clerk and held no lay fee. The *custos* of the See of Coventry and Lichfield is therefore ordered to produce him at the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 1.*

Salop. Roger de Peulesdon sued Adam Briayn in a plea that he should render to him a reasonable account for the time he was his Bailiff in Peulesdon, Killeshall, and Lyndon. Adam did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 6.*

Salop. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Beysin and Hugh le fitz Aer, and keep them in prison till they had paid Agnes formerly wife of Lawrence de Lodelowe and the other executors of Lawrence a sum of £8 0s. 8d. which they had acknowledged to owe to them. *m. 6.*

Staff. The suit of Isabella formerly wife of William Bagot against Robert son of John de Grendon for 17s. of rent in Chesterfeld, *remanet sine die*, because Robert had King's letters of protection whilst in the King's service in Scotland. *m. 7.*

Staff. John de Grendon sued Edmund de Stafford in a plea that he should carry out a covenant by which he was bound to find him reasonable sustenance both in time of war and peace, for his life. Edmund did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his bailiwick, but it was testified he held sufficient. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to attach him as before, for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 42.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to produce Stephen, Parson of the Church of Swynnerton, to answer to the King as well as to the Prior of Stanes, that whereas the said Prior had recovered from him in Court a certain annual rent of 2 marks together with the arrears of the same, and damages, the said Stephen had dragged the Prior into Court Christian respecting the same rent, to the contempt of the King and to the loss of the Prior; and the Sheriff returned that Stephen was a Clerk and held no lay fee; the *custodes* of the See of Coventry and Lichfield are therefore ordered to produce the said Stephen at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 42.*

Staff. Emma formerly wife of John son of Roger Wauter of Little Ridware, sued Robert Adecock and Agnes his wife and Nicholas brother of Robert, in a plea that they had come *vi et armis* and cut down and carried away the trees of the said Emma in Little Ridware. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 42.*

Staff. Roger de Aston and Sibilla his wife give half a mark for licence of concord with Adam de Rugegeye respecting tenements in Hoghesdon (Hixon). *m. 55.¹*

Staff. William de Salford and Agnes his wife, and John de Lappeley and Juliana his wife, sued Richard Levesone of Wylenhale and Margaret his wife for two parts of a messuage, four bovates and two acres of land, two acres of wood, and 36s. of rent in Wulvrenehampton, as their right, and the reasonable purparty of the said Agnes and Juliana, of the inheritance which formerly belonged to Hervey son of Clement of Wulvrenehampton, the father of the said Agnes, Juliana, and Margaret, whose heirs they are, and who had lately

¹ By this fine Roger acknowledged a messuage and a virgate and twenty acres of land, three acres of meadow, and three of pasture in Hughcesdon, to be the right of Adam, for which acknowledgment, etc., Adam granted the said tenements to Roger and Sibil for their lives, with remainder to John son of Roger and his heirs of body, and failing these, to Roger brother of John and his heirs, etc., failing which, to Robert brother of the last Roger and his heirs, etc., and failing these, to Thomas brother of Robert and his heirs, etc., and with remainder to the right heirs of Roger. (*Pedes Finium, Staff.*)

died. Richard and Margaret stated that the said Hervey the father did not die seised of the tenements, because before his death he had enfeoffed them of them, and had put them into seisin of them, and they appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin. A postscript states that at the date named the plaintiffs did not appear, and they and their sureties were *in misericordia*. *m.* 65.

Staff. In the suit of Isabella formerly wife of Robert de Somerville *versus* Henry de Grey and Joan his wife for dower in Corbrugge and Scirescote, Henry and Joan did not appear, but afterwards came and called to warranty Edmund son and heir of Robert de Somerville. The dower claimed is therefore to be taken into the King's hand, and they are to appear to hear judgment at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 132.

Staff. John de St. Maur sued Thomas de Pyvelsdon and Alianora his wife for twenty acres of land and two of meadow in Felde (Field), and they did not appear, but they afterwards came into Court and called to warranty Philip de Chetwynd. The tenements are therefore to be taken into the King's hand, and they are to be summoned to hear judgment on the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 138.

Staff. John de Swynerton sued Katrine formerly wife of Nicholas de Aldithelegh and James de Stafford for a sum of £40 which they owed to him. They did not appear, and are to be attached for three weeks from Michaelmas. By W. Howard.¹ *m.* 140.

Staff. Roger Coyne and Lettice his wife sued Alice formerly wife of Henry de Wonynton for a third of six acres of land in Gravenhungre near Woure as the dower of Lettice of the dotation of Thomas de Hulle formerly her husband. Alice called to warranty Thomas son and heir of Roger son of Philip de Wonynton, who is to be summoned for three weeks from Michaelmas. The summons to be served in co. Stafford. *m.* 145.

Staff. Magister John Burguylhun gives half a mark for licence of concord with Peter de Arderne respecting tenements in Knotton. *m.* 145.

Wygorn. The suit of the Prior of Sandwell against William de Elmhurst and Christiana his wife respecting a messuage in Doddeleye (Dudley), is respited till the morrow of All Souls, through defect of a jury. *m.* 146.

Staff. Simon Basset of Hadden sued Roger Basset of Caune and Joan his wife for two messuages and a carucate of land in Ovre Elkesdon, and they did not appear. The Sheriff is therefore commanded to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 211.

Staff. The essoignor of Elizabeth daughter of Richard de Loges sued Adam de Staneye and Elizabeth his wife for causing waste and destruction in the woods which they held belonging to the said Elizabeth the wife of Adam, and which are of the inheritance of the said Elizabeth daughter of Richard, in Wyrleye. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 211.

Letters of Protection enrolled for Thomas Corbet, who was about to proceed to Scotland in the King's service, in the suite of Fulk Lestrangle. *m.* 221.

Staff. The essoignor of William Bagot appeared against Bertram de Burgh in a plea respecting a messuage and half a carucate of land in Willbrighton. Bertram did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Octaves of

¹ This is William Howard, the Justice of the Bench, and the earliest known ancestor of this great historical family. It is the first mention of him I have met with on the Rolls, but I am unable to explain its exact import.

St. Martin. A postscript further adjourns the suit to a month from Easter. *m. 166, dorso.*

Staff. Isolda formerly wife of Richard de Pyrye, sued John son of Robert de Wirleye for two and a half acres of moor in Pyrye near Honesworth (Perrybarr, near Handsworth). John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the land into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m. 160, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of Thomas son of Nicholas de Aldithelye against William de Rycher and Lucy his wife, for causing waste and destruction in the houses and woods which they hold of the dower of Lucy and of the inheritance of the said Thomas in Enedon, *remanet sine die*, because William had letters of protection whilst in the King's service in Scotland, to last till the Feast of St. Michael next ensuing. *m. 137, dorso.*

Staff. William Sauvage and Lucy his wife sued Richard Costantyn for a third of the manor of Thorp-Costantyn and of the advowson of the Church as dower of Lucy of the dotation of Geoffrey Costantyn her first husband. Richard stated that Lucy had no claim to dower, because Geoffrey was not in seisin as of fee of the tenements at the date he married her, nor afterwards, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for a month from Michaelmas. *m. 135, dorso.*

Staff. Alice formerly wife of William le Sauvage and Philip de Bray the executors of William le Sauvage, sued Ralph le Butiller for 4 marks. Ralph did not appear and is to be attached for the morrow of St. Martin. *m. 70, dorso.*

Staff. Roger de Clungenford, Clerk, was summoned by Edmund de Stafford and Margaret his wife, in a plea that he should carry out an agreement made between them respecting the manors of Stafford, Bradeleye, and Madeleye.

Roger appeared and a concord was made, and Edmund and Margaret gave a mark for licence of concord, and prayed that a fine should be levied; and the King sent a writ giving licence to the said Edmund de Stafford to enfeof the said Roger of the above-named manors, which were held *in capite*, and likewise to the same Roger to re-enfeof the said Edmund and Margaret of the same manors. The parties therefore had a chirograph. *m. 4, dorso.*¹

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 32 E. I.

(*Apud Ebor, coram R. de Hengham et sociis suis, Justiciariis Regis de Banco.*)

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbizoun, sued John Giffard of Chylinton for the manor of Chylinton, of which Margaret his kinswoman, whose heir he is, was seised in demesne as of fee when she died, and he stated that the said Margaret was seised of the said manor in the time of King Henry the father of the present King, and died seised of it. From the said Margaret the fee reverted (*reforciebatur*) to one Peter as uncle and heir, and from the said Peter the fee descended to Roger who now sues as his son and heir.

John Giffard took exception to the count (*narrationem*) on the ground that Roger asserted the fee went back (*asserit feodum resortiri*) from the said Margaret (from whose seisin he claimed) to the said Peter as uncle and heir, and gave no reason for this, viz., that the said Margaret had died without

¹ The reader will note here the whole process of levying a fine in a plea of covenant. The fine is extant. Edmund acknowledged the above manors to be the right of Roger as of his gift, and for this acknowledgment, etc., Roger granted the same manors to Edmund and Margaret and the heirs of their bodies, and failing these, to the right heirs of Edmund. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 31 E. I.)

issue; and he prayed judgment on the writ. As Roger could not deny this, he asked permission to withdraw his writ, and it was accorded.¹ *m. 1.*

Warr. The suit of John Giffard of Chilington *versus* Guy de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, claiming that the said Guy should acquit him of the service which Walter Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield exacted from him for the freehold which he holds of the said Guy in Chilington, and in which Guy is mesne lord (*medius*) between them, *remanet sine die*, because Guy was in Scotland in the King's service, and had letters of protection till the next Feast of Easter. *m. 6.*

Staff. Reginald de Charnes and Juliana his wife sued William son of William de Wrottesleye for the third of a messuage and a carucate of land, twenty acres of wood, and 20s. of rent in Pylatenhale, as the dower of the said Juliana. William appeared by attorney and prayed a view, and the suit was adjourned to the Quindene of Easter.

The same Reginald and Juliana sued William de Shardycothe for the third of fourteen acres of land, and they sued Stephen Fraunceys for a third of a messuage in the same vill as her dower, and the defendants did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the same date. *m. 32.*

Staff. Richard de Northampton the Parson of the Church of Eyton, sued Thomas son of Juliana de Coulegh, William de Berkelega, John de Bromlegh, and William Bagot in a plea that they had taken and unjustly detained his cattle. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 64.*

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Henry atte Brok of Fulford, sued Robert son of Elyas de la Lowe of Fulford for a third of three roods of land in Fulford, and she sued Elyas son of Elyas de la Lowe for a third of two acres, and William son of Elyas de la Lowe for a third of two acres and a half, and John son of Elyas de la Lowe for a third of two acres and a half, and Robert Bonde for a third of three acres, and Richard del Brodeoke for a third of three acres, and William Tacke for a third of two acres and a half in the same vill, and she sued Thomas son of William de Pyckestok for a third of twelve acres in Mulewych (Millwich) Wodehuses, as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for three weeks from Easter. *m. 78.*

Staff. The Abbot of Cumbe sued William de Lude and William his son, and Adam de Ruggeley, for taking *vi et armis* his cattle from Trescote, and driving them to an unknown place, so that he could not replevy them according to law and custom. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 78.*

Staff. William de Thomenhorn and Agnes his wife sued Thomas de Stanleye and Matilda his wife for an acre and a half of meadow in Wolseye. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenement into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 136.*

Staff. John de Bromshulf and Philippa his wife sued John Pare of Fossebrok for a third of three and a half acres in Fossebrok as dower of Philippa. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the

¹ This suit shows that the pedigrees given in the Plea Rolls cannot be implicitly trusted. It would be difficult to include more errors in as many sentences than occur in the pedigree given above. Margaret Corbisun must have been a cotemporary of King Stephen, in place of Hen. III. (see the Chillington Charters in Vol. III. of these Collections), and her epoch is thus advanced in the text by about a hundred years.

dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 140.

Warw., Staff. Edmund son of Robert de Sumerville sued Philip de Sumervill for a sum of £2,000 (*duo milia librarum*) which he owed to him; and he did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his bailiwick; it was testified he held sufficient (*quod satis habet*)¹ in co. Stafford. The Sheriff of Staffordshire was therefore commanded to summon him for the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 148.

Staff. Richard de Sondbache and Emma formerly wife of Philip de Legh, appeared against the Abbot of Burton-upon-Trent for unjustly detaining their cattle; and they stated the Abbot had taken on the Saturday after the Feast of St. Andrew, 31 E. I., from Legh, in a place called Mulnemor, four oxen, four cows, and six steers (*bovetos*), and had driven them to his manor of Bromley Abbot, where he detained them.

The Abbot defended his right to them, and stated that the manor of Legh was held of the Abbot and Convent of Burton by homage and the service of 6 marks annually, and one Robert de Legh was at one time seised of it; after whose death the right to it reverted (*reforciebatur*) to Hawyse, Lucy, and Cecilia as his aunts and heirs, because the said Robert left no issue, and the manor was divided between them, and from Hawyse the right of her purparty descended to one Philip as son and heir, and from Philip to one Richard de Draycote as son and heir, who now holds it, and from Lucy the right of her purparty descended to one Reginald de Legh as son and heir, and from Reginald, who died *s. p.*, to one Philip de Legh as brother and heir, and from Philip to one Reginald as son and heir, who now holds it. And from Cecilia the right of her purparty descended to the said Richard de Sandbach as son and heir, who now holds it; and he stated further that John formerly Abbot of Burton was seised of the said homage, fealty, and service by the hands of the said Robert de Legh, and he (the present Abbot) was seised of the fealty of the said Richard, Reginald, and Richard, and because 4 marks of the said 6 marks of annual rent was in arrear of the purparty of the said Reginald son of Philip, he pleaded the taking of the said cattle to be good and just.

Richard and Emma stated that they could not proceed without the other coparceners, and prayed the help of the Court (to compel their attendance), which was accorded. They are therefore to be summoned for a month from Trinity. *m.* 193.

Staff. Adam de Ingestre and Felicia his wife sued Adam son of Robert Cursable of Stafford for the third of a message in Stafford; and John son of Robert de (*sic*) Cursable for one-third of a message in the same vill as the dower of Felice. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 210.

Staff. Adam Coyne acknowledged he owed to Ralph de Hengham £10; one-half to be paid at the Feast of All Saints', and the other half at the Purification following; and if he should fail, that the Sheriff might raise the money on his goods and chattels. *m.* 223.

Staff. John de Wenlok and Alice his wife, Thomas son of William de Pykestok, and William his brother, sued John son of William de Pykestok in a plea that he should warrant to them six and a half acres of land and two of meadow in Melewyk (Millwich) near Sondon (Sandon), which Alina formerly wife of William de Sebeleye claimed as her right, and he did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to him to the value of the

¹ *i. e.*, sufficient to compel his attendance by attachment of his goods.

tenements claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for three weeks from Trinity. *m. 159, dorso.*

Staff. William de Stafford appeared by attorney against Richard de Culegh for taking *vi et armis* from Culegh, John the son and heir of John de Rewell, who was under age, and whose marriage belonged to him. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Quindene of Trinity, and in the meantime to find the heir and produce him at the same date. *m. 150, dorso.*

Staff. Juliana formerly wife of William son of Nicholas of Parva Sogenhulle sued John de Sogenhull (Sugnall) for an illegal distress. Adjourned to the Octaves of Trinity, and afterwards to the morrow of All Souls. *m. 86, dorso.*

Staff. Geoffrey Salveyn sued Gundreda formerly wife of Robert de Stafford for causing waste and destruction in the houses, gardens, and lands of Stotfold (Statfold), of the inheritance of Geoffrey, and which she held for a term of years. Gundreda did not appear, and is to be attached for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 65, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 32 E. I.

Not. Writ of *certiorari* removing the suit of Alice formerly wife of Walter de Stirchesle against William de Chaddeworth and Alice de Everingham, and others, for unjustly disseising her of the manor of North Leverton, to be heard *coram Rege*. After detailing proceedings of 30 E. I., the record states a verdict was eventually delivered at Blye (Blidam) on the Tuesday after the Quindene of Easter, 32 E. I., which stated that Walter de Stirchesleye formerly husband of Alice and the said Alice were jointly enfeoffed of the said manor, to be held for the terms of each of their lives, but with the condition that if they should die within twenty years the said manor after their deaths should remain to their heirs for a term of ten years, and after the death of Walter, within this term, Alice married the said William de Chaddeworth, and the said William and Alice held the manor in the name of Alice until the said Alice moved a plea of divorce between her and the said William, when she demised it to one John le Wasteneys¹ to hold for her life, by virtue of which demise the said John entered into the manor, until William in his name and in the name of his wife arraigned an assize of novel disseisin against him and recovered it, and the said William shortly afterwards demised the manor to Alice formerly wife of Robert de Everingham to hold for the life of Alice formerly wife of Walter de Stirchesley, the said Alice being ignorant of the demise and not consenting to it, and the said Alice de Everingham entered by this demise and still holds the manor. And they say that all these things were done before the divorce took place between William and Alice. And after the divorce took place the said Alice de Stirchesleye had sent two of her servants to take possession of the manor, who had been beaten and insulted by Osbert a servant of Alice de Everingham and others. And the cause of the divorce was that the said William de Chaddeworth had carnally known the daughter of the said Alice de Stirchesley before he married Alice. A day was given to the parties to hear judgment at three weeks from Trinity. *m. 83.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to raise 10 marks from the lands and chattels of Richard de Harle (Harley), lately Sheriff, and 10 marks from the lands and chattels of Walter de Besin, lately Sheriff, in part payment of damages of £40 which Walter de Strangeford had recovered against William son of William de Alrewich, Ralph de Pype, and others, and which sums the

¹ Of Colton in Staffordshire.

said Sheriffs had raised from the lands and chattels of the said defendants during their respective Shrievalties, and to pay them into Court at three weeks from St. Michael. *m. 86.*

Staff. Hugh de Alditheleye appeared against William le Teynturer of Kyderminstre, and John le Teynturer, and three others, for entering his close at Arnleye, *vi et armis*, and cutting down his trees, whilst he was in Scotland, and holding King's letters of protection. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them, and returned they held nothing within the county; and it was testified that they held sufficient in co. Wygorn. The Sheriff of that county was therefore ordered to attach them for the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 75, dorso.*

Staff. Sibilla formerly wife of John de Wyltesire, who brought a writ against Thomas son of William in le Lone of Kereswelle for the death of John her husband, did not appear to prosecute it. She is therefore to be arrested, and likewise the said Thomas, to answer for it at the suit of the King; and the Sheriff was ordered to produce them at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *In the margin is written, "vacatur quia utlagatus." m. 38, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 32 E. I.

Staff. James son of Richard de Montgomery was summoned by Adam Coyne in a plea that he should warrant to him seventeen acres of land in Marchinton under Nedwode, which he holds and claims to hold of him. James appeared, and a concord was made.¹ *m. 1.*

Staff. In the suit of Reginald de Charnes and Juliana his wife *versus* William son of William de Wrottesley for dower in Pylatenhale, William appeared by attorney and called to warranty William son of Stephen de Elmedon, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 1.*

Staff. Hugh de Hanenyate and John his son, and Alice wife of John, give a mark for license of concord with Roger Toly of Ingestre respecting tenements in Hanenyate near Tixhale.² *m. 1.*

Staff. Mabel formerly wife of Geoffrey de Gorsthulle sued William de Walton, Clerk, for a messuage in Lichefeld; and he did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his bailiwick; and it was testified that he held at the date of the writ, the messuage for which he was sued. He is therefore to be summoned again for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 7.*

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Adam son of Robert de Whythalgh sued John Ryehard of Grendone for a third of twenty-four and a half acres of land in Grendon (Grindon) as her dower. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 26.*

Staff. Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Halghton sued Roger le Fremon, of Oldinton, for a third of an acre of land in Offiley; and she sued William de Mees for a third of an acre, and Richard le Clerk for a third of three acres in the same vill; and she sued William le Wodeward for a third

¹ By this fine James acknowledged the land to be the right of Adam. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford., 32 E. I.*)

² By this fine Hugh acknowledged the manor of Haveneyate (Hanyard) to be the right of Roger Toly, Chaplain, as of the gift of Hugh, and for this acknowledgment, etc., Roger granted the said manor to Hugh for his life, and to remain after his death to John son of Hugh and Alice his wife and their issue, and if John died *s. p.*, to revert to right heirs of Hugh. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford., 33 E. I.*)

of an acre in Halghton; and Edmund, Baron of Stafford, the *custos* of the land and heir of Robert de Halghton, for a third of the fourth part of the manor of Mere, as her dower. The defendants did not appear, and had made default at Easter, and the dower claimed had been taken into the King's hand. Juliana is therefore to recover seisin of it. *m.* 32.

Staff. Roger Illary sued William son of William Felice for deforcing him of a rent of 6s. in Nether Penne, which Robert Boffery had demised to him for a term unexpired, and which rent the said Robert had afterwards sold to William. William did not appear and is to be attached for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 58.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain William de Toftes, and John de Freton and Agnes his wife, and to produce them in Court to acknowledge by what service they held their tenements of Peter de Arderne in Knotton and which services the said Peter had conceded to Magister John de Burguillon by a fine levied between them, and they did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered as before to distrain, and to produce them at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 81.

Staff. Richard de Sondbache and Leucia his wife give a mark for license of concord with Adam de Muckleston respecting tenements in Leghe.¹ *m.* 130.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Reginald de Norton sued William son of John son of Reginald de Norton, for half a mill in Norton, near Canok, as her right, and William called to warranty the Prior of Ronton, who appeared and asked it might be shown why he ought to warrant; and William produced an indenture of one Thomas Prior of Ronton, by which the said Prior and Convent conceded and quit-claimed to John son of Reginald de Norton the father of the said William, who had died, and to him, William, his eldest son, the said half of the mill of Norton, which they held by purchase from Richard de Bentleye lord of Norton, and by the confirmation of the said John, son of Reginald, rendering to the said Abbot and his successors 4s. annually; and if should happen that on any occasion they could not warrant the mill to him, they conceded that the said John and William and their heirs should be quit of the payment of the said 4s. of annual rent; and the Prior then warranted half the mill to him, and called to warranty Richard de Bentleye, who now appeared on his summons and warranted the tenements to them, and gave up the half mill to Alice, but stated that at present he could not give her the value of it, because he held no lands except of the inheritance of one Matilda his wife. It is therefore considered that the said Alice should recover seisin of half the mill against the said William, and William should have compensation from the lands of the Prior, and the Prior should be compensated from land of the said Richard when it should fall in. *m.* 14.

Derb. Robert de Caverswelle and Agnes his wife, Henry son of William fitz Herbert, Thomas le Toter, Thomas de Aston, William le Bruneman, junior, and William le Taillur appeared against Walter de Montgomery, brother and heir of William de Montgomery in a plea that he should warrant to the said Robert and Agnes the third part of a messuage and sixty acres of land in Marchington, and to the said Henry the third of twenty acres in Snelleston, etc., which Alice formerly wife of William de Montgomery claimed as dower; and Walter did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land

¹ By this fine Richard acknowledged one-third of the manor of Legh by Tene, saving two messuages and eighty acres of land, to be the right of Adam, as of the gift of Richard, and for which acknowledgment, etc., Adam granted the same to Richard and Lettice his wife, and heirs of the body of Richard, and if Richard should die *s. p.*, to revert to Adam and his heirs. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 33 E. 1.)

belonging to him to the value of the dower claimed into the King's hand ; and the Sheriff now returned he had done so. Robert and Agnes and the other plaintiffs are therefore to hold their lands in peace, and Alice is to be compensated from the lands of the said Walter. *m.* 160.

Staff. Richard son of Richard de Culsale sued Joan formerly wife of Roger de Pyulesdon (Puleston), for a messuage and three nokes of land in Boreweston (Burston) near Stanes, which Robert de Levynton gave to Richard son of Robert de Levynton and Alice his wife and heirs of their bodies, and which after the death of the said Richard and Alice should descend to the said Richard as son and heir¹ of the said Richard and Alice by the form of gift (*per formam donationis*). Joan stated that Richard could claim nothing in the tenements, because he had remitted and quit-claimed all his right in them, and she produced his deed. Richard acknowledged the deed, but stated he was under age at the time it was executed, viz., in 27 E. I., and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Martin. A postscript shows adjournments of the suit through defect of recognitors up to Easter following. *m.* 166.

Staff. John son of Reginald de Podemore gives half a mark for license of concord with Elias son of Thomas de Cherleton respecting tenements in Whytemore. *m.* 193, *dorso*.

Staff. Andrew le Mareschal and Margaret his wife give half a mark for license of concord with William de Caverswelle and Joan his wife respecting tenements in Rodelowe and Calengewode in co. Stafford, and with William le Mareschal, respecting tenements in Upton in co. Leicester. *m.* 159, *dorso*.

Staff. The executors of the will of Magister Robert de Stafford sued Magister Robert de Fyleby for 30 marks, and he did not appear ; and the Bishop had been ordered to produce him in Court, and returned that Magister Robert held no ecclesiastical benefice within his See, and it was testified that the said Robert was a Prebendary of the Church of the Blessed Mary of Stafford, which was a free Chapel of the King. A mandate was therefore sent to the Dean and Chapter of the said Church, to produce the said Robert at the Quindene of Michaelmas, on which day the Dean sent no writ, etc. (*a postscript shows repeated adjournments of the suit up to Trinity Term of the following year*). *m.* 128, *dorso*.

Staff. Adam son of Thomas le Rede of Alstonefeld sued Roger son of Thomas de Hudelesdale and Lucy his wife for a third part of a messuage and eight acres of land in Hudelesdale (Hiddlesdale) ; and he sued William Engesson of Rosinton and Matilda his wife for a third of four acres in the same vill ; and two parts of the said tenements were excepted because Matilda formerly wife of Robert de la Slade, and Henry son of William Keset of Beveresford, the coparceners, were summoned and would not sue for their purparties. The defendants did not appear, and had previously made default and the tenements had been taken into the King's hand. Adam is therefore to recover seisin of them. *m.* 125, *dorso*.

Staff. Thomas Organ of Levedale not appearing to prosecute his suit for an illegal distress against Agnes formerly wife of Henry de Salt, it is dismissed, and his sureties, Richard de Couleye and Robert le Flemyng, are in *misericordiâ*. *m.* 88, *dorso*.

Staff. John de Cotes acknowledged he owed Sir Ralph de Hengham 40s., to be repaid at the Feast of the Annunciation, etc. *m.* 34, *dorso*.

Staff. John Vicar of the Church of Cestford (Seighford) sued Richard de Dokeseye and William de Pedele for illegally seizing and detaining his

¹ The reader will note from this suit how little attention was paid to surnames at this date.

horse. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the morrow of All Saints. *m. 23, dorso.*

Salop. Isabella formerly wife of John Wynemon sued Thomas de Morf for a messuage and a quarter of a virgate of land in Alvytheleye. Thomas called to warrant Henry de Morf, who is to be summoned by the Sheriff of Staffordshire to be in Court on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 21, dorso.*

PLEAS AT STAFFORD BEFORE WILLIAM DE MORTIMER AND ROGER DE BELLAFAGO, JUSTICES ASSIGNED, ETC., ON THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE, 32 E. I. (21st September, 1304.)

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Roger de Bydulf, Eva de Albo-Monasterio, and William her son, had unjustly disseised Alexander de Verdun, Parson of the Church of Bydulf, of his reasonable estovers from thirty acres of wood for building new houses or for repairing old houses, and for burning and enclosing, viz., for housebote and heybote, appurtenant to his messuage in the same vill. William son of Roger stated he held nothing in the said tenements, and had done no injury to the plaintiff; and William son of Eva answered for himself and as bailiff for Eva, and as tenant, and stated that Alexander never was in seisin of the estovers claimed; and the jury found in their favour. *m. 11.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Stephen de Elmedon, William le Long of Wulgastone, Robert son of Adam [de] Acton, Roger de Grateleyh of Huntynndon, and Robert Cothel of Pylatonhale had unjustly disseised Reginald de Charles (Charnes) and Juliana his wife of the third part of two messuages and half a water mill in Pylatenhale and Huntynndon. Robert le Long stated he held nothing in the tenements, and Roger de Grateleye stated he held the third part of a messuage, rendering to the said Reginald and Juliana 4*d.* annually for it; and Robert Chothel stated he held of them the third part of a messuage, for which he paid 4*d.* annually to them. Robert son of Adam, as tenant of the third part of the mill, stated it was on the confines of Pylatenhale and Huntynndon, and he took exception to the writ on this account, and if given against him, he pleaded that he held the said third part by the assignment of the said Reginald and Juliana, rendering 5*s.* annually to the said William son of Stephen, and as they could not distrain him for the rent, he prayed judgment whether an action would lie against him. Reginald and Juliana eventually withdrew their writ. *m. 11.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Edmund Baron of Stafford, Brother Simon de Tevelesford, William le Budel, and Richard de Burton, had unjustly disseised John de Haseleye the Master of St. John the Baptist near the Bridge of Stafford of a messuage and a carucate of land and 40*s.* of rent in the suburb of Stafford. Edmund the Baron answered as tenant, and took exception to the assize because the said John had been deposed from the mastership of the House by a judgment of the Ordinary, and one Richard had been admitted on his presentation; and Richard afterwards by the judgment of the Ordinary had been also deposed, and one Roger had been admitted on his presentation, who was now Master; and if it was held that the assize should proceed, he pleaded that the tenements were in Bradeleye and not in the suburb of Stafford.

John stated he had been admitted Master on the presentation of the said Edmund before the date of the writ, and up to this time had continued his *status* as Master, and he put himself on the assize. The jury say that the said John is not Master of the House, and never was, because he never held anything in the House but a certain livery (*liberationem*). He is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 11.*

Staff. William son of William de Hondesacre not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Roger Corbet and others respecting common of pasture in Bromleye Regis, he and his sureties, viz., William de Norton and Robert del Hulle, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas le Rus and William le Clerk had unjustly disseised William Illory of 4 marks of rent in Walshale. Thomas took exception to the writ because one Thomas le Mouner (Miller) held the tenement from which the rent proceeded, and he was not named in the writ, and if decided against him, he pleaded that the tenement was part of the ancient demesne of the Crown, and not suable at common law. The suit was afterwards adjourned on the prayer of the plaintiff till the Thursday on the Vigil of St. Vincent at Lychefeld. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John son of Michael, John son of Henry le Hore the Clerk, William son of Robert Wauter, Robert le Clerk of Beverleye, Walter son of Robert Walter, and William son of Richard le Bercher, had unjustly disseised Robert son of Richard le Carpenter of Pylatenhale of a messuage and an acre of land in Pylatenhale. John stated that one Walter de Elmedon had enfeoffed the said Michael and Emma his wife, and he had entered by that feoffment, and had continued his seisin after the death of Michael and Emma. Robert admitted that the said Walter had enfeoffed the said Michael and Emma, but he stated that after the death of Michael and Emma he had entered as son and heir, and was in good seisin until ejected by the said John, and he put himself on the assize. The jury say that the said Robert never was in seisin of the tenements as of a freehold. He is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of William Tyrri not prosecuting her writ of novel disseisin against Benedict de Coudrey and William le Taillour of Leek respecting tenements in Leek, the suit is dismissed. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. Thomas son of Nicholas son of Stephen of Bromleye Bagod not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against John Bagod of Bromleye Bagod and others, respecting tenements in Bromleye Bagod, the suit is dismissed. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. Robert son of Walter de Melewych not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Henry de Haxstal and others respecting tenements in Melewych (Milwich), the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., William de Smalrys and Thomas le Wyte of Hucesdon, are *in misericordiâ*. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard son of Alexander de Saverleye not prosecuting his writ against Richard son of Richard de la Lee and others respecting tenements in Saverley and Fulford, the suit is dismissed. m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Carmynton and Gilbert of the Tune had unjustly disseised Warine Gyffard of Caldicote of two acres of meadow and two parts of a messuage and half a virgate of land in Westbromwych. Gilbert answered as tenant, and stated he entered by John de Carmynton, and John had entered by the said Warine. The jury found that the tenements were formerly in the seisin of the said Warine, and he being resident at Coldycote in co. Warwick, had executed there a deed of feoffment to the said John for the tenements and had delivered it to him, and under cover of that deed the said John had come back from those parts and had entered into the tenements and appropriated them to himself, and had afterwards enfeoffed the said Gilbert of them. Verdict for Warine, who is to recover seisin and 15s. as damages.¹ m. 11, *dorso*.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbyzun not prosecuting his writ of mort

¹ The reason of this verdict seems to be that Warine Gyffard had never put Gilbert into seisin of the tenements.

d'ancestor *versus* Adam de Honyleye and others respecting twenty-four acres of land in Madele, he and his sureties, viz., William de Hampton and Robert Fynch, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 11, *dorso*.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Peter de Barton had unjustly disseised Mabel formerly wife of Geoffrey de Gorshulle of two parts of a messuage in Lychefeld. Peter stated that as regards the half of the two parts claimed, he held it conjointly with Alice his wife, who was not named in the writ; and as regards the other half, Geoffrey the husband of Mabel had enfeoffed him of it twelve years before his death, and had put him into seisin of it.

Mabel stated that a certain John de Pipe had enfeoffed her of two parts of the said messuage when she was single, and before Geoffrey had married her, and after the marriage Geoffrey had demised those two parts to the said Peter, and after the death of Geoffrey, Peter had reconveyed the two parts to her, viz., in the week of Pentecost, and had put her into seisin of them, and she was in good and peaceable seisin until the Feast of St. Bartholomew following, when Peter had unjustly disseised her, and she put herself on the assize. The jury found in her favour, and taxed her damages at 20s. *m.* 12.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Hugh on la Grene of Alveton and Alice his wife, John Wodegrim and Ralph de Stone, had unjustly disseised Henry de Waterfal of a messuage and an acre and three roods of land in Alveton. Hugh and Alice answered as tenants, and denied that Henry had ever been in seisin of the tenements, but the jury found in favour of Henry; damages 2s. *m.* 12.

Staff. An assize, etc., if William de Barneville and Robert his brother had unjustly disseised Margaret the daughter of William de la Dune of a messuage and fourth part of a virgate of land in Saldeford (Shallowford) near Chebeseye. Robert stated he only held the tenements for a term of years by a demise of William, and William stated he claimed nothing in them except as *custos* by reason of the minority of Lucy and Lettice the daughters of William le Lovert who died seised of them, and after whose death the said Lucy and Lettice had entered as his daughters and heirs, and they were not named in the writ. As Margaret could not deny this, she is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m.* 12.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Alice daughter of John son of Simon de Cherleton, Nicholas le Wodeward, and John Partrich, had unjustly disseised Elyas le Foughelere and Petronilla his wife, Alice formerly wife of John le Clerk, and Margaret, Joan, and Agnes, sisters of Alice, of their freehold in Swynnerton (*tenement not described*). *A note states that the suit was pleaded elsewhere.* *m.* 12.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Elyas son of Stephen de Brocholes of Bromlegh Abbatis, and Robert son of Nicholas del Hul of Bromlegh Abbatis and Dyonisia his wife, Adam son of Stephen de Brocholes, Margaret Pas, Adam Lenk, Robert son of William de Tunstall, William de Hareleg, and William Heyrot of Bromlegh Abbatis, had unjustly disseised Nicholas de Wetton, Clerk, of a messuage and forty-seven acres of land, seven acres of meadow, and four acres of moor in Bromlegh Abbatis. Robert son of Nicholas answered for all the defendants, and took exception to the writ because Blithebury was a certain hamlet of Rideware Mauveysin, and it would appear by the writ, it was a vill by itself;¹ and if this point was given against him, he pleaded he had entered into the tenements by the said Elyas, and Elyas stated he entered by one Stephen father of Elyas. The jury say that Blithebury is a vill, and that the tenements were for some time in seisin of the said Elyas, who enfeoffed in them the said Nicholas de Wetton and put him into seisin of them, and he had been in peaceable seisin of them for more than a fortnight, until the defendants, with the exception of Margaret and

¹ There is no previous mention of Blithbury in the proceedings as recorded.

William de Harlegh, had unjustly disseised him. Nicholas is therefore to recover seisin; and his damages are taxed at £20. A note states that the damages included the goods and chattels found in the tenements as well as other damages. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas le Rus and Walter de Wynterton and Anabel his wife had unjustly disseised the Abbot of Oseneye of common of pasture in thirty acres of wood and pasture in Walesale appurtenant to his freehold in Stonhale. Walter answered for all the defendants, and pleaded that he held the tenements and was enfeoffed of them conjointly with Amabella his wife, who was not named in the writ; and if this was given against him, he pleaded that the tenements for which the Abbot claimed common appurtenant is the glebe of his Church of Shenstone, of which church the Abbot was Parson, and was not named in the writ; and if this was given against him, he pleaded that the Abbot never was in seisin of the common of pasture claimed. The jury say that the wife of Walter was called Anabilla and not Amabella as averred by Walter, and that the Abbots of Oseneye the predecessors of the present Abbot were seised of the said common of pasture for forty years and more before they were Parsons of the said Church. The Abbot is therefore to recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at half a mark. *m. 13.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Hugh son of Robert, Adam de Chetwynde, John de Verdon of Aneton, Magister Henry de Bray, Henry atte Walle, Theobald de Verdun, Theobald his son, Nicholas, Bartholomew, and John, brothers of Theobald son of Theobald, and Hugh Hod, had unjustly disseised Henry son of Thomas de Shirford of his free tenement in Ethelaxton (Ellaston). Henry son of Thomas afterwards withdrew his writ. *m. 13.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Philip de Chetewynde, Richard Beanmun, and John Roughheved had unjustly disseised Agnes formerly wife of Henry de Salt of three messuages, a virgate of land in Salt and Levedale, and of two parts of the fourth part of the manor of Salt. Philip answered for all, and stated he held the said tenements in custody of the inheritance of one Henry son of Henry de Salt, who was not named in the writ; and as Agnes could not deny this, the suit was dismissed. *m. 13.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard de Assheleye, Idonea formerly wife of Matthew de Langeton, and Thomas son of Adam le Wodeward of Bloreton, had unjustly disseised Margaret the daughter of Mather of Langeton of a messuage and twenty acres of land in Langeton near Bloreton. Thomas appeared, and Richard was dead, and Thomas took exception to the writ because there was no vill in the county called Langetone, and that the tenements were in Longetone. The jury found in his favour on this ground, and the suit was dismissed. *m. 13.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard son of Nicholas de Admundeaton, Chaplain, and William son of Roger of Bromleye Bagot, had unjustly disseised Roger son of Richard de Albirleye of three acres of land and an acre of wood in Bromleye Bagot. Richard answered as tenant, and stated he had entered by one Hugh the Clerk of Bromleye. The jury found in favour of Roger son of Richard, who is to recover seisin, and his damages were taxed at 2s. *m. 13.*

Staff. Walter Devereys (Devereux) withdrew his suit against Agnes formerly wife of Roger de Somery and others respecting tenements in West Bromwych. *m. 13.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert de Knyghtele, Robert his son, and Roger de Assheley had unjustly disseised Walter de Rommeshed of a messuage, three tofts, and an acre of land in Knightele. Robert son of Robert answered for all the defendants, and for himself as tenant, and stated he entered through Robert his father, and on behalf of his father he stated that the tenements

were formerly in the seisin of one Juliana who held them of him; and as Juliana died leaving no heir, he had taken possession of them as his eschaet. Walter stated that the tenements were at one time in the seisin of one Robert son of Stephen, who died seised of them in demesne as of fee, and that after his death Juliana entered into them as daughter and heir; but it could not be said she died leaving no heir, because Robert son of Stephen had a sister Edith, who had issue Hamund, and Hamund had issue Adam, and Adam had issue Hugh, who is still alive, and is cousin and nearest heir to the said Juliana; and that Hugh had remitted and quit-claimed to him all his right and claim in the said tenements, and that he was in seisin of them until Robert and the other defendants had ejected him. The assize was respited till the Thursday on the Vigil of St. Vincent at Lychefeld, because the plaintiff challenged all the jurors, on the ground that Roger de Assheleye, one of the defendants, was the Bailiff of the Hundred, and had summoned the jury. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon a good assize for the date above-named, and that he should put on it *tot et tales*,¹ etc. m. 13, dorso.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert son of Robert de Tappeleye, Thomas Cuttyl of Uttokeshather, and Robert son of Nicholas de Summersale had unjustly disseised Gilbert son of Nicholas de Summersale of three acres of land and two parts of a messuage and three acres in Uttokeshather (Uttoxeter).

The same assize came, etc., if Robert son of Nicholas de Summersale and Robert son of Robert de Tappeleye had unjustly disseised Richard son of Nicholas de Summersale of eleven acres of land in Uttokeshather. Robert son of Nicholas answered for himself as tenant, and for all the other defendants, and stated his father Nicholas had died seised of the tenements, and he had entered after his death as his son and heir. The jury found in favour of Gilbert and Richard, who are to recover seisin; the damages of Gilbert being taxed at 2s., and those of Richard at half a mark. m. 13, dorso.

Staff. William son of Robert de Pylatenhale not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Matilda formerly wife of Richard le Bercher, he and his sureties, viz., John de Pykestok and John son of Richard de Denston, are in *misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. William de Timmor not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against John de Arderne, Richard de Cotes, and others, respecting tenements in Elleford, he and his sureties, viz., Roger le Stouperre and Hugh de Tymmor, are in *misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Richard son of Richard, son of Richard de Lee, not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Richard de Lee and others, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., Richard de Creswell and John de Severleye, are in *misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Walter de Rommeshed not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Robert de Knyghtele and others respecting tenements in Knyghtele, he and his sureties, viz., Adam de Whethales and Richard Golburne, are in *misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Peter de Gresleye and Joan his wife not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin against John de Norton and others respecting tenements in Wytmore (Wetmoor) near Burton, they and their sureties, viz., John Rydel and John Grace, are in *misericordiâ*. m. 14.

Staff. Hugh son of Geoffrey de Denston not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against William de Byllesdon and others respecting tenements in Denston, the suit is dismissed, and he and his sureties, viz., Robert de Strongeshulle and Geoffrey, Clerk of Kyngeston, are in *misericordiâ*. m. 14.

¹ The reader will observe here the origin of the legal expression, "to pray a tales," and an early example of its use.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas de Norton the father of Matilda, the wife of Richard de Bentleye, and of Alice the sister of Matilda, was seised as of fee, etc., of thirty-five acres of heath in Norton near Canokbury when he died, etc., and which John Doyly holds. John stated an assize would not lie because the tenements were formerly in seisin of one Roys, who had been the wife of John de Oylley, and that on the Octaves of St. Martin, 6 E. I., a fine was levied between the said John de Oylley, complainant, and the said Roys, impedient, of the manor of Raunton, and of a mill and 40s. rent in Mees, 30s. rent in Holm, 20s. rent in Belyngton, forty acres of wood and heath, and 40s. of rent in Little Wyrele, by which the said Roys acknowledged the said tenements to be the right of him (John), of the gift of the said Roys, and for which concession, etc., the said John conceded to Roys all the said tenements for her life, and to revert after her death to the said John and his heirs, and he stated that the tenements now claimed, formed part of those named in the above fine, and he produced the fine and stated that at the date it was levied the said Richard, Matilda, and Alice, were within the English seas, and of full age, and sound memory, and out of prison, and within a year and a day they had put in no claim. And the said Richard, Matilda, and Alice stated that the tenements now claimed were in Norton and were not named in the fine. The jury found that the said Thomas died seised of the tenements as of fee, and that Matilda and Alice were his nearest heirs, and that Thomas had died within the limits of the assize, and that Thomas had two daughters under age who succeeded to the said tenements and to other tenements by hereditary right, and that the said Roys, by reason of their minority and by right of her lordship (*dominicum*), had occupied the said tenements, and had held them for her life, and had died seised of them, and they say that the tenements now in dispute were not contained in the fine, and had not passed by her grant from her seisin into the seisin of the said John. The plaintiffs are therefore to recover seisin, and 40s. as damages. *m. 14, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN BEFORE THE SAME JUSTICES AT LYCHEFELD ON THE THURSDAY THE VIGIL OF ST. VINCENT. (4th April, 1305.)

Staff. An assize, etc., if Idonia formerly wife of Matthew le Clerk of Longedone, and Thomas son of Adam le Wodeward of Bloreton, had unjustly disseised Margaret daughter of Matthew le Clerk of Longetone of a messuage, twenty-four acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Longetone near Bloreton. Margaret afterwards withdrew her claim. *m. 15.*

Vincent de Hulton not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Hugh le Ridere and Letia his wife, respecting tenements in Little Curburgh, is *in misericordiâ*, and the suit was dismissed. *m. 15.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Alianora formerly wife of John de Houton, John son of the said Alianora, William de Mere, Joan de Venables, Robert le Mareschal of Aston, Gilbert de Aston, Roger le Verdon of Darlaston, John Geoffrey of Aston, Henry his son, Hugh son of Richard, Geoffrey son of the said Hugh, Henry Lutemay, Robert le Palmere, Thomas Cuche, Adam son of Hugh, William son of William son of Thomas de Aston, Richard of the Milnehouses of Sondon, William the Abbot of Cumbermere, and Thomas Prior of Stone, had unjustly disseised Robert son of Hugh le Wayte of an acre of meadow in Aston near Stone. The defendants all appeared except Alianora, and Robert le Mareschal answered for her as bailiff, and for himself as tenant, and denied that any injury had been done to the plaintiff. The jury found that the said Alianora had unjustly disseised Robert son of Hugh *vi et armis*, and they taxed his damages at 5s. ; and the said Alianora is to be arrested, and Robert is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the others.

Alianora afterwards made fine with the King for 20*s.*, for which Robert de Severle and John de Houton are her sureties. *m. 15.*

Staff. John son of William le Bonde recovers a messuage and five acres and half a virgate of land in Bilynton *versus* Richard le Bonde Chaplain, and Roger his brother and John le Bonde. *m. 15.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Prestewode had unjustly disseised Richard de Locwode of common of pasture in thirty acres of wood and pasture in Prestewode. John stated he was lord of the vill of Prestewode, and had approved the pasture as was lawful. Richard stated that John could not claim the benefit of the statute because he had not enclosed the pasture. The jury found that John had unjustly disseised Richard of his common of pasture in a part of the tenement, but that he, Richard, was in seisin of eighteen acres of it, and had his common of pasture in it. *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Jordan de Swerkeston father of Stephen de Swerkeston was seised, etc., of six acres of land in Penkhull when he died, and of which Roger de Swerkeston holds three acres, and William de Swerkeston three acres. Verdict for Stephen, as nearest heir of Jordan. *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas atte forde of Bissebury, the brother of Richard atte forde, was seised, etc., of ten acres of land in Coveue when he died, and if Richard was his nearest heir, and which land Ralph de Wyvereston holds, who called to warranty Peter de Joneston and Roes his wife, and Richard de Flossebrok and Pavia his wife. Ralph eventually admitted the claim of Richard. *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Amice formerly wife of Stephen son of Ralph de Falede, the mother of Milisant the wife of William le Fakener of Thurkeleston, was seised, etc., of a messuage and a bovate of land in Falede (Fauld) near Tuttebury, when she died; and if Milisant was her nearest heir, and of which Alice formerly wife of Stephen de Wodeward held a messuage and the third part of a bovate, and Adam son of Stephen le Wodeward two parts of a bovate. Alice stated she held the tenements claimed against her in dower of the inheritance of the said Adam, and she called him to warranty, who warranted them to her, and called to warranty Stephen son of Stephen de Curzun the lord of Falede, who is to be summoned for the Sunday next after three weeks from St. John the Baptist. *m. 15, dorso.*

Staff. Geoffrey de Tamworth recovers five acres of land in Lychefeld *versus* William son of Hugh Gurnotte, and Avice daughter of William de Frodeleye as nearest heir of his aunt Avice de Tamworth, who had died seised of the tenements. *m. 15, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT LICHEFELD BEFORE THE SAME JUSTICES ON THE VIGIL OF ST. VINCENT, 33 E. I. (4th April, 1305.)

Staff. Saer de Harecurt recovers common of pasture in a part of thirty acres of wood and pasture in Prestwold (Prestwood), in a suit against John de Prestwold. *m. 16.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Jordan de Flossebrok of Oldynton (Oulton) had unjustly disseised William Walemon of common of pasture for all cattle except goats in eighteen acres of waste and heath in Northbury (Norbury), appurtenant to his freehold in the same vill. Jordan pleaded that in the case of ten acres he held the land conjointly with one Walter de Morton, who was not named in the writ, and he produced a deed which testified to this; and as regarded the residue he stated he only held six acres, and he had entered into these by Philip de Marmioun. The jury found that there had been no disseisin as stated, because Philip de Marmion the lord of the vill had

approved the said six acres of waste in such a way that the said William every two years in the open season could common in them with all manner of cattle, and every third year for all the year, and he had afterwards demised the said six acres to Jordan. William is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 16.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William the Parson of the Church of Hambury, John Pipe of Hambury, and John his son, had unjustly disseised William de Neuton of Hambury of a messuage and a bovate of land in Hambury. The jury say that the tenements were formerly in the seisin of William the Parson, who enfeoffed in them one Adam de Bullereston to hold for the life of Adam, and Adam enfeoffed the said William de Neuton of them in fee, and William held them by this feoffment for five years; and being asked where William the Parson was at the time of the said feoffment, they answered that he was at that time beyond the seas; and as soon as he came to England, and that notice of the above feoffment came to him, he removed the said William de Neuton by his proctor the said John de Pipe. A day was given to the parties to hear judgment at Westminster; but William afterwards withdrew his writ. *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Robert le Cartere and Alice his wife, and William de Jargonville, had unjustly disseised Isolda daughter of Adam de Hambury of a messuage, three and a half acres of land and a rood of pasture in Tatenhulle (Tattenhill). William de Jargonville answered for himself as tenant, and for the others as bailiff, and stated the tenements were formerly in seisin of one Matilda daughter of William de Tatenhulle, the mother of Isolda (*sic*, Alice), and the said Matilda enfeoffed in them the said Alice, and Alice and the said William her husband had enfeoffed him, William de Jargonville, and had put him into seisin of them. And Isolda stated that the said Matilda her aunt held the said tenements and died seised of them, and after her death she had entered as her nearest heir, and was in good seisin until ejected by the defendants. The assize was respited till three weeks from St. John the Baptist at Stafford, when a jury stated that the tenements formerly belonged to Matilda the mother of the said Alice, and Matilda made a deed of feoffment of them to her, and had put her into seisin of them by the hasp of the door (*per haspam hostii domûs*), and she then left with the said Matilda, and they arrived together at the door of the messuage, and Matilda asked permission of Alice to stay in the house, and she returned to it and died in it; and after the death of Matilda, Alice remained in the tenements for nearly half a year, when the said Isolda came and asked to be allowed to stay in them; and after she had stopped a night in them, she claimed them by inheritance from the said Matilda her aunt; upon which Alice immediately expelled her, and the jury being asked if Isolda was nearest heir of Matilda, said that Matilda had a nephew William, who it was believed was still alive. A day was given to the parties to hear judgment on the morrow of St. Margaret, and Isolda was told to certify to the Court in the interim if the said William was dead, and Alice was told to do the same if she thought it expedient to do so. *m. 16, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas Creye of Cumpston, the father of Thomas Creye, was seised as of fee, etc., of ten acres of land in Overpenne, when he died, and if Thomas is his nearest heir, and which Magister Richard Walrand the Parson of the Church of Overpenne and William de Fynchenesfeld and Emma his wife hold. William and Emma stated they held the whole tenement conjointly with Henry their son; and they produced a deed which testified to this; and as Thomas could not controvert it, the suit was dismissed. *m. 16, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD BEFORE WILLIAM DE MORTIMER
AND ROGER DE BELLAFAGO, JUSTICES ASSIGNED, ETC., ON
THE THURSDAY THE MORROW OF ST. MARGARET THE VIRGIN.
34 E. I. (21st July, 1306.)

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas son of Walter de Ridewarhampstall, Thomas son of Thomas de Arderne, Nicholas, John, and Ralph brothers of Thomas son of Thomas, Hugh son of John in le More, Robert de Melburne del Horecros, John Neel, William atte More, and four others named, had unjustly disseised Roger de Ridewarhampstall of a messuage, nine acres of land, three of pasture, and half an acre of moor and pasture in Ridewarhampstall Chapel in Ridewarhampstall (*sic*). Thomas son of Thomas answered as tenant, and also for the others as bailiff, and stated that Thomas de Arderne his father, whose heir he is, died seised of the tenements as of fee, and after his death Robert de Stepelton the capital lord of the fee took possession as *custos* by reason of his minority, and had afterwards demised the custody to one Robert de Hoyland; and he prayed judgment on the writ because the said Robert his *custos* was not named in it.

Roger stated that the said tenements were formerly in seisin of one Hugh de More, who had enfeoffed him of them, and he was in good seisin until ejected by the defendants. A day was given to the parties to hear judgment at Wolverhampton on the Wednesday before the Purification. *m.* 17.

Staff. Thomas le Rous and Walter de Wynterton and Anabel his wife not prosecuting their writ respecting common of pasture in Walesdale against the Abbot of Oseneye, to convict a jury of twelve of a false judgment, are to be apprehended; and their sureties, viz., Richard son of Hugh de Swynefen and Nicholas his brother, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 17.

Staff. Juliana Hod recovers twenty-two acres in Kyngesleyebothes, in a suit against Roger Hod, as nearest heir to her brother Henry Hod. *m.* 17.

ASSIZES TAKEN AT LYCHEFELD, BEFORE THE SAME JUSTICES, ON
THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE,
34 E. I.¹ *m.* 18.

Staff. Henry son of Thomas son of Peter le Peddere withdraws his suit against Thomas son of Ralph le Godrydere and others respecting a messuage and two acres of land in Athelaston (Ellaston). *m.* 18.

Staff. Richard Elyot of Alrewas not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Edmund de Sumerville and others respecting tenements in Whychenovere (Whichnor), he and his sureties, viz., Philip de Sumerville and William de Hampton, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 18.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert de Esnynton and Margaret his wife had unjustly disseised William son of John de Nortone of common of pasture in two hundred acres of wood and twenty acres of moor in Esnynton (Essington) appurtenant to his free tenement in Norton near Canokbury. Robert pleaded that no common in Esnynton was appurtenant to any tenement in Norton; and if that was given against him, he stated he was lord of Esnynton, and had approved the tenement as was lawful. William afterwards withdrew his writ, and he and his sureties, Robert le Keu of Norton, and Robert Alwyne of the same, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 18.

Staff. Hugh son of Geoffrey de Denston recovers a messuage and forty

¹ This date is taken from the heading to Mem. 19. The above membrane has merely, "Assizes taken at Lichfield."

acres of land in Denston in a suit against Richard atte Watre and Margaret his wife, by writ of mort d'ancestor. *m.* 18.

Staff. The suit of John son of Ralph le Teynturer of Forebrugge, *versus* Richard le Palmer of Burton, Richard Kirry of Ricardescote, and others, respecting common of pasture in Roulowe near Stafford, is dismissed, Richard le Palmer producing a deed which showed that he held the moor and marsh conjointly with Felice his wife and Richard his son, who were not named in the writ. *m.* 18.

Staff. Richard son of Peter le Brewestere, of Hosebrok, not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against William son of Peter le Brewestere and others respecting tenements in Brewode Episcopi, he and his sureties, viz., William Schene and William Colet, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 18.

Staff. Peter de Hakedene not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Roger son of Margery and others respecting tenements in Eccleshale, he and his sureties, viz., William Parent of Horseleye, and John le Leu of Eccleshale, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 18.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbison not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against Adam de Onyleye and others respecting tenements in Madeleye, he and his sureties, viz., Robert Mody and William Drak, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 18.

Staff. Richard de Leghes, Clerk, and Cecilia his wife recover a messuage, five acres of land, three of pasture, and one of wood in a suit against Hugh de Kent of Lockesleye. Damages half a mark. *m.* 19.

Staff. Richard son of Henry the Chaplain recovers a rent of 10s. in Colton in a suit against William Gryffyn of Colton and Alianora his wife. Damages 22s. *m.* 19.

Staff. The suit of Alice daughter of Alexander Craket of Middelwyche, *versus* Richard de Vernun of Harlaston, for a messuage and two virgates of land in Herlaston, is dismissed, on the ground that the name of Richard was written Richard le Vernun on the writ. *m.* 19.

Staff. Henry de Erkebarge not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Roger Thomasescrivaunt and others, respecting tenements in Chylinton, he and his sureties, viz., John Ryot of Brewode, and Thomas de Erkebarwe, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 19.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Thomas son of Christiana of Trentham, not prosecuting her writ against Richard Utlaghe of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Alice his wife, she and her sureties, viz., Thomas de Knotton of Newcastle, and Thomas son of Adam of the same, are *in misericordiâ*. *m.* 19.

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD (no date named).¹

Staff. An assize, etc., if John de Cave and John de Pelham had unjustly disseised John son of Richard de Haselouere of half a messuage and half a virgate of land in Clifton-Camville. John de Cave answered for both, and stated that Hugh de Cave his brother, whose heir he is, died seised of the tenements as of fee, and he had entered into them after his death as nearest heir. Adjourned to the Vigil of the Purification at Wolverhampton through defect of recognitors. *m.* 20.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard le Palmere of Burton and Felicia his wife, and Richard and Roger sons of the said Richard, Richard Kyrry of Rycardescote, John son of John de Roulowe, and Geoffrey and Richard his

¹ Probably of September, 1306, by the suits.

brothers had unjustly disseised John son of Ralph le Tenturer of Forebrugge of common of pasture in Roulowe appurtenant to his free hold in Forebrugge and Roulowe, viz., in forty acres of land, etc. Richard le Palmer answered for all the defendants, and stated that there was no common in Roulowe appurtenant to any tenement in Forbrugge; and if that was given against him, he pleaded that John had no free tenement in Forebrugge to which common of pasture in Roulowe was appurtenant.

The jury found that common in Roulowe was not appurtenant to any tenement in Forebrugge unless the owner held land both in Roulowe and Forebrugge, and that the said John son of Ralph had a tenement in (*word illegible*), and that the defendants had unjustly disseised him of common in the said land; and as regards common in nine acres of moor and marsh, they say that John had a right of common in them between Easter and Michaelmas in each year, and that the defendants had disseised him of it. He is therefore to recover seisin of the said common of pasture, and his damages are taxed at 40*d.*; and he is *in misericordiâ* for his false claim for the residue. *m. 20.*

Staff. John son of John de Shelton and Emma his wife not prosecuting their writ of mort d'ancestor against John son of Robert atte Lowe and Amice his wife respecting tenements in Chatculne, he and his sureties, viz., Robert le Keu of Podemor and Robert Thomasmon of Podemore, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20.*

Staff. Alice daughter of Alexander Craket of Middelwych not prosecuting her writ of novel disseisin against Richard le (*sic*) Vernun of Herlaston and others respecting tenements in Harlaston, she and her sureties, viz., Thomas son of Thomas and Richard de Bromleye are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20.*

Staff. Walter son of William de Linton of Horecros not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against Robert le Suthrene and others respecting tenements in Horecros, is *in misericordiâ*.

Staff. Richard son of Richard du Lee and William his brother not prosecuting their writ of novel disseisin *versus* Richard du Lee and another, they and their sureties, viz., William de Kendale of Fulford and John le Messer of the same, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 20.*

Staff. Alice daughter of Thomas de Norton and Matilda wife of Richard de Benetlega, put in their place William son of John de Norton or William de Ronton *versus* John Doyley in a plea of mort d'ancestor. *m. 20.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT WOLVERHAMPTON IN CO. STAFFORD BEFORE THE
SAME JUSTICES, ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF
THE PURIFICATION. 35 E. I.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Philip son of Philip de Draicote, Emma formerly wife of Philip de Leghe, Reginald the son of Emma, Richard de Sondbache and Lucy his wife, Adam de Mukleston, Robert de Stepelton and Matilda his wife, and William de Stafford, had unjustly disseised Henry son of Henry de Wynleye of common of pasture in eighty acres of alder and heath, between the Feasts of the Ascension and the Purification, in Leghe near Tene.

Adam, Robert, and Matilda stated they held no right in the tenements; the others answered as tenants, and denied that Henry had ever had common of pasture in them. The jury found that Philip, Emma, Reginald, Richard, and Lucy had unjustly disseised the plaintiff of common of pasture for six oxen and two cows between the above named Feasts. He is therefore to recover seisin of this, and is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim for the rest. *m. 21.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Richard son of Hugh Galpyn of Dulverne, Richard de Caverswell, William de Caverswell, Clerk, William Cort of Caverswell, and Hugh de Peshale of Dulvere (*sic*), had unjustly disseised Robert Galpyn of Chedle of a toft and half a virgate and two acres of land and three acres of meadow in Dulverne (Dilhorn). Richard de Caverswell answered as tenant, and stated he entered by the said Richard son of Hugh; and Richard son of Hugh stated his father died seised of the tenements, and he had entered into them as his son and heir. Verdict for the defendants. *m. 21.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Philip de Cetewynde (*sic*, Chetwynd) and Isabella his wife, Philip son of Philip de Cetewynde, Richard Lovekyn, and William de Ingestre, had unjustly disseised Andrew de Assheburne, Canon of the Church of St. Laurence of Gnoushale, of a piece of marsh in Holneye. Philip and the other defendants took exception to the writ because the Church of Gnoushale was dedicated to the Blessed Mary and to St. Peter and not to St. Laurence, and he appealed to a jury on this point, which found in his favour, and the suit was dismissed. *m. 21, dorso.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if the Prior of Trentham, John de Verdun, Canon of the Prior, and William Brun of Trentham, had unjustly disseised Robert de Fraunkeville of a corrody in Trentham for himself, his horse, and groom. The Prior and the others stated that as regards corn and hay for his horse, Robert held land in Trentham in exchange for it, and as regards the rest, he was in seisin of it if he chose to demand it. The suit was adjourned to the Wednesday after the Ascension, at Forton. *m. 22.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Geoffrey de Wasteneys of Tyxale, and John le Hayward of Taxale (*sic*), had unjustly disseised Philip de Chetewynde of common of pasture in twenty acres of land in Taxale (Tixall) appurtenant to his freehold in Ingestre. Geoffrey pleaded that as regarded a part of the claim he had approved the pasture as capital lord of Tixall, and as regarded the remainder that Philip had no right of common. The suit was adjourned to the Wednesday after the Ascension, at Forton, because Philip challenged all the jury. *m. 22.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Philip de Chetewynde and Isabella his wife, Roger son of Jordan de Peulesdon, Nicholas son of Geoffrey of Ingestre, John de la Grene of Ingestre, and Adam de Boterton, had unjustly disseised Geoffrey de Wasteneys of common of pasture appurtenant to his freehold in Tyxhale. Philip answered for all the defendants, and stated that as regarded a part of the pasture claimed, one Robert de Chetewynde held it at the date of the writ and still holds it, and as regarded the residue, he had approved it as capital lord of the fee, and as was lawful. The jury say (*sic*), *left unfinished.* *m. 22.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 32-33 E. I.

Staff. Thomas le Keu of Bromshulf (Bramshall), sued William son of Michael de Morton, Edmund son of William de Morton, Walter de Penne, Hugh de St. George, Adam Paynnessone of Preston, and John son of Michael de Morton in a plea of trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them, and he returned they could not be found, and held nothing in the country. He is therefore ordered to arrest them if found, and keep them in safe custody, and produce them at the Octaves of Hillary wherever the King might be within the kingdom. *m. 19.*

¹ The suit evidently referred to common of pasture in Ingestre, although the name has been omitted.

Warw. Whereas Henry de Pynkeny by his deed had conceded to the King the homage and all the service of John de Pynkeny and of his heirs, for a Knight's fee, and for all the lands, etc., which the said John held of the said Henry in Igingtone in co. Warwick, and the homage and service of William de Curly and of his heirs for a Knight's fee, and for all the lands, etc., which the said William held of the said Henry in la Grave in the same county, and likewise all the other fees, if the said Henry held elsewhere in the kingdom, etc., and owing to which the Sheriff had been commanded to distrain the said John and William and others to appear before the King at the Quindene of Easter, to perform the homage due by reason of the said concession, and the Sheriff returned that the said John and William were dead; and upon this, one Philip de Gayton came and said that he held the manor of la Grave, of Theobald de Neville, and not of the King, and he produced a fine dated 13 E. I., between Philip de Gayton and Scolastica his wife,¹ complainants, and Theobald de Neville, deforciant, of the manor of la Grave, by which the said Theobald acknowledged the said manor to be the right of Philip and Scolastica, to be held by them and their heirs of the said Theobald, rendering a farthing annually for all service, and performing all services due to the capital lords; and the said Theobald further conceded that half of all the lands and tenements which Scolastica formerly wife of William de Curly held in dower of the inheritance of the said Theobald in the vill of Bodebrok, after the death of the said Scolastica, and which after the death of Scolastica should revert to Theobald and his heirs, should remain to the said Philip and Scolastica and the heirs of Philip, etc. And Theobald appeared in Court and stated that the manor of la Grave is half of the said manor of Bodebrok, and which manor he holds in purparty with one John de Hastang of the inheritance of William de Curly; and it was held of the heirs of William de Dodingeseles, and that he and his ancestors had so held it from time out of memory, and he stated that Ida the wife of John de Clinton of Makstoke, and Margaret the wife of John le Grey are the heirs of the said William de Dodingeseles. John de Hastang came and acknowledged he held half the said manor in purparty with Theobald, of the inheritance of the said William de Curly, and that it was held of the said Ida and Margaret. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain the said Ida and Margaret to appear *Coram Rege* at three weeks from Easter. *m.* 30.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to raise 10 marks from the lands and chattels of Richard de Harle (Harley), lately Sheriff, and which the said Richard, whilst he was Sheriff, had levied from the goods and chattels of William son of William de Alrewich, Ralph de Pipe, and others, and to bring them into Court at this term to pay them to Walter de Strongeford in part payment of £40, the damages he had recovered on occasion of a trespass committed against him by the said William son of William and the others; and the Sheriff was also ordered to raise 10 marks from the goods and chattels of William (*sic*) Beysin, lately Sheriff, and which the said William (*sic*) had levied whilst he was Sheriff from the same William son of William and the others, and which he retained in his own hands. And the Sheriff returned that Richard de Harle held nothing in co. Stafford; and it was shown he held sufficient; and he returned that all the goods and chattels of Walter (*sic*) Beysin had been taken into the King's hand by other writs of *fieri facias* for divers debts owing to the King before the receipt of the last writ; and he returned 60s. into Court which he had raised himself from the goods and chattels of the said William son of William, etc.; and he stated that he had taken other goods to the value of 100s., for which he had not yet found purchasers. The Sheriff is therefore ordered as before, to raise 10 marks from the goods and chattels of Richard, and also 10 marks from the goods

¹ See p. 280, Vol. VI., of "Staffordshire Collections."

and chattels of Walter, and pay them into Court on the morrow of the Purification. A postscript shows that no further money had been paid into Court up to Michaelmas, 33-34 E. I. *m.* 32.

Staff. The Abbot of Deulacres, and Brother Robert de Cundeslegh his fellow monk (*comonachus*), sued Ralph son of Richard de Bromlegh, John de Bromlegh, William son of William de Bromlegh of Whitemore, and Robert de Hexstall, in a plea of conspiracy and trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 49.

Staff. The suit of Walter de Beysyn *versus* Thomas Gerveyse, Adam de Swynesheved, and Thomas son of Thomas Gerveyse, for a trespass, is adjourned to Easter through defect of a jury. *m.* 87, *dorso*.

Staff. William le Barbour of Newcastle-under-Lyme sued Thomas le Scryveyn and John his brother, Andover son of John de Knotton and Thomas his brother, Robert Swetcoke, William de Copston and Joan his wife, Thomas de Braddylee, Alice de Knotton, William son of Robert Perot, and four others, for a trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 8, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 33 E. I.

PLEAS AT WESTMINSTER, BEFORE RALPH DE HENGHAM AND HIS FELLOW JUSTICES OF THE BENCH, ETC.

Staff. Hugh de Okovere (Okeover) sued William son of William de Pikstok and Thomas his brother for an illegal distress, viz., the seizure of the cattle of his plough at Melewych (Millwich), against the Statute. The defendants did not appear, and are to be attached for the Octaves of Trinity. *m.* 93.

Staff. The Dean and Chapter of the Church of St. Cedde of Lychefeld sued the Prior of St. Thomas the Martyr near Stafford for 140 marks, the arrears of an annual rent of 10 marks owing to them, and they stated that one Brother Nicholas formerly Prior of the said House in the eighth year of the King's reign, had entered into an obligation to pay to the Dean and Chapter a yearly pension of 10 marks from the Church of Stowe, and up to the date of the writ 140 marks were owing to them for the said annual rent, which the Prior and Convent refused to pay, and they produced the deed of the said Prior, dated A.D. 1278. The Prior appeared and acknowledged the deed, and likewise the debt of 140 marks, and the Dean and Chapter are therefore to recover the said arrears and damages. And the Dean and Chapter then remitted the said arrears all but 40 marks, for which the said Prior conceded for himself and successors, that if the said annual rent should be in arrear in future, that the Diocesan of the place might levy the same from the goods of the Church of Stowe. *m.* 134.

Staff, Salop. Richard de Dockessey and Margaret his wife sued Robert de Staundon, *custos* of one part of the lands of Thomas son and heir of Robert de Halghton; and they sued Walter the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, the *custos* of another part of the said lands, and William de Stafford, the *custos* of another part, and Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Halghton, the *custos* of another part, and Simon de Halghton of Brusenhelle, the *custos* of another part, and Edmund de Stafford, the *custos* of another part, and Robert de Knyghtlegh, the *custos* of another part, all in co. Stafford; and they sued Nicholas de Wokendene, the *custos* of the body of the heir and of another part of his lands, and Roger de Mortimer and Lucy his wife, the *custodes* of

other parts, and John Doylley, *custos* of another part, and Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Halghton, the *custos* of another part of the said lands in co. Salop, in a plea that they should be in Court on this day, and that the said Nicholas should produce the heir at the same time to warrant to the said Richard and Margaret together with the lord the King, the *custos* of other lands of the said heir in co. Salop, the third part of the manor of Dokesseye, and the third part of eighty-three acres of land, twenty-six acres of meadow, two acres of wood, and eight acres of heath in Selkemor, Gretwode, Bradelegh, and Wolaston, which Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Halghton claimed as dower against them. None of the custodians appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to the said heir which was in their custody, to the value of the dower claimed, into the King's hand, and to summon them for the morrow of St. John the Baptist; and as the value of the said lands was not known, the Sheriffs of Staffordshire and co. Salop were ordered to make an extent and to appraise them. A postscript states, that on the day named the Sheriff of Salop sent the valuation, by which it appeared that the lands of the heir held by Roger de Mortimer and Lucy his wife were worth annually 106*s.* 7½*d.*; and those which Nicholas de Wokindene held were worth 28*s.*; and those held by Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Halghton were worth £10 2*s.* 8*d.*; and he returned that John Doylly held no part of the inheritance of the heir. And the Sheriff of Staffordshire sent a valuation and extent, by which it appeared that the tenements held by the said Richard and Margaret, of which a third part was claimed, were worth annually £22 and 12*d.*; and that the tenements held in custody by Robert de Staundon were worth 4*s.*; and those held by William de Stafford were worth annually £54, and the tenements held in custody by the Bishop were worth £10 9*s.* 4*d.*, and the tenements which Juliana held in custody were worth 66*s.* 8*d.*; and he returned that Simon de Halghton of Brusenhulle, Edmund de Stafford, and Robert de Knyteleye held no part of the inheritance of the heir. The Sheriffs were therefore commanded to take into the King's hand, land of the said heir to the value of the dower claimed, *per portionem*, and to summon the *custodes* for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m.* 139.

Staff. Matilda formerly wife of John le Bret sued Hugh de Alditheleye and Isolda his wife for the third of a messuage and a carucate of land, twenty acres of pasture, and six acres of meadow in Chesterton near Newcastle-under-Lyme, as her dower. Hugh and Isolda called to warranty William son of William de Thicknes, who is to be summoned for a month from Easter. *m.* 148.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Walter de Lodyngton sued John de Peyto whom William Moryn called to warranty, whom John de Peyto and Joan his wife called to warranty, and who warranted to him the third part of a messuage and of a virgate of land in Drayton near Doddewell, and which had been valued at 11*s.* 1½*d.* annually; and she sued John de Peyto, whom William Moryn, whom John de Peyto and Joan his wife, and whom Prudence formerly wife of Richard de Peyto called to warranty, and who warranted to her the third part of a messuage and of a virgate of land in the same vill, valued at 11*s.* 1½*d.* annually, as her dower. John and Joan appeared by attorney, and called to warranty William son and heir of Roes Trussel, who now appeared by attorney, and warranted the tenements to them, and pleaded that Alice had no claim to dower in them, because Walter formerly her husband was never seised of them as of fee when he married her, nor at any time after, and they appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for a month from Easter. *m.* 155.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of William de Pencerich sued Richard de Vernun for a third of a messuage and a virgate of land in Herlaston, as her dower. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the

dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 161.

Staff. Richard de Blitthefeld and Richard de Wulseleye sued Richard de Herthull in a plea that he should acquit them of the service which Peter de Gresleye exacted from them for the free tenement which they held of the said Richard de Herthull in Wulseleye, and in which Richard de Herthull is mesne lord (*medius*), and ought to acquit them. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his bailiwick, and it was testified he held sufficient within the county. The Sheriff was therefore commanded to summon him for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 185.

Staff. In the suit of Elizabeth daughter of Richard de Loges *versus* Adam de Staneve and Elizabeth his wife for waste and destruction in Wyrleye, the defendants did not appear upon the adjourned summons, and the Sheriff was ordered to go in person to the place, and cause an inquisition to be made into the alleged waste, and to return it into Court at three weeks from Easter. *m.* 187.

Staff. William le Fevre of Overpenne and Margaret his wife sued John son of Richard Gerveyse of Overpenne for a third of a messuage and sixteen acres of land in Overpenne; and they sued William Hary and Alice his wife for a third of eight acres of land, and Walter de Bylston and Denice his wife for a third of eight acres, and Ralph de Pendeford and Margaret his wife for a third of eight acres, and Robert son of Nicholas and Edith his wife for a third of eight acres in the same vill, as the dower of Margaret. And they did not appear, and had previously made default at the Octaves of St. Martin at York, upon which the Sheriff had been ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand. It is therefore considered that William and Margaret should recover seisin against them, and as it was testified that one Richard Wylinot formerly husband of Margaret died seised of the said tenements, the Sheriff was ordered to make inquiry respecting damages. *m.* 208.

Staff. Dyonisia (Denise) formerly wife of John le Bret, senior, sued Stephen, Parson of the Church of Swyneverton, for a third of a messuage and carucate of land and 10*s.* of rent in Shulton (Shelton) as her dower. Stephen did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 235.

Staff. Magister Alan le Bretoun sued William son of William de Thomenhorn for deforcing him of ten acres of meadow in Wygenton, which William de Thomenhorn had demised to him for a term still unexpired, and within which term the said William had sold the tenements to William son of William de Thomenhorn, who had ejected the said Alan. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his bailiwick; but as it was testified he held the ten acres of meadow in question at the date of the writ, the Sheriff was ordered to summon him for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 235, *dorso*.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of John de Pendeford sued Roger Purcel for a third of ten acres of moor and pasture in Pendeford as her dower. Roger did not appear, and had made default at York at Michaelmas term; and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and the Sheriff returned no writ. He was therefore ordered as before, and to summon him for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 198, *dorso*.

Lanc. Ralph de Singelton and Mabel his wife sued Adam de Walton and Alice his wife for the third of three messuages, and a bovate and a half and fourteen acres of land, four acres of meadow, and 7*s.* 6*d.* rent in Grenok as the dower of Mabel, of the dotation of Nicholas le Botiler her first husband. Adam and Alice called to warranty William son and heir of Nicholas le

Botiler,¹ who is under age and in ward to William Wyther, and part of whose land is in the custody of Ralph de Singelton and Mabel his wife, and a part in the custody of Alice le Botiler, and a part in the custody of Edmund le Botiler, and a part in the custody of Richard de Haconeshowe, and a part in the custody of John de Kirkeby, and a part in the custody of Richard de Lathum, and a part in the custody of Nicholas del Marreys; and Adam produced the deed of Nicholas le Botiler, which showed that he gave all his land of Grenok to the said Alice to hold to her and the heirs of her body, with a clause of warranty. William Wyther is to be summoned in co. Stafford, and the others in co. Lancaster, for three weeks from Easter. *m. 122, dorso.*

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of John de Wanton had sued John son of John fitz Philip for a third of the manor of Bolynton *sic* (Bobbington) as her dower; and John had made default at York at the Octaves of St. Martin; and the Sheriff had been commanded to take the dower claimed into the King's hand; and Margaret now appeared and claimed it by the default of John. And John stated he had never been summoned to be at York at the date named, and offered to wage his law; and his sureties are William de Simplingford of co. Stafford, and Adam Coygne of the same county. He is therefore to appear with his compurgators at a month from Easter. A postscript states that John waged his law at Trinity term, 33 E. I., and Margaret was therefore *in misericordia* for a false claim. *m. 94, dorso.*

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Adam Brun of Aston in Halys, sued Hervey son of William de Stonilowe for six acres of land and two parts of a messuage in Great Madeleye-under-Lyme, as her right and *maritagium*, and in which Hervey had no entry except by a demise made by Adam Brun formerly husband of Alice to one William son of Adam le Bedel of Ellesmere, and to which she could not object, during his lifetime. Hervey defended his right, and denied that Adam her husband had ever been in seisin of the tenements, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of St. John the Baptist. *m. 76, dorso.*

Staff. Hugh de Okoure (Okeover) sued William son of William de Pykestok and Thomas his brother in a plea, that whereas it had been provided by Statute that it was not lawful to levy a distress out of the fee, nor in a high road except by the King's officers, the said William and Thomas, not being officers of the King, had taken his cattle outside the fee of the said William and Thomas at Melewych *vi et armis*, and had impounded them against the Statute, etc. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 72, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff returned into Court the inquisition made into the waste and destruction caused in Stotfold in lands, etc., of the inheritance of Geoffrey Salveyn by Gundreda formerly wife of Robert de Stafford, by which it appeared that two granges had been pulled down worth 8 marks, a *solarium*, an *oriotum*, and a *garderobam* worth 40s., and a wall and ditch round the same buildings worth 20s.; and Gundreda now appeared and stated that she held the tenements in fee and not for a term, and she produced a deed by which the said Geoffrey gave to Robert de Stafford and to the said Gundreda his wife the said tenements to be held by them and the survivor of them, and rendering to the said Geoffrey and his heirs each year for the said ten years a rose at the Feast of St. John the Baptist, and after the completion of ten years to render 20 marks annually. And the said Geoffrey being solemnly called, did not appear, and the suit was dismissed. *m. 62, dorso.*

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Edmund de Mortimer sued Hugh de

¹ Nicholas le Botiler was one of the coparceners of Sandon in Staffordshire.

Aldytheleye and Isolda his wife for a third of the manor of Arnleye excepting the weirs on the Severn, and the wood within the metes of the Forest of Wyre and manor of la Boure within the same manor, as her dower. Hugh and Isolda appeared and stated they held the said manor with the above exceptions for term of the life of Isolda, and they called to warranty Roger son and heir of Edmund de Mortimer, who is under age and in ward to the King, and to Margaret formerly wife of Edmund de Mortimer, and whose lands are in the custody of Peter de Gavaston, Walter de Thornbury, Roger de Mortimer, Richard de Baskerville, Grimbald Pouncevot, Milo Pycharde, John de Mortimer, Hugh Godard, Walter de Evereus, Hugh Poer, Philip Ap Howel, Richard de Leghton, and forty-nine others named, and they produced a deed of Edmund the father of the heir, which showed that the said Edmund had given to Walter de Balon and to the said Isolda then his wife, the manor of Arnleye, excepting (as before), to hold for the lives of the said Walter and Isolda. They (the custodians) are therefore to be summoned for the Quindene of Easter, and the said Margaret likewise, together with the King, are to produce the heir at the same date to warranty, and the custodians of the lands of the heir are to be summoned for the same date in the counties of Stafford, Salop, Worcester, Hereford, Gloucester, Somerset, Southampton, Oxford, Berkshire, and Bucks. A postscript shows successive adjournments of the suit up to Michaelmas term. *m. 60, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. EASTER, 33 E. I.

Staff. The King sued Ralph Griffin and Robert his brother for the death of William le Cuntur the brother of John le Cuntur, for which John had appealed them, and afterwards withdrew his appeal, and they did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to arrest them, and returned they could not be found. He is therefore commanded to put them into the *exigend*, and if they do not appear, to outlaw them, and if they appear, to arrest and produce them *coram Rege* at the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 14.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest John le Cuntur, of Colton, and keep him in safe custody and produce him at this term to answer *coram Rege* for not prosecuting his appeal against Ralph Griffin and Robert brother of Ralph for the death of William le Cuntur his brother, and he returned that John could not be found, and held nothing within his bailiwick. He is therefore ordered as before, to arrest him and produce him before the Court at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 14.*

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of Richard Henry, sued Richard son of Hervey de Stratton (Stretton) in a plea of trespass; and he did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain and to produce him at the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 7, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 33 E. I.

Staff. Philip, son of Philip de Chetewynde and Isabella his wife gave half a mark for license of concord with William de Pywelesdon respecting tenements in Mutton (Mytton).¹ *m. 10.*

Staff. William Orpynger and Margaret his wife, sued William Roleg and Lettice his wife for a third of a messuage and noke of land in Sondon

¹ By this fine William de Piwelesdon, Clerk, acknowledged the manor of Muttone, and two messuages and a carucate and five and a half virgates of land and five acres of wood in Rewel (Rule) and Rugge (Ridge in Standon), to be the right of Philip and Isabella and the heirs of Philip. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford., 33 E. I.*)

(Sandon), as dower of Margaret, of the dotation of Richard Wolrich of Sondon, formerly husband of Margaret. William and Margaret called to warranty Richard son of Richard Wolrich of Sondon, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m. 12.*

Staff. William de Thomenhorn sued Henry son of Hugh le Serjaunt of Elleford, in a plea that he should render him an account for the time he was his bailiff in Ruggeleye; and he did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to arrest him, and returned he could not be found. He was therefore ordered as before, to arrest him, and to produce him on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 12.*

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of William Rycheman sued Thomas de Hulton for eight acres of land and half a messuage in Morghhale, which she claimed as the gift of Christiana daughter of Richard le Muner, who had enfeoffed her of them, and in which the said Thomas had no entry except by William formerly husband of Agnes, who had demised the tenements to him during his lifetime when she could not object. Thomas denied he had entered by William, and stated he entered by hereditary right after the death of his brother Robert de Hulton, whose heir he is, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin. *m. 55.*

Staff. William son of John le Mareschal gives a mark for license of concord with Robert son of Henry de Colton respecting tenements in Colton, Newelond, and Blythebury. *m. 76.*

Staff. Richard de Delves gives a mark for license of concord with Adam de Knottick and Joan his wife, in a plea of warranty of Charter.² *m. 104.*

Staff. Reginald de Charles (Charnes) and Juliana his wife sued William son of William de Wrottesleye for a third of a messuage and a carucate of land, etc. (as before), in Pylatenhale, as the dower of the said Juliana, of the dotation of Stephen de Elmedon her first husband. And the said William called to warranty William son of Stephen de Elemedon (*sic*), who appeared and warranted the tenements to him, and stated that the said Juliana had no claim to dower in the lands, because Stephen her husband was not seised of them as of fee on the day he married her, nor ever afterwards, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Quindene of Michaelmas. A postscript shows successive adjournments of the suit up to Hillary term 35 E. I., on which day the attorney of Reginald and Juliana was told by the Court, "*quod sequatur suo periculo.*"² *m. 175.*

Staff. William Bagot gives half a mark for license of concord with William son of Bertram de Burgo.³ *m. 184.*

¹ By this fine Adam and Joan acknowledged a messuage and a carucate of land in Audeley and Chesterton to be the right of Richard de Delves and his heirs. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 33 E. I.)

² William de Elmedon succeeded his father Stephen in the hereditary forestership of Teddesley in 30 E. I. (Fine Roll of that year). In 1296 he had married Roes, daughter of Sir William de Wrottesley, and had subsequently enfeoffed his brother-in-law William de Wrottesley the younger, in the manor of Pilatenhale for the purpose of levying a fine, settling the manor on himself and his wife and heirs of his body. (*Deeds at Wrottesley, and Fine of 3 E. II.*)

³ By this fine William Bagot acknowledged the manors of La Hyde and Patleshull, and a messuage and carucate of land in Wylbridgton to be the right of William son of Bertram de Burgo, for which acknowledgment, etc., William son of Bertram granted the said tenements to William Bagot and Alianora his wife, and if William Bagot should die leaving no issue by Alianora, to revert after the death of the said William Bagot and Alianora to the right heirs of William Bagot. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 33 E. I.)

Staff. The Prior of Ronton sued Richard de Draycote in a plea that he should acquit him of the service which Richard de Cavereswell exacted from him for the freehold which he held of the said Richard, and of which Richard de Draycote is mesne lord and ought to acquit him. Richard did not appear, and is to be attached for the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 196.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Roger de Caverswall sued John son of William de Pykestok and John de Wenlok for a debt of 6 marks. They did not appear, and are to be attached for the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 196.

Staff. John de Ferrars sued Robert de Bures for causing waste and destruction in the lands, houses, and woods and gardens of Charteley, which Robert held for term of his life only, of the inheritance of the said John. Robert did not appear, and is to be attached for the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 245.

Staff. Robert de Somerforde was summoned by Jordan de Hamelhamstede in a plea that he had taken and unjustly detained two cows belonging to him. Robert stated that one John de Sempingham held of him a message and half a virgate of land in Somerforde by homage and fealty and the service of 4s. yearly, and suit at his court every three weeks; and he had taken the cattle in a place called La Grave, within his fee, because the service was in arrear. Jordan stated that the cattle were taken out of the fee on the high road, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of all Souls. *m.* 213, *dorso.*

Staff. Thomas son of Hugh de Weston, and John de Bradele, withdrew their plea of debt against John de Stretton, the parson of the Church of Weston near Brewode. *m.* 193, *dorso.*

Staff. Robert Gerveys and Petronilla his wife sued James son of William de Thyknesse for a third of ten messuages, two carucates of land, and 40s. of rent in Sheperig, in Newcastle-under-Lyme, which they claimed as dower. James did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m.* 179, *dorso.*

Staff. In the suit of Richard de Blithefeld and Richard de Wolseye against Richard de Herthull to acquit them of the service due to Peter de Gresleye for tenements in Wulseleye, the Sheriff returned that Richard de Herthull held nothing within his bailiwick by which he could be attached, and it was testified he held sufficient at Herthull in co. Derby. The Sheriff of Derbyshire was therefore ordered to summon him for the morrow of St. Martin. A postscript further adjourns the suit to three weeks from Easter. *m.* 87, *dorso.*

Staff. John de St. Maur sued Alianora the wife of Thomas de Pyvelsdon (who had been admitted to sue by the default of the said Thomas) for twenty acres of land and two meadows in Felde (Field) as his right and inheritance, and in which Thomas and Alianora had no entry except by a demise which Henry de St. Maur, the grandfather of John, whose heir he is, had made to one Walter de Otteford for a term now expired.

Alianora called to warranty Philip son of Philip de Chetewynde Knight, who appeared and warranted the tenements to her, and stated that John had no right, because Henry de St. Maur, from whose seisin he claimed, had remitted and quit-claimed all his right to Philip de Chetewynde his father; and he produced the deed of Henry. John denied that the deed was executed by his grandfather, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin, and the deed in the meantime was handed into the custody of J. Bacun the King's clerk, and all the witnesses to the deed were dead. A postscript adds that on the Octaves of the Purification, 1 E. II., one Philip son of the said Philip, son of Philip, appeared in Court, and stated that his father (the defendant) was dead, and prayed that the deed might be given

up to him as his heir. And after it was testified in Court by Nicholas de Warreyke that Philip his father was dead, and that he, the said Philip, was his heir, the deed was delivered up to him in full Court (*in plenâ Curia*). *m.* 84, *dorso*.

Essex, Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Reginald le Wodeward of Wolverhampton, sued William de Fynchefeld of Overe Penne, and Magister Richard Walraund, Clerk, for a third of twelve and a half acres of land in Overe Penne in co. Stafford, which she claimed as dower; and they did not appear at the day given to them at Trinity term, but they afterwards appeared in Court and called to warranty Richard son of Seburn de Bures. The Sheriff was therefore commanded to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them to hear judgment at the Octaves of St. Michael. *m.* 23, *dorso*.

Staff. Mabel formerly wife of Geoffrey de Gorsthull sued Reginald le Bedel of Lychefeld, for an acre and a half in Elmhurst as her right and *maritagium*, etc. (*as before*). Reginald pleaded that he held the land conjointly with one Amice his wife, who was not named in the writ; and as Mabel could not deny this, she asked permission to withdraw it. *m.* 22, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to raise £150 from the lands and chattels of Edmund Baron of Stafford, and the Sheriff of Warwickshire was ordered to raise £50 from the lands of the same Baron, for debts owing by the said Edmund to Ralph de Hengham. *m.* 7, *dorso*.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbizun sued John Gyffard of Chylington and Alditha his wife for the manor of Chylington, of which Margaret Corbizun his kinswoman was seized as of fee when she died. John and Alditha took exception to the writ because they did not hold the whole manor, and they stated that one Thomas de Hyda held a messuage and a virgate of land in it, and Ralph Gyffard a messuage and a croft, and the Prioress and Nuns of Brewode held a messuage and half a virgate of land, and held those tenements when the writ was issued, viz., on the 6th March, 32 E. I. Roger replied that John and Alditha held the whole manor either in demesne, or as of alms, or as of service, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 1, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. MICHAELMAS, 33 E. I.

Staff. William Sauvage and Lucy his wife not appearing to prosecute their suit for dower against Richard Constantyn, it is dismissed. *m.* 83.

Staff. John de Swynnerton sued Katerina formerly wife of Nicholas de Audeleye and James de Stafford, in a plea that each of them should pay him a debt of £40, which they unjustly detained. The defendants did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 103.

Staff. Richard le Eyr sued William son of William de Kynthon for two parts of a messuage and a virgate of land in Knynton near Woninton; and he sued Richard le Brer and Cecilia his wife for a third of a messuage and a virgate of land in the same vill, of which William le Eyr his grandfather, whose heir he is, had died seized as of fee, and he stated that the said William his grandfather was seized of the tenements in the reign of King Henry the King's father, and from the said William the fee descended to one Adam as son and heir, and from Adam to Richard who now sues. The defendants appeared, and Richard and Cecilia stated they held the third part as dower of Cecily, and they called to warranty William son of William de Kynthon, who is to be summoned for the morrow of the Purification; and William pleaded that the said William le Eyr the grandfather did not die seized of the tene-

ments as asserted by Richard, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the same date. *m.* 119.

Heref., Wygorn., Staff. Hugh de Aldythele and Isolda his wife appeared by attorney against Peter de Gavaston, Walter de Thornbury, Roger de Mortimer, Richard de Baskerville, Grimbald Pauncefot, Milo Pychard, John de Mortimer, Hugh Godard, Walter Devereux, William ap Pheip, Ralph de Wyntercote, John Devereux of Bredwardyn, Robert de Stepelton, Richard de Harle, Walter de Huggefod, Peter de Eyton, Philip de Stepelton, Richard de Leghton, and many others named, the *custodes* of the lands of Roger son and heir of Edmund de Mortimer, in a plea that they should be present to warrant to them together with the King and Margaret formerly wife of Edmund de Mortimer, custodians of the body of the said heir, the third part of the manor of Arneleye, excepting the weirs in the Severn and the manor of la Bure in the same manor in co. Stafford, which Margaret formerly wife of Edmund de Mortimer claimed as dower. And they did not appear; and the Sheriff of Hereford returned that Walter Devereux, Ralph de Wyntercote, and Richard de Leighton were dead; and the Sheriffs were ordered to take into the King's hand land belonging to the heir in custody in proportion, etc., and to summon the custodians for the Quindene of Easter, and to send an extent of the value of the land in the hands of each *custos*; and the Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to send an extent of the dower claimed and in question between the parties at the same date. A postscript states that the Sheriff of Stafford sent an extent at the above term, which showed that the tenements in question were worth annually £29 and 21½*d.* The suit was further adjourned till the Quindene of Hillary. *m.* 142.

Staff. In the suit of Hugh de Okoure (Okeover) *versus* William son of William de Pykestok and Thomas his brother, for illegally levying a distress outside their fee at Melewych, the Sheriff returned that William was dead. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain Thomas and produce him at the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 274.

Staff. William Orpinger of Sondon (Sandon) and Margaret his wife, sued Richard son of Richard Wolrich of Sondon for a third of twelve acres of land and two acres of meadow in Sondon; and they sued Richard de Aston for a third of an acre of land, and Nicholas le Mouner of Sondon for a third of seven acres, and Alexander de le Hul of Sondon for a third of an acre in the same vill, as dower of the said Margaret, of the dotation of Richard Wolrich her first husband.

Richard appeared *in propria personâ*, and the other defendants by attorney, and they stated the plaintiffs had no claim to dower from the above tenements, because the said Richard had assigned to her a messuage and twelve acres of land in the said vill in allocation of dower, and with which she had declared herself to be content, and she had been put into seisin of them. William and Margaret denied this, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of Hillary. *m.* 279.

Staff. Joan formerly wife of Robert de Huggefod sued William son of Robert de Huggefod of Hildulveston, for a third of the manor of Hildulveston; and she sued Robert de Grendon for a third of six acres, and Robert son of Walter de Melewyz for a third of five acres, and Robert le Mareschal of Aston near Stane for a third of six acres, and William son of Ralph de Melewyz for a third of four acres, and Ralph de Bradeheved for a third of six acres, and William le Bercher for a third of three acres, and William de Miravalle of Hildulveston for a third of twenty-four acres, and William son of Richard son of Matilda for a third of twenty-two acres, and William Jordan for a third of twenty acres, and Richard del Brok for a third of nine acres, and Thomas Ody for a third of five acres, and Nicholas Spanderaye of Aston for a third of five acres and a rood of land, and Henry Neot of Stone for a third

of one and a half acres, and Geoffrey de Copenhale and Nesta his wife for a third of two acres, and John son of Thomas Rose for a third of two acres, and John Matheu for a third of two and a half acres, and John Page for a third of two and a half acres, and Adam de Berlaston for a third of three and a half acres, and Richard le Spenser for a third of two acres, and Thomas Dun for a third of three and a half acres, and William Oldman for a third of two acres, and William Phelip for the third of half an acre, and Richard de Hales for a third of four acres, and John son of Robert de Huggefard for a third of a messuage and two acres, and thirty other tenants in the same vill for a third of their holdings in the same vill, as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the morrow of the Purification.¹ *m.* 405.

Staff. William Wyther gives 20s. for license of concord with Reginald son of Reginald de Legh, respecting tenements in Caldon.² *m.* 425.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of John de Wanton sued John son of John fitz Philip for a third of the manor of Bobyngton as her dower. John stated that he held the said manor for term of his life by the concession of John son of John de Wanton, and that the reversion of the manor after his death fell to one Joan the wife of Hugh de Hepham, daughter and heir of the said John son of John de Wanton, and he called to warranty Hugh and Joan; and Joan was under age; and their lands were in the seisin of the said Hugh and Joan by virtue of a fine levied in 15 E. I. between John son of John fitz Philip, complainant, and John son of John de Wanton, deforciant, of the manor of Bubyn-ton, by which fine the said John son of John fitz Philip acknowledged the said manor to be the right of the said John son of John de Wanton; for which acknowledgment, etc., the same John son of John de Wanton conceded to John son of John fitz Philip the said manor, to be held of John son of John de Wanton and his heirs for the life of the said John son of John fitz Philip, etc.; and the said John son of John fitz Philip not being able to produce a transcript of the fine, a mandate was sent to Roger Brabazoun and his fellow Justices to send a transcript of it under their seals at the Quindene of Hillary; and the said John son of John de Wanton is to be summoned for the same date, the summons to be served in cos. Ebor and Lincoln. *m.* 426.

Salop. John son of Thomas Mauveysin of Berwick sued the Prior of Wambrigge (Wombridge) for the third of a mill in Orpinton, of which Henry Mauveysin his grandfather had been seised in demesne as of fee in the reign of King Henry the King's father. The Prior denied that the said Henry had died seised of the tenement, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for five weeks from Easter. *m.* 438, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard de Delves sued Ralph de Bromleye and Agnes his wife in a plea that they should warrant to him a bovate of land in Dimmesdale which he held and claimed to hold of them, and for which he held their deed. Ralph and Agnes did not appear, and are to be attached for a month from Easter. *m.* 428, *dorso*.

Staff. Adam de Leghe sued William de Wolseleye in a plea that he caused waste and destruction in the houses and gardens in Bertherton which

¹ This suit will give the reader an idea of the subdivision of the land in England in the thirteenth century. It will be perceived that there were no less than seventy-four freeholders in the single manor of Hilderstone, besides a resident lord of the manor, William de Huggefard.

² By this fine Reginald acknowledged a messuage and three bovates and two acres of land, and half a bovate of land, and sixty acres of wood and sixteen acres of pasture in Caldon, to be the right of William Wyther, for which William gave him £100. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 34 E. I.)

Adam had demised to him for a term of years. William did not appear, and is to be attached for the Quindene of Hillary. *m. 126, dorso.*

Berks. An assize of last presentation to the Church of Suthdencheworth (South Dengeworth), the adwoson of which William Waldyf of Wylbrighton claimed against Magister William de Bosco. And he stated that one William Russel the grandfather of William Waldyv, whose heir he is, in the time of King Henry the King's father had presented to the Church one William de Shireburne, who had been admitted, etc.; and he stated that one Adam, the ancestor of the said William (Russel) had presented one George of Chester, who had been admitted, etc., in the reign of King Henry, and one Hervey¹ the ancestor of the said Adam had presented in the reign of King John one Stephen de Wode, who had been admitted, etc., and one Adam the ancestor of the said Hervey had presented in the reign of King John one Thomas de Wilbrighton, who had been admitted and instituted on his presentation. Magister William took exception to the writ because the Church was not vacant, but was filled by one Magister Robert de Ocle, and who held it at the date of the writ, viz., 28th May, 33 E. I., and which he was prepared to prove. A mandate was therefore to be sent to the Bishop of Salisbury to return at Hillary term whether the Church was vacant or not. A postscript states that at the date named the Bishop returned that the Church was not vacant, because in April, 1299, he had admitted and instituted Robert de Ocle to the Church on the presentation of Magister William de Bosco. The suit was therefore dismissed. *m. 3, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 34 E. I.

Staff. In the suit of Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Halghton for dower against Richard de Dockesey and Margaret his wife, and in which the defendants had called to warranty Thomas son and heir of the said Robert de Halghton, who was under age, etc., the *custodes* of the heir and his lands now appeared and prayed it might be shown why they ought to warrant, and Richard and Margaret stated that in 31 E. I., at Easter a fine was levied at York between the said Richard and Margaret, complainants, and the said Robert brother (*sic*) of the said Thomas, whose heir he is, of the manor of Dockeseye and of 83 acres of land, 26 acres of meadow, 2 acres of wood, and 8 acres of heath in Selkemor (Silkmoor), Gretwode, Bradelegh, and Welaston (Wollaston), by which the said Richard acknowledged the said tenements to be the right of Robert, and which the said Robert had of the gift of the said Richard, and for this recognition, etc., the same Robert conceded to Richard and Margaret the said tenements to hold to them and the heirs of the body of the said Richard, rendering a rose yearly for all service, and with a clause of warranty for himself and heirs; and he produced the fine, and the custodians then warranted to them to the amount of the valuations of their respective parts of the inheritance, and all the *custodes* excepting the said Juliana, stated that the said Juliana at Michaelmas, 32 E. I., when the said Richard and Margaret called the heir to warranty, held land in soccage sufficient to meet the claim for dower, and it was in her custody and of the inheritance of the heir, and Juliana admitted this, but stated that the said Thomas had afterwards taken it from her and was now seised of it, and Richard de Wyluby, for the said Thomas, stated that the tenements held in soccage were valued at less than half their true value, and prayed another extent might be made. The Sheriffs of cos. Salop and Stafford were therefore commanded to make a new extent of all the tenements, which the

¹This must be Hervey de Wilbrighton, the tenant of Robert de Stafford at Wilbrighton. See notes on the "Liber Niger" in Vol. I. of these Collections.

said Juliana held in soccage, and to return it into Court at the Quindene of Easter.

A postscript states that on that day the Sheriff of Salop sent the extent, by which it appeared that Juliana held on the date named, of the inheritance of the said Thomas, two parts of a messuage in the vill of Wythinton, worth 8*d.*, also forty acres of land worth half a mark, the acre being worth 2*d.*, also three acres of meadow worth 2*s.* annually, also two acres of wood worth 12*d.*, also rents of free tenants and natives £4 17*s.* 4*d.*, and the labour of the villein tenants was worth 7*s.* and their aid (*auxilium*) 24*s.* 2½*d.* Also she held in the open field (*campo*) of Berewyk, three acres of land worth 6*d.* annually. The sum of which is £6 19*s.* 4½*d.* And in the same day Juliana and the custodians appeared by their attornies, and Juliana claimed her dower; and as the custodians, and Juliana were contented with the above valuation, it is considered that Richard and Margaret should hold their lands in peace, and that Juliana should take her dower from the said tenements, and which were in the custody of the said Juliana on the above date, and the custodians of the other lands were dismissed from the suit. *m.* 58.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to distrain Juliana formerly wife of Henry de Colton, and to produce her in Court to acknowledge what right she claimed in thirty-eight acres of land, five of meadow, twenty acres of wood, 3*s.* 4*d.* of rent, and the third part of a messuage and mill in Colton, Neulond and Blithebury, which Robert son of Henry de Colton had granted to William son of John le Mareschal by a fine; and she did not appear. The Sheriff had distrained and returned 10*d.* as proceeds. He was therefore ordered to distrain again, and produce her at the Quindene of Hillary. A postscript states the Sheriff sent no return at that term, and he was ordered to produce her at the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 72.

Warw. William son of William de Tamynhorn sued Roger de Somervyle for three acres in Stoctone near Sutham by writ *de avo*.¹ Roger stated he held the tenements for term of his life only of John de Somervyle, and called him to warranty. Adjourned to the Quindene of Trinity. A postscript adjourns the suit again to the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 83.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Henry de Salt sued Magister Robert de Bromleye and Ralph de Hampton for the third of a water mill in Neuton near Blithefeld as her dower; and the defendants had made default on the morrow of All Souls, and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon the parties for this day, and they appeared, and Agnes claimed her dower by their default; and they denied the summons. It is therefore considered they should wage their law; and a day was given to them at the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 106.

Derb. The Abbot of Roucestre, the executor of Urian de St. Pierre, sued William Pychard, William de Hundesaker (Handsacre), and Edmund son of Geoffrey de Greseleye, the executors of the will of Geoffrey de Greseleye, for a debt ten marks; and they did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at a month from Easter. *m.* 125.

Ebor., Staff. John son of John fitz Philip sued Hugh de Hepham and Joan his wife in a plea that they should warrant to him the third part of the manor of Bobynton in co. Stafford, which Margaret formerly wife of John de Wanton claimed as dower; and they did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to take land belonging to Hugh and Joan into the King's hand to the value of the dower claimed; and as the value of the dower was not known, the Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to appraise it, and return the valuation into Court at three weeks from Easter. A postscript states the

¹ A form of writ of mort d'ancestor.

Sheriff sent the valuation on that day, which showed that the manor was worth £21 12s. 11½*d.* annually. *m.* 149.

Staff. Adam de Mucleston and Scolastica his wife sued William le Hore of Frodeswelle for a third of seven and a half acres of land in Frodeswelle (Fradswell), and they sued Nicholas le Hore of Frodeswelle for a third of twenty-four acres, and they sued Henry son of John de le Hethe and Cecilia formerly wife of John de le Hethe for the third of a messuage and ten acres in the same vill as the dower of Scolastica, of the dotation of Thomas Meverel her first husband. William stated he held four and a half acres from which dower was claimed for term of his life, of the inheritance of Thomas son and heir of Thomas Meverel, and the rest for a term of thirty years, and he produced a deed of Thomas Meverel the father, by which Thomas Meverel gave to him for a term of thirty years two places in Frodeswell, which contained three acres, and with a clause of warranty; and he produced another deed of the same Thomas, by which he demised to him a *cultura* of land in Frodeswelle, which contained four and a half acres, and with a clause of warranty; and Henry and Cecilia stated that Cecilia held nothing except as wife of Henry; and Henry stated that he held the tenements for a term of years of the inheritance of the said Thomas the son and heir of Thomas Meverel, and he produced a deed which showed that Thomas Meverel the father had conveyed to John de le Hethe of Frodeswell, the father of Henry, whose heir he is, a messuage, gardens, and buildings, and the land and meadow, together with Hosthulesclif, for a term of twenty years, and with a clause of warranty; and the said William and Henry called to warranty Thomas son and heir of Thomas Meverel, who with his land is in the custody of the said Adam and Scolastica; and Nicholas also called the same Thomas to warranty, and he produced a deed of Thomas the father, by which he granted to Nicholas and his heirs a piece of land in the wood of Frodeswelle which contained twenty-four acres and with a clause of warranty. The *custodes* are therefore to produce the heir at a month from Easter. *m.* 175.

Staff. The suit of Amabilla formerly wife of Edmund de Legh *versus* Emma formerly wife of Philip de Legh and Reginald son of the same Philip, is respited till three weeks from Easter through defect of a jury. *m.* 193.

Staff. John de Swynnerton sued Katrine formerly wife of Nicholas de Andeleye for a debt of £40; and he stated that she had bound herself to him for the above sum on the Saturday after the Feast of St. Matthew, 29 E. I., the debt to be repaid by instalments of 10 marks at Newcastle-under-Lyme, and he produced her bond. Katherine appeared by attorney and acknowledged her bond, for which John remitted his damages and £10 of the debt. John is therefore to recover £30. A postscript states that John afterwards appeared and obtained a writ of "*elegit.*" *m.* 201.

Staff. Juliana daughter of Gilbert of the Hulle sued Henry Crombe and Isabella his wife for half a messuage and twenty-four acres of land in Lychefeld, which should fall to her of the inheritance of Sampson son of Gilbert, the brother of Juliana and Isabella, whose heirs they are, and who had lately died. Henry and Isabella stated that Sampson did not die seised of the tenements, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist, on which day a postscript says Juliana appeared, but Henry and Isabella essoigned themselves *de malo veniendi* against her; and a day was given to them at the Quindene of St. Martin, 35 E. I., on which day the parties appeared, and the Sheriff sent no writ, and the suit was adjourned to the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 221.

Staff. Thomas Brun gives half a mark for license of concord with Geoffrey le Brun respecting tenements in Alvetone, Denstone, and Farleye. *m.* 254.

Staff. Simon le Scot of Bromleye Regis sued Roger son of Thomas Corbet in a plea that he should warrant to him seventeen acres of land in Bromley Regis, which he claimed to hold of him. Roger did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing in co. Stafford, and it was shown he held sufficient in co. Salop. The Sheriff of Salop was therefore ordered to attach him for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. A postscript adjourns the suit to the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 261, *dorso*.

Staff. Nicholas Randolf and William de Mersshton, the executors of William de Pykestoke, sued Richard Spigornel and Henry son of William de Wolaston and William de la Donne, in a plea that each of them should render to them 8 marks which they unjustly detained. The defendants did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the Octaves of Trinity. *m.* 233, *dorso*.

Staff. Dionisia formerly wife of John le Bret, senior, sued Hugh de Aldytheleye and Isolda his wife for the third of a messuage and carucate of land, twenty acres of wood, and twenty acres of pasture, and ten acres of meadow and 100s. of rent in Chesterton, as her dower. Hugh and Isolda called to warranty William son of William de Thickenesse, who is to be summoned for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 225, *dorso*.

Staff. John de Chetewynde sued Robert de Staundon for causing waste and destruction in houses, woods, and gardens, which he held in custody of the inheritance of John in Weston near Staundon. Robert did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Quindene of Trinity. A postscript states the Sheriff made no return at that date, and the suit was adjourned to the morrow of All Souls. *m.* 115, *dorso*.

Staff. William Orpinger of Sondon and Margaret his wife sued Henry de Horseleye for a third of eight acres of land in Sondon (Sandon), and they sued Amice formerly wife of Thomas the Clerk for a third of four acres in the same vill as dower. Henry and Amice stated they held only for a term by the demise of one Richard son of Richard Wolfrich, whom they called to warranty. Richard is to be summoned for the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 87, *dorso*.

Staff. Juliana formerly wife of Robert de Hugeford sued Eva de Oswaldestre for the third of a water-mill in Hildulveston (Hilderstone) as dower. Eva called to warranty William son of Robert de Hugeford, who is to be summoned for a month from Easter. *m.* 87, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. EASTER, 34 E. I.

Staff. William son of Robert de Hugeford sued Walter de Hugeford in a plea that he should acquit him of the service which William de Chetewynde exacted from him for the tenement which he held of the said Walter in Hildulveston (Hilderstone), and in which Walter was mesne lord between them. Walter did not appear, and the Sheriff returned he held nothing within his county, and it was shown that he held sufficient in co. Salop. The Sheriff of Salop was therefore commanded to summon him for the Octaves of Michaelmas, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to attach him according to Statute. *m.* 21.

Staff. William son of Robert de Hugeford sued Elyas atte Lowe for an acre and a half of land in Hildulveston (Hilderstone), and he sued William le Caretter for an acre and a half of land in the same vill, and Adam de Preers and Alice his wife for six acres in the same vill, and John son of John de Brok, for six acres in the same vill. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m.* 52.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Henry de Salt sued Robert de Bromleye and Ralph de Hampton for a third of a water mill in Blythefeld as her dower. Robert and Ralph called to warranty Isabella and Margaret the daughters and heirs of Henry de Salt, whose persons and lands are in the custody of the said Agnes. And he produced a deed of Henry son of Hugh de Salt, which showed that Henry gave to Magister Robert (de Bromleye) and Ralph, the said mill for a term of thirty years, and after thirty years they were to render to the said Henry and his heirs 100s. yearly, and which contained a clause of warranty. Agnes was therefore ordered to produce the heirs to warrant the tenements at the Quindene of Trinity. *m.* 76.

Staff. Matilda (*sic*) formerly wife of John le Bret recovers a third of a messuage and a carucate of land, etc., in Chesterton as dower against Hugh de Aldytheleye and Isolda his wife, through default of the defendants. *m.* 104.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbizun sued Simon son of Ralph Cotyn of Buckenhale for six acres of land in Maddele-under-Lyme, in which the said Simon had no entry except by a disseisin which Simon Cotyn had made of Peter Corbizun his father. And Simon had made default at the last Octaves of Michaelmas, and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the tenements into the King's hands, and to summon the parties to hear judgment at this term, and upon this one Simon appeared who called himself son of the said Ralph, and stated that he held the said tenements, and held them at the date of the writ; and he prayed that he might not lose them by the default of the said Simon, who had died long before the date of the writ. And Roger stated that the said Simon who called himself son of Ralph did not hold the tenements in question, and that Simon, against whom he sued, was alive and held the tenements, and held them at the date of the writ; and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for three weeks from Michaelmas; on which day, a postscript states, the Sheriff sent no writ, and the suit was adjourned till the Purification of the Blessed Mary. *m.* 127.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of Peter de Colecestre sued Ralph le Despencer for a third of a messuage and five acres and a half of land in Elleford; and she sued William son of Roger de Cumberford for a third of a pound of pepper in the same vill, and William son of Alan Brabazun of Cumberton (*sic*) for a third of an acre of pasture; and she sued Osbert Everard of Tamworth for a third of a messuage and half a virgate of land in the same vill; and Robert Hastang for a third of two acres in Badenhale, which she claimed as dower. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Trinity. *m.* 141.

Staff. The Abbot of Roncestre, the executor of Urian de St. Pierre, sued William de Hundesaker (Handsacre) and Edmund son of Geoffrey de Greseleye, the executors of Geoffrey de Greseleye, for a debt of 10 marks; and they did not appear; and the Sheriff had been ordered to distrain, etc., and he now returned that he had distrained William by his chattels to the value of 20*d.*, and that Edmund held nothing within his bailiwick, and it was shown he held sufficient at Kynkeston (Kingston). The Sheriff was ordered to distrain as before, and to produce them on the morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 218.

Staff. Adam Coyne was sued by Thomas Earl of Lancaster for customs and right services owing for the free tenement he held of him in Uttoxhather (Uttoxeter) and Marchinton; and the Earl stated by his attorney that whereas the said Adam held of him four messuages and three hundred and nineteen acres of land and fourteen acres of meadow, sixty acres of moor and marsh, by homage and fealty, and the service of a tenth of a Knight's fee and a rent of 10s. annually, he had unjustly withheld the service, and for which he

claimed £10 as damages. A concord was made, by which Adam acknowledged he held of the Earl a messuage called Wolvesbrugge, and twenty-four acres of land in Wolvesbruggefild, and seventy acres of land called Knyghtslond, and seven acres of wood which was waste, and ten acres called Oldeheth, and three acres formerly belonging to Richard Brun called Brunescroft, and two acres at Birchenehull, and twenty acres in Fennifeld, and ten acres formerly belonging to Thomas le Mouner (the miller), and eight acres called Wodewarddefeld, and eighteen called Longehethe, and three called Mounerparrok, and three called Chreneschawe, and seven called Barnesfeld, and three formerly belonging to Thomas son of Adam, and ten formerly belonging to Geoffrey Oweyn, and a piece of moor and marsh called le mos, containing sixty acres, and two acres of meadow near the same, and two acres near the road of Coundesle, all in the said vill of Uſtoxhather, and that he held three messuages, ninety-five acres of land, and ten acres of meadow in Marchinton, viz., a messuage called Modiesmor, containing nearly four acres, and forty acres adjacent to it, and thirty acres of wood which was waste at Coundesley, and six acres called Bassetfeld, and ten called Tornorfeld, and () near le Ryfhay which belonged to Roger de Dounes, and twenty-one acres of land called Lyghtiwode, and six acres of meadow in Morelesmor, and a messuage and thirty acres of land which Robert Oweyn holds, and a messuage and twenty-eight acres of land which Henry atte Wode holds, and ten acres which Henry Brun holds, and ten acres of land and four of meadow which William Morel holds. And he acknowledged that the above tenements were held by homage and fealty and the service of one-tenth of a Knight's fee. *m.* 245.

Staff. Roger de Engelfeld came into Court on the Friday the morrow of the Ascension, 34 E. I., and acknowledged his deed in these words, and prayed it might be enrolled: *Sciant, etc., quod ego Rogerus de Engelfeld dedi, etc., domino Willelmo de Bereford, militi, omnes terras et tenementa mea et quicquid habui in villâ de Hemele (Himley) et Swendon (Swindon), tam in dominio quam in servitiis liberis, una cum villanis, eorum sequelis, et villenagiis et aliis quibuscunque aisiamentis quæ ego Rogerus vel antecessores mei percipere et habere solebamus in predictis villis. Habendum et tenendum idem domino Willelmo et heredibus suis quousque ego dictus Rogerus vel heredes mei solverimus eidem domino Willelmo vel heredibus suis triginta marcas argenti, et cum ego dictus Rogerus vel heredes mei dictam solutionem eidem domino Willelmo vel heredibus suis semel fecerimus ad plenum, idem dominus Willelmus, concedit pro se et heredibus suis quod ipse vel heredes sui extunc reddent predicto Rogero vel heredibus suis ad eo integre omnes terras et tenementa in predictis villis sicut idem dominus Willelmus tenementa illa recepit de predicto Rogero. In cuius rei, etc. His testibus, Domino Willelmo de Harpedene, Domino Willelmo Wace, Ricardo de Stonore, Willelmo de Craunford, Roberto de Stoke, et aliis.* *m.* 258, dorso.

Staff. Elena formerly wife of Adam le Venur gives half a mark for license of concord with Adam Coyne in a plea of covenant respecting tenements in Uttokeshather, Marchynton, Cundesley, Thornyhull, Horecros, Melewych, Huntenesbache, Kyngeston, Lockesley, and Cõtune. *m.* 252, dorso.¹

Staff. Richard de Delves gives half a mark for license of concord with

¹ By this fine Elena acknowledged two messuages, three hundred acres of land, thirty-seven acres of wood, sixty acres of moor, and £4 annual rent in Uttokeshather and the other places named, to be the right of Adam, and for which acknowledgment, etc., Adam granted the said tenements to Elena for her life, with remainder to Thomas son of Adam le Venur and heirs of his body; and if he should die *s. p.*, to Adam brother of Thomas, etc.; and if Adam, etc., then to John brother of Adam, etc.; and if John, etc., then to Edmund brother of John, etc.; and if Edmund, etc., then to William brother of Edmund, etc.; and if William, etc.; then to right heirs of Adam le Venur. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 34 E. I.)

Ralph de Bromleye and Agnes his wife respecting tenements in Dymmesdale. *m.* 191, *dorso*.

Staff. Nicholas de Carliolo (Carlisle) and Alice his wife not appearing to prosecute their plea against Andrew the Parson of the Church of Evenefeld (Enville) to recover chattels to the value of £70 which he unjustly detained, the suit was dismissed. *m.* 62, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff had been commanded to take with him four discreet and lawful Knights of the county, and to proceed in his own person to the court of Edmund de Somerville of Alrewas, and in full court cause to be recorded the suit which was before the said court by the King's writ of right between Adam son of Robert Gode and Richard son of Nicholas son of Amice of Alrewas, respecting a messuage and a virgate of land in Edenyngehale (Eddinghall), and respecting which the said Adam complained a false verdict had been delivered, and to have the record in Court at this term under his seal, and by four lawful men of the said Court who were present when the record was made, and to summon the said Richard to be in Court at the same time. And Richard did not appear; and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Quindene of Michaelmas. And the Sheriff returned he had proceeded to the court of Alrewas, and in presence of Philip de Somerville, Robert Herny, Richard Herny, and John de Wyrley, four men of the court had, etc. (*as above*), and they did not appear. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain, and produce them at the said term. *m.* 62, *dorso*.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbizun withdrew his writ against John Giffard of Chilynton and Alditha his wife in a plea of land. *m.* 51, *dorso*.

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 34 E. I.

Rotel. John de Wasteneys, the executor of Gilbert de Umframville, sued Walter de Blaunkenay in a plea that he should render to him a reasonable account for the time he was bailiff of Gilbert in Market Overton and Hameldon. Walter did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest him and produce him on the morrow of All Souls. *m.* 8.

Salop. Henry Gregori of Salop sued Henry de Verdun, Roger son of Jordan de Pulesdone, and John de Cotes, in a plea that they should each render to him 60s., which they unjustly detained; and they did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon them, and returned that he had summoned Roger son of Jordan, but that Henry and John held nothing in co. Salop; and it was shown they held sufficient at Derlaston and at Cotes in co. Stafford. The Sheriff of Staffordshire was therefore ordered to summon them for the morrow of All Souls. *m.* 34.

Staff. Robert le Mareschal of Aston and Agnes his wife give half a mark for license of concord with Nicholas fitz Herberd respecting the third part of the manor of Aston near Stone.¹ *m.* 37.

Staff. John de Benteley sued Richard Osbern of Esington to give up to him three deeds which he unjustly detained. Richard did not appear, and is to be attached for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m.* 38.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbizoun sued Richard son of Richard de Grafton for three acres in Madeley; and Richard had made default on the Octaves of Hillary last, and afterwards appeared in Court and prayed a view;

¹ By this fine Nicholas acknowledged a third of the manor of Aston, a messuage and a virgate and a half of land, and a rent of 6*d.*, and of a pair of spurs in Blakelowe to be the right of Robert, and for which Robert and Agnes gave to Nicholas 100 marks. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*)

and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon him for this day to hear judgment; and Roger now claimed the tenements by default of Richard; and Richard pleaded that his default should not prejudice him, because a fortnight before the last Octaves of Hillary he had beaten one Thomas Kele at Madeley and caused an effusion of blood, on account of which the hue and cry was raised against him, and one Richard de Vernay the constable of the peace (*constabularius pacis*) of that place had put him into prison for the following three weeks, so that he could not be present in Court to answer the said Roger, and this he was prepared to prove. Roger stated that at the date in question Richard was out of prison, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of All Souls. *m.* 55.

Staff. Adam Coyne gives half a mark for license of concord with William de Assheby respecting tenements in Merchington. *m.* 78.

Ebor., Staff. In the suit of Margaret formerly wife of John de Wanton *versus* John son of John fitz Philip for a third part of the manor of Bobyngton which she claimed as dower, Hugh de Hephham and Joan his wife appeared and warranted her dower to Margaret; and as it was shown that the said Hugh and Joan held sufficient of the tenements of the said John formerly husband of Margaret (to satisfy the claim), it is considered that John son of John fitz Philip should hold his land in peace, and Margaret should be compensated from the land of the said Hugh and Joan to the value of her dower, in co. York. And Hugh and Joan are *in misericordia*, because they did not grant the dower in the first instance. *m.* 88.

Staff. Christiana formerly wife of John Finch sued Hugh le Ridere for the third of a messuage and ten acres of land in Lychefeld. Hugh stated he held the tenements for the term of life of one Margaret formerly wife of Hugh de Eynesham, and called to warranty Ralph son of Ralph de Pipe, who is to be summoned for the Octaves of Michaelmas. *m.* 95.

Staff. Robert de Bromleye and Ralph de Hampton sued Agnes formerly wife of Henry de Salt, the custodian of the persons and lands of Isabella and Margaret daughters and heirs of Henry de Salt, in a plea that they should warrant to them the third part of a watermill in Blitthefeld which the said Agnes claimed as dower; and she did not appear. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to take into the King's hand, land of the said Isabella and Margaret to the value of the dower claimed, and to summon her for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 140.

Staff. Petronilla formerly wife of Ralph Carles sued William Musberd for five acres of land and an acre of meadow in Admodeston (Adnaston) and Blitthefeld; and he did not appear; and he had previously made default at the Quindene of Hillary; and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and he had done nothing in the matter. He was therefore ordered as before to summon him for the morrow of St. Martin, and the Sheriff to be present, etc. *m.* 150.

Staff. Richard Costantyn sued Richard de Stretton the bailiff of Thomas Earl of Lancaster of the Honor of Lancaster in co. Stafford, in a plea that whereas the said Richard Costantyn should have, and he and his ancestors from time out of memory had had view of frankpledge and fines for the infraction of the assize of bread and beer at Thorp Costantyn from the men and tenants of the said vill, the said Richard de Stretton together with William of Neuton Sulny had unjustly impeded the said view and fines from his men and tenants aforesaid, to the no small damage of the said Richard Costantyn, and against the tenor of the King's mandate directed to the said Richard de Stretton and William. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to summon them, and returned they held nothing within

his bailiwick, and it was shown they held sufficient. The Sheriff was therefore commanded as before to summon them for the morrow of St. Martin; on which day he sent no writ, and was commanded to summon them for three weeks from Easter, and to be present himself. *m.* 152.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Reginald le Wodeward sued William de Fynchynghfeld and Emma his wife, and Henry son of the said William, for the third of fifty acres of land in Overpenne as dower. The defendants called to warranty Magister Richard Walrand, who now appeared and warranted the tenements to them, and called to warranty Richard son of Seburn de Burs, who is to be summoned in the counties of Essex and Suffolk. *m.* 152.

Staff. Margaret formerly wife of William de Bagenholt sued Adam son of Hugh le Carpenter of Bothum for a third of a messuage, and two bovates of land, and three acres of meadow in Great Barksford, which she claimed as dower. Adam did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m.* 166.

Staff. Katerina (*sic*) formerly wife of William de Bagenholt sued Adam son of Hugh le Carpenter of Bothum for the third of two parts of a messuage, two bovates of land, and three acres of meadow in Great Barksford, which she claimed as dower. Adam did not appear, etc. (*the same process as in the last suit*). *m.* 166.

Staff. Adam de Legh sued William de Wulseleye for causing waste and destruction in the houses and gardens in Bertherton, which he had demised to him for a term. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 188.

Warw. Brother William de la More, the Master of the Knight Templars in England, Brother William de la Forche, and Brother Walter de Jonesby, were summoned by Robert le Harpur of Chesterton in a plea that they had aken and unjustly distrained his cattle, viz., from a place in Cesterton called ortechalanges, a horse and a colt, on the Thursday after the Feast of St. Ambrose, 34 E. I., and for which he claimed 40s. as damages.

The defendants admitted the distress, and stated that Robert held of the Master of the Templars five and a half virgates of land and two parts of a messuage in Cesterton by fealty and the service of 28s., and two suits of court annually, and of which service Brother Guy de Foresta, his predecessor, was seised by the hands of Gilbert le Harpur the father of the said Robert, whose heir he is, and because the said rent was in arrear for ten years, he had taken the cattle, as was lawful. Robert stated that the tenements in question contained five virgates only, and were held of the King *in capite* by the Sergeanty of the custody of the Forest of Canok, and that King Henry the great grandfather of the present King had given them to one Henry de Brok the great grandfather (*proavo*) of the said Robert, whose heir he is, by a charter which he produced, and by which it appeared that King Henry had given and confirmed to Henry del Brok and his heirs, the forestship (*forestariam*) and all the lands and tenements which Brune held, with the daughter of the said Brune; and he stated also that King Richard had confirmed the said grant by his deed, which he produced, and which showed that King Richard conceded to the said Henry del Brok that the said Henry should hold all his lands and tenements and his office (*ministerium*) in the Forest of Canok, with all the rights pertaining to it, as freely and fully as King Henry his father had granted to the said Henry de Brok, with the daughter of Brune, and that the said Henry should not be impleaded for any tenements in the Forest of Canok except *coram Rege*; and he stated that the said Henry del Brok his great grandfather had issue Elizabeth and Joan, and after the death of Henry five virgates of land and two parts of the said messuage were assigned to the

said Elizabeth as her purparty,¹ and Elizabeth had issue the said Gilbert, and Gilbert had issue Robert who now sues ; and he said that he and his ancestors had therefore held the tenements of the King and his progenitors since the time of King Henry by the said Sergeanty, as he was prepared to prove. And the Master of the Knight Templars stated that Bruue had given the said five virgates and a half of land and two parts of the messuage to the Knight Templars, and by which gift one Geoffrey fitz Stephen formerly Master and his predecessor, had been seised of them as of the right of the Temple, and he had afterwards enfeoffed in them the said Henry del Brok the great grandfather of Robert, whose heir he is, to hold of the Master and his successors by the service of 28s. and two suits of court.

And Robert stated that he held at present five virgates of land, and the said two parts of a messuage, of which the place called Sortchalanges forms a parcel, by the gift of King Henry made to his great grandfather Henry del Brok, and not by the gift which had been made by the Master of the Templars, as asserted by the present Master, and he appealed to a jury ; and because the justices were not willing to try the case without reference to the King (*Rege inconsulto*), a day was given to the parties on the morrow of St. Martin, and in the meantime reference is to be made to the King. *m.* 189.

Staff. Roger de Clingenfort sued Philip de Somerville, Henry de Alrewas, Clerk, Ralph de Pipe, Thomas de Pipe, Adam le Clerk of Ruggeleye, executors of the will of Robert de Pipe, in a plea that they should severally pay to him a sum of £20 owing to him. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 257.

Letters of protection enrolled for Roger de Somerville, who had proceeded to Scotland in the King's service, to last till the following Easter, dated from Westminster, 24th May, 34 E. I. *m.* 305, *dorso*.

Staff. John son of Thomas de Styvynton gives half a mark for license of concord with Thomas de Styvynton and Agnes his wife in a plea of covenant, respecting tenements in Drengeton (Drineton).² *m.* 230, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard le Brer and Cecilia his wife sued William son of William de Kynton in a plea that he should warrant to them the third of a messuage and virgate of land in Knythton near Woninton, which Richard le Eyr claimed against them ; and he did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Octaves of St. Martin. *m.* 165, *dorso*.

Staff. Roger son of Peter Corbizun sued Adam de Onyleye and Philippa his wife for twelve acres of land in Onyleye, and he sued Thomas son of Simon Cotyn for twelve acres in the same vill ; and they did not appear after a day had been given to them "*prece partium*." The Sheriff was therefore ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the morrow of All Souls to hear judgment. *m.* 156, *dorso*.

Staff. Katherine formerly the wife of William de Bagenholt sued Robert Clement for a third of a messuage, and twelve acres of land and three acres of meadow in Great Barkesforde, and she sued Richard le Saltere and Sibilla his wife for a third of three messuages, and two virgates of land and six acres of meadow ; and William le Baker and Agnes his wife for a third

¹ The inquisitions *p.m.* tell a different story. The Forestership descended to the son and to the grandson of Henry de Broc, and on the death of the latter in 48 H. III., who died *s. p.*, reverted to the representatives of the female heirs of Henry.

² By this fine John son of Thomas acknowledged a messuage and half a virgate of land in Drengeton to be the right of Thomas and Agnes, to be held for their joint lives, and to revert after their death to John and his heirs. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*)

of three virgates of land, and twelve acres of meadow, and 12s. of rent in the same vill ; and she sued William son of Thomas de Greneweve for the third of a messuage and two virgates of land and six acres of meadow in Bakenholt (Bagnall) as her dower. None of the defendants appeared, and they had previously made default at Easter. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, by writ of "*non omitteret propter libertatem*," and to summon them for this day ; and the Sheriff now returned the writ reached him too late. Another writ was therefore issued, and he was ordered to summon them for the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 134, dorso.*

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Robert de Bagenholt sued Hugh de Aldytheleye for three messuages, a garden, and forty acres of land in Gretone as her right ; and Hugh had made default, and the tenements had been taken into the King's hand. Agnes now appeared and claimed them by the default of Hugh, and Hugh denied the summons and offered to wage his law. He is therefore to come with his compurgators at three weeks from Easter. *m. 125, dorso.*

Staff. The executors of Magister Robert de Stafford sued William son of Robert de Cavereswall for a debt of £9 9s. owing to them, and he did not appear. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain, and produce him on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 114, dorso.*

Staff. Henry de Hounchill sued William le Machoun of Frethingdene and Alice his wife for three acres of land in Marchington-under-Nedwode, as his right and inheritance, and in which they had no entry except by a denise which Henry le Viueter the great grandfather of Henry, whose heir he is, had made to Richard le Wodeward for a term now expired ; and he stated that the said Henry his great grandfather was seised of the tenements in the time of the King's father, and from Henry the right descended to one John, as his son and heir, and from John to one Henry as his son and heir, and from Henry to Henry the plaintiff, as his son and heir ; and he produced his proofs. William and Alice denied that Henry the great grandfather had ever been in seisin of the tenements as of fee, and appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 73, dorso.*

Derb. It was agreed between the parties that the suit of Roger son of John de Acoure (Okeover) *versus* William son of William Bastard of Monte Gomeri in a plea of land, should be taken before L. de Trikingham, in place of E. de Bekyngham, owing to the illness of the latter Justice, and it was respited till the morrow of St. Martin. *m. 51, dorso.*

GAOL DELIVERY, CO. STAFFORD, 34 E. I.

INDICTMENTS OF CO. STAFFORD MADE BEFORE W. MARTYN, H. SPIGURNEI, AND HIS FELLOW JUSTICES, ASSIGNED TO HEAR AND DETERMINE DIVERS FELONIES AND TRESPASSES, ON THE MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL, 34 E. I., *incipiente.*

Extracts.²

Vill of Newcastle (inter alia).

Thomas le Screvayn of Newcastle had broken by night into the house of William Coly in Newcastle, and take a cloak worth 6s., a clasp (*firmaculum*) of silver worth 3s., and had ravished Licoricia the daughter of the said

¹ The land lay within the liberty of the Bishop. For an account of this writ, see the Introduction to the Plea Rolls, p. 4, Vol. IV., of these Collections.

² The same remark applies to this Gaol Delivery as to the last ; see note on p. 109.

William, and in company with Thomas de Knotton and John Screveyn of Newcastle had broken by night into the grange of Richard Tredefer, Chaplain, and carried away six quarters of oats worth 6s., and had beaten and illtreated the said Richard.

Thomas Screveyn, John his brother, and Andrew de Knotton had broken by night into the house of William le Barbour of Newcastle, and had beaten and illtreated the said William.

Thomas Screvayn and Thomas de Knotton had come *vi et armis* to the house of John de Cendale parson of the Church of Stoke, and had beaten and wounded Richard Tredefen and Ralph Tolouse.

Stephen de Stubbeleye of Newcastle had feloniously killed Robert le Clerk of Bradwell in the vill of Newcastle.

John de Meudon had feloniously killed John le Cotiller by night in his bed in the vill of Newcastle.

John Partrich of Acton had feloniously killed William de Bagenholt¹ in the vill of Newcastle. *m. 1.*

Vill of Stafford (inter alia).

Henry son of Thomas de Mefford of Cresswell had feloniously killed John de Leyes in Stafford.

Henry de Gloucester, jeweller, had feloniously killed Nicholas de Hambrighton (Amerton) in Stafford.

William Baly of Beche had feloniously killed Henry de Salt² in Stafford.

William Pegge and Adam Pegge had feloniously killed John son of Walter Turgis in Stafford.

Hugh de Salt and William Barfote had beaten and wounded Roger de Swynnerton in Stafford.

Roger de Swynnerton had beaten the said Hugh and William in the same vill.

Thomas de Aston and Geoffrey and Richard his brothers assaulted John de Lambourne the King's Bailiff with their swords, and had pursued him in order to beat him in full market of Stafford, until he was rescued by the Bailiffs of the town, and they are common fighters (*pugnatores*) in fairs and other places.

Adam de Erbryghton had beaten Richard le Seggemaker, Richard le Fourbour, and Richard Byke in Stafford, and is a common malefactor. *m. 1.*

Liberties of Tuttebury, Burton, Tompworth (Tamworth), Wyginton, Bromleye, Alrewas, and Alveton (inter alia).

William Astyl, who was Forester of the Earl of Lancaster, had feloniously killed John, who was the Clerk of Michael de Melton, in the park of Rolleston.

Robert son of Ralph Attewod of Topbrugge had feloniously killed Robert the jeweller of Lychesfeld between Frodeleye and Lychfeld.

John Not of Whyston had feloniously killed Richard de la Syde between Whyston and Hippestone (Ipstones).

Robert Walraund of co. Derby had feloniously killed Geoffrey de Worthyn-ton at Fletbrugge near Burton.

¹ This must be William de Bagenholt, lord of Bagnall, for his widow was suing for her dower at this date. See suits at pp. 152, 153, and 154.

² Henry de Salt was son of Hugh de Salt, and the head of his house at the date he was killed. The manor of Salt had, however, been divided among co-heiresses at this date.

Henry de Bridewode had feloniously killed William de Stretton within the Abbey of Burton.

William le Tayllor of Duynton is a mover of false pleas, and had falsely and maliciously impleaded Walter le Teynturer, Alan le Gaunter, and many others of the vill of Burton, by divers King's writs, and had prosecuted the pleas to extort money from them.

John lord of Bursyngcote had beaten and illtreated John Rammesheved in the full court of the Abbot of Burton in Burton, because the said John had come into court with Henry le Parminter to sue the said John. And the same John had threatened John Jolyf the man of the Earl of Lancaster that he would beat him, so that the said John Jolyf had made a fine with him of half a mark not to be beaten, and he had taken half a mark from Richard Cole in the same way out of fear, and he had beaten, wounded, and illtreated Roger de la Bachouse, and had taken 4s. from him in the same way out of fear. And by threats he had extorted 40*d.* from Richard de Walton. And the same John had beaten and illtreated William de Dunstal with his sword, and had broken his sword upon him, and afterwards by threats had extorted from him 2s. in order to repair his sword broken in this manner. And the same John by his threats had so terrified Richard de Donwedgla that he did not venture to essoign Richard Golle in the Hundred Court of Repyndon against the said John, so that Richard making default lost his case. And John Chatel had beaten and illtreated William Tugg and many others in the vill of Burton by the support of the said John de Brunescote, and he is a common malefactor and disturber of the peace.

Liberties of Madeleye and Mere (inter alia).

William de Wemme the shepherd of Ralph le Botiller had feloniously killed William the Parson of the Church of Northbury; and the same William had beaten and illtreated John the Clerk of Levynton (Loynton), and is a common malefactor.

John de Braundon and John Coublod had broken by night into the house of Alice formerly wife of Roger the Carter of Forbrugge, and had taken her goods to the value of 2s., and had feloniously killed the said Alice and Agnes her daughter; and the same John de Braundon and John Coupland had feloniously killed John de Leye and William de Sondon at Tyllynton.

Liberties of Wollerhampton, Totenhale, Segesleye, Kyncefar, and Svyneford (inter alia).

Walter de Wyntertone had feloniously killed Roger son of Roger Somery in the wood of Wollerhampton.

Richard the miller of Codeshale had feloniously killed Nicholas in the Hale between Totenhale and Wollerhampton.

Walter de Haygreve with malice aforethought had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated William de Tykenovere at Kynfare; and this was done at the instigation of John the Clerk of Whyttynton.

Audoen de Montgomery had maliciously impleaded the men of the vill of Totenhale Regis, which is of the ancient demesne of the King, before the Barons of the Exchequer, for a trespass against the King in the wood of Breuwode, and had prosecuted the plea against them until the said men had fined with him for 100s., which he had appropriated to himself.

John son of Walter de Penne had feloniously killed William Malyn at Wolverhampton.

Henry Clarice of Salop had broken open the doors of William de Tunstall, and in full market of Wolverhampton had sought out men to go to the same house to beat him, and he is a common malefactor.

John son of William de Tunstall and William son of Nicholas de Tunstall had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Thomas son of Peter of Wolverhampton.

William le Fleming of Tottenhale had feloniously killed Adam his brother in Tottenhale.

William de Perton the Forester of the wood of Kyngesleye had feloniously killed William Vapourment in the said wood.

Robert lord of E syngton had taken from Robert de Wynton goods to the value of 100s. to defend and maintain him *vi et armis* in his Prebend of Codeshale, for which he was impleaded by Magister Thomas de Tefous, and afterwards had taken from the said Magister Thomas £10 to permit him to enter into the same Prebend.

Richard son of Richard Burdun, Adam his brother, Chaplain of Tottenhale, and Richard son of Elias of Wolverhampton, had broken open the house of William son of Luke de Wygges (Wergs), the Provost of Tottenhale, and beaten and wounded Agatha the wife of the said William.

Hundred of Seysdon and Coutleston (inter alia).

John Wodeman of Blokeswich, John de la Bourne of Langdon, and Simon Scot of Kyngesbromlegh, had come with others unknown to the house of Magister Geoffrey de Bilston, in the vill of Bilston, and had feloniously stolen from it goods to the value of £40.

John le Poghwelbesone of Schofenhale (Shiffnal), with others unknown, had robbed Roger Carles of 4s. in money and a sword worth 12*d.*, and he is a common robber.

Adam son of Richard de Stretton had feloniously killed William son of Adam de Cot in Penerych.

William son of William de Netherpenne had robbed Magister Richard Walrond at Netherpenne of oxen and cows, and had feloniously killed two men there, and had buried them in a marl pit in the fields of Penne.

Roger son of the Lady of Stratton¹ (Stretton) had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Richard son of Henry de Stanton in Stretton, but not with malice aforethought.

William son of the Parson of Wemme had feloniously killed Walter (*sic*) the Parson of Northbury in the fields of Northbury (Norbury).

Richard de Rodynton, the bailiff of Ralph le Botiller, had beaten John atte Leye of Northbury by malice aforethought, and so that his life was despaired of.

John Laverenz of Wodefud and Richard his brother had feloniously killed Agnes the wife of the said John in the fields of Woudefud (Woodford).

William de Paunton of Hales had feloniously robbed Stephen son of Thomas de Halghton and Agnes wife of Adam le Carpenter of the same, of oxen and cows, and he is a common robber.

Oliver son of the Lady of Stratton (Stretton) had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Robert le Charpenter of Sharshulle during an inquisition in which Oliver was indicted of felony.

Henry de Nonyleye, living in the vill of Idushale (Albrighton) in co. Salop, William Baret of Nonyleye, and William Donnogh le Harpour of Dydeshale, with others unknown, had robbed Richard de Pychefud by night in the vill of Blomenhale (Blymhill) of goods to the value of £10. *m.* 2.

¹ Agnes widow of Sir Richard de Stretton, who had remarried Robert le Champion of Sardon.

John son of William de Penne of Lotteleye had feloniously killed Bertram le Lomb of Gatacre in the vill of Bobynton.

Richard Broun of Stretton, and Oliver, John, and Roger his brothers, and John Basset of Shradycote, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Robert le Megre the Parson of Mokynton at the fair of Pencerych, against the peace, and with malice aforethought.

Roger de Stretton and Thomas de Wylbaston had beaten Richard de Stratton in the house of the said Richard, against the peace, etc.

Richard Jolyf the sub-bailiff of John de Somery in the castle of Doddeleye, had broken into the park of the said John de Somery, and had driven out of it by night six of his cattle, which were *inhibita* by the said John.

Hundred of Pyrehulle (inter alia).

William son of Albred de Sollenny (Alfred de Sulney¹), Adam Buck, Robert le Parker, Hugh Gamel, and Robert de Verney had entered the park of Sir Robert de Bures of Charteleye and, with the assent of William Galvun the parker, had taken and carried away game (*feras*) from it.

Richard de Draycote and William Shyard, with others unknown, had entered the park of Thomas Meverel of Throwley, and had taken away game (*feras*) from it.

Robert son of William de Preyers, Robert de Huxeleye, and William Hardyng, junior, with others unknown, had robbed Richard de Thyckenes in Balterleye of cloth and goods to the value of 20 marks.

Thomas son of Richard de Blythefeld had feloniously killed Thomas de Lutteleye at Blythefeld.

Ralph Gryffyn and Robert his brother had feloniously killed William le Countour of Colton at Colton.

Henry atte Asch had feloniously killed Adam son of John son of Walter de Colton in Colton.

William Fox had feloniously killed John Bonel in Colton.

Henry de Tene had feloniously killed John son of Henry de Mockeshale in Hopton.

Vivian the younger of Bedulf had feloniously killed Robert Pirtous in Bedulf.

Robert Biran had feloniously killed John de Rewele in Tikeshale.

Robert son of Roger le Harpour had broken the arm of Richard son of Thomas in Bromle Bagot, and is a common disturber of the King's peace.

Hugh the smith of Moucleston had feloniously killed William son of William le Botiler in Muckleham (*sic*, Muckleston).

Thomas de Aston had feloniously killed Thomas de Brugeston (Burston) in Stoke near Stone.

Roger son of William atte Greneweeye had feloniously killed Robert son of Alan de Knypersleye in Bedulf.

Thomas de Aston and Richard his brother had beaten John de Mornhale and Richard del Bachouse in Stone, and are common disturbers of the peace.

William Baly of Swynnerton had feloniously killed Henry de Salt in Stafford.

John Pertrych had feloniously killed William de Bagenhold in the vill of Newcastle.

¹ Alfred de Sulny of Newton-Solny in Derbyshire.

Geoffrey de Heywode had feloniously killed William Gerard in the vill of Stafford, and Symon Skot had procured and assented to the same.

Nicholas de Elleford had feloniously killed Margaret la Piper in Knotton. *m. 3.*

Robert de Mere of Barleston had feloniously killed Richard the cook of the Prior of Trentham.

Thomas son of Roger de Acton had feloniously killed Robert Montheles in Cleyton.

Eccleshale, Brewode, and Heywode (inter alia).

Thomas de Bycford had feloniously killed Adam le Skyenner of Aston, William his son, and Hugh de Weston, in the Liberty of Brewode.

Robert son of William le Parker of Stretton had robbed William le Botiller of an ox, and Thomas de Engleton of an ox.

Robert son of Agnes de Stretton, William his brother, Hugh his brother, Robert son of Simon Sadelgos, John son of Agnes de Stretton, Richard son of John le Bedel of Stretton, John his brother, Hugh his brother, and Robert son of Robert le Fowler of Stretton, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Henry le Carter, William atte Pole, Roger le Heuster, Stephen de Grenehull, and others named, at Brewode, and broken the windows and doors of their houses, and they are common disturbers of the peace.

Oliver son of Agnes de Stretton had stolen a *multoriam* from John Dorkyn in Fetherstone.

Roger son of Agnes de Stretton and Oliver son of Agnes de Stratton had taken a cow which was a wayf belonging to the King, and had sold it for 8s.

Hugh, Roger, William, Robert, John, and Thomas, brothers of the said Oliver, had broken into the park of the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield at Brewode, and had taken on one occasion a buck, and on another two bucks.

William Pigod of Coton had feloniously killed Richard his brother near Gnoushale, and had fled.

John the Chaplain of Byston, and Richard his brother, had feloniously killed Geoffrey de Heywode in the fields of Culwich, and he is a common robber.

Adam de Brumhale had feloniously stolen two pigs from Robert de Brumhale (Broomhall).

Hundreds of Tatmonslowe and Offelowe. m. 4 (inter alia).

William son of Robert de Hampton had feloniously killed William son of William de Leyes.

Adam son of Robert de Hampton, and John and Thomas his brothers, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Richard de Leyes, Chaplain, and Thomas de Huctesdon at Lockesleye, and are common disturbers of the peace.

Henry de Wasteneys had feloniously killed John de Hemhurst in Uttockeshather.

William son of Henry de Floxbrook (Forsbrook) had abducted Juliana the daughter of Richard de Warilowe of Fossebrook, together with 10s. of the money of the said Richard.

Henry son of William le Rider of Boterdon had feloniously killed Roger son of Benedict de Boterdon in Boterdon (Butterton).

Robert le Grene, Adam Skat, Robert de Hyntes, Peter de Griseleye, (Gresley), and twenty-seven others named, had come *vi et armis* to the heath

of Hendenhows, and with a great multitude of cattle had driven over the standing corn of Sir Geoffrey de Campville, Knight, and they had done the same on several occasions in the years 27 E. I., 28 E. I., and 31 E. I.

Nicholas Page of Hamburi had feloniously killed Richard Godman of Collingwood¹ (*Bosco calumpniato*) in Tattenhull (Tattenhill).

Peter le Ferour, who was with the Earl of Lancaster had beaten and ill-treated Stephen de Cursun the lord of Falde (Fauld) and Stephen his son, and he is a common bully (*verberator*) and disturber of the peace.

Peter de Fulham, who was Chief Forester of Nedwode, Reginald le Ferour, who was with the Earl of Lancaster, Peter le Palefraymon, and ten others named, had come with others unknown to the house of Juliana de Myneres, and had broken down the fence of her park *vi et armis*, and had taken away all the beasts from the said park and killed two colts of the said Juliana.

William Illary is a conspirator and *campertor* of pleas, because he moved a plea of William de Erleston against John de Heronville respecting a piece of land, and had half of it given to him to prosecute the plea.

The same William Illary had caused Roger Normon to be indicted for the death of his wife, and had afterwards obtained three cows from the said Roger, and he had caused John de Blockeswich to be indicted for the death of * * * * son of Adam de Herdewych, and afterwards the said John sold his land to the said William for 20 marks and it was worth 40 marks, and Roger Norman then fled out of fear lest he should be arrested.

Ralph de Pype and Robert de Gressebrok, by a conspiracy between them, had caused William de Rudyng of Stonhale to be indicted for felony three times, and each time had acquitted him for a bribe, and they are common conspirators.

James de Astle (Astley) is a conspirator, because when William le Botyller lord of Werynton enfeoffed the said James of his manor of Crophull, in order that the said James might re-enfeoff William and his wife to hold to them and their heirs, the said James after he had obtained seisin of the manor, up to this time had refused to re-enfeoff them.

William Jek of Hockeshatre had stolen a horse belonging to John de Verney the Parson of the Church of Hockeshatre (Uttoxeter), and he is a common robber.

Adam, who was *sometarius* (sompterman) of James de Astele, and William Flyngaunt, had robbed the house of Edith Schot at Hautbari of goods to the value of 20s., and had feloniously burnt her house and taken the goods to the house of the said James in co. Warwick; and James de Astele had sent them to commit the said felony, and had received the goods. The same James had feloniously entered by night the close of Adam del Ree, and had taken away, on three carts and by men unknown, the timber of Jordan de Tamworth which was lying there, to the value of 40s.

The same James had rescued, *vi et armis*, six oxen which Robert Odynet (Hodynet) the King's bailiff had taken as a distress for a debt owing to the King, and had beaten and ill-treated the said bailiff.

The same James had robbed Dame Joan de Myners of a horse at Rydware, which was worth 10 marks.

Liberty of Lychefeld. m. 5 (inter alia).

Thomas Craddock of Lychefeld had robbed Nicholas le Bacster of 3s., and he is a common robber.

¹ Collingwood, anciently written Calengewode, is often translated into Bois-challenge, or latinized as *Boscos calumniatus*.

Roger Morghale of Elmhurste had feloniously killed Henry de Welleye in Elynhurste.

Richard son of Richard de Elmhurst had stolen two oxen from Peter atte hurste in Tillynton.

William de Halsheye of Churleye had feloniously killed Thomas Deu vos garde of Homerwych at Churleye.

Richard Oky of Haunton, and Robert Oky son of Robert Oky le Jeovene had assaulted Geoffrey Salvayn on the high road of Haunton, and had killed his hawk, and they are common malefactors.

John de Felton son of Robert de Felton, and Madoc de Cuckot together with Robert de Stapelton, who is dead, had come with others unknown to the fields of Fyscherwyke, and had beaten and wounded Nicholas Durdent, and had broken his arms and legs.

Robert de Felton, Knight, had sent the said John and John Maddoc to commit the above assault, and he sent them because he would not prosecute his writ which he had sued out against the said Robert for a day given to him in the King's Court, and for which writ the said Nicholas Durdent gave to the King 100s., and he thus lost his writ through malice and falsehood.

Richard atte Rowe of Horborne and Richard Jolyf of the same, of the household of John de Teshale, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated William de Heaumes, the bailiff of the Bishop of Chester, at Horbourne (Harbourne), and had taken away the arms of the said William, viz., his sword, bow, and arrows, to the value of 20*d.*, and the said John de Teshale had afterwards knowingly received them.

Richard de Wollaston, junior, formerly King's bailiff of Offelouwe, had abducted Margaret wife of Robert le Rous, together with the goods of the said Robert to the value of 20s.

John Scheil had feloniously killed William son of William de Peshale.

John de Brumle (Tanner), Richard de Wollerhampton, Richard de Brewode, William son of Robert de Pipe (Tanner), and six others named, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Hugh de Tymptmore (Timmoor) in Lichfield, and they are common bullies (*verberatores*).

Stephen de Brewode the forrester, Richard son of Walter the carpenter, of Rydewarehampstal, and John his brother, and William Hardyng of co. Chester, had feloniously killed Thomas de Arderne of Rydewarehampstal in Rydewarehampstal.

Roger le Gardiner of Yoxhale, Henry de Shirleye, and others unknown, had burnt the close of the park of Joan de Myners at Blakenhale, and had killed a colt and other cattle belonging to her, and Roger is a common robber.

Thomas the servant of Joan de Myners had killed Nicholas son of Henry le Keu at Hamburi, and Walter de Wynterton had knowingly received him afterwards.

John de Brimshill, *Hundredarius* of Tottemonslawe, is a conspirator, because he caused an approver from Gloucester to appeal Philip de Chetewynde and Robert his brother for a robbery committed at the house of the said John de Brumeshulle, falsely and maliciously.

That Oliver, Roger, Hugh, Robert, William, Thomas, Richard, John, and Nicholas, the sons of Agnes de Stratton (Stretton), had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Robert le Megre at Pencrych, with malice aforethought; and they are common malefactors in parks and fishponds; and they had broken into the park of the Bishop of Chester and taken two beasts, of which one had been sent to the house of Robert le Champioun.

Robert son of John de Soggenhull had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated William son of Adam le Bedel of Eccleshale in the vill of Bisschopes Ofleye.

Adam de Staneye had come by night, and *vi et armis* had abducted Elena formerly wife of Richard de Loges¹ at Rodbeston, and he had taken her and married her against her will.

Nicholas Meverel of Gayton had falsely and maliciously caused William in the Bourne to be indicted for the death of an unknown man, after he had been previously acquitted of the same, and William del Hull, formerly sub-Sheriff of the County, had abetted him in the same.

Thomas son of Thomas Gervays had wounded Walter de Basyn (Beisin) with a knife in the churchyard of Assheleye.

William le Wodeward of Halghton and William le Despencer of Dokeshegh had feloniously stolen a falcon of the Prior of Rutton, *sic* (Ronton), and they are common robbers of falcons.

Richard de Harley had released on bail Adam atte Wode of Chetelton, indicted before him, when Sheriff, for the death of John le Parker of Conshale, for a sum of £10.

William Shirard, William son of Roger Bydulf, and William de Bromhale of Lek, with others unknown, had assaulted Robert de Bockenhole at Rewenhale (Rownall) with bows and arrows in order to kill him, and had killed his horse with an arrow.

m. 6. Fines and Redemptions taken before W. Martin and H. Spigurnel and their Fellow Justices (inter alia).

From James de Astley, 10 marks, by the surety of Richard de Draycote, Henry de Alrewas, Robert de Grendon, and John de Flamsted.

From William Bydulf, 100s., by the surety of Robert le Mareschal and Adam de Cheyngne.

From William Shirard, 40s., by the surety of Hugh de Audeleye.

From Giles, Parson of the Church of Audeleye, 40s., by the surety of Hugh de Audeleye.

From Roger de Swynnerton, half a mark ; surety, William Hayward of La Besch.

From Thomas de Aston, 1 mark ; sureties, Henry de Heywode, Roger de Leye, William de Pyrye, and Roger de Verdoun.

From Robert de Cressebrok (Grazebrook), 40s. ; sureties, Robert de Grendon, Knight, and Ralph de Grendon.

From Thomas Scryveyn, Thomas de Knotton, and John de Scryveyn, 1 mark ; sureties, Robert de Aunton (Haughton), Knight, and William de Stokes.

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From the chattels of William de Podymor, confiscated,² 111s. 3d.

From the chattels of John de Fennyshawe, confiscated, 22s. 9d.

From the chattels of Ralph Croket, confiscated, 18s. 9d.

From the chattels of William Pek, confiscated, 40s. 8d.

¹ Elena being the widow of a tenant *in capite*, could not re-marry without the King's permission, and it is very probable that her abduction was made with her own consent.

² The chattels were confiscated for their flight or refusal to plead. I have only extracted a few entries out of many, where the value of the chattels is abnormally high.

From the chattels of Alexander de Bygmowe, confiscated, 5*8s.* 10*d.*

From the chattels of James de Astleye, confiscated, 4*8* 18*s.* 8*d.*

m. 7. Pleas.

William Shyrard, Richard his brother, Roger de Bydulf, and William his brother, were attached to answer Robert de Bockenhale in a plea that, on the Thursday after the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 32 E. I., they had assaulted him on the high road at Ruwenhale (Rownall), *vi et armis*, and had killed his horse, worth £20, with an arrow. The defendants denied the trespass and injury, and appealed to a jury.

The jury say that the said Richard brother of William Shirard, and Roger de Bydulf, are not guilty of the trespass, but that William Shirard and William brother of Roger Bydulf, together with Henry de Crossele, *sic* (Creswell), who had been hanged, with many others who are unknown, on the date named, with malice aforethought, had collected together, and had laid concealed on the high road *sub dumis*, waiting insidiously for the said Robert in order to beat and ill-treat him; and when the said Robert passed by, the said William, and William and Henry who had been hanged, and others of his company, had assaulted the said Robert, and shot arrows at him, and had penetrated his robe in several places with arrows, and had so wounded his horse with arrows, that it had died within three days; and the jury being asked if the said Robert had been wounded in his body, said no. It is therefore considered that Robert should recover damages, which are taxed at £20, and the said William and William are committed to gaol. They afterwards made fine as appears on the Roll of Fines.

Nicholas son of Nicholas le Keu of Great Sardon not prosecuting his suit of breach of the peace against William de Coursun, lord of Croxhale, Joan his sister, Woladouse (Gladys) de la Pole, and Simon the groom of William Corsun *sic* (de Curzon), he and his sureties are *in misericordia*. *m. 7.*

James de Astleye was attached to answer John de Myners, the executor of the will of Thomas de Arderne, in a plea that together with others unknown, on the Thursday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 26 E. I., he had come to the house of the said Thomas at Rydewarehamptall, and had carried away the chattels and goods of the defunct to the value of £100, viz., in silver, and gold rings, horses, arms, etc.

James admitted he had come to the house on the date named, in order to take possession in the name of Robert de Stapelton, the said Thomas holding the tenement *in capite* of the said Robert, but he denied any injury to John, and appealed to a jury.

The jury say that Thomas with others unknown had carried away, *vi et armis*, goods formerly belonging to Thomas de Arderne, and which were in the custody of the said John de Myners. It is therefore considered that John should recover damages, which are taxed by the jury at £40, and James is committed to gaol. He afterwards made fine, as appears on the Roll of Fines. *m. 7.*

Robert de Bockenhale was attached to answer Henry de Hunhull (Houndhill) in a plea of trespass and conspiracy; and Henry stated that the said Robert by a conspiracy formed between Thomas de Tytteleye then Sheriff of Stafford and Salop, and him then sub-Sheriff, had procured him to be appealed by one Philip fitz Philip, who was under age, for the death of Philip de Louskeford, in the Salop County Court, at Michaelmas, 26 E. I., and by which appeal he had been taken and imprisoned at Stafford, until, by a King's writ, the case had been removed *coram Rege*, when he had been acquitted, and for which he claimed £40 as damages.

Robert denied that any appeal had been brought against the plaintiff in 26 E. I., or at any time within the date of limit of the Justices in the County

Court of Salop, and this he was ready to prove as the Court should think fit. Afterwards Henry came and admitted that no appeal had been brought against him in the County Court within the time of limit of the Justices, and he is therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim. *m. 7.*

William son of William son of Nicholas de Chatculne sued Vivian de Verdoun, Thomas his brother, John de Coueleye, Richard Malle, and John de Talk for beating, wounding, and ill-treating him, and for breaking his right arm. The jury say that Richard Malle had committed the trespass and injury complained of, and that Vivian and the others were not guilty of it. William is therefore to recover damages against Richard, which were taxed at 100s., and Richard was committed to gaol.

Hugh Gregory of Salop complained that Roger de Verdoun, William son of Roger de Bydulf, and William Shyrard, together with Roger brother of the said William Bydulf, Hugh de Kynnesleye, and Maddoc fitz Gryffin of Hynbarton, on the Sunday the Vigil of St. Matthew the Apostle, 32 E. I., came by night to the house of Henry le Schermon in the vill of Stafford, and had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated him (Hugh Gregory), so that his life was despaired of, William de Mortimer and Roger de Bellafago the King's Justices assigned to take assizes at that time sitting in the town, and for which he claimed £100 as damages. The defendants denied the injury, and appealed to a jury. The jury state that Roger de Verdoun came with others by night to the house of Henry le Scherman at Stafford whilst the said Justices were there to take assizes, and had beaten and ill-treated the said Hugh. Hugh is therefore to recover damages against him, which are taxed by the jury at 60s.; and he is *in misericordiâ* for a false claim against the others. *m. 7, dorso.*

Robert son of Ralph de Pype and Emma his wife sued John del Ermytage, Chaplain, for coming with others unknown on the Vigil of the Epiphany, 32 E. I., to the vill of Pype Rydware to the house of the said Emma and ejecting her from it and taking her goods and chattels to the value of 40s., and extorting from her a sum of 5 marks before he would permit her to re-enter her house.

John denied having inflicted any injury to her, and stated that after the death of Walter de Radeware (Rydeware) formerly the husband of the said Emma, who held the said tenement of Ala de Hundesakre, he had taken the possession of the tenement as *custos* by reason of the minority of Roger son and heir of the said Walter, acting as Seneschall for Ala, and he had held it in the name of the said Ala until Emma had made a fine of 5 marks to have the custody of it until the full age of the said Roger, and he appealed to a jury. The jury found in favour of Robert and Emma, who recovered 8 marks as damages, and John is committed to prison. He afterwards made fine, as appears on the Roll of Fines. *m. 7, dorso.*

GAOL DELIVERY OF CO. STAFFORD, BEFORE W. MARTYN, H. SPIGURNEL, AND THREE FELLOW JUSTICES, ASSIGNED TO HEAR AND DETERMINE DIVERS FELONIES AND TRESPASSES IN THE SAID COUNTY, ON THE MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS, 34 E. I.

William de Podymor, indicted for being privy to the death of John de la Dolye, whom Robert Swyft and others had killed at Audeleye, and of receiving part of the proceeds of a robbery committed by the said Robert and others of William Fenne of Eccleshale, in the park of Heleye, and for which Robert and the others had been outlawed, and Thomas son of Utte, William Clyde, William Stok, senior, William Stok, junior, John de Fennyshawe, Alexander de Bygenowe, and others, indicted for the reception of the said

Robert Swyft and others, who had killed John de la Doleye, refused to put themselves on the country. They are therefore remitted to gaol *ad penam*, and their chattels are confiscated.

Henry del Hethe, indicted for the death of Richard Roudyng at Gayton; Simon son of Simon Pare, indicted for the death of Thomas son of William de Careswell, feloniously killed at Fysbrok (Forsbrook); William son of William de Grene of Draycote, indicted for the death of Robert de Pedelore in the fields of Draycote; William le Leche, indicted for the death of Thomas le Peyntour, feloniously killed at Stafford; Roger Greneway, indicted for the death of Robert son of Alan de Knypsleye; William son of Robert de Hampton, indicted for the death of William son of William de Leyes; produced King's pardons, dated from Dunfermelyn, 10th November, 31 E. I.; upon which proclamation was made if anyone sued them for the said deaths; and as nobody sued, firm peace was conceded to them. *m. 9.*

William de Perton, Forester, indicted for the death of William Vapurnyent, feloniously killed in the wood of Kyngesleye; Thomas brother of Richard de Blythefeld, indicted for the death of Thomas de Litteleye (Lutteley) at Blydefeld; Nicholas Wyrhof of Bydulf indicted for the death of Peter Strethose of Thurfeld, feloniously killed at Tunstall; Roger Gamel, indicted for the death of Richard son of Nicholas le Barber, feloniously killed at Condes-hale; Adam son of Richard de Stratton (Stretton), indicted for the death of William son of Adam de Cot feloniously, killed in Pencrych; and Nicholas Page of Hembury, indicted for the death of Richard Godman of Boischallenge, feloniously killed in Tattenhull, produced the King's pardon for the same, viz., William de Perton produced a pardon dated from the town of St. John of Perth, 27th June, 31 E. I.; Thomas son of Richard de Blythefeld produced the King's pardon (*de se defendendo*) dated from Lenton, 10th April, 31 E. I.; Nicholas Whyrhof a charter dated from Westminster, 26th July, 30 E. I.; Robert Gamel a pardon dated Stryvelyn (Stirling), 7th August, 32 E. I.; Adam son of Richard de Stretton, a pardon dated from Lynlyfen (Linlithgow), 30th January, 30 E. I.; Nicholas Page, a pardon dated from Weston (*sic*) 3rd April, 26 E. I., and upon which proclamation was publicly made, etc. (*as before*).

Thomas le Screveyn, indicted for the rape of Licoricia, daughter of William Cok of Newcastle, and for stealing her father's goods, was acquitted. Roger Barker (Bercarius) of Wotton, indicted for stealing three sheep from the Abbot of Crokesdene, was found guilty and hanged. He had no chattels in co. Stafford; his chattels in co. Derby consisted of three cows, worth 12s., and thirty-two sheep, worth 32s., which were in the custody of Robert de Ayscheburne his brother and William Throp of Knynton.

Henry de Newework, taken at the suit of Philip son of Thomas for feloniously stealing a pair of spurs, put himself on the country. The jury say he is guilty of the theft, but they value the spurs at 3*d.* only. Philip is therefore to recover his spurs, and Henry is to be put into the pillory on two market days.

Richard Dun, Robert son of Nicholas de Buckenhale, William Baly, Roger Tyvet, Thomas in le Lones of Creswell, Robert de Mere of Berliston, William de Myneworth, Henry del Berefrey, Stephen Turnepenny of Little Barre, Robert son of Robert de Leyes, John son of Ralph de Flynteleye, Robert Gryffyn,¹ Thomas Cogh, Thomas de Aston, William le Blomere, and Roger de Morghale, indicted for murder, produced King's letters of pardon.

John le Ysmonger of the Heth near Eccleshale, Robert le Rydere of Woderton, and four others, of the Liberty of Eccleshale, indicted for various felonies, were acquitted.

¹ Pardon dated 16th February, 30 E. I.

John Skeil, indicted for the death of William son of William de Peshale, produced King's letters of pardon, dated 24th December, 33 E. I.

Ralph Kaylly of Lichfield, and John Sprittel of the same, indicted for murder, also produced letters of pardon.

m. 10.

Thomas de Kyrywilyhaile (Willenhall), indicted for the death of John Paynel, and John de la Bourne of Langedone, indicted for a burglary at the house of Magister Geoffrey de Bylston, and William Astel, indicted for a murder, were acquitted.

Richard son of Nicholas de Bromleye, and Adam Gamel of Kneghton, indicted for murder, produced letters of pardon.

Robert de Hulton, found guilty of stealing a tunic in the vill of Lichfield, worth 9*d.*, was sentenced to stand in the pillory on three market days.

James de Asteleye, indicted for feloniously entering by night the close of Adam del Ree and stealing timber from it and a horse belonging to the Lady Joan de Myners at Rydeware, refused to stand to his trial, and was remitted to prison *ad penam*. His chattels were forfeited, and amounted in this county to £9 4*d.*, for which John de Dene the Sheriff answers.

Roger le Gardiner, indicted for stealing a colt of Joan de Myners and burning her close at Blakenhale, was acquitted.

William le Flemyng, indicted for the death of Adam le Flemyng his brother, put himself on the country. The jury say that on the Feast of St. Nicholas, 33 E. I., a quarrel arose in the vill of Tetenhale between the said William and Adam respecting a certain piece of land, of which William their father had enfeoffed the said William his younger son; and Adam assaulted William with an axe, and followed him to kill him as far as a hedge, which William could not climb over, and William, being in peril of death, struck the said Adam on the head with an iron fork which he had in his hand, but he only struck him one blow, and Adam lived for six weeks afterwards; and they say that William did not kill Adam his brother with malice aforethought, but in self defence. He is therefore remitted to prison to await the King's pardon.

m. 11.

This membrane contains a precept to the Sheriff to take the necessary steps for the outlawry of Thomas le Stothurd, and upwards of three hundred others, who had not appeared and against whom indictments had been preferred, and to take into the King's hands all their goods and chattels; and if found to produce them before the Justices; and the Sheriff returned that they could not be found within his bailiwick, and that they had no chattels or goods; the Sheriff was therefore ordered to take them if found and produce them before the Justices at Lichfield on the Saturday after the Feast of St. Luke, on which day the Sheriff made the same return as before, and he was ordered to produce them at Stafford on the Monday after the Ascension, on which day the Justices did not come, because they were elsewhere by the King's command; and they came afterwards on the Monday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, on which day the Sheriff and the Coroners of the county recorded that the said Thomas le Stothurd and all the others named had been outlawed, except Richard de Miteyn of Mere, Alan son of Juliana Attebrok of Fulford, William Felice of Eton, William son of William de Netherepenne, William de Paunton of Hales, Roger son of Agnes de Stretton, Adam de Bromhale, Henry son of William le Ryder of Boterdon, William le Despencer of Dokeshegh (Doxey), and eleven others who had been main-

prized at the fourth Court of the County; and at the fifth Court they had surrendered and were acquitted, as appears in the Roll of Gaol Delivery; and excepting Walter de Wynterton, Stephen de Stubbe, Thomas le Wodeward of Pylatenhale, Henry de Shirle, and Adam de Staneye, who produced King's letters of pardon, by which the outlawry promulgated against them was superseded; and Walter de Wyntertone appeared before the Justices and produced his charter of pardon, as appears in the Roll of Gaol Delivery.

m. 11, dorso.

Contains precepts to the Sheriffs to outlaw upwards of sixty persons who were indicted for divers felonies and trespasses before the Justices, and who had not appeared.

m. 12. Indictments before the same Justices, etc. (as before), on the Monday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 34 E. I. (inter alia).

Richard Aubyn is a conspirator, because he prosecuted a plea for the Earl of Lancaster his lord against the Prior of Trentham, and took from the said Prior 40s.

Robert by the Water of Salt is a conspirator, because he persuaded Richard de Colsale to sell his land to Joan de Venables, and afterwards abetted the same Richard to implead the said Joan respecting it.

Ralph de Bromleye is a conspirator, because he procured himself to be put on a certain inquisition and falsely and maliciously indicted Robert the Celerer of Deulacres for a robbery of which he was afterwards acquitted.

Nicholas Meverel is a conspirator, because he procured himself to be placed on an inquisition and falsely and maliciously indicted William de la Berne of Gayton for the death of Robert Duttecount, who was afterwards acquitted, and he is a common conspirator.

William de Bromleye, formerly gaoler of Stafford, had procured William Orby an approver to falsely appeal Geoffrey Joppe and Richard de Hasewalle for the sake of taking fines from them.

Robert de Esyngton is a conspirator, because he took 20s. from Philip de Chetewynde to maintain himself in a certain assize against the Prior of St. Thomas, and from the same Prior he took a mark to maintain the same plea against the said Philip.

Thomas Meverel of Frodeswall had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Richard son of Alexander de Sondon, and he is a common bully (*verberator*).

Thomas de Aston had beaten and ill-treated Richard de Norton, and is a common bully (*verberator*).

Roger son of Robert Bussi and Robert son of Amice de Penne had feloniously killed William Salomon at Wolrehampton.

Roger Bagard of Dulverne had feloniously killed Richard son of Richard de Stanton at Dulverne.

Robert son of Benedict de Boterdon and Cecilia his wife had feloniously killed a certain strange woman at Onecote who called herself Alice of Leycestre.

Liberty of Newcastle.

Nicholas de Bromlegh had feloniously killed Henry son of William de Willenhale of Newcastle.

Richard Aubyn is a conspirator, because he maintained a certain plea in the Court of Newcastle between William de Swerkeston and his wife and the former wife of Mathew de Veterimercato (Oldemarket), taking from one side half a mark, and from the other side 10s., and they say he is a common maintainer of pleas, taking money from both sides.

The same Richard whilst he was Bailiff of the Foreign (*Ballivus forinsecus*) of Newcastle, stopped a certain robber near the vill driving four oxen and two cart horses (*affros*), and he apprehended the robber and afterwards took from him two oxen and the cart horses, and sent them to his own house in co. Hereford by one John Screveyn of Newcastle, and he allowed the robber to depart.

Thomas le Screveyn is a conspirator, because he maintained Felicia formerly wife of Richard de Knotton of Newcastle against divers tenants of the same vill in a plea respecting lands and tenements *ad cambipartens* (by champerty), and by which he obtained a croft of land.

And the same Thomas and Felicia his wife, John le Escreveyn and Edwyne de Knotton, came by night to the house of Robert de la Brok of Newcastle, and on the lands of the said Robert they made a funnel (*foneam*), into which they led a great inundation of water, to the great damage of the said Robert; and he perceiving it, raised the hue and cry against Thomas and the others, upon which they shot arrows at him and killed his dog; and William de Copston of Newcastle and Joan his wife assisted at the same trespass.

And the same Thomas, when a certain woman was taken in labour in his house, had ejected her by force, and by which the boy she bore had died. *m. 12 dorso.*

Seisdon and Cuthleston (inter alia). m. 12, dorso.

Richard son of Roger de Picheford and John his brother, had beaten, wounded, and ill-treated Richard and Robert sons of Alexander le Rotour of Orslowe, in Brunton.

Roger son of Robert Buffray of Netherpenne had feloniously killed William Salomon of Aston in the vill of Wollerhampton.

Matilda the daughter of John Carles of Congreve had stolen thirteen ells of linen from the house of Walter Kempe in Congreve.

Robert le Chaumpoun had taken half a mark from Margaret de Bold of Pencrych to unjustly eject Joan the daughter of Isolda de Merlouwe from her house, and he had ejected her, and Richard, Adam, Roger, Robert, and William, sons of the wife of the said Robert Champioun,¹ assisted him at the same eviction.

Liberty of Lychesfeld (inter alia).

Michael Cateballe had falsely and maliciously procured Petronilla daughter of John de Pipe, who is under age, to prosecute an appeal against Walter le Taverner for the death of John le Turnour.

Richard le Chaloner of Lychfeld had arrested Walter le Proude in the high road of Lychfield, and had beaten him and put him into prison.

m. 13. Pleas taken before the same Justices on the same date.

William de Wytheiges (Wergs), who sued Henry son of Philip de Oldewallyng in a plea of trespass, withdrew his plaint; and he and his sureties, viz., Richard son of Thomas de Wytheiges and Henry de Barnchurch, (Barnhurst), are *in misericordia*.

¹ The sons of Agnes the Lady Dowager of Stretton by a previous husband.

John de Prestwode withdrew his plea of trespass against Theobald de Verdoun, senior.

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Richard de Herthull and Peter de Greseleye were attached to answer Geoffrey de Kaumpville in a plea that they together with Henry de Norton John Greyme, Richard de Eddenesovere, Robert de Hentes (Hints), and many others, had come *vi et armis* to the heath of Clyfton upon Hundenho, on the Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 27 E. I., and on two subsequent occasions named in 28 E. I., and 31 E. I., and with their cattle had trodden down and destroyed his standing corn, viz., wheat, rye, and oats, to the value of £300. The defendants denied having inflicted any injury on the plaintiff, and Richard stated that the land on which the corn was growing was part of a certain waste, and that he and all his villein tenants of Clyfton had a right of common on it with their cattle by reason of certain services, viz., of reaping and ploughing, and which services the said villein tenants for themselves and for the said Richard annually performed to the said Geoffrey; and because the said Geoffrey had ploughed and sown parts of the said waste, appropriating it to himself, he depastured it with his cattle as was lawful.

Geoffrey stated that he was lord of the said waste, and as the said Richard and his villein tenants had sufficient pasture on the waste with free ingress and egress, he had approved portions of it as was lawful; he also stated that the part he had approved had been sown and the crops had been reaped in quiet for three years without any impediment by the said Richard or any one else, and which he was prepared to prove. Richard denied that Geoffrey had reaped and carried away his crops for three years as stated, and appealed to a jury.

The jury say that the place where the corn was grown was part of the waste of which Geoffrey de Caumpville was lord, and that the said Richard and his villein tenants of Clyfton and likewise many others had a right of common with their cattle over the waste for certain fixed services, and that the said Geoffrey had frequently ploughed and sown parts of the waste in different places, and the said Richard together with others who claimed common on it, had always in recent times impeded the said Geoffrey from doing so; and the jury being asked if the said Richard and his villeins had sufficient pasture, with free ingress and egress, said they had not. The suit is therefore dismissed, and Geoffrey is *in misericordia* for a false claim. *m. 13.*

*Fines and Redemptions made at Stafford before the same
Justices, etc.*

(Extracts.)

From Michael de Morton, for conspiracy and trespass, 5 marks; sureties, Peter de Eyton and John de Cherleton.

From Madoc de Cryketot, for a trespass, half a mark.

From Walter de Heygrove and Richard le Prouz, for the same, half a mark.

From William Shirard, for the same, 1 mark; sureties, Henry de Cresswell and John his brother.

From Robert, Lord of Esyngton, for the same, 1 mark; surety, John de Beckebury.

From Robert de Verney, for a trespass in the park of Charteleye, half a mark; surety, Robert de Bures.

From Hugh Gamel, and from William son of Albred de Solenny, and Adam Bukke and Robert le Parker, for the same, half a mark, for each of which Robert de Bures is surety.

From Roger de Verdoun, for a trespass, 40s. ; sureties, Robert le Mareschal, Henry de Verdon, Gilbert de Aston, Henry le Clerc of Bromle, and Roger son of Jordan de Puelesdon.

From Ralph de Bromleye, for the same, 20s. ; sureties, Nicholas de Holdych and Richard de Holdych.

From William Barfot and Hugh de Salt, for the same, 20s. ; sureties, Henry de Karswell, Knight, and John his brother.

From Nicholas Meverel, for the same, 1 mark ; sureties, John Grym of Brygeford and Geoffrey de Tykeshale.

From Richard Broun of Stratton, for the same, 5s. ; surety, Robert le Champion.

From Robert son of Roger le Harpour for the same 40*d.* ; surety, Geoffrey Wasteneys.

From William de Bromleye for the same 20s. ; sureties, Richard de Verney and John de Whytemore.

From Robert Caumpyon, Matthew de Congreve, Walter de Parco, Adam le Freman of Stratton, John le Parker, and three others, because they did not produce Robert son of William le Parker, whom they had mainprized, 40s. *m.* 14.

From John de Dene, Sheriff, for the chattels of Stephen de Stolbeleye, confiscated for his flight, 8s. 2*d.*

From the same, for the chattels of Henry son of Thomas de Mefford of Kerswall, outlawed for felony, 3s.

From the same, for the chattels of Henry Hore of Athelaxton, outlawed for felony, 13s. 4*d.*

From the same, for the chattels of Roger Flete of Rodyerd, outlawed for felony, 18s. 10*d.*

And for the chattels of Walter de Wynterton, confiscated for his flight, 12s. 8*d.*

And for the chattels of Richard the Miller of Codeshale, outlawed for felony, 18s. 10*d.*

And for the chattels of Henry son of Henry de Hetherdon (Hatherton), outlawed for felony, 18s. 2*d.*

And for the chattels of Henry Bonel of Buckenhale, outlawed for felony, 23s. 9*d.*

And for the chattels of Vivian, junior, of Bydolf, outlawed for felony, 63s. 10*d.*

And for the chattels of Henry le Pylchere, outlawed for felony, 47s. 2*d.*

And for the chattels of John, son of Robert Note, of Whytston, outlawed for felony, 30s. 4*d.*

And for the chattels of Nicholas Wodeman of Blockeswych, outlawed for felony, 23s. 7*d.*

And for the chattels of James de Astleye, confiscated, 23s. 8*d.*

And for the chattels of William le Despencer, confiscated for his flight, 30s. 2*d.*

And for the chattels of Symon Scot, confiscated for his flight, 20s.

And for the chattels of Robert son of Benedict de Boterdon, who was hanged, 52s. 3*d.* (*and many more*).¹ *m.* 14, *dorso*.

¹ I have extracted only those entries which name a considerable sum realised for the chattels.

GAOL DELIVERY OF CO. STAFFORD MADE AT STAFFORD BEFORE
H. SPIGURNEL, G. DE KNOVILLE, AND R. DE BELLAFAGO,
JUSTICES, ETC., ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST.
MARGARET THE VIRGIN, 34 E. I. *m.* 15.

Of prisoners who appeared at the "*exigendum*" (*i.e.*, when proclaimed at the County Court) :—

Richard Miteyn of Mere, indicted for a burglary at the house of Matthew de Oldemarket of Newcastle ; John son of Margaret de Bettyngeshale, taken for the death of Robert de Park at Bettyngeshale ; William son of William de Netherpenne, taken for the death of two unknown men whom he buried in a marl pit in the fields of Penne, and for stealing oxen and cows of Magister Richard Walrond at Netherpenne ; William de Blakeleye, taken for robbing Thomas de Wyneshurst of six cattle ; William le Wodeward of Halghton, and William le Despencer of Dokeseye, taken for robbing the Prior of Ronton of a falcon ; Roger son of Agnes de Stratton, taken for appropriating a cow, which was a wayf of the King at Eton, and selling it for 8s. ; Simon Scot of Bromleye, taken for robbing Geoffrey de Billeston, at Billeston, of goods to the value of £40 ; and seven others indicted for felonies, appeared and put themselves on the country, and were acquitted ; but their chattels are confiscated for their flight.

Henry son of William le Rydere of Boterdon, taken for the death of Roger son of Benedict de Boterdon, feloniously killed at Boterdon (Butterton on the Moors) ; Walter de Wynterton, taken for the death of John son of John de Somery ; Stephen de Stobbeleye, taken for the death of Robert de Brade-walle at Newcastle ; Henry le Keu of Pencrych, taken for the death of Richard de Norton at Pencrych ; and Thomas le Wodeward of Pyletenhale, taken for the death of Richard Bateman, of Seggesleye, at Pencrych, produced King's letters of pardon,¹ but their chattels are confiscated for their flight.

William de Podymore, indicted for being accessory to the death of John de la Dolyne, whom Richard Swyft had feloniously killed, and for which Richard had been outlawed ; and for a robbery near the park of Heleye, and out of which William had received 40s. as his share, and for his refusal to stand to his trial, and for which he had been adjudicated *ad penam*, now came and prayed he might be admitted to answer for the said felonies, and he was admitted. Adam Lovekyn, taken for the reception of Robert le Clerk of Audeleye, who had feloniously killed John de la Dolyne ; and Adam atte Knottyoke, taken for the reception of William his son, who had feloniously killed William Pane, and for which he had been outlawed, put themselves on the country, and were acquitted. William Felice of Eton, taken for the death of Richard Page, feloniously killed at Kynewaston, stated he had been previously acquitted for the same death before Roger Sprengheose and Robert Corbet, the Justices of the Gaol Delivery at Stafford, in 27 E. I., and he put himself on the record of those Justices. *m.* 15.

William de Longemore, indicted for the death of Adam de Knolle at Audele, was acquitted.

Robert son of Benedict de Boterdone, indicted for the death of Alice de Leycestre, whom he feloniously killed in his house at Onyecot (Oncote), refused to put himself on the country. He was therefore remitted to gaol *ad penam*. His chattels were worth 52s. 3*d.*, for which J. de Dene the Sheriff is answerable.

Afterwards, on the following day, the said Robert appeared and put

¹ The dates of the pardons vary between September, 26 E. I., and November, 31 E. I.

himself on the country ; and the jury said he was guilty. He is therefore to be hanged. The same Sheriff to answer for the year and waste of the tenements of the said Robert *m. 15 dorso.*

STAFFORD. KALENDAR OF THE JURIES OF CO. STAFFORD ON THE
QUINDENE OF HOLY TRINITY, 35 E. I. *m. 16.*

Hundred of Seisdon.

Philip de Lutteley.	Richard de Beckebury.
John de Tresel.	Roger de Hexstan.
Robert de Sewalle.	Richard Adam de Lutteley.
Geoffrey de Belston.	Thomas atte Broke.
William atte horewode.	John de Prees.
John de Mollesley.	Thomas de Overton.

Hundred of Pirchull.

Robert de Staundon.	Ralph de Grendon.
Robert de Dutton.	William de Breydeshale.
Adam de Monckeston.	Ralph Clerk of Bromleye.
Richard de Verney of Madleye.	William de Chaveldon.
Henry de Verdoun.	Ralph de Hampton.
Henry de Hexstall.	John de Cresswelle.

Hundred of Tatemaneslowe.

William Wyther.	Adam de Beveresford.
John de Casterne.	John de Prestwode.
Richard de Kavereswall.	Henry Ouweyn.
John de Ipestanas.	William de la Blakeleye.
William son of Robert de Kaveres- walle.	Robert de Bradeheved.
Ithelus le Wariner.	Ralph Basset.

Hundred of Offelowe.

Thomas de Hampstede.	William de Sparham.
John de Heronville.	William de Stretton.
Robert Touke.	Gilbert le Hunte.
William de Boweles.	Osbert de Thamworth.
Thomas de Derlaston.	William Morel.
William Alrewych.	William de Jarkeville.

Hundred of Cutholeston.

William de Wolseleye.	William de Kavereswell.
Robert de Whiston.	Richard le Palmer of Burton.
Robert Morice.	William Walter of Pylatynhale.
Peter de Jonestone.	Thomas Willames of Eyton.
Adam de Otherton.	Ralph de Covene.
Robert de Bigesford.	Hugh de Wyverestone.

Vill of Stafford.

John de Wenlok.	Philip le Goldfynch.
Robert Selimon.	Robert le Barber.
William Reiner.	Richard de Offileye.
Henry Grukot.	Roger Raulot.
Robert le Rotour.	Hugh Lambard.
Simon Rondulf.	John Warmete.

Liberty of Bromleghe Regis.

William atte Cros.	William Dynot.
William atte Ford.	Robert Gerveyse.
Reginald Makerel.	William atte Westend.
Robert le Palmer.	Robert le Chapmon.
Robert le Wodeward.	Richard Note.
Henry le Palmer.	John Penek.

Liberty of Alrewas.

Hugh Bernard.	Richard Heryng.
William Uppegrene.	Hugh le Provost.
William Franceys.	Henry le Provost.
Nicholas le Byker.	Richard son of Robert.
Henry Lacy.	Robert the Smith (Faber).
Gilbert Owyn.	Henry Bernard.

Liberty of Seggele (Segdley).

Thomas de Mounshull.	Geoffrey le Wodeward.
Nicholas de Blakemore.	Richard de Alcote.
John atte Hayestonwe.	Richard Henry.
John Iweyn.	Peter de Brameshulle.
William Collettes.	Henry atte halle.
Robert de Dorleston.	Thomas de Flexle.

Liberty of Tuttenhale (Tettenhall).

William Owayn.	Henry de Barnehust.
Oliver atte Mull.	Thomas de Crassewalle.
William the Miller.	William Bylebrok.
William Tandy.	John son of Henry.
William son of Thomas.	John de Holsroue.
Thomas le Charpenter.	Walter Odys.

Vill of Lychfeld.

John de Pype.	John de Orgrave.
William de Hampton.	Henry Michel.
Richard le Coylder.	John de Catton.
John Lovet.	William le Spencer.
Giles of Worcester.	Nicholas le Galeys.
Richard Atte Walle.	Richard Welykemd.

Lychfeld Foreign.

John de la Burne.	Richard de Benteleye.
William de Hondesacre.	Reginald le Rous.
John de Colewiz.	Thomas de Engelwode
John de Essemersbrok.	Adam Trumwyne.
Richard de Wolseley.	Reginald de Nyweport.
Henry de Haywode.	Roger le Heuster.
Hugh le Ridere.	Richard le Wryghte of Longedon.

Liberty of Eccleshale.

Robert de Horseleye.	John de Segenhulle.
Peter de Hakedone.	Richard le Barker.
Adam de Wethales.	Roger le Mareschal.
William le Parker of Ulsale.	Stephen le Jeovene.
Henry de Knyston.	Robert de Waleford.
Robert le Eyr of Podemor.	Roger de Knistele.

Liberty of Wolrenehampton.

Roger atte Necheles.	Nicholas Bate.
Nicholas son of Richard.	William de Saltford.
Nicholas le Barker of Codeshale.	Walter Page.
Richard de Hulton.	John Derkyn.
Nicholas de Hulton.	Richard de Ruycroft.
John son of John de Kynvaston.	Thomas Simon of Bulston.

Liberty of Alveton.

Richard de Acovere.	Peter de Bothes.
Ralph de Rudeyurd.	Henry Bate.
Robert le Eyr.	Robert Bataylle.
Richard son of Ralph.	Henry del Hay.
Richard de Holies.	John Bolle.
Robert le Fremon.	Robert de Holyes.

Liberty of Swynefford (Swinford).

Richard Spany.	Walter son of Thomas.
Elias de Bredhull.	Thomas de Calverhull.
Richard de Wykynghull.	John de Ryggeleye.
Richard de Holebach.	Henry de Merssh.
John Hawote.	Nicholas de Merssh.
Richard Benet.	Robert de Oldefeld.

Liberty of Burton.

Robert de Meysham.	Richard Page.
Adam Toke.	Nicholas the Clerk.
Richard de Streton.	Robert Noreys.
Henry le Skynner.	John le Waleshe.
Henry Logge.	John Norreys.
Richard Skermore.	Hugh de Swynescou.

Liberty of Tamelworth (Tamworth).

John Cocus.	William Here.
Richard Sarch.	Alan de Cotes.
Gilbert de Dersthull.	John Kulyng.
Richard Doun.	Alan de Wygynton.
Alan Serich.	Walter de Glascode.
Philip le Bray.	Alan son of Thomas.

Liberty of Pencriz.

Henry in le Schoppe.	Richard le Mercer.
Thomas de Longerygg.	John le Breuster.
William Godwyne.	Thomas Atte tounesyend.
William Hanek.	Thomas Amyot.
Robert atte Brok.	William de Wolgaston.
John le Waite.	John Colyng of Longerygg.

Liberty of Bradelegh.

William le Palmer.	Nicholas de la Doune.
William de Scradeyete.	Richard Kyry.
Richard le Clet of Burton.	Richard de la Doune.
William Stoumel.	Adam Henry of Scradycote.
Richard Attewell.	Richard de Reuwel.
Robert le Brune.	Hammond de Bourewe.

Liberty of Mere.

John Borstax.	William son of Thomas.
Richard de Monte.	William son of Robert.
Richard le Palmer.	William Faber (the Smith).
John Atte tounesyende.	John de Dunton.
William de Akylot.	Thomas atte Louwe.
William Piscator (the Fisher).	John Traynnel.

Liberty of Kynefare.

Robert Launfrey.	Henry Goudwyne.
Walter de Lutteley.	William le Moygne.
William de Weston.	Walter Aleyn.
William de la Louwe.	John atte Holy.
Walter de Herl.	Walter Dessefen.
Richard de Buttunhulle.	William Alrych.

Liberty of the Town of Newcastle.

Adam son of Thomas.	Henry Hogh.
Robert le Got.	Geoffrey de Lylleshull.
Jordan son of Hugh.	Richard de Trentham.
Roger de Swerkeston.	Roger de Bertonleye.
John Organ.	William de Blorton.
Richard de Stowele.	Henry son of Peter.

The Foreign Liberty of Newcastle.

Roger de Baggenhull.	Robert de Hanleye.
Ralph de Bromleye.	Stephen Austyn.
Robert de Knotton.	Roger de Heneford.
William de Bromleye.	Roger Meyroun.
Elias de Bromleye.	Elias de Knotton.
Richard de Holedich.	Nicholas de Holedych.

Liberty of Tutteburi.

William de Rideware.	Nicholas le Mercer.
William le Child.	Henry le Messenger.
Robert de Cotene.	John Stallworthemon.
Gilbert de Ansideleye.	Henry de Hales.
Philip de la Wodehouse.	Henry de la Haye.
William de Wilhale.	Roger de Workesworth.

Pleas before the same Justices at Stafford on the Monday after the Quindene of Holy Trinity. 35 E. I.

The Hundred of PYRHULL appeared by twelve jurors and stated (*inter alia*) that :—

Richard de Blourton the brother of James Blourton had killed Thomas Hap at Blourton, in 21 E. I., and had fled. He is therefore to be proclaimed and outlawed. His chattels were worth 5s. 10d., for which J. de Dene the Sheriff is answerable.

Robert son of the widow of Wolseleye had killed Robert Wygan at Cletton Griffyn, in 21 E. I., and had fled. He had no chattels.

Nicholas de Swerkeston of Newcastle killed Robert son of Thomas Swenyld outside the vill of Newcastle, 23 E. I., and fled. He is therefore to be outlawed. He had no chattels.

Thomas the Miller of Halgton killed Nicholas le Oterhunter in the high road of Foulwey at Ronton, 23 E. I., and fled. He is therefore to be outlawed. He had no chattels.

The Sheriff returned 4*d.* as the value of the chattels of Ralph son of Ralph de Wasteneys, and 13*s.* 2*d.* as the value of the chattels of Richard Vernise of Stafford, felons who had abjured the kingdom, and 12*d.* for the chattels of Richard Revel, who had fled.

Adam le Teynturer killed Henry son of John fitz Alan at Swynnerton, 23 E. I., and fled; he had no chattels. To be outlawed.

Eynon the groom of the Bishop of St. Asaph, killed Madoc, his companion in the Priory of St. Thomas near Stafford, 23 E. I., and fled. To be outlawed. He had no chattels.

Roger son of John de Eyton of Asseleye (Ashley), killed Robert son of Geoffrey le Reneyde in the wood of Rounhay, 24 E. I., and fled. To be outlawed. He had no chattels.

Henry de Derbyshire, of Mulnemes, killed Richard son of Stephen de Mulnemes (Millmease), at Mulnemes, and fled. He was afterwards taken and hanged. Value of his chattels 30*s.* 4*d.*

Henry Pollard, of Newcastle, killed Geoffrey de Cnontton in the fields of Newcastle in 25 E. I., and fled. To be outlawed. He had no chattels.

Geoffrey son of Reginald de Onyleye killed John his brother in the vill of Onyleye, 25 E. I., and fled. To be outlawed. His chattels were worth 6*d.*

Of gates, they say that the vill of Stafford is enclosed by a wall . . . are not shut according to statute.¹ The vill was fined.

Of arms, they say the men of the Hundred have sufficient.

Of watches, they say that the vills of the Hundred do not keep watch according to Statute. They are therefore *in misericordiâ*.

Of constables, they say that Roger de Walton and Thomas de Tuttonsovere (Tittensor) were constables, and are both dead. The constables newly elected and sworn are William Gryffyn and William de Chavelton. *m.* 17.

The Hundred of OFFELOWE appeared by twelve jurors.

Of felonies, they say that Thomas de Naveby, Hugh Corbet, and William son of Robert de Venables the Rector of the Church of Ibestoke had killed Geoffrey le Sauser, the cook of Hugh le Despencer, in the wood of Canoc near Hedenesford, and had robbed him of goods of the value of (*a blank*) in 34 E. I. Thomas and Hugh had fled; they are therefore to be outlawed. They had no chattels, and William son of Robert was taken, and is in gaol at this place. He afterwards appeared before the Justices and refused to put himself on the country, and was remitted to prison *ad penam*.

Adam Tollet killed Geoffrey le Mouner of Little Barr in his house, 28 E. I., and fled. To be outlawed. He had no chattels.

Some unknown malefactors robbed John de Myners of his harness (armour), and of goods to the value of 20*s.*, in 21 E. I., in the wood of the Abbot of Burton which is called Rohay, and the high road which leads from Tuttebury to Lychefeld lies within the wood, and has not been cleared according to Statute. The Sheriff is therefore to summon the Abbot to be before the Justices after the Feast of St. Barnabas. A postscript states that the Abbot appeared and stated the road had been sufficiently cleared and deprived of underwood according to Statute, and appealed to a jury, which found in his favour.

Respecting parks, they say that the Abbot of Hales Oweyn has a park at Bromwych through the middle of which runs the high road between Burmyngham and the vill of Stafford, and it had not been cleared according to Statute. The Abbot was therefore summoned before the Justices, and

¹ *i.e.*, the Statute of Winchester. See Introduction to the Pleas in this Volume.

denied that any high road ran through his park, and appealed to a jury. The jury stated that the only right of way through the park was at the will of the Abbot.

Of Watches they say that the vills of the Hundred do not set watches according to the Statute ; they are therefore *in misericordiâ*.

Of Arms they say the Hundred has sufficient.

Of Constables they say that Richard de Norton and Robert de Meleburn were constables at the time of the said Statute, and did not perform their duties according to the Statute, so far as the view of arms was concerned, and the said Richard and Robert being in court could not deny this. They therefore found bail to appear in the Court of King's Bench (*coram Rege*).

The Hundred of TOTEMANESLOWE appeared by twelve jurors and presented (*inter alia*) :—

That Robert son of Douce of Chedle had feloniously killed Roger son of Hugh de Lutlehay in the high road at Chedle in 34 E. I. and had fled. He is therefore to be outlawed ; he had no chattels.

William de Talke is a common robber of oxen and cows, and had stolen a colt from William de Hodynet of Draicote in the fields of Draicote in 34 E. I. and had fled ; he is therefore to be outlawed ; he had no chattels.

Roger son of Hugh le Mouner (Miller) of Dulverne had killed Richard son of Richard de Staunton in the vill of Dulverne in 34 E. I. and had fled. To be outlawed.

And they say that Robert Galpyn of Chedle by reason of his power¹ had taken Ralph Nodyan of Chedle, and had caused him to be arrested until he had made a fine of 100s., of which he had paid 4s. to the said Robert, and Robert was in Court, and being questioned on the subject, could not deny it ; he was therefore committed to gaol. He afterwards made fine of half a mark (for his release).

Of Watches they say that all the vills of the Hundred do not keep watch according to the Statute. It is therefore *in misericordiâ*.

Of Constables they say that . . . de Beveresford (Beresford) and John de Casterne were constables from the date of the Statute, and had not executed the office according to the form of the Statute. They are therefore to find bail to appear *coram Rege* at Michaelmas.

The Hundred of SEYSDONE appeared by twelve jurors, who presented (*inter alia*). *m. 18* :—

That Henry son of William the Sacristan, of Hampton, had broken open the coffer (*coffrum*) of Geoffrey de Billestone, and had stolen from it £15 in the Church of Hampton ; and he was taken immediately afterwards, and was hanged by the Justices, as appears on the roll of Gaol Delivery.

William son of William Orldrych, of Wrottesleye, had killed Roger atte More, of Patyngham at Trescote, and had fled. He is therefore to be outlawed ; he had no chattels.

Walter de Coven had killed by night Philip del Hoo, at Bradele, in 20 E. I., and had fled ; to be outlawed, etc.

John son of Louke, of Patyngham, had killed Richard the Provost of Perton, at Perton, in 32 E. I., and had fled ; to be outlawed, etc.

John de Bagesovere Chaplain of Honyleye, had killed Hugh de Hales his clerk at Hampton, and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

Walter de Strattonsdale had killed Roger Peese at Patteleshull, and had fled ; to be outlawed, etc.

¹ *i.e.*, as Pailiff of the hundred or as provost of the vill.

Respecting roads which had not been cleared, they say that on the high road under the vill of Billingsbrok, there is a copse of alder (*alnetum*), in which malefactors can lie in ambush, and which had not been cleared according to the Statute, and Nicholas the tanner, Richard le Norreys, Roger atte Lane, and Adam Gilberd hold the alders on one side of the road, and Robert Knyght and William le Wyse on the other side; and the said Nicholas and the others being present in Court, were questioned on the subject, and could not deny the above facts. They are therefore *in misericordiâ*. (They were fined 20*d.* each, and were ordered by the Justices to remove the alders, and if they did not do so, the Sheriff was to make the clearance.)

Respecting parks they say that William son of Oliver de Whitewyke, Clerk, Henry Clerk of Tetenhale, and Walter Chaplain of Tetenhale, had broken into the park of John de Somery at Doddeleye, and had taken venison from it; the Sheriff was ordered to produce them before the Court, and he returned they could not be found, and held nothing within his bailiwick. He afterwards returned they had fled, and they are therefore to be outlawed. William son of Oliver afterwards appeared, and because the breaking into the park took place in this year, he is released from the suit of the King, and the lord of the park can sue him if he pleases.

Respecting Watches they say that all the vills of the Hundred do not keep watch according to the Statute. It is therefore *in misericordiâ*.

Of Arms they say that all the men of the Hundred have sufficient.

Respecting Constables they say that Thomas de Mounshull and John de Cadebury have been constables since the date of the Statute, and John had died and Thomas was ill (*languidus*).

The constables newly elected and sworn were Richard de Beckebury and William de Fyningefeld.

The Hundred of CUTHESTON appeared by twelve jurors, and presented (*inter alia*):—

That William son of Sybil de Weston had killed by night John the Clerk of William Wither in the fields of Blumenhull (Blymill) in 34 E. I., and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.; his chattels were worth 12*d.*

Bertram son of Peter de Gnoueshale had killed William de Donyngton at night in Gnoshale in this year, 35 E. I., and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

William Pygot of Cotes had killed Richard his brother at Coldefeld in Gnoshale in 33 E. I., and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

Robert son of Adam de Byllynton had killed Richard Prodome at Byllynton in 26 E. I., and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

Adam son of Robert le Rider of Eton, junior, had killed William son of Robert de Brewode in the high road at Cothelstonbrugge, and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

John Braundon had killed Richard son of Roger in the vill of Castre (Castro Baronis), and had feloniously burnt the house of Richard Coc in Forbrugge in 27 E. I., and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

William Baret living at Erkalwe, with others unknown, had broken by night into the house of Richard de Pycheford, and had stolen goods from it to the value of 100*s.* in 29 E. I. He had fled, and is to be outlawed, etc.

Of Watches they say that all the vills of the Hundred do not keep watch according to the Statute. The Hundred is therefore *in misericordiâ*.

Of Arms they say that all the men of the Hundred are sufficiently armed.

Of Constables they say that John de Say had been constable from the date

of the Statute until now, but he was ill and unable to carry out the duties. Matthew de Congreve and Robert de Onyteslay are therefore elected constables in his place, and are sworn in. *m. 18.*

The vill of Tutteburi appeared by twelve jurors and presented, etc. William Child was sworn in as Constable. *m. 18, dorso.*

The Liberty of Eccleshale appeared by twelve jurors and presented (*inter alia*) that :—

The Prior of Ware held the wood of Westwode, through the middle of which ran a high road leading from Gnoushale to Neubork, and the road had not been cleared of underwood according to the Statute. The Prior was therefore summoned before the Justices, and did not appear; and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at Brome on the Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; on which day the Prior appeared and stated that no high road ran through the wood in question, and that Neubork is not a trading town (*villa mercatoria*), and appealed to a jury; the case was respited till the next coming of the Justices, and the sureties of the Prior were Robert le Mareschal of Aston, John de Cotes, Robert de Hampton, and William de Burgo. Afterwards the King sent to the Justices a writ to say that the Prior of Ware was suing *coram nobis* Richard Parson of Hunington at the date he was summoned before the Justices at Stafford, and he was not therefore to be put to any default for his non-appearance; dated 16th June, 35 E. I.

The vill of Burton appeared by twelve jurors and presented, etc. (*nothing of interest*). The constables of the vill were John Proutfot and Adam Touk. *m. 18, dorso.*

The vill of Stafford appeared by twelve jurors and presented (*inter alia*) that Henry son of Thomas de Mefford had killed John de Lega the servant of John de Cressewall in Stafford, and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

John Sabyn had killed Richard de Huccesdon in the vill of Stafford, and had fled. To be outlawed, etc.

Henry de Gloucestre had killed Nicholas de Hambryton (Amerton) in the vill of Stafford, and had fled; to be outlawed, etc.

Of Watches they say that no watch is kept at any of the gates of the town, and the gates are not closed according to the Statute. The vill is therefore *in misericordiâ*. The vill afterwards made fine of 20 marks for all defaults.

The constables newly elected were Philip le Orfever and Roger Raulot.

The Liberty of Bradeleghe appeared by twelve jurors and presented (*inter alia*) that :—

Hugh Alote of Mutton had killed Geoffrey de Wolaston in the vill of Albeton (Apeton) during the night in 27 E. I., and had fled; he is therefore to be outlawed. His chattels were worth £4 16s. 6d.

John de Braundon and John de Coupland had killed John de Leyg and William Greidur by night in the fields of Tillynton in 23 E. I., and had fled. John de Braundon was afterwards taken and hanged; his chattels were worth 10s. 1d.; and John Coupland was afterwards beheaded; he had no chattels.

Of roads which had not been cleared they say that Vivian de Chedewynd holds a wood at Crowallemor through which the high road to Stafford ran, and it had not been cleared according to the Statute, and Vivian was in Court, and being questioned respecting it, stated he had only held the wood for a month before the coming of the Justices. He is therefore ordered to clear the road (*de die in diem*) according to the Statute.

Of constables they say that Robert de Bradeleye, who had died, and Robert

de Marisco, who is *languidus*, have been constables since the date of the Statute William le Paumer was elected in their place. *m.* 19.

The Liberty of Tettenhale appeared by twelve jurors and presented that:—

Hugh son of William de Ford of Cumpton had killed John his brother in the vill of Cumpton in 26 E. I., and had fled. He is therefore to be outlawed; his chattels were worth 2*s.*

William de Holegreve had stolen a colt of Henry fitz Alote worth 5*s.* in the fields of Oken, and had fled; to be outlawed, etc.

Of Watches they say that the vill does not set watches according to the Statute; it is therefore *in misericordiâ*.

Of Arms they say all the men of the Liberty have sufficient.

Respecting Constables they say that the constables of the Hundred of Seysdon had been substituted for the constables of the vill.

The vill of Lichfeld appeared by twelve jurors, who presented (*inter alia*) that:—

William de Eyton of co. Salop had stolen two *ruscas aprum* from Robert le Blomere of Tybynton, and he is a common robber. He had fled, and had no chattels; to be outlawed, etc.

John de Klynton (Clinton) lord of Staunton took eight oxen belonging to Walter de Strangelford at la Hyde near Brewode in the court of Thomas de la Hyde in 30 E. I., and drove them to his manor of Stanton in co. Salop, and had appropriated them to himself, and he is a fugitive. He is therefore to be outlawed, etc. He had no chattels.¹

They say that Richard Austyn of Norton, and John son of Thomas Tromewyne of Canok had beaten John le Knyght for a sum of 4*s.*, which John Knoke had given them to do it. John Knoke denied the fact, and put himself on the country. A jury stated he was guilty, and he was committed to gaol. He afterwards made fine of half a mark for his release. *m.* 20, *dorso*.

The other towns named on membrane 16 appeared each by twelve jurors, but the presentments made contain nothing of interest.

GAOL DELIVERY OF STAFFORD MADE BEFORE THE SAME JUSTICES ON THE MONDAY AFTER THE QUINDENE OF HOLY TRINITY, 35 E. I.

Tatemonslowe. Roger de Budulf (Biddulph), and William his brother, indicted for the death of Alice daughter of Emma le Baggere of Kyngesleye, John Wildegous of Bradenop, and three others, indicted for stealing three oxen and four cows from Walter de Harpeford, at Harpeford; John son of Adam de Grendon, indicted for a burglary at the Grange of the Prior of Tuttebury at Wetton, and stealing three quarters of oats, and eight other prisoners, are acquitted by the jury of Totmonslowe.

Cotheleston. William le Keu of Pelsale indicted for stealing a pig in the wood of Esynton, John de Beghterton, living in Little Onne, indicting for carrying away the fish of the Abbot of Lylleshull from his fish pond in Lousyord by right; Robert son of John de Onne, indicted for the same; John formerly servant of the Vicar of Hales, indicted for breaking by night into the chamber of the Vicar at Hales, and stealing £7, were acquitted by the jury of the Hundred. *m.* 21.

Uffelowe (Offlow). John Waldeschef indicted for stealing horses and oxen, and three other prisoners, were acquitted. William son of Robert de Venables, the Rector of the Church of Ipstoke, indicted for the death of Geoffrey le Keu,

¹ *i.e.*, no chattels within the county of Stafford.

feloniously killed at Kannoekburi, refused to put himself on the country, and was remitted to prison, *ad penam*. He had no chattels; but the chattels found upon him, and which belonged to the said Geoffrey, were valued at £10 18s. 10d., for which the Sheriff is answerable. *m.* 21.

Seysdon. William Felice of Netherpenne and William his son, indicted for the death of William Salomon, a servant of the Dean of Wolvernehampton; William son of William Felice of Eyton, indicted for the death of Richard Page, and John Corsey of Rouley, indicted for the death of Henry Orm of Rouley, are acquitted. Hervey son of William Sextyn (Sacristan) of Hampton, indicted for breaking into the Church of Wolvernehampton, and stealing a decretal of Magister Geoffrey de Billeston, was found guilty and hanged.

Pyrhull. Adam son of Robert le Kyng of Tunstall, indicted for the death of John son of Robert de Chelle; Adam del Peek, indicted for breaking into the chamber of Roger Bidulf by night, and taking goods to the value of 20s., and four others indicted for felony, are acquitted. *m.* 21.

Walter de Aust of co. Gloucester, indicted for receiving Thomas the servant of John de Myners, who had been outlawed for the death of Nicholas son of Henry le Keu, had been put into the *exigent* and had afterwards surrendered and been bailed by Hugh de Hanyate, Walter de Strangilford, Adam de Otherton, Richard of the Churchyard of Alrewych, Hugh de Alreschawe, Geoffrey de Asthull, Richard de Burton, William le Say of Wyreley, Nicholas de Walshale, John de Mollesleye, William Motoun of Alrewych, and Thomas de Stouleye of Ruggeleye, who did not appear. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to produce the mancaptors, and they were committed to gaol and afterwards released for a fine of 12 marks. Afterwards P. de Malolacu (Maulake) and his fellow Justices testified by their writ that Walter on the date in question was in prison at Warwick. The fine of the mancaptors was therefore remitted.

Thomas Lotekyn of Wenwes in Keel, indicted for the death of Robert de Wenwe killed in the fields of Keel; Stephen de Slyndon, indicted for the death of Thomas de Banham of Colton, and John Godhyme of Whitemore, indicted for the death of Geoffrey Trottok, produced King's letters of pardon; viz., Thomas produced a pardon dated from Canterbury, 17th March, 26 E. I.; Stephen produced a pardon dated from Farnham, 5th August, 22 E. I., and he produced also letters of Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, which testified that he was in the service of the King in Gascony, and dated from Bayonne, 15th March, 25 E. I.; and the said John produced a pardon from Lyngeston, 23rd February, 27 E. I.; and proclamation being made if anybody appeared to prosecute them, none appeared, *ideo firma pax eis inde conceditur*.

BANCO ROLL. HILLARY, 35 E. I.

Staff. Isabella formerly wife of William de Birmyngnam sued William de le Hil of Malefeld in a plea that he should render to her a reasonable account for the time he was her bailiff in Akoure (Okeover); and he did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest him and produce him at the Octaves of Trinity. *m.* 38.

Staff. Thomas son of Thomas atte Welle of Chilynton sued John son of Robert de Somerford for illegally taking and detaining his cattle. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Octaves of Trinity. *m.* 39.

Staff. In the suit of Ralph de Hengham *versus* Katrine formerly wife of Nicholas de Aldytheleye and executrix of the will of the said Nicholas, for a debt of 178 marks, and which the said Katherine had acknowledged at York at Easter 31 E. I., the Sheriff had returned that he had taken goods belonging to her to the value of £10, but had not yet found purchasers for them. He

was therefore ordered to pay the proceeds into Court at Easter, and to levy the residue on her lands and chattels. *m.* 45.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to levy 26 marks 6s. 8d. from the lands and chattels of Thomas son of Thomas de Hampstede, part of a debt of 40 marks which Thomas his father had acknowledged to owe John de Radenore before John de Berewyk and his fellow Justices last Itinerant in co. Stafford. *m.* 50.

Staff. John son of William de Ipstanes sued William son of William de Stalbrok, John de Casterne, and Hugh de Casterne for a messuage and twenty-six acres of land and four acres of meadow in Grendon (Grindon) by writ *de avo*. William prayed a view, and the suit was adjourned till the Quindene of Trinity. *m.* 54.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to summon for this day Robert le Champiun and Agnes his wife to acknowledge what right they claimed in eighty acres of land and ten acres of meadow, fifty acres of pasture and £9 10s. of rent in Stretton, which Richard son of Hervey de Stretton had conceded in Court to Walter the Bishop of Coventry and Lychefeld by a fine. Robert and Agnes did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and to produce them at three weeks from Easter. *m.* 75.

Staff. Geoffrey de Wastenays sued Philip de Chetewynde for illegally taking and detaining his cattle. Philip did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him at the Quindene of Trinity. *m.* 162.

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of Adam Hanselyn sued Walter son of Adam Hanselyn for the third of a messuage and nine acres of land, and three acres of meadow in Yoxhale; and she sued Hugh le Pestur for the third of three acres, and Stephen Dicun for the third of three acres in the same vill as dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for three weeks from Easter. *m.* 219.

Staff. Ralph de la Wodehuse sued Lettice formerly wife of Thomas de la Wodehuse for causing waste and destruction in houses in la Wodehuse near Acovere (Okeover) which she held in dower of his inheritance. Lettice did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach her for the Quindene of Trinity. *m.* 219.

Staff. Alice formerly wife of John Griffyn of Colton sued Richard de Bishopeston for the third of a messuage and three acres of land in Colton, and she sued Juliana de Barton of Colton for the third of a messuage, and Robert Wymer for the third of a messuage, and she sued William son of John Griffyffyn (*sic*) of Colton for the third of a messuage, sixty acres of wood, twenty acres of meadow, and forty acres of moor in the same vill which she claimed as dower. None of the defendants appeared, and they had previously made default, and the dower claimed had been taken into the King's hand. Alice is therefore to recover seisin. *m.* 222.

Staff. A jury was ordered for this day to make recognition if Alice daughter of Thomas de Norton, when she demised to Matilda daughter of Thomas de Norton half of two acres of pasture and an acre of moor in Norton near Cannockbury, and which the said Alice claimed as her right against William son of William de Norton, was under age, as she averred, or not. And the Sheriff returned the writ reached him too late; he is therefore ordered to summon a jury for the morrow of St. John the Baptist, unless W. de Bereford came first into those parts. *m.* 305.

Staff. Constance formerly wife of William de Audeley sued Adam de Mucleston and Scolastica his wife in a plea that they should render to her the custody of the heir and land of Thomas son of Thomas Meverel which

belonged to her inasmuch as the said Thomas held his land of her by military service. Adam and Scolastica did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Octaves of Trinity. *m. 322, dorso.*

Staff. Robert le Eyr of Podemore and Cecil his wife give half a mark for license of concord with John de Shelton and Emma his wife. *m. 288, dorso.*

Staff. Agnes formerly wife of William de Norton sued Richard son of Jordan de Alrewych and Matilda his wife in a plea that they should warrant to her half of three acres of land and of three acres of pasture in Norton near C'annockbury, which Alice daughter of Thomas de Norton claimed against her; and they did not appear, and a day had been given to them after summons. The Sheriff was therefore commanded to take lands of Richard and Matilda to the value of the tenements claimed, into the King's hand, and to summon them for the morrow of St. John the Baptist. A postscript further adjourns the suit to the Octaves of St. Martin. *m. 254, dorso.*

Staff. Robert Dunch of Stafford and Alice his wife sued Milisent formerly wife of Richard del Neuport, the *custos* of the person of Nicholas son and heir of the said Richard, in a plea that they should produce the heir in Court, to warrant to him the third part of eighteen acres of land in Coten near Stafford, which Milisent formerly wife of Richard del Neuport claimed as dower. Milisent did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take land belonging to the heir to the value of the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon her for three weeks from Easter. *m. 140, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest John de Somerville of Whichenore, lord of Stocton in co. Warwick, and Philip de Somerville of Whichenor in co. Stafford, if they are laymen, and to keep them in safe custody until they had rendered to William le Fullere and Robert de Kynton four sacks of wool or the value of them, at ten marks a sack, and which wool at the above value, they had acknowledged to owe to the said William and Robert, and which should have been paid at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 34 E. I. The Sheriff returned they could not be found within his bailiwick. A writ of *scire facias* to be issued. *m. 135, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain Philip de Somerville, Robert Herny, Richard Herny, and John de Wyrley, four men of the Court of Edmund de Somerville of Alrewas, and to whom had been given the record of the suit which was in the said Court by the King's writ of right, between Adam son of Robert Gode, plaintiff, and Richard son of Nicholas son of Amice of Alrewas, tenant of a messuage and a virgate of land in Edenynghale, and in which the said Adam complained a false judgment had been pronounced in the said Court, and to produce them at the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 99, dorso.*

Staff. Richard son of Richard son of Philip de Rugheleye, sued Agnes formerly wife of Roger de Somery for the manor of Rugheleye (Rowley Regis). Agnes prayed a view; and the suit was adjourned to the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 50, dorso.*

Staff. William son of Robert de Hufeford recovers two acres in Hilderston (Hilderstone) from Walter Hap, and a messuage and three acres and half a virgate of land in the same vill from William Oldman, and two acres from John Page, and a messuage and three acres from John de Hufeford, and a messuage and one acre and half a virgate of land in the same vill from Ralph son of Adam, by default of appearance of the defendants. *m. 18, dorso.*

BANCO ROLL. TRINITY, 35 E. I.

Staff. John Mountjoye gives 20s. for license of concord with John Bagot of Bromley Bagot in a plea of covenant respecting the manor of Bromley Bagot. *m. 1.*

Staff. William son of Robert de Huggefurd sued William son of Richard for four acres and a half in Hyldolveston (Hilderston), and he sued William de Stonihgge for five acres, and William Jorden for half a virgate of land, and Robert son of Walter de Melewyz and Elena his wife for five acres, and William le Bercher for a messuage and three acres, and Richard le Spenser for two acres, and Robert le Spenser for one acre and a half, and William le Spenser for one acre, and John le Hayward for one acre, and Elyas atte Loue for one and a half acre, and John atte Lowe for one and a half acre, and Nicholas Spanderay for four acres, and Roger de Bradeheved for three acres, and Robert son of John de Pulton for two acres, and Thomas son of John de Pulton for two acres, and William son of John de Pulton for two acres in the same vill, which Matilda de Hufegord gave to Robert de Hufegord and heirs of the body of the said Robert, and which after the death of the said Robert should descend to the said William the heir of Robert by the form of gift, and he stated that the said Matilda in the time of King Henry the King's father was seised of the tenements as of fee, and had given them (as above), and he produced his proofs, etc. And the said Robert son of John de Pulton and Thomas son of John de Pulton, called to warranty William son of John de Pulton, who was under age, and the suit against them is therefore to remain till the full age of William.

And the said William son of Richard, William Jordan and John le Hayward pleaded the action would not lie against them, because the tenements claimed against them were alienated before the date of the Statute. William denied this, and appealed to a jury.

The other defendants stated that their tenements had been given to them by Robert the father of William with a clause of warranty, and produced their deeds.

And William son of Robert de Huggefurd acknowledged that the deeds had been executed by his father, but stated they should not prejudice his claim, for he held nothing by hereditary descent of the inheritance of the said Robert his father. The defendants denied this, and stated he held lands and tenements in Hildulvestone, which had descended to him from his father, and they appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 12.*

Staff. Alan de Acovere sued Robert de Acovere (Okeover) of Denstone for causing waste and destruction in the houses, woods, and gardens which he held by courtesy of England of his inheritance in Denstone. Robert did not appear, and is to be attached for the morrow of All Souls. *m. 30.*

Salop. William son of Robert de Huggefurd sued Walter de Huggefurd in a plea that he should acquit him of the service which William de Chetewynde exacted of him for the free tenement he held of the said Walter in Hildulvestone in co. Stafford, and in which he was mesne tenant between them and ought to acquit him. Walter did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 30.*

Staff. Richard de Herthull sued Roger son of Richard Wysel of Nether Elkesdon for thirty acres of land, four acres of meadow, and twenty acres of wood in Nether Elkesdon as his right and inheritance, and in which the said Roger had no entry except by a demise which Thomas de Ednesoure the great grandfather of the said Richard, whose heir he is, had made to Philip de Estwell

for a term which had expired; and he stated that the said Thomas was seised of the tenements in the time of King Henry the King's father, and from Thomas the right descended to Amice and Joan as his daughters and heirs, and from Amice, who died *s. p.*, the right of her purparty descended to Joan as her sister and heir, and from Joan the right descended to one Adam as her son and heir, and from Adam to Richard who now sues as son and heir, and he produced his proofs.

Roger defended his right, and stated that Thomas had not demised the tenements for a term as stated by Richard, for he had demised them in fee, and he appealed to a jury, which is to be summoned for the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 74.

Staff. William Corbyn of Byrmingham sued Adam Watterserjant, John Michel, and William le Suur of Bobyngton, for taking his growing corn *vi et armis* from Lutheleye to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest them and produce them on the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 89.

Staff. The suit of Roger Illary of Waleshale *versus* Thomas le Rus for a debt of 113s. and *4d. remanet sine die*, because the said Thomas was in the retinue of John de Hasting¹ in the King's service by the King's command in Scotland, and had letters of protection to last till Michaelmas. *m.* 172.

Staff. Christiana formerly wife of Geoffrey de Tixhale of Stafford sued Petronilla formerly wife of Robert de Hexton of Stafford, the *custos* of the land and of the heir of Robert de Hexton, for a third of a messuage in Stafford as her dower. Petronilla did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon her for three weeks from Michaelmas. *m.* 249.

Staff. Robert de Ernesford and Bertram son of Thomas de Draycote sued Isabel de Tunstal for a messuage and twenty acres of land and four acres of meadow in Tunstal, and they sued William son of Isabel de Tunstal for two acres of land in the same vill as their right, etc. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff returned that both Isabel and William were dead, and it was testified that they were both alive and living at Tunstal within his county. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon them for the Octaves of St. Martin. *m.* 252.

Staff. William de Hinkeleye gives 20s. for license of concord with John de Hinkeleye and Joan his wife in a plea of covenant by two writs. *m.* 311.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to produce Hawise formerly wife of William Bagot to acknowledge what right she claimed in the third part of the manor of Bromley Bagot which John Bagot had conceded in Court to John de Mountjoye by a fine levied between them, and she did not appear. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain and produce her at a month from Michaelmas. *m.* 333.

Staff. Philip de Chetewynde and Isabella his wife give 40s. for license of concord with Robert de Chetewynde respecting tenements in Motton, Rowel, and Rugge, Bredon, Ingestre, and Gretewych.² *m.* 280, *dosro*.

¹ John Hastang of Chebsey, who having a Knight, Thomas le Rous of Walshall, in his retinue, must have been serving in Scotland "with Banner displayed." The Bannerets can often be distinguished in this way.

² Philip de Chetewynd died during the process of levying the fine, and it was completed after his death by his widow Isabella and Robert de Chetewynde. Philip and Isabella acknowledged the tenements to be the right of Robert, for which acknowledgment, etc., Robert granted them to Philip and Isabella, with remainder to Philip son of Philip and his heirs by Alice his wife, and failing these, to right heirs of Philip de Chetewynde. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford.*, 35 E. 1.)

Staff. Ralph de Grendon and Joan his wife give half a mark for license of concord with John de Clynton of Coleshul, respecting tenements in Shene-stone. *m.* 280, *dorso*.

Staff. William de Nevvill and Felice his wife sued John de Swynnerton and Avice his wife for a third part of the Bailiwick of the Stewardship of the forest of Canoc with appurtenances in Wednesbury, Dorlaston, Witnenhale, Wodnesfeld, Newbrigge, Oxeleye, Mollesleye, Bissebury, Esington, Pendeford, Covene, Shareshull, Hulton, Great Shardon (Sardon), Little Sardon, Bentleye, Fetherstone, Teddeleye, Pilatenhale, Huntingdon, Wolgaveston, Pencrich, Alrewas, Orgrave, Fordleye, Bromleye-Regis, Little Corburgh, Elmhurst, Gaeleye, Kinwaston, Eton, Otherton, Rodbaston—Hamelet, Haterdon, Oggeleye, Overe Stonhale, Nether Stonhale, Alrewyz, Russehale, Peleshale, Great Blockeswyz, Little Blockewyz, Hopewas, Bollenhull, and Cheteling, which they claimed as dower of Felicia. The defendants did not appear, and they had a day given to them at this date *prece partium*. They afterwards appeared. (*Sic, left unfinished.*) *m.* 263, *dorso*.

Staff. John son of Roger de Kintone of Newcastle-under-Lyme, sued John Whytling of Newcastle and Anabel his wife in a plea that they caused waste and destruction in the houses and gardens of his inheritance in Newcastle-under-Lyme, which they held as dower of Anabel. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m.* 257, *dorso*.

Derb. William de Nevyll and Felice his wife sued John de Swynnerton and Avice his wife for a third of two messuages, three virgates of land, forty acres of wood, and 10 marks of rent in Repindon as dower of Felice. The defendants had made default at the last Octaves of St. Martin, and the process had been continued till this day; and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand; and the Sheriff now returned he had done so; and John and Avice now appeared, and William and Felice by their attorney claimed the dower by their default; but John and Avice denied the summons, and offered to wage their law; they are therefore to come with their compurgators at three weeks from St. Michael. *m.* 206, *dorso*.

Staff. The Abbot of St. Ebrulph sued Agnes formerly wife of Henry Wymer in a plea that she should render up to him the custody of the land and person of Henry son and heir of Henry Wymer, the wardship of whom belonged to him, inasmuch as the said Henry had held his land of him by military service. Agnes did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to distrain her, and he now returned that she held nothing within his bailiwick, because she had demised away all her lands and tenements before the writ reached him; and it was testified that the said Agnes held sufficient lands, etc., on the 14th October, 32 E. I., when the Abbot originally sued out his writ. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to distrain on her lands and tenements, in whosoever hands they might happen to be, and to produce her on the morrow of St. Martin. *m.* 146, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to distrain John atte Lowe and Amice his wife to produce them at the Quindene of St. Michael to acknowledge what right they claimed in three and a half acres of land and the fourth part of a messuage in Pedemore (Podmoor), which John de Shelton and Emma his wife had conceded by a fine levied in Court to Robert le Eyr of Pedemore and Cecily his wife. *m.* 86, *dorso*.

Staff. John de Somerville sued Richard le Puz in a plea that he should warrant to him four acres of land in Stocton which he holds and claims to hold of the said Richard, and for which he has his deed. And he did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to distrain, and he now returned

that Richard held nothing within his bailiwick, and it was testified that he held sufficient at Ruggeleye. The Sheriff was therefore ordered as before to distrain and produce him on the morrow of All Souls. *m. 27, dorso.*

Staff. William de Mere gives half a mark for license of concord with Alexander de Norton respecting tenements in Trentham.¹ *m. 7, dorso.*

CORAM REGE ROLL. TRINITY, 35 E. I.

Staff. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest Gilbert de Bradhull for not prosecuting his appeal against Ralph le Botiller, junior, Roger le Loverd of Levynghton, and William le Wodeward, for the death of William de Cliderhowe formerly Parson of Nortbiri (Norbury), the uncle of the said Gilbert, and to produce him at the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 49.*

Staff. Geoffrey Gryffyn sued Richard the Prior of Trentham, Brother William de Hereford, Brother Peter le Yelewe, Brother John de Verdoun, Brother Ralph de Leycester, Brother John de Colton, Brother Richard de Dulverton, and Brother Richard de Wyco, fellow canons of the same Prior; John de Cokenage, John Balle of Blorton, William Brun, Richard le Deniour, and Richard Cut, for reaping and carrying away *vi et armis* his corn at Clayton Gryffin to the value of £40, *sic (left unfinished).*

Staff. Richard Bigod of Aston sued William Felice, senior, William Felice, junior, Walter Buffrey, Robert Buffrey of Netherpenne, William Moigne of Wolvernehampton, Roger son of Robert Buffrey, Robert son of Robert Buffrey, Richard son of Roger Felice, William de Chetewynde, Gregory de Trescote, John le Pistour, Richard de la Lynde, and Lodewyne (Louis) le Galeys of Overton in a plea of trespass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 29, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of Agnes formerly wife of Henry Wymer of Stafford *versus* Roger Suel of Coten, William le Hayward, Thomas de Hughtesdon of Stafford, John and William sons of the said Thomas, Adam Gilbert of Stafford, and others, for a trespass, is respited till the Quindene of Michaelmas, through defect of a jury. *m. 8, dorso.*

Staff. The suit of the same Agnes *versus* Richard the Prior of St. Thomas the Martyr near Stafford, Brother Richard de Cocton, Brother Adam Giffard, Brother William of the Ree, Brother Robert de Weston, Brother Henry de Huttesdon, Brother Thomas de Huttesdon, fellow canons of the said Prior; William Croket, and others, is respited till the same date, through defect of a jury. *m. 8, dorso.*

Staff. The Coroner of Stafford was ordered to distrain Elias de Bromleye and Ralph de Bromleye, and to arrest Hugh Bussi lately bailiff of the Hundred of Pirehull, and Adam de Prayers his sub-Bailiff, and four others named, to answer to the lord the King and to Geoffrey son and heir of Geoffrey Griffyn in a plea of trespass and contempt; and they did not appear. The Coroner was ordered to distrain those who had found security, and to arrest the others and to produce them at the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 6, dorso.*

¹ This fine relates to the manor of Hanchirch and a rent of 4s. in Trentham, which are settled on William for his life, with remainder to Hugh son of William and his issue, and if he should die *s. p.*, with remainder to John son of Nicholas de Thyknes and his issue, and if John should die *s. p.*, to William son of Robert Joce and his issue, and if William Joce should die *s. p.*, to the right heirs of William de Mere. (*Pedes Finium, Stafford., 35 E. I.*)

ASSIZES TAKEN AT STAFFORD BEFORE W. MARTIN, R. DE BELLAFAGO, J. DE MOTFORD, JUSTICES ASSIGNED, ETC., ON THE FRIDAY AFTER THE QUINDENE OF HOLY TRINITY, 35 E. I. (*From Assize Rolls of divers Counties.*)

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Richard de Berdemor and Robert brother of William, had unjustly disseised Richard son of Richard de Berdemore of two messuages, thirty-three acres of land, five acres of meadow, and 10s. 4d. of rent, and the rent of a pound of cummin in Littehay. William and Robert answered as tenants of the land, and stated that one Richard father of the said Richard son of Richard, whose heir he is, had enfeoffed them in the said tenements to hold in perpetuity, and they appealed to a jury. The jury say that the tenements were formerly in the seisin of one Richard de Berdemor the father of Richard who now sues, and the said Richard (the father) had married one Matilda, by whom he had the said Richard; and he enfeoffed the said Richard his son in the tenements in question to hold to him and his heirs; and he put him in seisin of them, and the said Richard continued in seisin of them until he was twelve years of age, when he conveyed the same tenements to his father to hold for his (*i.e.*, his father's) life; and after the death of Matilda, Richard the father married another wife named Philippa, by whom he had the said William and Robert; and Richard the father when infirm had executed the deed of feoffment in favour of the said William and Robert, who were then under age, and he had assigned for them one William Coygne as *custos*, to receive seisin in their name of the said tenements; and William Coygne had entered into them by virtue of the said deed and of his own authority without any livery of seisin from the said Richard, and they say that the said William, as *custos*, had held the tenements and taken the profits for fifteen days before the death of the said Richard the father; and after the death of the latter, Richard the son, who now sues, and who was under age, entered into the tenements, but was ejected by William and Robert; and because it appeared by the assize that the said William and Robert held nothing in the tenements except by the occupation of William Coyne their *custos*, who had entered of his own authority by virtue of a deed and not by livery of seisin, it is considered that Richard should recover seisin, and his damages were taxed at 40s. William and Robert are *in misericordia*, but their fine was remitted because they were under age.¹ *m.* 12.

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas son of Walter de Rydeware Hampstall, Thomas son of Thomas de Arderne, Nicholas, John, and Ralph, brothers of the said Thomas son of Thomas, Hugh son of John in le More, Robert de Melburne of Horecros, John Neel, William atte Mor, Robert le Wodeward, John le Bonde, William son of John Symund, and Richard Hardi of Rydeware Hamptall, had unjustly disseised Roger de Ridewarehamptall, Chaplain, of a messuage, nineteen acres of land, three acres of meadow, and half an acre of moor and pasture in Ridewarehamptall.

None of the defendants appeared, but William Burdelys answered for them as Bailiff, and stated that none of them except the said Thomas son of Thomas made any claim to the tenements; and on behalf of the said Thomas son of Thomas, who was tenant, he denied any injury to Roger, and put himself on the assize. The jury stated that all the defendants except Thomas son of Thomas had unjustly and by force of arms disseised the said Roger of the said tenements, and the said Thomas son of Thomas had unjustly

¹ These feoffments to minors were made to defeat the claim of the chief lords of the fee to the wardship of the heir in the event of a minority.

disseised the same Roger of them. Roger is therefore to recover seisin, and his damages are taxed at £20, and the defendants first named are to be arrested; and Thomas son of Thomas is *in misericordiâ*, but his fine was remitted because he was under age; and Robert de Melbourne and the other defendants afterwards made fine for 30s. for their release. *m. 12.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Robert de Esenyngton and Margaret his wife had unjustly disseised William Hillary of common of pasture in Esenyngton appurtenant to his freehold in Walesdale, viz., of common of pasture in eighty acres of moor, heath, wood, and pasture with all manner of cattle throughout the year.

Margaret did not appear, but Robert answered for her as Bailiff, and stated that the tenements in question were a certain waste of which he and Margaret were capital lords, and they had approved the waste according to Statute, leaving sufficient pasture to the said William, and free ingress and egress, and they put themselves on the assize. The jury said that William had not free ingress and egress to the pasture, and he is therefore to recover seisin of his common of pasture by view of the recognitors, and his damages were taxed at 10s. *m. 12.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if William son of Roger de Ilum and Walter Wyther had unjustly disseised Adam Foucher of a messuage, four cottages, four bovates of land, and four acres of meadow and an acre of wood in Okoure (Okeover).

William answered as tenant, and pleaded the tenements were in Ilum and not in Okoure, and the jury found in his favour. *m. 12.*

Staff. Richard son of Richard le Wodeward of Hatherdon not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Adam Otheheth and others respecting tenements in Hatherdon, he and his sureties, viz., Robert Flemyng of Saresull, and Thomas de Kenyllworth of Sardon, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 12.*

Staff. Richard de Stretton not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Robert de Knyghteleye respecting tenements in Knyghteleye, he and his sureties, viz., Robert de Say and John de Craswalle, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 12.*

Staff. Geoffrey de Denston of Wotton not prosecuting his writ of mort d'ancestor against John de Prestwode, respecting tenements in Prestwode, he and his sureties, viz., Henry de Schene and Thomas de Wotton, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 12.*

Staff. Alice daughter of Thomas de Norton and Richard de Benetlegh and Matilda his wife, not prosecuting their writ of mort d'ancestor *versus* John Doyli respecting tenements in Norton near Canocbury, they and their sureties, viz., Robert le Keu of Norton and Roger Alwyne, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 12.*

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas de Guldeford and Margaret his wife, John of the Castel and Avice his wife, and Richard Sleghe of Gnoushale, and two others, had unjustly disseised Margaret wife (*sic*) of Geoffrey de Aston of a messuage in Stafford.

John took exception to the form of the writ, because his wife was named Alice and not Avice, and as Margaret could not deny this, the suit was dismissed. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. John de Whytacre withdrew his writ of novel disseisin against Henry de Hunhull respecting tenements in Hunhull (Houndhill). *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. Philip de Chetewynde not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin against Hugh de Haveneyate and others respecting tenements in Ingestre, he and his sureties, viz., John the Provost of Ingestre and Richard de Whitegreve, are *in misericordiâ*. *m. 12, dorso.*

ASSIZES TAKEN AT BROME BEFORE THE SAID JUSTICES ON THE
FRIDAY, THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE
BAPTIST, 35 E. I.

Staff. An assize, etc., if William le Seneschal the uncle of Robert son of Hervey de Gretewych, was seised in demesne as of fee, etc., when he died, of a messuage, fifty acres of land, and two acres of meadow in Le Horecros and Moxhale, and whether Robert was his nearest heir, etc., and of which William son of William le Seneschal held two parts, and Agnes formerly wife of William le Seneschal held a third.

William and Agnes appeared, and Agnes stated she held her tenement in dower of the inheritance of the said William son of William, and she called him to warranty; and he was present and warranted the tenements to her; and with respect to the tenements in question, he admitted that William le Seneschal died seised of them, but he stated that after his death he had entered as son and heir of William. Robert stated that William could claim nothing in the tenements as son and heir, because he was a bastard, as he was prepared to prove. A day was given to the parties in Banco at Westminster at the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. An assize had been arraigned elsewhere before William de Mortimer and Roger de Bellafago, to make recognition if Richard de Dokeseye and Margaret his wife and John Machen had unjustly restricted (*arceverunt*) a certain road in Dokeseye, to the injury of the freehold of John Vicar of the Church of Cestford (Seighford), in Dokeseye, and respecting which John the Vicar complained that whereas he had been accustomed to have a wide road from his house in Cestford as far as Dokeseye, and also as far as Stafford with horses, carts, and wagons for conveying his tithes of Dokeseye as far as Cestford, and also other necessaries from his house of Cestford as far as Stafford, the said Richard and others by the raising of a certain mill-pool had unduly narrowed his right of way.

Richard appeared and answered for all the defendants, and stated that the Prior of Ronton was Parson of the Church of which John said he was Vicar; and he took exception to the writ on this account; and a day was given to the parties to hear judgment at Stafford on the Sunday after three weeks from St. John the Baptist, on which day the suit was again adjourned, and it was now considered that the assize should proceed. The jury stated that Richard had completely blocked up the road in question, and the Vicar had no road at all. The Vicar was therefore *in misericordiâ* for a false claim.¹

Staff. An assize, etc., if Thomas de Shireford the father of Henry de Shireford was seised as of fee, etc., of a messuage, a mill, a carucate of land, six acres of meadow, and two acres of pasture, and 12 marks of rent in Ethelaxton (Ellaston) when he died, and whether Henry is his nearest heir, etc., and of which rent Theobald de Verdun had deforced him. Theobald appeared by attorney, and stated he held the tenements by a demise made to him for life by Nicholas de Verdun, and he called him to warranty.

And Henry pleaded that by calling the said Nicholas to warranty Theobald admitted he had no claim, because the said Nicholas had never held anything in the tenements in question after the death of Thomas, as he was prepared to prove, and he appealed to a jury. The jury found that the said Nicholas was seised of the tenements after the death of Thomas, and had demised them to the said Theobald. Therefore let the call to warranty stand good, and

¹ Because his "narratio," or count was not in accordance with the facts of the case.

Theobald is to produce the said Nicholas with the assistance of the Court at Westminster before the Justices of the Bench at the Quindene of Michaelmas ; and Henry put in his place William de Courson and Richard son of Herbert de Twycros ; and Theobald put in his place William Burgess of Alveton and William Hoddelone of Alveton. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. Philip de Chetwynde not prosecuting his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Geoffrey Wasteneys of Tyxale and John le Hayward of Tixale respecting common of pasture in Tixale appurtenant to his freehold in Ingestre, he and his sureties, viz., Richard de Whitegrave of Ingestre and Stephen de Ingestre, are *in misericordiâ.* *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. Henry de Denston withdrew his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Alan son of Robert de Brocton and others respecting tenements in Denstone. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. John de Chetwynde withdrew his writ of novel disseisin *versus* Robert de Staundon respecting tenements in Weston near Staundon. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. John son of John de Schelton and Emma his wife withdrew their writ of mort d'ancestor *versus* William Dadus of Podmore, the brother of the said Emma, respecting tenements in Chatkulne. *m. 12, dorso.*

Staff. John Doylly, who brought a jury of twenty-four to convict twelve in a suit against Richard de Benteleye and Matilda his wife and Alice sister of Matilda respecting tenements in Norton, near Cannokbury, did not appear to prosecute it. He is therefore to be arrested, and his sureties, William de Say of Wirelay and Adam Whethales, are *in misericordiâ.* John afterwards fined 20s. for his release. *m. 12, dorso.*

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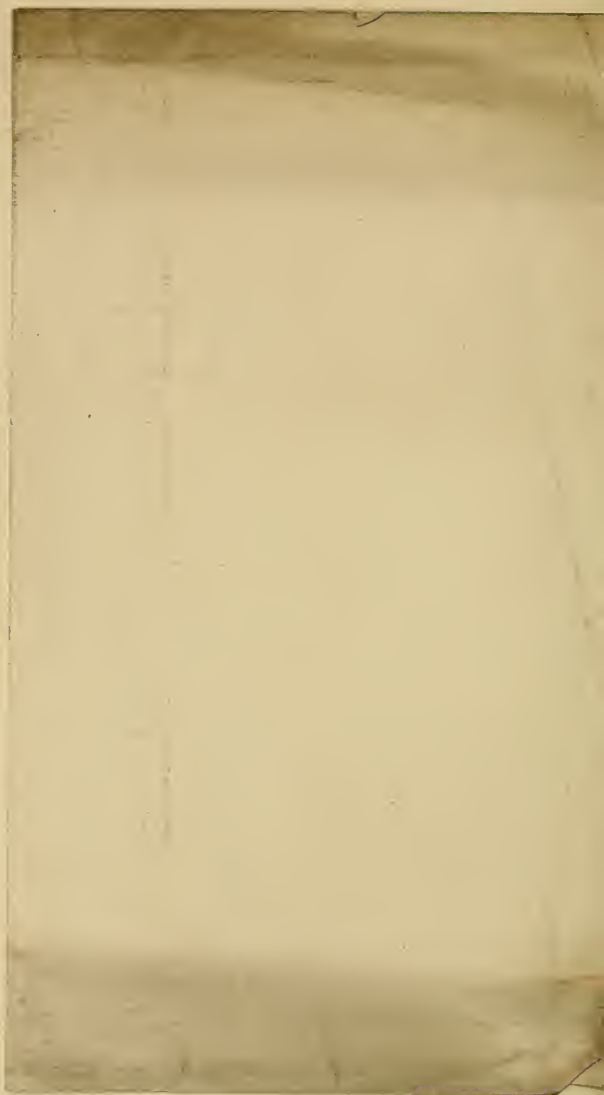
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THE SUBSIDY ROLL OF A.D. 1327.

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INTRODUCTION.

THIS Subsidy was granted by the First Parliament of King Edward III. to meet the expenses of the Scotch War. The Statute has been lost, but the King's Commission, dated 23rd November, 1 Edward III., recites that the Earls, Barons, Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Kingdom, had granted to him a twentieth part of all moveable goods for the defence of the Kingdom against the Scots.

The Collectors and Taxers for co. Stafford were John de Acton and Richard de Hampton. The Commission directs them to summon before them the most loyal and best men of each vill, from which they were to elect four, or six, or more if they thought it desirable, by whom the assessment could be best accomplished. These were to be sworn to fully and loyally make inquiry into the goods possessed by every man of the vill on Michaelmas Day, 1 Edward III., in the house or out of the house, and to tax the same according to their true value, saving the things to be excepted. The latter are stated to be the armour, "*mounture*,"¹ jewels and robes of Knights and gentlemen and their wives, and their plate of silver or pewter. "*Des viens de meseaux*"² were not to be taxed, nor the goods of those whose moveable property did not reach the amount of 10s. The Commission makes no distinction between freemen and others, and it is probable therefore that the villein tenants of every manor were taxed equally with the freeholders, for the principle of the taxation of this era was to include all classes indiscriminately, until it degenerated at length into the poll tax pure and simple, which produced the insurrections of the following reign.

¹ I conclude this word, from the context, must mean horses used for riding.

² Probably tools and implements used in agriculture or trade.

On the other hand, the exemptions amongst the upper classes were numerous. The nobles and gentry paid no tallage on their most valuable possessions, and all those who held any office under the King claimed to be exempt altogether. There was good reason for some of these exemptions, for the upper classes for the most part paid scutage, and those who attended, according to their summons, to serve the King in a warlike expedition, and whose scutage was remitted in consequence, were put to an enormous expense in the necessary equipment of horses and arms for themselves and retinue. When the feudal levies were discontinued, the English nobles submitted to the same taxation as the rest of the community, and thus freed themselves from the reproach cast by the French revolutionary party of the last century with some justice against their nobility, of making use of obsolete privileges to escape their share of the national burdens.

The Roll now printed is the earliest extant Subsidy Roll for Staffordshire. It will be noted that for the purpose of computing totals, manors are in some cases joined together in the most arbitrary fashion, quite independent of any manorial or ecclesiastical connection.

EXCHEQUER SUBSIDY ROLL, A.D. 1327.

Headed—VICESSIMA DOMINO REGI A LAICIS CONCESSA IN COMITATU
STAFFORDLE ANNO REGNI SUI PRIMO.

HUNDRED DE PYRHUL.

Cubblesdon (Kibblestone in
Stone).

	s.	d.
De Johne Trussel	xv.	
Roberto Under the tre....	v.	
Willmo de Hodynet	iiij.	
Thoma fox	iiij.	
David Curteys	iiij.	vj.
Johne Herberd	v.	vj.
Thoma Cissore	ij.	
Thoma Under the tre	ij.	
Henrico Hankyn	ij.	
Ricardo Molendinario	ij.	
Henrico Fabro	ij.	
Willmo Page	iiij.	
Willmo Batkyn	iiij.	
Willo Barnevile	iiij.	
Ricardo Baroun	ij.	
Ricardo Under-Wode	iiij.	
Thoma Haket	iiij.	
Ricardo Porcario	ij.	
Thoma Saunfayl	iiij.	
Johne de Beryhul....	ij.	
Roberto de Aula		vj.
Johne fox		vj.
Summa	<u>lxx.s. p̄b.</u>	

Staundon.

	s.	d.
De Viviano de Staundon	vj.	
Roberto filio prepositi		xv.
Stepho Medico		xij.
Henrico de Aston		xx.
Adam Bercario		xviiij.
Thoma Carettario		xvj.
Ricardo Batkoc		xij.
Adam Carpentario		xviiij.
Adam bercario de Cherlton		xvij.
Willmo Capellano		xviiij.
Adam de Walford		xviiij.
Thoma Herberd	ij.	
Johne Overey		xij.
Johne Fraunchetere		xx.

Weston.

	s.	d.
De Johne de Chetewynde	v.	
Willmo le Motere		xxj.
Galfrido de Weston		xij.
Thoma Molendinario		xviiij.
Ricardo de Offyleye		xx.
Roberto filio Thome		xvj.
Johne Bercario		xviiij.
Thoma Bercario		xvj̄ob.
Henrico de Rugge		xviiij.
Johne Attelowe		xviiij.
Henrico filio Ranulphi		xiiij.
Summa....	<u>xlviij.s. p̄b.</u>	

Mershton (Marston).

	s.	d.
De Henrico le Hayward		xviiij.
Johne Curteys		xij.
Henrico le Hayward senior	iiij.	
Thoma Hobben		vj.
Adam Normon		xij.
Willmo filio Thome	ij.	
Alicia Normon		xij.
Ricardo de Horseleye		xij.
Henrico le Revesone	iiij.	
Johne Othe Grene	iiij.	
Johne filio Roberti		vj.
Willmo filio Roberti	ij.	vj.
Johne filio Willmi		xij.
Henrico fratre ejus		xij.
Willmo fratre ejus		vj.
Nicholao le Reve	v.	
Elena filia Johannis	ij.	
Adam othe Grene	iiij.	
Johne Nel	ij.	vj.
Henrico filio Ronulphi		xij.
Thoma Houden		vj.
Dyonisia de Charteleye		vj.
Willmo Elyot		xviiij.
Henrico filio Willmi		xviiij.
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Knotton et Hondford.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
De Galfrido le Bret	iiij.	vj.
Johne Burguloun	ij.	
Ranulpho Ramm	ij.	x.
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AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

FAMILY OF SWYNNERTON,

OF SWYNNERTON AND ELSEWHERE IN THE
COUNTY OF STAFFORD.

IN the following pages it is proposed to trace the history of a Staffordshire family, which, although originally only of knightly rank, attained a position of considerable importance during the reigns of the first three Edwards, owing to the extent of its possessions and the personal qualities of some of its members. Two, if not three, of the family bore, as Bannerets, the insignia of Swynnerton, the cross flory, displayed, in the Scotch and French wars of the fourteenth century, and one of these attained Baronial rank, having been summoned by writ to the House of Peers, by King Edward III., though his descendants were never afterwards summoned.

The manor and parish of Swynnerton, from which they took their name, and of which they were lords, consists of the hamlets of Swynnerton, Earnfield, Beech, Acton, Hatton and Shelton. One of these, however, that of Beech, formed no part of the fee of Swynnerton, it being shown by an inquisition of *ad quod damnum* of 2 Edw. III., to which reference will hereafter be made, that it formed a portion of the fief of Tittensor.

SWYNNERTON OF SWYNNERTON.

At the time of the Great Survey in 1086, ASLEN held two hides in Sulvertone (*i.e.*, Swynnerton) of Robert de Stafford. There were eight carucates of land there, of which one was held in demesne; and there were ten villeins and five boors who held six carucates. (The carucate not accounted for is doubtless Beech.) There were

ten acres of pasture, and wood of one league in length and one in breadth. The value was 40s.

ROBERT fitz EHELEN, one of the witnesses to the Charter of Nicholas de Stafford to Kenilworth Priory between 1122 and 1125, or thereabouts, was probably the son of the Domesday tenant. The father's name has been spelt with great variety. In the Staffordshire Domesday it is given as Aslen; in the Lincolnshire Domesday as Edelo. In later records as Ehelen, Eelen, Eslenem, Esluem and Aelem.¹

ROBERT fitz EELEN (possibly the same but more probably the son of the former) is styled Lord of Swynnerton in a certificate of Helias, Archdeacon of Stafford, concerning the concession of the Church of Swynnerton to the Priory of Stone (or Stanes), which passed between 1155 and 1159.² It is more probable from the dates that the last Robert fitz Eelen was the grandson than the son of the Domesday tenant. Nothing, says Mr. Eyton, has been a more fruitful source of genealogical paradox than the mistaken idea which some writers seem to have entertained with regard to the personal nomenclature of the twelfth century. The term "filius" or "fitz" as generally used in the twelfth century, means "descendant of" not "son of," though in some exceptional cases a strictly patronymic nomenclature, like that of the Welsh, seems to have obtained among the Normans.³

Whether the said Robert were the son or grandson of Aslen, he will probably have been the same person who, as Robert fitz Aelem, is recorded as holding $1\frac{1}{2}$ f.m. of the Baron of Stafford in 1166.⁴ General Wrottesley supposes this fee to have included a portion of North Rauceby in Lincolnshire, which was also held by the Swynnertons of the Baron of Stafford. The Lincolnshire Domesday names Roscebi among Robert de Stafford's lands, which was then held by Edelo (doubtless the same with Aslen or Eelen); and the Lincolnshire Hundred Roll of 3 Edw. I. (1274-5) states that

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. II., pp. 195-197. In the Pipe Roll of 13 Hen. II. (1166-7), Swynnerton is described as Swineduna *Helye*. ("Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. I., p. 49.)

² "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. III., p. 185. The Church of Swynnerton appears at that time to have been divided into two portions, and the two incumbents thereof, who were both named Osbert, had conceded the Church to be subject to the Priory of Stone, with the consent of Robert fitz Eelen, lord of the vill.

³ "Antiquities of Shropshire," Vol. II., p. 305, note.

⁴ *Liber Niger*; "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. I., p. 174.

the Hospitallers of Maltby held half a Knight's fee in Rouceby, of the gift of Robert de Silvereston (Swynnerton) one hundred years before.¹ This would take us back to about the year 1175. Swynnerton was variously written in early times as Sulvertone, Swilveston, Silveston and Swinerton.

The extensive tenure in different counties of the Swynnertons under the Barons of Stafford, and their frequent occurrence as witnesses of their deeds, would seem to point to some relationship between the families.

ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON is witness to a deed of Hervey Bagot which is placed by Mr. Eyton between 1185 and 1190, but which may possibly have passed a few years later;² and before the year 1198 he confirmed his father's grant of the Church of Swynnerton, to the Monks of Stone.³ In 1199 he was in litigation with one Walter de Cherleton concerning a pool in Swynnerton, which Cherleton asserted that Robert had raised unlawfully to the detriment of his free tenement in the same vill after the second coronation of King Richard, that is in 1194.⁴ The vill of Cherleton was adjacent to Swynnerton.

In the same year Stephen de Hamton claimed against Robert de Swynnerton four virgates of land with the appurtenances in Hamton, which his father had mortgaged to Robert for a term which has expired. Robert came and defended his right, and said that he did not hold that land in demesne, for that Philip Baggot and Hugh de Hatton held it of him, and it was needless for him to give him any further answer unless the Court required it. And Hugh came and said that the father of Stephen gave to him the land which he holds, namely, one virgate; and he ought to hold it of him (Stephen). And Stephen acknowledged this and took his homage for it. And Robert de Swininton (Swynnerton), of whom Stephen ought to hold it, took the homage of Stephen for it. And Philip is summoned to appear at Westminster after the Feast of St. Michael, to show by what warrant he holds the land which his father (*i.e.*, the father of Stephen) mortgaged to the father of Robert.⁵ The final concord was dated at Westminster, 4th May,

¹ *Liber Niger*; "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. I., p. 174.

² "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. II., p. 261.

³ *Ibid.*, Vol. VI., p. 30.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Vol. III., p. 56. (From Assize Roll, 1 John.)

⁵ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. III., pp. 59, 60; which refers to Fin. Conc. 1 John, No. 6. See also *Placita corone* taken at Lichfield on the Feast of St. Michael (entered in the "*Abbreuiatio*" as *Placita incerti temporis Regis*

1200, concerning three virgates of land in Hampton. Philip acknowledged the land to be the right of Stephen and his heirs, and Stephen granted the land to Philip to hold for the five years next following the second Ascension Day after the coronation of King John, and this agreement was made in the presence of Robert de Swinewarton the chief lord.¹

At the Shropshire Assizes of 1203 Adam Forester essoigned the attendance of Robert de Swynnerton, who was included in the general summons.² This will have been in consequence of his tenure of Peplow in that county. Whether it were he or his successor of the same name who appears in 14 John (1212) as a Knight of grand assize for the county of Stafford,³ I am unable to decide.

In King John's wars with the Barons, the Lord of Swynnerton evidently took part with the latter; for in November, 1217, the Sheriff of *Lincolnshire* is ordered to restore the lands of ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON who had returned to his allegiance, from which he had receded in the time of King John.⁴ In a record of about the same date he is stated to hold one Knight's fee in Swynnerton, in the county of Stafford.⁵ In Michaelmas term, 2 Hen. III. (probably in November, 1217)⁶ an assize of last presentation was taken to the Church of Swynnerton, the advowson of which the King claimed against the Prior of Kenilworth, who appeared and pleaded the Church was not vacant, because he and the Canons had presented

Johannis, but which bear internal evidence of having been held at Michaelmas, 1199, as *Mauger* is therein spoken of as bishop *elect* of Worcester). See also Vol. III., p. 56. The father of Stephen was named Robert, and he was probably a cadet of the House of Swynnerton, Hatton being a member of the manor of Swynnerton. The suit was continued in 1205 and 1206, between Robert de Swynnerton on the one part, and Stephen, son of Robert, and Philip Baggot on the other, and terminated in 10 Hen. III., 1227, by the surrender of the four disputed virgates by the Lord of Swynnerton to *William son of Stephen* because he is poor.

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. III., p. 167.

² "Antiquities of Shropshire," Vol. VIII., p. 255.

³ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. III., p. 158.

⁴ 3 Rot. Claus. 2 Hen. III., 2^a, *pars. m.* 16.

⁵ Extract de Lib. Feod. Milit. 1 Hen. III. (Shaw's "Staffordshire," Vol. I., p. 15.)

⁶ As the regnal years of Hen. III. commenced 28th October, the session of the Michaelmas Term 1 Hen. III. may have extended to the end of October, which would have fallen in the second year of his reign. I cannot otherwise account for the concord of 20th May, 1218 (hereafter to be mentioned), which must surely have followed and not preceded the present suit.

to it, and he produced a charter of Robert de Swynnerton, by which it was testified that Robert, for the soul of his father, &c., had given to the Church of St. Wulfade of Stanes, &c., all the right he had in the Church of Swynnerton, &c.; and he produced the charter of Hugh, the Bishop of Coventry, which testified that at the presentation of the Prior and Canons of Stanes, he had given the Church to Adam, the Chaplain, saving a pension of 2s. to the said Canons. And Robert de Chelves, Clerk, who had been presented to the Church by the King, stated that the King had presented him by reason of his possession of the land of Swynnerton, inasmuch as Robert de Swynnerton, the son of the aforesaid Robert, who is lord of that land, was at that time *in sententiâ*, and at the present time was suing for the presentation; and he produced letters patent of the said Robert, which testified that he confirmed the presentation by the King. And because Robert de Swynnerton, who now holds the land, was not present in Court, and the King could not claim any right except through the said Robert, it is decided that he should be summoned to show what right he claimed in the said advowson. A day was given to the Prior *in banco*, and the present suit is to remain over until that day.¹

On 20th May, 2 Hen. III. (1218), there is a final concord between Robert de Swinerton, complainant, and William, Prior of Kenilworth, deforciant, concerning the advowson of the Church of Swinerton. The Prior acknowledged the advowson to be the right of Robert, and the said Robert granted to the Church and Canons of Stanes two marks of silver to be received annually by the said Canons from the Parson of the Church of Swynnerton, and this agreement was made with the assent of William, Bishop of Coventry.²

This last Robert de Swynnerton seems to have died about 1224, and in January, 1225, his widow Mabel was suing her son Robert *in Banco* for her dower.³

In 1227 an assize was taken at Salop to try whether Stephen de Hadton (Hatton), father of William, was seised in his demesne as of fee, when he died, of four virgates of land in Hadton, which land ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON holds. By consent of the Justices,

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 30. This grant by Robert de Swynnerton to the Church of Stanes is probably a confirmation of the deed of his father Robert fitz Ehelen, which took place between 1155 and 1159. The confirmation must have passed before 1198, for Bishop Hugh died in that year.

² Ped. Fin. 2 Hen. III., No. 1.

³ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. III., p. 231; Vol. IV., p. 32.

and because he is poor, Robert gave the land to William, and accepted his homage for it.¹

In November of the same year Robert de Swynnerton is plaintiff in a suit against Richard de Titteshovere (Tittensor), tenant, of one-third of twenty acres of wood in Wilstanswude. Robert afterwards gave two marks for licence to accord, by which he remitted all his claim, except common of herbage in the wood for all manner of cattle; and Richard gave to Robert a certain "piscia" in the wood of Northwude, saving to Richard his common (of pasture) in the same wood; and saving to Mabel the mother of the said Robert de Swynnerton the third part of the said wood which she holds in dower.²

By fine of 25th November, 1231, Ralph fitz Odo surrenders to Robert de Swynnerton, plaintiff, three virgates of land and a mill in Peppelawe (Peplow, in Shropshire). In return Swynnerton guarantees him an annuity of 40s. receivable half-yearly at Swynnerton, with power to distrain upon that manor in case of arrears. He further pays him ten marks down, and he fined one mark for licence to make the accord.³

In a list of Knights' fees given in the Testa de Nevill, between 1240 and 1243, it is stated that Robert de Swynnerton holds one Knight's fee in Swynnerton of Nicholas, Baron of Stafford.⁴

Robert de Swynnerton was succeeded by an heiress, Margery, probably his sister, whose husband John called himself de Swynnerton, and was probably a member of the same family.

In 32 Hen. III. (1247-8) JOHN DE SWYNNERTON and MARGERY his wife are complainants in a suit against Vivian de Standon with respect to common of pasture in Swynnerton; and a final concord was made at Lichfield on 3rd February, 1248, by which the said John and Margery grant, for themselves and the *heirs of Margery*, that Vivian and his heirs may have common of pasture for all kind of cattle in the heath of Swynnerton, and their villeins of Standon for all kind except swine. And for this acknowledgment Vivian granted for himself and his heirs that the said John and Margery might assart and cultivate the moiety of the heath towards the north, &c.; and Vivian and his heirs will pay to John and Margery and the *heirs of Margery* 4s. at Swynnerton yearly.⁵ The terms of

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., p. 43.

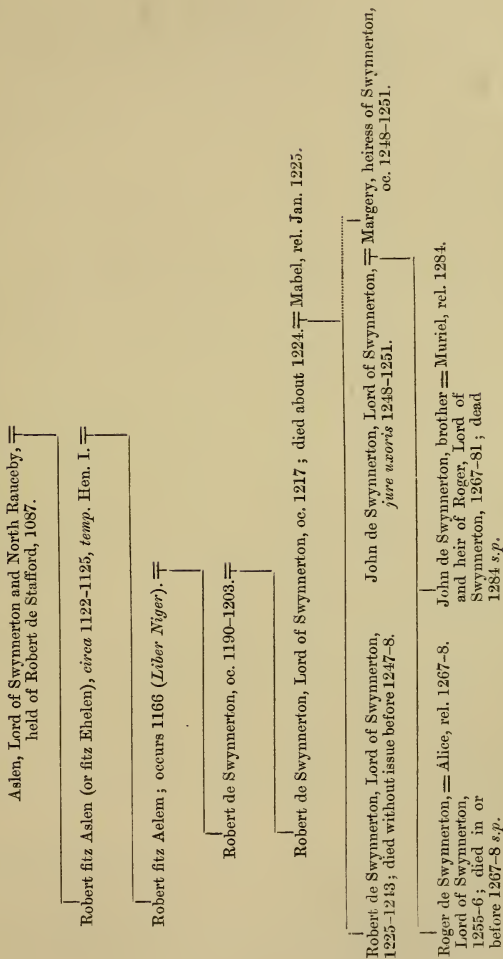
² *Ibid.*, Vol. IV., pp. 48, 239.

³ Rot. Pip. 15 Hen. III. ("Antiquities of Shropshire," Vol. VIII., p. 256.)

⁴ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. I., p. 174.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Vol. IV., Part 1, p. 243.

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this fine clearly show that Margery, and not her husband, was the heir of Swynnerton.

In 33 Hen. III., John de Swynnerton and Margery his wife give 20s. for an assize to be taken before Master Simon de Wanton for which the King's licence is dated 5th May of that year.¹

Among the pleas at Westminster, before Henry de Mara, in the Octave of St. Michael, 35 *incipiente* 36 Hen. III., 6th October, 1251, Philip de Pres sues Margaret wife of John de Swynnerton, together with John de Swynnerton her husband, for a debt of 100 marks. Margaret did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to distrain her to appear in the Octave of the Purification.² I am unable to say who this John de Swynnerton was, or how he was related in blood to the senior line. A John de Swynnerton frequently occurs as witness to the deeds preserved in the Stone Chartulary, sometimes in conjunction with Robert de Swynnerton; but while the latter appears among the most honoured witnesses, the former invariably takes his place among the junior witnesses, as though he were only a cadet.

As he certainly had issue by Margery his wife, and therefore in the event of his surviving her, would certainly have continued to hold her lands for life by the courtesy of England, I suppose them to have both been dead in 40 Hen. III., when Roger de Swynnerton (the son and heir of Margery) is entered among those who held fifteen librates of land and upwards in the county of Stafford, and are not Knights. He is there rated at twenty librates, and would thus appear to have been in possession as head of the family at that time.³

In the *Liber Albus* of Lichfield is preserved a quit-claim (without date) from the executors of Margery de Swynnerton, late Lady of Swynnerton, to Roger [de Weseham] Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, of all the right which the said Lady Margery, had, by concession of the Lord Bishop, to the custody of the heirs and lands of the late Robert de Sugenhull in Espel (Aspley) and Sugenhull, and also to the marriage of the heirs of the said Robert. From which it would appear that the Lady Margery had survived her husband John de Swynnerton.

In 41 Hen. III. (1256-7), ROGER DE SWYNNERTON fines half a

¹ Rot. Fin. 33 Hen. III., m. 8.

² "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., p. 123.

³ Glover's Visitation of 1583, in Vincent's MSS. No. 138, at the Herald's College. Shaw ("Staffordshire," Vol. I., p. 15), who quotes from Harl. MS. 1985, p. 211, erroneously enters the name as *Ra'ph* instead of Roger.

mark of gold to have respite of his knighthood, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire is ordered to take his security.¹

In June, 1263, Isolda the widow of Robert son of Robert (de Mere?) sued Roger de Swyneforton (Swynnerton) for one-third of two virgates of land in Atton (Hatton) and Selfton (Shelton), and one-third of a rent of 8 marks in Chelle, which she claimed as her dower. Roger did not appear, and had previously made default, and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the land into the King's hands, but had done nothing in the matter, returning that the said writ had reached him too late. He is therefore commanded to execute it as before, and to summon Roger for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist.²

Roger de Swynnerton died without issue in or before 52 Hen. III. (1267-8), when justices were assigned to take the assize which Alice, *who had been the wife of Roger de Swynnerton*, arraigned against William, the Clerk, of Newcastle, concerning a tenement in Acton.³

He was succeeded by JOHN DE SWYNNERTON his brother.

In October, 1265, John de Swynereston (Swynnerton) and Henry de Swynereston, together with William de Trumwyne and many others were impleaded by Odo de Hodenet for having entered the manor of the said Odo, on the occasion of disturbances in the kingdom, and taken away his goods and chattels. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff is commanded to distrain them, &c., and to produce them in the Octaves of Hillary.⁴

In 52 Hen. III (1267-8) John de Swynnerton gives 1 mark to have an assize.⁵ And on 22nd April, 1268, an assize of *novel disseisin* (which had been removed by *certiorari* into the King's Court at Westminster), between John de Swynnerton and William le Clerk, of Newcastle, and others, respecting a tenement in Acton, was respited to the quinzaine of Trinity through default of the recognitors.⁶

John de Swynnerton fines for an assize in 54 Hen. III., as also in 1 Edw. I. and 2 Edw. I.⁷

At the assizes at Lichfield on the morrow of Holy Trinity, 56 Hen. III. (1272), John de Swyneforton (Swynnerton) appeared

¹ Rot. Fin. 41 Hen. III., m. 13.

² "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., pp. 156, 157.

³ Rot. Pat. 52 Henry III.

⁴ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., p. 159.

⁵ Rot. Fin. 52 Hen. III., m. 11.

⁶ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., p. 167.

⁷ Rot. Fin. 54 Hen. III., m. 16; 1 Edw. I., m. 12.; 2 Edw. I., m. 21.

and conceded to Hugh de Beumeys and Isolda his wife a third part of three virgates and 7s. 6d. of rent in Shelton, Acton, and Chelle, as the dower of Robert de Mere, the first husband of Isolda, and kinsman of the said John, *whose heir he is*.¹

In the same year an assize was taken at Stafford to try if John de Swynnerton, Robert Bochard, and thirteen others named, had unjustly disseised Robert de Cotes of his free tenement in Cotes. Robert subsequently withdrew his claim, and he and his sureties are *in misericordia*. A convention was made between them, whereby John conceded to Robert and his heirs the tenement, saving to John and his heirs common of pasture therein for all cattle throughout the year. And upon this the bailiff of the Bishop of Lichfield appeared and said that the tenement belonged to him, and he put in his claim to it.²

In the same year (1272) John de Swynnerton is one of the jurors for the Hundred of Pyrhill.³

In August, 1274, an assize is taken to try if Henry de Enwordon, Richard de Bromle, and Robert his brother, had unjustly disseised John de Swynnerton of forty acres of land in Swynnerton; when a verdict is recorded for John.⁴

On Saturday, the Vigil of St. Michael, 1275, an assize is taken at Eccleshale to try if Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, had unjustly disseised John de Swynnerton of common of pasture in Eccleshale, appurtenant to his free tenement in Suggenhull.⁵

In Hillary term, 4 Edw. I. (1276), Robert de Staundon sued John de Swynnerton in a plea that he should carry out the terms of a fine levied in the Court of King Henry the father of the present King, before the Justices Itinerant at Lichefeud, between John de Swynnerton and Margaret his wife, *the mother of the said John, whose heir he is* (complainants), and Vivian de Staundon, the father of the said Robert, whose heir he is, respecting common of pasture which the said Vivian claimed in Swynnerton. John did not appear, and the Sheriff is ordered to distrain and produce him at Trinity term.⁶

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., p. 192. Shelton-under-Airley and Acton are both hamlets of Swynnerton.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. IV., p. 206.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 208.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Vol. VI., p. 54.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 56. It is doubtful whether this applies to John the Lord of Swynnerton or another John de Swynnerton.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Vol. VI., p. 73.

On the Sunday after the Ascension, 4. Edw. I. (17th May, 1276), John de Swynnerton was one of the jurors at the inquisition taken after the death of Henry de Audeley, together with Stephen de Usewalle and others.¹

At Michaelmas, 8 and 9 Edw. I. (1280), John son of Elias de Cherleton (Chorlton) appeared against John de Swynnerton in a plea that he should permit him to raise (*exaltare*) a certain stank in Cherleton to its lawful and ancient state, and which Roger de Swyneverton, the brother of the said John, whose heir he is, had unjustly raised (*exaltavit*), to the injury of the free tenement of the said John son of Elias in the same vill. The suit was adjourned to Easter term, but does not occur again on the *Banco* Roll. It was probably decided by the Justices of Assize who were in Staffordshire this year.²

By fine levied in Trinity term, 1281, John de Swynnerton, impediēt, recognizes the right of Richard son of Eudo de Hodenet, plaintiff, to a mill and 20s. rent in Peppelowe (Shropshire). In return Richard allows that John de Swynnerton and the heirs of his body shall hold the premises by payment of a penny rent to Richard and his heirs, and by performance of all capital services. In default of heirs *of the body* of John de Swynnerton, the premises were to revert to Richard and his heirs, to hold of the lords of the fee. And this remainder seems to have taken effect.³

On the Friday next before the Feast of St. Lawrence, 9 Edw. I. (August, 1281), an assize was taken at Stafford to try if John de Swynnerton and seven others named had unjustly disseised John de Cherleton of his common of pasture in Swynnerton, appurtenant to his free tenement in Cherleton, viz., in eighty acres of heath. John stated that John le Cherleton had no common of pasture in Swynnerton except by agreement, viz., that so long as he ground his corn at the mill of Swynnerton he should have common of pasture there. John le Cherleton denied this, and stated that he had held common of pasture in Swynnerton, without any condition of the kind, until he had been disseised of it by the defendant. The jury say that Swynnerton and Cherleton are of different baronies,

¹ Inq. *p.m.*, 4 Edw. I., No. 50.

² "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 110.

³ "Antiquities of Shropshire," Vol. VIII., p. 256. This may perhaps be taken as an indication that either his right heirs or those upon whom he settled the Swynnerton estates, were not in succession to the Peplow estate, as having branched off from the main line before that estate came into the possession of the family.

and that the common of pasture in one vill is not appurtenant to the other, and that John de Cherleton was in seisin of common of pasture in Swynnerton by reason only of the multure of his corn there.¹

This is the last time I meet with John de Swynnerton, Lord of Swynnerton. He was dead in 12-13 Edw. I. (1284), when his widow Muriel was suing Adam le Chapeleyn for a third of ten acres and a half of land in Swynnerton, and Elyas de Boys for a third of ten and a half acres of land, and two others for a third of their holdings in the same vill, as her dower. The defendants appeared and prayed a view. The suit was adjourned to the Quinzaine of Hillary.²

It is my belief that with John de Swynnerton expired the issue (or at least the issue male) of John and Margery de Swynnerton. He left, as we have stated, a widow Muriel surviving, who had her dower, or lands in lieu of it, at Swynnerton and elsewhere; but who were his right heirs I cannot say. He seems to have made a settlement by which Roger son of Stephen de Uselwall became his heir in tail, and ancestor of the future lords of Swynnerton.

Perhaps he may have been the male heir of the Swynnertons; but there were others, as will presently be shown, who claimed to be the right heirs of John de Swynnerton, the Lord of Swynnerton.

I have little doubt that Stephen, the father of Roger, was a Swynnerton, though I am unable to prove his connection with the senior line.

STEPHEN DE SWYNNERTON occurs as a juror on an inquisition taken at Stafford on Monday next before the Feast of St. Bartholomew, 3 Edw. I.³ (*i.e.*, 22nd August, 1275); and in a suit tried in the Bishop's Court at Lichfield, on the Mouday next after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross in the same year (*i.e.*, 16th September, 1275), between Robert de Knightley and the Prior of Ronton, the jury consisted of William Wyther, John fitz Philip de Bobyn-ton, Hugh de Weston, Knights, *John de Swinerton, Stephen his brother*, Adam de Swinesheved, Henry de Caverswall, Walter de Elvedon, Robert Teverey, and John de Engleton.⁴

In the same year Agnes, the widow of John de Wytemor, sued Stephen de Swynnerton for a third of a messuage and two bovates of land in Cherleston (Chorlton), and Roger de Burgilon for a third

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 149.

² *Ibid.*, p. 138.

³ Inq., 3 Edw. I., No. 68.

⁴ Ronton Chartulary, as given in Chetwynd MSS., Vol. IV., and "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., p. 273.

of a messuage and ten acres of land in Wytemor (Whitmore) as her dower. The defendants prayed a view; and the suit was adjourned to Trinity Term.¹ They subsequently called to warranty John son of John de Wytemor.²

We have seen that *Stephen de Uselewall* (who I take to be the same person) occurs in May, 1276, as a juror at the inquisition taken after the death of Henry de Audeley. He probably died within a year or two of this time leaving, as I suppose, at least two sons, Roger and John; and in Michaelmas Term, 6 and 7 Edw. I. (1278), William de Hatton appeared against John de Swynnerton, *Roger son of Stephen*, Alice de Swynnerton, and three others, in a plea that whereas the custody of two messuages and a virgate of land in Hatton belongs to him until the full age of the heir of Stephen de Swynnerton, inasmuch as the said Stephen held the tenement of him by Knight's service, and William was in peaceable seisin of it, John and the others named had violently ejected him. The defendants did not appear, and were summoned for the Easter Term.³ I take this John de Swynnerton to have been John de Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, the chief lord of the fee; I take Roger son of Stephen to have been the heir himself, who was apparently still under age; and Alice de Swynnerton was probably the widow of Stephen. The frequent repetition of the same Christian names in different branches of the same family, and the indiscriminate use of the patronymic and the place of their abode as their surname, renders it extremely difficult to identify the several members of it.

Before passing on to Roger son of Stephen de Swynnerton, of Usewall, or Isewall, who succeeded to the lordship of Swynnerton, I will first say what I have to say of John his brother.

In 12 Edw. I. (1283-4), John son of Stephen de Swynnerton gives 20s. for a writ of *ad terminum*.⁴ In 19 Edw. I. he fines for a writ of *pone*.⁵

By deed without date, Roger (de Meulend), Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, conceded to John de Swynnerton and his heirs Housebote and Haybote and a reasonable supply of dead wood for his hearth out of his forest of Blore; to which are witnesses Sir Nicholas de Audeley, Sir Robert de Hastang, Sir William de Mere,

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 67.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. VI., p. 70.

³ *Ibid.*, pp. 90, 91.

⁴ Rot. Fin. 12 Edw. I., m. 14.

⁵ *Ibid.*, m. 6.

Sir William de Stafford, Sir Robert de Pype, and others.¹ From the combination of witnesses I take this deed to have passed some time between 1290 and 1299.

John de Swynnerton probably had the Uselwall estate by the gift of his brother Roger when the latter succeeded to Swynnerton.

In 1 Edw. II. (1307-8), and 6 Edw. II. (1312-3), *John de Uselwall*, Richard de Whethales, and Richard de Chelle, occur as disturbers of the King's peace in company with the Swynnertons.²

By charter of 8 Edw. son of Edw. (1314-5), John de Swynnerton granted to Walter, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, a croft which Adam le Fletchere formerly held, in the vill of Eccleshale, and other places of land (specified) in the same vill; to which are witnesses John de Hastang, Roger de Swynnerton, Thomas de Halghton, Knights, and others.³

By deed dated at Eccleshale on Wednesday next after the Feast of St. Peter *ad Vincula*, John son of John de Swynnerton, of *Uselwell*, granted for himself and his heirs, to Roger (de Northburgh), Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, all the right which he has to certain estovers or profits in the Bishop's park of Blore, and in all other woods of the said Bishop belonging to his manor of Eccleshale; witnessed by Vivian de Staundon, William de Charnes, Richard de Fayrfax, Roger de Chisendale, Richard le Barker, Roger Mareschall, and Stephen Bedello.⁴

And again by deed dated at Eccleshale, 3rd March, 7 Edw. III. (1333), John son of John de Swynnerton, of Uselwall, remits, etc., to Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and his successors, all the right, etc., which he has to all manner of estovers of wood, as well in Housebote, Haybote, and ffyrebote, as in other estovers and *necessariis*, which he was wont to take and enjoy in the same Bishop's park of Blore, and in all other woods of the said Bishop within his manor of Eccleshale; witnessed by John de Chetewyne, William de Trussebote, Knights, John de Aston, Adam de Pessale, and others.⁵

I meet with no further mention of this John de Swynnerton or his heirs, and the estate at Isewall, which was situate in the parish of Eccleshale, seems to have passed soon afterwards to his

¹ "Liber Albus de Lichfield" (MS. copy in Salt Library).

² Extracts from the *Coram Rege* Roll of 17 Edw. II.

³ "Liber Albus de Lichfield," p. 129.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 127.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 128.

cousin Sir Roger de Swynnerton, of Swynnerton (the Baron), who died seised of it in 1338.

I now return to the senior line.

We have seen that John de Swynnerton, Lord of Swynnerton, was dead in 1284, and in Michaelmas Term, 1285, Roger de Pywelesdon (Puleston) and Joan his wife, John de Whytemore, Adam son of William de Alsacher, Robert le Mareschal, and Gilbert son of Geoffrey de Aston, sued ROGER son of STEPHEN DE USLEWALL for half the manor of Swynnerton, excepting one hundred and sixty (oeties viginti) acres of wood in the same manor; and for two parts of fourteen messuages and five virgates of land with appurtenances, excepting twenty acres of wood and 50s. of rent in Beche, of which John de Swynnerton, their kinsman (*consanguineus*), whose heirs they are, was seised in demesne as of fee on the day of his death, and who died, etc. And Roger appeared and defended his right, and denied that John de Swynnerton, their kinsman, died seised of the tenements in question, because he had given the said tenements long before his death to him (Roger), by his deed which he produced; and he had made one Philip de Mutton, his attorney, to put him in seisin of them. He produced letters of attorney to that effect, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for Hillary term. A postscript states that the case was adjourned from Hillary to Easter and from Easter to Michaelmas, through defect of juries, because all put on the panel were challenged.¹

At the same assizes of 1285 Roger de Pywelesdon and Joan his wife, John de Whytemore, Adam son of William de Alsacher, Robert le Mareschal, and Gilbert son of Geoffrey de Aston, sued Roger son of Stephen de Uslewall and *Muriel the widow of John de Swynnerton* for eighty acres of wood in Swynnerton and Beche, of which John de Swynnerton, their kinsman, whose heirs they are, was seised as of fee, etc., when he died. Roger and Muriel appeared and stated the same as in last suit, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury for Hillary term. A postscript states that after several adjournments a jury gave a verdict at Easter term, 14 Edw. I. (1286), and stated that Roger and Muriel were in good seisin of the tenements during the lifetime of John. The verdict is therefore for the defendants.² And in 14 Edw. I., Roger son of Stephen de Uselwalle gives a mark for a writ

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 160.

² *Ibid.*

of "*recordari*."¹ But the differences between them were not yet finally disposed of; for at the Michaelmas Assizes of 14-15 Edw. I. (1286), the Sheriff of Staffordshire was ordered to take with him four discreet and lawful Knights of his county, and *in propria personâ* to proceed to the court of Edmund the King's brother, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, and in full court there to be recorded the suit which was in the Court by the King's writ between John de Wytemore, Adam son of William de Allesager, Roger de Pyvelesdon and Joan his wife, Robert le Mareschal, and Gilbert son of Geoffrey de Aston, plaintiffs, and Roger son of Stephen de Useleswell, tenant of four messuages and four bovates of land with the appurtenances in Great Chelle, as to which the said Roger son of Stephen complained that a false judgment had been given; and to have the record in Court at this term, together with four legal men of the same Court who were present at the record. And John and the others now appeared, and William de Mere, Geoffrey de Kokenegge, Thomas de Baddeleye, and Richard du Lee, the four men of the Court to whom the record had been entrusted to produce it in Court, never came. The Sheriff is therefore ordered to distrain and produce them on the morrow of the Purification, and the same day is given to the other parties.² At the ensuing Hillary Term, however, Roger son of Stephen de Useleswell, who brought a writ of false judgment against John de Wytemore, Adam son of William de Allesager, and others, did not appear to prosecute it, and the suit is dismissed.³

In 16 Edw. I. *Roger de Swynnerton* gives half a mark for a writ of *ad terminum*.⁴

At Michaelmas, 1288, *Roger son of Stephen de Swynemerton* (Swynnerton) gives 40s. for licence of concord with Roger de Pyulesdon and Joan his wife in a plea of convention, and they have a chirograph.⁵

Roger son of Stephen de Swynnerton appears here as complainant against Roger de Pywelesdon and Juliana (Joan) his wife, deforciant, in a plea concerning the ninth part of the manor of Swynnerton, Beche, and Chelle, which deforciant acknowledged to belong to complainant, and they remitted the same to complainant

¹ Rot. Fin., 14 Edw. I., m. 11.

² "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 166.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 168.

⁴ Rot. Fin., 16 Edw. I., m. 14.

"Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 181.

for ever. For this acknowledgment complainant gave deforciant one sore sparrow-hawk.¹

This is the last we hear of those claiming to be the right heirs of John de Swynnerton. How they were related to him I have hitherto been unable to ascertain.²

In Trinity term, 18 Edw. I. (1290), Roger de Swynnerton is *in misericordiâ* for several defaults (of appearance). He was attached to answer the plea of Robert Chelle, that he, with John de Cherleton, James de Hayton, William son of William de Cherleton, and Gilbert de Swynnerton, had ill-treated, taken, and imprisoned at Swynnerton, the said Robert Chelle on the Monday after the Feast of St. James, 17 Edw. I. (1289), and detained him a prisoner for fifteen days, until he was delivered by the King's precept, for which he claimed 100s. damages. Roger appeared and denied the injury, and stated that after the death of Richard, the brother of Robert Chelle, who had held of him a messuage and virgate of land in Chelle, in villeinage, the said Robert had fined 30s. for entry into the same tenement to be held in villeinage of him, and because he had refused to pay the fine, he had taken him as his villein, and put him into gaol, as it was lawful for him to do (*et ipsum in ceppis posuit sicut ei bene licuit*).³

At the same assizes he appears as a juror on a Grand Assize of Knights to try a suit between Peter de Arderne and the Canons of Lichfield respecting meadow land in Elford.⁴

In 19 Edw. I., Roger de Swynnerton, John de Hasting, Philip Naul, Robert de Cotes, John de Whitmore, Reginald Charles, Roger Burgillion, Richard de Lee, Stephen de Okele, John son of Stephen de Swynnerton, and William Badenhale give one mark to have a writ of *pone*.⁵ In the same year Roger de Swynnerton fines half a mark to have a writ of *ad terminum*.⁶

At the Staffordshire Assizes held before the Justices Itinerant

¹ Ped. Fin., 16 Edw. I., No. 88. Beche or Beech is a hamlet of Swynnerton.

² Joan de Pyvelesdon, who with her husband Roger sues the Dean and Chapter of St. Mary, Stafford, for twenty acres of land in Aston in 21 Edw. I., gives her pedigree as daughter and heir of Robert, son and heir of Ivo, son and heir of Robert ("Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 237). She had been previously married to Thomas de Venables. In 23 Edw. I., she was again a widow, and then Lady of Walton, near Stone (*ibid.*, p. 300). She was, in fact, the daughter and heiress of Robert de Walton, and Thomas de Venables was her first husband and the father of her children.

³ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 193.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 194.

⁵ Rot. Fin. 19 Edw. I., m. 6.

⁶ *Ibid.*, m. 4.

on 7th January, 1293, Sir Roger de Swynnerton is one of the four Knights summoned to elect a jury.¹ At the same assizes he is on a jury of Grand Assize in a suit between John de Arderne and John Fynch.² Again he appears thereat in another character; Robert de Halghton sued Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lychefeld, for the advowson of the Church of High Offley, stating that a certain Thomas, his ancestor, had been seised of it in the time of King John. The Bishop appeared by his attorney, and denied the seisin of the said Thomas, and offered to defend his right by the body of his freeman Thomas son of William, who was present, etc.; and Robert offered to deraign his right by the body of his freeman Robert son of William, who was present, etc. It is therefore determined that a duel should be fought between them. The sureties of Thomas (the Bishop's champion) are Henry Mauveysin and *Roger de Swynnerton*, and the sureties of Robert (Robert de Haughton's champion) are Thomas Corbet and William Wyther.³

At the same assizes Roger de Swynnerton, Reginald de Snockestones, Richard de Swynnerton, and John de Trentham are charged with unjustly disseising John son of Philip de Blakelowe of common of pasture and moor in Swynnerton appurtenant to his free tenement in Blakelowe. Roger stated that he had approved the pasture and moor, and that John son of Philip had sufficient pasture for his tenement; and the jury found in his favour.⁴

At the same assizes Nicholas de Audeleye withdrew his assize of *mort d'ancestor* against Roger de Swynnerton respecting a tenement in Coldnorton.⁵ The above Roll is endorsed: *Isti remanent coronatores in comitatu isto, videlicet, Henricus de Craswell, Rogerus de Swynnerton, Henry Clericus de Alrewas, et Willielmus de Wrotteslee*;⁶ which is explained by General Wrottesley to mean that probably these four had been coroners before the previous *iter*, or before the statute of 2 Edw. I., which ordained that none but Knights should be elected coroners; and some of these, he tells us, were not yet Knights.

Sir Roger de Swynnerton appears once more at the gaol delivery for the county of Stafford in 1293, with Vivian de Standon and others, as surety to produce Margaret de Bagenholt to stand to her trial for receiving and harbouring Stephen de Bagenholt her son (who had been outlawed).⁷ At the same time he is one of the

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 211.

² *Ibid.*, p. 220.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 230.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 233.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 236.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 256.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 281.

sureties of Philip de Mutton, coroner, for the payment of a fine of 5 marks in which he has been mulcted.¹

In 1294, Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, is appointed assessor and collector in the county of Stafford of the tenth granted in the Parliament at Westminster on the morrow of St. Martin, 12th November, his commission being tested on the same day.²

He was dead early in 1298, having been King's Coroner at the time of his decease, and on 8th February of that year the King's close writ is issued to the Sheriff to cause another coroner to be elected in his stead.³ He left a widow Joan surviving him and several sons, of whom Roger, the eldest, was still in his minority. I believe his wife Joan to have been a daughter of Sir Robert de Hastang of Chebsey, Knight.⁴

At the assizes taken at Stafford before Adam de Crokedeyk and William Inge, Justices assigned, etc., on Monday, the Vigil of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 27 Edw. I. (7th September, 1299), an assize was held to try if Stephen, the Parson of the Church of Swynnerton, had unjustly disseised ROGER son of ROGER DE SWYNNERTON of seventeen acres of land in Atton near Whitemore. Stephen stated that the tenement contained only ten acres, and that Roger the father of the said Roger had held it of the Baron of Stafford by Knight's service; and the Baron after the death of Roger had taken it into his hands by reason of the minority of the said Roger son of Roger, and had demised the custody of it to him until the lawful age of the heir. Roger stated that he had entered into the tenement after the death of his father, and had held it until he had been unjustly disseised of his own house (*de mansurá suá propriá*) by the said Stephen. The jury found that Joan the mother of the said Roger son of Roger, had entered into the tenement after the death of the father of Roger, in the name of Roger, and had held it for a year, when Stephen took possession; and that the Baron, after the death of Roger the father, had set up no claim

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 282.

² Rot. Pat., 22 Edw., I., m. 2; Parliamentary Writs, I., 27.

³ Rot. Claus., 26 Edw. I. (*ex inf.* Hon. George Wrottesley).

⁴ A Pedigree in the Ashmolean Collection (MS. 799, p. 239) gives as the two daughters of Sir Robert de Hastang and sisters of Sir John de Hastang, Knights, Scolastica wife of Richard son of Sir William de Kaverswall, Knight, by whom she had a son Richard, father of William, father of Peter and William de Kaverswall, who both died without issue; and Joan, wife of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, by whom she had Roger and other sons; which Roger was father of Sir Thomas, father of Robert, who married Elizabeth the daughter and heiress of Sir Nicholas de Beck, Knight.

to the tenement by reason of wardship nor in any other manner. Roger is therefore to recover seisin of the ten acres which Stephen admitted that he held, and his damages are taxed at half a mark.¹

In the next year at the assizes taken at Stafford before William Inge and Nicholas Fermband, Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton, who is under age, not appearing to prosecute his suit of *novel disseisin* against Thomas de Tittenesovere, the suit is dismissed, and his sureties are *in misericordiâ*, viz., Adam son of Henry de Swynnerton and John son of Adam de Swynnerton.²

In Michaelmas term, 29 Edw. I. (1301), Stephen, Parson of the Church of Swynnerton, was summoned to answer the Prior of Stanes, in a plea in which the Prior sued him for a sum of 23s. 4d., the arrears of an annual rent of 2 marks owing to him according to the terms of a fine levied in 2 Hen. III., between Robert de Swynnerton and William the Prior of Kenilleworth respecting the Church of Swynnerton, which he produced.³ Further particulars of this suit will be given in a short account of the Church of Swynnerton and its earlier Rectors in a subsequent page. Stephen, Parson of Swynnerton, was probably a brother of Roger son of Stephen de Swynnerton; he was apparently succeeded in 1306 by Richard de Swynnerton, clerk.⁴

In 34 Edw. I. (1305-6), Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, had a charter for free warren in all his demesne lands at his manor of Swynnerton, as also for keeping a market there upon the Wednesday in every week, and a fair yearly upon the Festival of our Lady's Assumption.⁵

In a Roll of Arms, which, from internal evidence, must have been compiled between 1308 and 1314, the arms of "Sire Roger de Suyvertone" are given as "*de argent, a une crois de sable, les cheffs flurettes.*"⁶

On 19th September, 4 Edw. II., 1310, at the general profer of Knight-services to the King, taken at Twedemuth, before Sir Bartholomew de Badlesmere, Lieutenant to the Constable of England, and Sir Nicholas de Segrave, Mareschal of the King's Host, the Earl

¹ Plea Roll, 27 Edw. I., m. 2 (*ex inf.* Hon. G. Wrottesley).

² Plea Roll, 28 Edw. I., m. 10.

³ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., p. 27.

⁴ Lichfield Diocesan Register. A Richard de Swynnerton became Dean of Wimborne Minster, in Dorsetshire, 7th January, 1334. (Hutchins' "Dorsetshire," Vol. II., p. 534.)

⁵ Dugdale's "Baronage," Vol. II., p. 112.

⁶ "A Roll of Arms;" edited by N. H. Nicolas, Esq., Pickering, 1829, p. 53.

of Lancaster acknowledged the services of six Knight's fees for all his lands in England, to be performed by *Roger de Swenerton*, John de Twyford, Peter de Lemeseye, and William Trussell, Knights, *John de Swenerton*, John de Nortle, Richard de Lymesy, and Roger de Kent, serjeants, with caparisoned horses.¹

On iij. Kal. April (30th March), 1312, Sir William de Tene, Priest, was admitted to the Church of Swynnerton on the presentation of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight.² And in the following year, on 16th October, 7 Edw. II. (1313), John de Swynnerton and Roger de Swynnerton, with many others, received the King's pardon for having been present in arms with Thomas Earl of Lancaster when Piers Gaveston was beheaded on Blakelow Hill.³ It may be accidental that the name of John de Swynnerton the younger brother appears on the list before that of Roger; but it is noticeable that the former now occupied a higher position as Steward of Cannock Forest and a tenant *in capite*, in right of his wife Anna, the daughter and heiress of Philip de Montgomery.

In 9 Edw. II. Sir Roger de Swynnerton is certified, pursuant to a writ tested at Clipston, 5th March (1316), as Lord of the township of Swynnerton in the county of Stafford.⁴ In 11 Edw. II. he was made Governor of the town of Stafford.⁵ In 14 Edw. II. (1320) the King committed to him the bailiwick of the Hundred of Tatemandeslaw,⁶ and the Governorship of the Castle of Harlech in Wales, which last was renewed to him in the following year. In 15 Edw. II. the custody of the castle and manor of Eccleshale was also committed to him to hold during the vacancy of the bishoprick of Coventry and Lichfield; moreover he was made Constable of the Tower of London; and was one of the Justices empowered and directed by letters patent and writs, tested at Pontefract, 26th March, 1322, to pass sentence upon Henry Tyes, which he did accordingly, at the Tower of London, on the eve of Palm Sunday, 3rd April of that year.⁷

There is an indenture by which Thomas de Halthton, John de

¹ Parliamentary Writs, Vol. II., Div. II., 406. Madox ("Baronia Anglicana," p. 222) has erroneously ascribed this to 4 Edw. I., instead of 4 Edw. II.

² Lichfield Diocesan Register.

³ Rymer's "Fædera."

⁴ Parliamentary Writs.

⁵ Dugdale's "Baronage."

⁶ Rot. Orig., 14 Edw. II., Ro. 9 (Vol. II., p. 255). The King was at Boulogne on the 20th, and at Dover on the 21st July, 1320.

⁷ Parliamentary Writs.

Chetewynde, Robert de Dutton, John de Ipstones, Vivian de Staundon, Roger, Parson of Blumenhull, Vivian de Chetewynde, William de Weston-Jones, Robert son of Robert de Dutton, Jordan de Peuvelesdon, and James de Poddemore are bound to Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Chivaler, in a sum of 500 marks by a recognizance made in Chancery 2nd May, 15 Edw. II., of which 500 marks the said Sir Roger had received from the said Vivian de Staundon and the others 250 marks, and for which he had given an acquittance. The said Sir Roger de Swynnerton now grants, for himself and his heirs, to the said Vivian de Staundon, that if the said Vivian shall keep the peace towards him and do him no manner of wrong, that the said recognizance of 500 marks shall be void and of no effect. Witnessed by Mons^r James de Audeley, Mons^r Robert de Knytheleg, Mons^r Thomas de Oyli, Geoffrey de Wasteneys, and John de Bromley. Dated at Swynnerton on the Monday after the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr (12th July), A.D. 1322.¹

In the same year, on Monday and Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 2nd and 3rd August, 1322, as Constable of the Tower of London, he produces the Mortimers, then in his custody, before the Judges at Westminster and at the Tower.²

On the following day a writ of *certiorari* is addressed to him, commanding him to return the process against Henry Tyes into Chancery, tested at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4th August.²

In October, 1322, as Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, he presented a clerk to the Church of Swynnerton.³ On 2nd December of the same year he was appointed one of the Assessors and Collector; of the tenth and sixth granted in the Parliament of York on Sunday next after the Feast of St. Martyn, 14th November.² And in the same year he was one of the mancaptors for the good behaviour of Peter de Watervill on his discharge from imprisonment as an adherent of the Earl of Lancaster.²

In 17 Edw. II. (1324), Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, is returned by the Sheriff of the county of Stafford, pursuant to writ tested at Westminster, 9th May, as summoned to attend the great council of the nation.²

In 20 Edw. II. (1326) the King committed to him the custody of all the manors, lands, and tenements, with the appurtenances,

¹ Original Deed in Salt Library, Stafford.

² Parliamentary Writs.

³ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

which had belonged to Hugh le Despencer, late Earl of Winchester, in the counties of Stafford and Chester.¹

During the troublous times which succeeded the accession of King Edward II., and for nearly the whole of that reign, the law was practically in a state of abeyance, and the county of Stafford was at that time a scene of unbridled licence. The defeat of the Earl of Lancaster, however, at the battle of Borough Bridge, in 14 Edw. II., and the few years of comparative peace and quietness which ensued, enabled the King to inquire into the enormities which had been committed throughout all parts of the Kingdom. The inquisitions which were held in Staffordshire between 1323 and 1325 brought to light deeds of rapine and violence in which nearly all the leading families of the county were involved. Among these the Swynnertons were conspicuous. There seems to have been a feud between the Swynnertons and the Staffords of Sandon, in which large numbers were engaged as partisans on either side.

At the special assizes of 17 Edw. II., the Hundred of Offelow presented that James son of William de Stafford and John his brother, on the occasion of the contention between James de Stafford and the Swynnertons, had congregated a great number of armed men, both horse and foot, in the twelfth year of the present reign, and had attacked and ill-treated *Richard de Swynnerton* at Eccleshale; that they were at Burton and Borough Bridge in arms assisting the Earl of Lancaster, and that William Lord of Chetelton, Nicholas de Langford, Knight, and John de Twyford, Knight, are common malefactors and disturbers of the peace, and were with arms and horses in the society of the said James and William.²

The King, at the intercession of Nicholas de Verdon, afterwards pardons James de Stafford for the above and for the death of *Alexander de Swynnerton*. Vivian de Standon, William de Chetwynd, Vivian de Chetwynd, John de Ipstones, James son of William de Stafford, and Adam de Bereford, stand as bail for the good behaviour of the others.

The Hundred further presented that, on the occasion of the enmity existing between William de Stafford, Knight, and Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, Joan,³ formerly Countess of Lincoln, now

¹ Rot. Orig., I., 301.

² Sir John and Sir James de Stafford, the sons of Sir William de Stafford, of Sandon, Knights, were respectively of Broomshull and of Sandon.

³ Joan, the second wife and widow of Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, was the sister and heir of William Martin; King Edward II. granted her marriage to Ralph

deceased, had sent her men with horses and arms, viz., Peter de Lymes, Knight, Thomas Blaunfront, Knight, and many others, into the parks of Heley, Newcastle, Eccleshale, *Swynnerton*, and Stafford, in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the present reign, to the great terror of the people, and against the King's peace.

In another presentment Ralph de Bussebury is named as being a common malefactor and disturber of the King's peace in the society of the Swynnertons.

The Hundred of Pirehill presented that *John de Swynnerton, Knight, Richard de Swynnerton*, John de Wethales, and others, feloniously abducted by force Joan de Greseleye, who was formerly the wife of Peter de Greseleye, from Drakelowe, in the fifth year of the present reign, and had taken her to *Swynnerton*, and detained her there for a long time;¹ that *Richard de Swynnerton* had feloniously killed Henry, the Parson of Pencrich, in the ninth year, and, with Thomas Aston and others, had robbed Roger le Marchal, returning from the fair at Newcastle, of stuffs, silver, and jewels, and other goods at Harnegge; and that *Roger de Swynnerton* had received and harboured his brother *Richard* after the above felonies.

At the Trinity term, 17 Edw. II., *John de Swynnerton* produced the King's pardon for himself and others for the rape of Joan who had been the wife of Peter de Greseleye.

William de Shareshill, Robert de Shareshill, and others stand bail for some of the above, and for Adam de Peshale, accused of robbery.

The Hundred of Seisdon presented that *Richard de Swynnerton* is a common malefactor and disturber of the King's peace, and had abused and ill-treated William de Whitewyk, Chaplain, at Pencrich, in the sixteenth year, and had cut off his hand.

The Hundreds of Offeley, Pirehill, Seisdon, and others, presented simultaneously that *Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, John de Swynnerton, Knight, Richard de Swynnerton, Nicholas de Swynnerton*, Parson of Moeleston, John de Uselwall, Richard de Whethales, Richard de Chelle, Robert de Aston, and others named, rode with de Monthermer; but without his licence or the King's, she married Nicholas de Audeley, a great Staffordshire Baron (Dugdale's "Baronage"), which accounts for her residence or interest in that county.

¹ Joan, wife of Sir Peter Gresley of Drakelow, Knight, according to Erdeswick's editor, was the daughter of Lord Stafford of Egginton (Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 214).

horses and arms about the country, and were common malefactors and disturbers of the King's peace; that they had killed Henry de Salt of Stafford in the first year of the reign; that in the summer of 6 Edw. II. they had broken into the Court where Hugh de Croft, the Sheriff, and William de Stafford were sitting in full Court, and that in the eighth year of the reign *Richard de Swynnerton* had forcibly impeded Henry de Cressewall, the Coroner, from performing his office and sitting on the body of Henry atte Persouns who had been killed there by the said Richard.¹

In 19 Edw. II., when the King sent a special commission into Staffordshire to inquire into the unlawful assemblies, homicides, burnings, etc., committed in the county of Stafford, the following presentments were made before the King at Tamworth on 12th and 13th March, 1326:—

The jury of Lichfield stated that *Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton* had feloniously killed William le Wolf of Harlaston, the King's forester at Hopewas, in 18 Edw. II. John de Boulewas and others unknown had killed John de Couleye of the retinue of William de Ipstones, and John, brother of James de Stafford, and William his brother, wounded John de Pichford, who was with William de Ipstones, so that he died at Stafford six days afterwards. *Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton* and others were ordered to be arrested. The said Roger produced the King's pardon for the death of William le Wolf, of Harlaston, in consideration of his serving in the Duchy of Aquitaine, and a certificate from Ralph Basset of Drayton, that he had served there until the return of John de Warren, Earl of Surrey, and the King's pardon in consequence.²

Here we have mention of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, his son Roger, and several of his brothers.

The younger Roger, who had served in the King's wars in Aquitaine, and was afterwards, if not already, a Knight, will have been the eldest son of Sir Roger de Swynnerton. He died without issue, in his father's lifetime, about the year 1326, leaving a widow Matilda. Among the Erdeswicke evidences there is a deed of Matilda de Swynnerton, in which she acknowledges the receipt of 10 marks of silver from Sir James de Stafford, dated 20 Edward, son of King Edward (1326). To this deed is a seal which gives the Swynnerton arms for the *femme* impaled with a bend for the *baron*.³ The last

¹ Extracts from the *Coram Rege* Roll of 17 Edw. II; *ex inf.* Hon. G. Wrottesley.

² Assize Roll of 19 Edw. II., *placita apud* Tamworth; *ex inf.* Hon. G. Wrottesley.

³ Erdeswick Deeds, MS. 439, at the Salt Library. The arms should probably

editor of Erdeswicke's "Staffordshire" probably alludes to the next year's receipt, when he tells us there is extant a *carta* of Matilda de Swynnerton, *relict of Sir Roger de Swynnerton*, sealed with the arms of Swynnerton, in which she acknowledges the receipt of 10 marks from Sir James de Stafford, dated at Swynnerton 1 Edw. III.¹

Of Sir Roger de Swynnerton's brothers, Sir John became chief forester of Cannock in right of his wife. From him descended the Swynnertons of Hilton in Staffordshire, of whom we shall speak hereafter.

Richard de Swynnerton and Nicholas de Swynnerton, Parson of Muccestone, are both described as brothers of John and Roger in a plea between John de Swynnerton and Robert de Esenington (Essington) and Margaret his wife, concerning a tenement in Esenington in 7 Edw. II.²

There are some indications that Richard de Swynnerton was a priest as well as his brother Nicholas. A Richard de Swynnerton, clerk, was presented to the Rectory of Swynnerton in November, 1306; and a Richard de Swynnerton became Dean of Wimborne, co. Dorset, in 1334, which he held for little more than four years; but since there was also a Richard de Swynnerton in the previous generation, and another in the succeeding generation, the Rector of Swynnerton may possibly have been his uncle, and I take the Dean of Wimborne to have been his nephew of the same name; this last mentioned Richard (the nephew), however, died in 1346, so that I presume it will have been the brother of Sir Roger and Sir John, whether a priest or a layman, who, as Richard de Swynnerton, received the King's licence, tested at Rotherhithe, 8th September, 1350, to proceed from Dover to the city of Rome, with two Chaplains, two valets, two grooms, and two horses.³

Nicholas de Swynnerton began life as a forester of Cannock, where he held the principal office under his brother John, before he became a priest. In July, 1310, at an inquisition held at

be given the reverse way, with Swynnerton for the *baron* and a bend for the *femme*, unless she was using a borrowed seal.

¹ Erdeswick's "Staffordshire" (ed. of 1844), p. 109.

² Assize Roll of divers counties, 7 Edw. II., N. 2, 15, No. 11.

³ Rymer's "Fædera," Vol. III., p. 204. Among the deeds at Swynnerton is one of 42 Edw. III., 1368, in which Thomas son of Richard de Swynnerton makes a grant of lands in Shelton and Swynnerton to Alice del Wode and Eleanor the daughter of Richard de Hulton. If this Richard de Swynnerton were a priest, Thomas the grantor must have been a natural son.

Oggeleie, in the county of Stafford, on the Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, before Hugh le Despencer, Justice of the King's Forests on this side Trent, concerning an enclosure of the forest, the Jury consisted of John de Swynnerton, Steward of the Forest of Cannock, Nicholas de Swynnerton, Rider of the forest, the two foresters of the fee, the two walking foresters, the Verdurers, the Regarders, and twenty-four free and lawful men.¹

In 16 Edw. II. Nicholas de Swynnerton, Clerk, is one of the manucaptors for the good behaviour of Peter de Notingham in his discharge from imprisonment as an adherent of the Earl of Lancaster.² He was admitted to the prebend of Gaia Major in the Cathedral Church of Lichfield, x. kal. Martii (20th February), 1345-6, which he afterwards exchanged, iv. kal. October (28th September), 1352, for that of Offley.³ In 21 Edw. III. he was joined in commission with John de Aston, Knight, Stephen de Irton, Philip de Lytteleye, and John de Rocheford, to levy upon the inhabitants of the county of Stafford 250½ sacks 12 stones and 10½ pounds of wool, being their portion of 20,000 sacks of wool granted to the King for the defence of the realm; their commission being tested at Reading 8th March, 1347-8.⁴ In 1349 he succeeded (his nephew) Robert de Swynnerton as Dean of St. Mary's, Stafford;⁵ and on xvij. kal. September (16th August), 1349, he was presented to the Church of Barrow, in Cheshire, which he retained till his death in 1357.⁶ He was dead before Id. Martii (15th March) of that year;⁶ and three Rectors were appointed by the Bishop of Lichfield, with a kinsman's aid, to administer the goods of Nicholas de Swynnerton, Rector of Muklestone, who had died intestate.⁷

Stephen de Swynnerton occurs with Nicholas de Swynnerton, Clerk, in 16 Edw. II., as manucaptor for the good behaviour of Peter de Notingham on his discharge from imprisonment.²

Stephen de Swynnerton, Man-at-arms, is returned by the Sheriff of the county of Stafford, pursuant to writ tested at Westminster, 9th May, 17 Edw. II. (1334), as summoned to attend

¹ MSS. copy of inquisitions in Salt Library, Stafford.

² Parliamentary Writs.

³ Hardy's *Le Neve's "Fasti,"* I., pp. 606, 615.

⁴ *Rot. Fin.*, 21 Edw. III., m. 43.

⁵ Tanner's "*Notitia Monastica.*"

⁶ Ormerod's "*Cheshire,*" Vol. III., p. 186.

⁷ Bishop Norbury's Register, "*Staffordshire Historical Collections,*" Vol. I., p. 286.

the Great Council.¹ In 7 Edw. III., 25th July, 1333, he received a general pardon, being then with the King at Tweedmouth; and in 22 Edw. III. the King committed to him the manor of Moreton, in the county of Dumfries in Scotland.

I suppose him to have been a brother of Sir Roger; and perhaps Alexander de Swynnerton, who was killed by James de Stafford, was another.

To return to Sir Roger. It has been stated that the forfeited lands of Hugh le Despencer, late Earl of Winchester, in the counties of Stafford and Chester, were committed to his custody in 20 Edw. II.

In 1 Edw., III. by his charter dated at Westminster, 11th February, 1327, the new King confirms his father's grant to Roger de Swynnerton of the custody of all the manors, lands, and tenements in the counties of Stafford and Chester which belonged to Hugh le Despencer, late Earl of Winchester, to hold during the King's pleasure.²

In 2 Edw. III., being then a Banneret, he had an assignation out of the Exchequer of £145 13s. 8d., as well for his wages of war in that expedition made into Scotland in 1 Edw. III., as for his services in attendance upon Queen Isabella in 20 Edw. II.³

In 2 Edw. III., by inquisition taken at Stone on Thursday next after the Feast of St. Lucy the Virgin (15th December), 1328, it was found that it would not be to the King's damage or to that of others, if he should grant to his beloved and faithful Roger de Swynnerton that he may have in his manor of Swynnerton view of frankpledge, with all things pertaining thereto, also Infangenthef and Outfangenthef in the aforesaid manor, and amendments of the assize of bread and ale in the same manor, to have and to hold to him and his heirs for ever. Four parts of the said manor are holden of the Baron of Stafford, by the service of one Knight's fee, and the fifth part, of Roger de Tytnesore, by the service of the third part of a Knight's fee. The yearly value of the manor is £40, and the view of frankpledge and other liberties would be worth about 6s. 8d.⁴

In 3 Edw. III., 16th February, 1329, Sir Roger de Swynnerton

¹ Scotch Roll.

² Rot. Fin., 1 Edw., III., m. 27; see also Abb. Rot. Orig., II., 2, 1 Edw. III., No. 3.

³ Dugdale's "Baronage," Vol. II., p. 112.

⁴ Inq. 2 Edw. III., 2nd Numbers, No. 11.

was again summoned, in the King's name, to withstand the Scots.¹ On 10th March of the same year a Royal mandate is issued to William le Botiller of Wemme and Roger Hillary, reciting that the King, by his letters patent, had granted to Roger de Swynnerton, the elder,² all the lands and tenements² with the appurtenances in the county of Stafford, which lately belonged to Hugh le Despenser, Earl of Winchester, the King's enemy and traitor, which had come into the King's hands as escheats by reason of the forfeiture of the same Hugh, to have and to hold to the said Roger, as in the same letters is contained. The King wishing to be certified of the true value of the said tenements, assigns the same William le Botiller and Roger Hillary to cause an extent to be made thereof by the oath of true and lawful men, viz., to ascertain the true value of the same in demesnes, homages, services, rents, villeinages, and all other issues of land; and also in what places the same lands and tenements are situated. Dated at Guldeford. By the inquisition which followed it appears that the said lands in Staffordshire consisted of the third part of the manor of Alstanesfeld and the vill of Ruyshon Spencer and lands in [Corneford], all of which were in the Hundred of Tatemoneslowe.³

These lands, as well as the lands in Cheshire, which had been forfeited by Hugh le Despenser, and which were at first given to Sir Roger to hold during the King's pleasure, were afterwards granted to him in fee, to hold to him and his heirs for ever.

On 26th November, 1330 (4 Edw. III.), Sir Roger de Swynnerton was one of the Knights summoned as a jury to try Thomas de Berkeley, before the King in full Parliament, as to his participation in the death of the late King Edward II.; of which the said Thomas was fully acquitted.⁴

On 17th September, 6 Edw. III., the King conceded to Roger de Swynnerton the Hundred of Pirhill, with the appurtenances, in the county of Stafford, to hold for term of life at an annual rent of £4 6s. 8d.⁵ In 7 Edw. III., namely, on 15th July, 1333, he, being then with the King at Berwick-upon-Tweed, was one of the twenty-five English Magnates who were parties to the King's treaty with

¹ Scotch Roll.

² In 1327, when the first grant of those lands was made to Sir Roger, his son Roger will have been living. He probably died in that year.

Inq. 3 Edw. III., 2nd MS. No. 81.

⁴ Rot. Parl. II., 57.

⁵ Rot. Fin. 6 Edw. III., m. 6; see also Abb. Rot. Orig. II., 67.

Patrick de Dunbar, "Counte de la Marche," with respect to the surrender of the castle and town of Berwick to the King.¹

On 25th July of the same year, *i.e.*, six days after the Battle of Halidon Hill, he and Stephen de Swynnerton received a general pardon, dated at Berwick.² This battle decided the fate of Berwick, which has ever since remained a portion of English territory; and the services rendered there were doubtless considered a sufficient reason for a general amnesty, which should free them from the consequences of their many lawless deeds done in the time of the late King Edward the Second. In the same year the King committed to Roger de Swynnerton the custody of the manor of Littelbarwe (Little Barrow) with the appurtenances, in the county of Chester, late the property of Hugh le Despencer the elder, the King's enemy, to hold during the King's pleasure, at an annual rent of £8 0s. 8¼d.³

In 8 Edw. III., for the good service he had rendered to the King, he had a grant of the Hundred of Pirhill to hold for term of life, in part satisfaction of three hundred librates of land and rents, at a reduced rent of £4 6s. 8d.⁴

In the same year the King, by his charter reciting, that for the good service rendered to him by Roger de Swynnerton, he had promised, with the consent of his Council, to provide him with lands and rents of the annual value of three hundred pounds for term of life, and further reciting that he had, on that behalf, conceded to him for term of life all the manors, lands, and tenements which had been held by Hugh le Despencer, late Earl of Winchester, in the counties of Stafford and Chester, which were then in the King's hands by reason of the forfeiture of the said Hugh, he now, by his said charter, dated at Nottingham on 16th July (1334), concedes to the said Roger the manor of Great Barrow, in the county of Chester, with the appurtenances, and all the lands, tenements and rents, with the appurtenances in Rushton, Corneford, Austanfeld, and Caldon, in the county of Stafford, which had belonged to the said Hugh, and which were extended at £74 *per annum*, together with the fees, advowsons, and liberties, and all other their appurtenances, in recompense of the three hundred librates of lands and rents, to hold to him and his heirs for ever.⁵ And by another charter, dated at Westminster on 25th September

¹ Rymer's "Fædera."

² Scotch Roll.

³ Abb. Rot. Orig. II., 78.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 86.

⁵ Rot. 1a Pat. 8 Edw. III., m. 1.

of the same year, he further conceded to him the manor of Little Barrow in the county of Chester, to hold to him and his heirs for ever.¹

Soon afterwards, Sir Roger de Swynnerton presented to the Church of Barrow one Robert de Taunton, priest,² who was instituted on xvij. kal. Sept. (*i.e.*, 16th August), 1334, but died in the following year, when he presented his own son Robert de Swynnerton, deacon.²

In the meantime, on 26th February, 1334, Nicholas de Hopton, Priest, had been admitted to the Church of Swynnerton on the presentation of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight.³

In 9 Edw. III., by charter dated at Westminster 18th September, 1335, the King, reciting that whereas his father, Edward II., had granted to Robert de Sapy the Hundred of Pirhill to hold in the same manner as John de Knokyn, deceased, had held it, and the present King, not remembering that his father had granted the said Hundred to Robert, had granted it to Roger de Swynnerton to hold during his life; he now, however, in order that his father's said grant to the same Robert may stand good, revokes his own grant to the said Roger de Swynnerton.⁴

On April 23rd, 1337, 11 Edw. III., Sir Roger was summoned to Parliament as a Baron of the realm, but no further, nor any of his posterity.⁵ In that year he agreed to serve the King with twenty men-at-arms or more, under the command of Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, in a fresh expedition to Scotland.⁶ And in the same year, by writ tested at Westminster 18th August, 11 Edw. III., he was one of the Knights of the shire summoned to Parliament from the county of Stafford.⁷

On 28th August of the same year, 1337, by letters tested at Westminster, he was joined in commission with Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and Ralph Basset, to declare to the people of the county of Stafford the King's difficulties with respect to his dealings with the King of France, who threatens him with war, and will neither make peace nor listen to any treaty for peace, and

¹ Leycester's "Historical Antiquities," p. 231; quoting from 2a Pat. 8 Edw. III., m. 27.

² Ormerod's "Cheshire," Vol. II., p. 186.

³ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

⁴ Rot. Fin. 9 Edw. III., m. 7.

⁵ Dugdale's "Baronage," Vol. II., p. 112; Nicolas's "Synopsis of the Peerage."

⁶ Scotch Roll.

⁷ Parliaments of England, printed for the House of Commons, I., 115 note.

to seek their aid. In these letters was enclosed a schedule describing the terms which the King had offered to the King of France, among which are proposals for a marriage between his eldest son the Duke of Cornwall (Edward the Black Prince) and the daughter of the King of France without any dowry on her part; for the marriage of his (the King's) sister, the Countess of Gelre (Eleanor, relict of Reynald, Count of Gueldres), to the son of the King of France, and for the marriage of his brother, the late Earl of Cornwall (John of Eltham, who died in 1336), with any damsel of the blood royal of France.¹

Sir Roger de Swynnerton died in the following year. The date of his death is not given in the inquisition *post mortem*. He probably died at his post in the Tower. The writ was dated from the Tower of London, 13th March, 12 Edw. III., 1338, and addressed to William Trussell, King's escheator *citra Trentam*. The inquisition was taken at Newcastle-under-Lyme on the 20th March, 12 Edw. III., on the oath of Ralph de Grendon, Richard de Verneye, William de Chaveldon, Ralph Burgilon, John de Beresford, Thomas de Rodeyerd, Adam de Narwedale, Robert de Cotes, Henry de Hextal, William de Huggefurd, Richard le Onyleye, and Roger de Knyghteleye, who stated that Roger de Swynnerton, the deceased, did not hold any lands or tenements of the King *in capite* when he died; but he held certain lands and tenements in Rushton, Corneford, Austanfeld, and Caldon, in the county of Stafford, by the grant of the King, which tenements had come into the King's hand by the forfeiture of Hugh le Despencer late Earl of Wynton, to be held by the said Roger and his heirs of the Lord the King and other capital lords of the fees, by the same services by which they had been held before the said forfeiture; he held at Rushton £8 of rent proceeding from free tenants, and the pleas and perquisites of the court at the same were worth 12*d.* annually; it was held of the Abbot of Dieulacresse by the service of a pound of pepper annually; and he held in the vill of Corneford a several pasture on the moors, which he had demised to William atte Bekke for term of his life for a rent of 20*s.*; and he held at Alstanfeld the third of the vill, in which there was no messuage, land, meadow, or pasture; but he had rents of assize of the free tenants, amounting to £12 annually; and the pleas and perquisites of the court were worth 10*s.* annually; and he held at Caldon rents of assize worth 30*s.* annually, and no other services

¹ Rymer's "Fœdera," Vol. II., p. 994; Rot. Claus. 11 Edw. III., Part II., m. 28.

or profits; and they say that the said tenements in Corneford were held of James D'Audelely by the service of two arrows annually; and the third part of the vill of Alstanfeld was held of Henry Earl of Lancaster by the service of the third part of a Knight's fee; and the tenements in Caldou (were held) of the Prior of Stanes, by fealty only; and they say that Roger held in demesne as of fee when he died, the manor of Swynnerton, in the county of Stafford, of Ralph Baron of Stafford, by the service of a Knight's fee; and in the manor there is a capital messuage worth 6s. 8d. annually, with the profit of the curtilage and garden, and there is a pigeon-house (*columbare*) worth 2s. annually; and there are three carucates of land worth 60s., each carucate 20s., and not more, because the land was poor and sandy (*quia terra debilis est et sabulosa*), and there are six acres of pasture worth 4s. annually, and a water-mill worth 13s. 4d.; and there are from rents of assize of free tenants £20 annually; and the pleas and perquisites of the Court are worth 6s. 8d. annually; and they say that the said Roger held at Uleshal in the county of Stafford a messuage and sixty acres of arable land of the Bishop of Chester by the service of 6d. annually; and the messuage is worth 12d. annually; and the sixty acres of land are worth 15s., each acre being worth 3d.; and they say that the said Roger held at Uslewall a messuage and forty acres of land of the Bishop of Chester, which are let to farm at 13s. 4d.; and he held at Suggenhulle a messuage and a carucate of land of the Bishop of Chester by fealty for all service, and the messuage is worth 12d., and the carucate of land is worth 13s. 4d., and no more, because the land is poor and stony (*debilis et lapidosa*); and they say that Robert de Swynnerton the son of the said Roger, is the nearest heir of the said Roger, and was twenty-six years of age and more at the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary last.¹ This return applies to the Staffordshire estates only; besides which he also died seised of the manors of Great and Little Barrow in Cheshire, in which he was likewise succeeded by his son Robert de Swynnerton, Clerk.

Sir Roger de Swynnerton was a man of great abilities, and steered his course with consummate skill through the political difficulties by which he was surrounded. He and his family appear to have sided at first with the Earl of Lancaster in his rebellion; but when Lancaster entered into his dangerous and traitorous alliance with the Scots, many of his former adherents

¹ Inq. p. m. 12 Edw. III., No. 39.

left him, and amongst them Sir Roger de Swynnerton. He was evidently in great favour with Queen Isabella after the death of Edward II., for some of the grants and offices bestowed on him were made by her when acting as Regent during the minority of Edward III. It was during this time that Sir Roger was Constable of the Tower of London, and, in this capacity, in command of the only permanently embodied troops in the kingdom; and as he retained the favour of Edward III. after he assumed the reins of government, he was probably a party to the *coup-d'état* by which Isabella was deposed and the favourite Mortimer sent to the scaffold. It is clear, from the high favour and consideration in which he was held by Edward III., that he must have performed very important services to the young King at this juncture; and though he was a man of great military experience, and served with distinction in the King's wars, it is probable that he rendered him even greater political services. He was undoubtedly a shrewd politician. If we study his actions, we shall see that he left the Earl of Lancaster at the right moment for his own interests, and he seems to have also left Isabella and Mortimer at the right moment. His active career was a longer one than was usual in those days, and he was probably near upon sixty years of age at the time of his decease.¹ His eldest son Roger predeceased him without issue, so that at his death, in 1338, he was succeeded by his second son Robert, a priest.

Besides Robert he left at least three other sons surviving, viz., Thomas (who succeeded his brother Robert), Richard and Humphrey. Of Humphrey we shall speak hereafter, as the ancestor of the Swynnertons of Isewall and Blymhill.

Richard de Swynnerton was a priest. He became Dean of Wimborne Minster, 7th January, 1334,² and died in London in the parish of St. Olave near the Tower, on Tuesday, 13th February, 20 Edw. III., 1346. The inquisition after his death was taken before Nicholas Twyford, Mayor of the City of London, and *ex officio* King's Escheator in that city. Richard de Swynnerton held no lands or tenements in the said city. Humphrey de Swynnerton his brother is his nearest heir, and upwards of twenty-four years of age.³

¹ A Pedigree in the Huntbache MSS. (Vol. II., p. 67*a*) gives as the wife of Sir Roger, and the mother of his children, a lady named Margaret, but from what follows (see p. 39), the name of his widow appears to have been Matilda.

² Hutchins' "Dorsetshire," Vol. II., p. 534.

³ Inq. *p. m.* 12 Ric. II., No. 47. If I am right in supposing this Richard Swynnerton, clerk, who died in London, to have been a younger son of Sir Roger,

ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON, who thus became the head of the House, being originally a younger son, was educated for the priesthood. In 1326-7, according to Tanner,¹ he was made Dean of St. Mary's, in Stafford; and in 1335 he was instituted to the Rectory of Barrow, in Cheshire, on the presentation of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, being then a deacon.²

After succeeding to the family inheritance in 1338, he himself, as Sir (Dominus) Robert de Swynnerton, presented a clerk to the Church of Swynnerton, who was instituted 19th January, 1339.² According to Sir Peter Leycester he died in June, 1349,³ but this is an error. He resigned the living of Barrow in that year, and possibly in June, but on xvij. kal. Sept. (16th August), 1349, "Dominus Nicholas de Swenerton" was admitted to the free chapel of Barrow, then vacant, by the *resignation* "domini Roberti de Swyñton," late Rector of the same chapel, on the presentation of "domini Roberti de Swynerton, domini ville de Swynerton."⁴ I think, however, that he died soon afterwards, and was certainly succeeded by his next brother, Thomas de Swynnerton.

In the same year, and probably just before his death, Sir Robert de Swynnerton gave to his brother Humphrey de Swynnerton his manors of La Desirée and Badenhall in Eccleshall and Hulcote, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Sir Robert. This deed, in which Humphrey is expressly described as his brother, is dated in 23 E. III., and witnessed by Thomas de Halghton, James de Pype, John de Hasting, Knights, John de Wittmore, Robert de Dutton, Richard de Bromley, and William de Offley.⁵ These manors (which lay near to Eccleshall) he had lately acquired from Sir John de Hastang, of Chebsey, Knight.⁶

THOMAS DE SWYNNERTON, who succeeded his brother Robert as Lord of Swynnerton, was trained to arms from his youth. He the Baron, and if the date of the inquisition was 12 Ric. II., the age of Humphrey will have been much understated at this inquest; but this was not unusual when the heir was of full age. He was probably twenty-four years of age and upwards at the time of his brother's death in 20 Edw. III.

¹ "Notitia Monastica," xlij.; Chetwynd says 1331.

² Lichfield Diocesan Register. ³ Leycester's "Ant.," p. 231.

⁴ Lichfield Diocesan Register. Ormerod's later editor (ed. of 1882, Vol. II., p. 340), having probably been misled by Leycester as to the date of Robert de Swynnerton's death, has substituted the word "*mortem*" for "*resignationem*" in accounting for the vacancy.

⁵ Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 113.

⁶ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. IV.

seems to have distinguished himself during his father's lifetime, and it was probably as a reward for services rendered in the wars of France that he obtained a temporary grant of the forfeited lands of Thomas de Cresswell. On 3rd February, 1336, it was found by inquisition that Thomas son of Henry de Crassewell, who had held of John de Eyton upon Wildemoor the manor of Crassewell (Cressewell), in the county of Stafford, had been outlawed, that the said manor had been given to Thomas de Swynnerton to hold for the King's year, day, and waste, which had then expired, and that it was still in Thomas de Swynnerton's hands.¹

After the death of his father, Sir Roger, in 12 Edw. III., 1338, he seems to have acted as the secular head of the family.

On June 12th of that year the King's letters of protection were issued to Henry Picard, commanding him to join Thomas de Swynnerton, who is about to go into foreign parts in the King's retinue.²

On 19th May, 1341, Thomas de Swynnerton was appointed Sheriff of the counties of Salop and Stafford, in the place of Adam de Peshale,³ and on 19th November of the same year he was appointed Escheator in the counties of Salop and Stafford and the Marches of Wales, and John de Perton is commanded to deliver up to him all things pertaining to the said office.⁴

On 20th April, 1342, Thomas de Swynnerton, then Sheriff of the county of Stafford, Robert Mauveysin, Chivaler, John de Aston, Chivaler, William de Perton, and Ralph Basset of Chedele, were appointed to assess the inhabitants of the said county for 125 sacks, 12½ stone, and 5¼ lbs. of wool, as their proportion of the 30,000 sacks of wool granted to the King by the Parliament holden at Westminster;⁵ and in the following year he was returned, with Richard de Peshale, as Knight of the Shire for the county of Stafford, to the Parliament summoned to meet at Westminster, 28th April, 17 Edw. III., 1343.⁶

In 19 Edw. III. the Sheriff of Staffordshire is ordered, by writ tested at Woodstock, 27th December, 1345, to take into the King's hands all the lands, tenements, and goods of Thomas de Swynnerton, on account of various contempts and misdeeds done by him the said Thomas.⁷

In the following year, 1346, however, we find him again in the

¹ Inq. p.m., 9 Edw. III. (1st Nrs.), No. 55. ² Rymer's "Fœdera," Vol. II., p. 1042.

³ Rot. Fin., 15 Edw. III., m. 5.

⁴ *Ibid.*, m. 6.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 16 Edw. III., m. 19.

⁶ "Parliaments of England," Vol. I., p. 137.

⁷ Rot. Fin., 19 Edw. III., m. 4.

King's favour, and letters of protection were issued for Thomas de Swynnerton while serving in the King's retinue. At the same time similar letters were issued for John de Charnes and John de Bromley while serving in the retinue of Thomas de Swynnerton.¹ By a previous writ Thomas de Swynnerton, Richard de Stafford, and the Sheriff of Staffordshire had been ordered to array the men-at-arms of Staffordshire and one hundred and sixty archers; so that Thomas de Swynnerton will have been present at the famous battle of Crecy, in the immediate retinue of the King, where he served as a Knight Banneret;² as also at the siege and capture of Calais in 1347.

On his return to England he had an appointment at Court; and in the "Great Wardrobe Accounts" for 21-23 Edw. III., the following entry occurs: "*Domino Thome de Swymerton militi et hostiario aulæ Regis pro dorsariis et bancar' pro dicto auldâ inde faciendis ad festam Omnium Sanctorum anno Regis xxi., et Pentecoste anno xxij. vj. pannos radiatos.*"³ His appointment was probably that of Chamberlain of the King's Court, and I suppose the articles which he had provided, and for which he received payment, to have been benches for the King's guests at the Feast of All Saints, with curtains to hang behind them to screen them; and at the Whitsun Feast six irradiated, or richly embroidered, cloths, which may have been used for the same purpose.

It was at the close of 1348 that England was visited by that terrible scourge known as "the Black death," which devastated the country from one end to the other, and is said to have destroyed more than half of the inhabitants. Robert de Swynnerton, the head of the family, was probably carried off by this fearful plague, which fell with great severity upon the clergy. He seems to have died in the year 1349, when his brother Thomas succeeded to the family inheritance.

In June of the following year he presented to the Church of Swynnerton, as Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, Knight.⁴

¹ French Roll.

² That he was a Knight Banneret is proved by his having a retinue. The word "*retinentia*" on the Rolls means the retinue of a *Banneret* that is, one who bore his own banner in the field. The fact of John de Charnes and John de Bromley being "in the retinue" of Thomas de Swynnerton is certain proof of Thomas being a Banneret; for unless a man bore his own banner displayed he could not have a retinue, and if he bore a banner he was a Banneret (*ex inf.* Hon. G. Wrottesley). The King left England on this memorable expedition in July, 1346, and returned to Sandwich, 12th October, reaching London 14th October, 1347. (Rymers' "Fædera.")

³ *Ex inf.* Hon. G. Wrottesley.

⁴ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

In 25 Edw. III. (1351) he acknowledges 40s. of rent from Uselwall which he has received from Sir James de Pype, Knight.¹ To this deed is attached a seal bearing the Swynnerton arms (a cross flory) *couché*, and a crest consisting of a *chapel de fer* adorned with two eagle's feathers. By the kindness of the Rev. C. Swynnerton I am able to give an engraving of the seal.

Sir Thomas was engaged in the Scotch War of 1356, in the expedition known as the "Burn't Candlemas," in which he was taken prisoner. He probably remained in captivity for several months; for in the issue of the Exchequer Roll for Michaelmas, 1357, the following entry occurs under 14th October: To Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, Knight, lately taken prisoner in the War of Scotland, in money paid to him of the King's gift for his ransom, £100."² It would seem, however, that the fortunes of war were not all against him in this campaign, for two years afterwards, namely, in 1359, the King issued a commission to levy a sum of money from some of the Scotch prisoners who had been taken by Thomas de Swynnerton, in order to pay to the said Thomas the price of their redemption.³

In the meantime, namely, in March, 1357-8, a clerk was admitted to the Church of Swynnerton on the presentation of the Lady Matilda de Swynnerton, who claimed the right of patronage for that turn by reason of holding the third part of the manor of Swynnerton in dower, inasmuch as Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, who holds two parts of the manor, had already presented for two turns.⁴

Soon after his release from the Scotch prison, Thomas de Swynnerton proceeded in the King's service to France; and on 7th July, 1358, "*Noble Bachelier, Messer Thomas de Swynnerton*" was the King's proxy to receive the oaths of Philip of France (the Dauphin), Charles Conte de Longueville, and others, as manucaptors of Bonabes de Rouge, Sire de Derval, on his release from

¹ Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 109; Salt MS., No. 404, being "Seals from original Sources."

² Pell Roll, Issue of the Exchequer, p. 165.

³ Rot. Pat. 33 Edw. III., 1^a pars., m. 27, *in tergo* (Cal., p. 170).

⁴ Lichfield Diocesan Register. From this it would appear that Sir Roger de Swynnerton (the Baron) had left a widow Matilda, as well as his son Sir Roger, the younger (who predeceased him), for if the Lady Matilda who thus presented had been the wife of the latter, she would hardly have been in "seisin" of one-third of the manor of Swynnerton in dower. I think her allegation that Sir Thomas had already presented twice (perhaps it should be for the second turn) was not strictly accurate, for I believe he had only presented once, but her claim was nevertheless a just one, for since her husband's death the *sons* of Sir Roger had presented twice, so that it rightly came to her turn on this occasion.

the King's prison in London on parole.¹ He seems to have been one of those persons charged with the safe keeping of the King's prisoners at the Savoy. By a writ tested at Westminster on 12th December of the same year, the King's treasurer had orders to make certain payments to the undermentioned persons dwelling in the Savoy, for the safe custody of John of France, namely, to Roger de Beauchamp, Thomas de Swynnerton, Simon Basset, and Thomas de Kyngeston, Knights, £10 each; and to other persons lesser sums of various amount, of whom Hugh de Swynnerton was one of those who were to receive a sum of sixty shillings.² The French King John had been taken prisoner at the battle of Poitiers and imprisoned in the Savoy in London. There is a standard in the College of Arms which is ascribed to Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, Knight, "*Hostiarius*" to King Edward III., and Lord of Swynnerton in the county of Stafford from 1349 to 1361. The *insignia* on this standard may be described as follows:—The Cross of St. George,—per fess of four, *or* and *azure*, on a hill *vert*, gorged with a collar *azure*, which is garnished with six bezants, a boar statant *argent*, tusked *or*, bearing in his mouth an apple or pomegranate *vert*, between three daisy-tufts *argent* in chief and as many in base—AVAUNTUREZ ET—in chief a daisy-tuft *argent*, and in base another—MARCHEZ AVAUNT—in chief three daisy-tufts *argent*, and as many in base—border *argent* and *sable*—motto *argent*.³

Sir Thomas de Swynnerton died in the month of December, 35 Edward III. (1361).⁴ His wife Matilda was the daughter of Sir Robert de Holand, of Yoxall, co. Stafford, Knight, and sister of Thomas Holand, Earl of Kent, by whom he had an elder son Robert, who succeeded him. According to Rawlinson, Chetwynd and Huntbache he had also a younger son William,⁵ and a daughter Anne. He certainly had a daughter Anne, who was married first

¹ Rymer's "*Fædera*," Vol. III., pp. 401, 402.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. III., p. 413. I know not who this Hugh de Swynnerton could have been. Perhaps it should be Hu. for Humphrey; and this might refer to Sir Thomas's brother Humphrey de Swynnerton.

³ *Ex inf.* Rev. C. Swynnerton. This describes the copy which was furnished by H.M. Heralds to the late Thomas Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton, Esquire.

⁴ Leycester's "*Antiquities*," p. 231.

⁵ Rawlinson MSS., B. 82, p. 71, in Bodleian Library; Huntbache MSS., Part II., 67^a, in William Salt Library; and Chetwynd's "*Pirehill*." In a Roll of Arms (edited by Nicholas Harris Nicholas, Esq., in 1829), compiled in the reign of King Edward III., and apparently between the years 1337 and 1350, it is stated that "*Monsire William Swynnerton port d'argent a une crois de sable les bouts floretes*." In the Stafford Chartulary at Blithfield there is an extract of a deed of 35 Edw. III.

to John le Beysin, of Water Eaton, in the county of Stafford, and of Billingsley, in the county of Salop;¹ and secondly, to Sir Thomas Latymer Bochard, Lord of Braybrook, in the county of Northampton, Knight, whom she also survived and died 17 July, 1402, without surviving issue.² I think that he had other children also, of whom I believe one to have been that Roger de Swynnerton³ who occurs in 1374 as the companion of Sir Robert de Swynnerton in a foreign campaign, and in 1393-4 as the avenger of an insult offered to Maud, the daughter of Sir Robert; and I believe Alice, wife of Sir John de Gresley, of Drakelow, Knight (son of Sir Geoffrey), who died without issue before 1376, leaving her husband surviving, to have been another.⁴

If Dugdale is correct in his dates, it would seem that Sir Thomas before his death had settled the Staffordshire manors of Caldon, Waterfall, and Alstanefield, with other lands, on his eldest son Robert, probably to make him a fit match for the heiress of Hopton and Tene; for by deed dated at Stafford in 30 Edw. III., John le Beck, Rector of the Church of Chekeley, gave to Robert de

(1361), by which *William de Swynnerton* of Stafford, and Philippa his wife give to Ralph Earl of Stafford one toft, one croft, and all their land with the appurtenances in the vill of the Castle of Stafford to which are witnesses, Robert de Halughton, Nicholas de Beck, William de Chetwynd, Knights, Robert le Palmer de Berton, Robert de Gowode, and others.

¹ Huntbache MSS., *penes* Lord Wrottesley; Inq. 2 Hen. IV., No. 51.

² Inq. *p.m.*, 3 Hen. IV., No. 30. Anne or Anna de Swynnerton was married to her first husband, John le Beysin, about 1350 (Huntbache MSS., *penes* Lord Wrottesley), and had by him an only daughter, Elizabeth, who married Sir Roger de Cherleton, but died *s.p.* before her mother. The said John le Beysin died before 25th August, 1360 (Inq., 34 Edw. III., No. 80); and her second husband, Sir Thomas Latymer (Bochard), of Braybrook Castle, by whom she had no issue, died 14th September, 1401 (Inq., 2 Hen. IV., No. 51). Sir Thomas Latymer's elder brother died in 1256, aged about 22, leaving a widow Matilda, who was afterwards married to Thomas de Swynnerton, and died 18th November, 1360 (Inq., 35 Edw. III., Part II., 1st Nos. 61). This Matilda, therefore, could hardly be the same with Matilda de Holand, wife of Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, the father of the said Anna; at any rate she could not have been the mother of his children, Robert and Anna, who will have been about her own age. I suppose the Thomas de Swynnerton who married the widow Matilda to have been a younger son of the first John de Swynnerton of Hilton, and the ancestor of the Swynnertons of Buttertton.

³ There was a Roger de Swynnerton, of the county of Stafford, Esquire, living in 2 and 5 Hen. IV., who was probably the same person (Inq., 5 Hen. IV., No. 57—erroneously entered in the printed Calendar as No. 3, Appendix).

⁴ Vide Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 215. An article in the "Reliquary," Vol. VI., pp. 29-37, however, entitled "Chartulary of the Gresleys in Derbyshire," by John Harland, F.S.A., describes this Alice as the daughter of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, Knight.

Swynnerton and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Nicholas le Beck, Knight, his manors of Caldon and Waterfall in the county of Stafford, and the third part of the manor of Alstanefield in the same county, together with the reversion of the manor of Rushton (Rush-ton Spencer) in the same county, which said manor Dame Matilda de Swynnerton now holds in the name of dower, and the reversion of the lands in Corneford which John Wolshawe and Cecilia his wife hold for term of life, and which after the death of the afore-said Matilda de Swynnerton, John, and Cecilia, ought to revert to him (the said John le Beck); to which are witnesses, Peter de Careswell, John de Draycote, Knights, John Coyne de Weston (and) Henry de Bradhed.¹

There was formerly a monument in Swynnerton Church which I suppose to have been placed there in memory of Matilda wife of Sir Thomas de Swynnerton. It had upon it the effigy of a woman over whom is written, "Matidis de Swynnerton," and a shield giving the arms of Holand, viz.: azure, semée of fleurs-de-lys argent, a lion rampant guardant argent.²

SIR ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON, Knight, succeeded his father in 1361. In 38 Edw. III., 1364, he granted two parts of the manor of Barowe, and of the advowson of the chapel of that manor, and the reversion of the third part then held in dower by Matilda de Swynnerton,³ to John Beck, Rector of Checkley, and John Heycock, Chaplain, who in the same year re-granted the same to Sir Robert de Swynnerton and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Nicholas Beck, Knight, and their lawful issue.⁴ We have seen that those of his Staffordshire estates which had formerly belonged to Hugh le Despencer had already been settled in the same way.

Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, and Roger de Swynnerton, (probably his brother) were among those who had the King's letters of protection for one year, dated 21st October, 48 Edw. III. (1374), to go to parts beyond the sea, in the King's service, and in the company

¹ Dugdale MS., No. 39, at Bodleian Library.

² Staffordshire Collections; being MS. No. 383 in the William Salt Library.

³ Whether this was the same Matilda who held the manor of Rushton Spencer in dower in 1356, and presented to Swynnerton Church in 1358, or another Dame Matilda, the relict of Sir Thomas, I am unable to determine. I rather think that there were three widows Matilda de Swynnerton living about this time, who were respectively the relicts of Sir Roger, the father, and his two sons, Sir Roger and Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, if, indeed, the wife of Sir Thomas survived him.

⁴ Ormerod's "Cheshire," Vol. II., p. 185, from Grosvenor MSS. XXI., 5, p. 9.

⁵ Rymer's "Federa," Vol. III., p. 1010.

of John Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond. In August, 1378, Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, presented a clerk to the Church of Swynnerton;¹ and soon afterwards he was returned as Knight of the Shire for the county of Stafford to serve in the Parliament summoned to meet at Gloucester, 20th October, 2 Ric. II. 1378.²

Robert de Swynnerton, Chivaler, petitions the King that whereas Ralph formerly Earl of Chester and Lord of the Forest of la Mare, had granted by charter to Thomas le Despencer and his heirs who were seised of the manor of Barwe in fee simple, which manor is within the said forest, and held of the Duke of Lancaster, that the said manor should be disafforested for ever, and after his death the said manor had descended to Hugh le Despencer as cousin and heir, and which Hugh held the said manor until his forfeiture in the reign of King Edward, grandfather of the King; by reason of which forfeiture the said King being seised of the Earldom of Chester, took the said manor of Barowe into his hand as forfeit to the Crown of England, and afterwards the said King gave the Earldom to his eldest son the Prince of Wales, father of the present King, and the same King gave the said manor to Roger de Swynnerton, Chivaler, grandfather of the said Robert de Swynnerton, for term of his life, and by another charter confirmed to him and to his heirs the said manor, by reason of which charter the said Roger held the manor disafforested all his life; and after the death of Roger, one Robert son and heir of the said Roger held it disafforested; and in the time of Thomas de Ferrers and his fellow Justices en eyre of the said forest of la Mare, the said manor was allowed to the said Robert son of Roger disafforested, as appears by the Rolls of the same Iter; and after the death of Robert son of Roger the said manor descended to Thomas de Swynnerton as his brother and heir, and after the death of the said Thomas the said manor descended to the said Robert de Swynnerton who now petitions, as son and heir, and the said Robert held it until the Prince of Wales father to the King took the said manor into his hand on the ground that the said manor pertained to the Earldom of Chester by the King's Charter, and delivered the said manor to the said Robert to be held of the said Prince of Wales and his issue, he therefore petitions the lord the King to grant and confirm the said manor to the said Robert and his heirs to be held disafforested as his ancestors held it.³ The date is not given.

¹ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

² "Parliaments of England," Vol. I., p. 191.

³ Petitions to the King and Council, No. 7522.

Sir Robert de Swynnerton is said by Chetwynd to have been killed in 19 Ric. II., by the fall of a tower at Brest in Brittany, being then of the retinue of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, on his expedition into Spain.¹ But I am disposed to think that this must be a clerical error for 9 Ric. II. (1385-6), in which year John of Gaunt made his expedition into Spain to recover his wife's inheritance. The Duke's train on this occasion consisted of no less than a thousand spears of knights and esquires, two thousand archers, and a thousand tall yeoman. Having landed in Brittany near the Castle of Brest, he was resisted by the garrisons of two of the ports, in the assault of which he lost many of his men; but he ultimately triumphed, and having sailed with his fleet to the Garonne, he marched to the Spanish frontier, and carried the town of Bayonne. The Duke returned to England in November, 1389, and on his way home relieved the town of Brest, which was then besieged by the French.² I know of no later expedition made by him into Spain.

Sir Robert was twice married. By his first wife Elizabeth, daughter and sole heiress of Sir Nicholas Beck, Knight, Lord of Tene and Hopton, in the county of Stafford, he had an only daughter Matilda, who by virtue of the above mentioned settlements, not only succeeded to her mother's inheritance, consisting of the manors of Hopton and Tene and other lands and tenements in Staffordshire, but also laid claim to those parts of her father's estates which had formerly belonged to Hugh le Despencer in the counties of Stafford and Chester. Sir Robert's first wife was living in 1369, but dead before 1374.³ After her death he married a second wife, Joan, and had a son Thomas de Swynnerton.

Matilda, the daughter of Sir Robert by his first wife, entered upon her mother's inheritance, and was married first to Humphrey de Peshale, by whom she had a son, Richard de Peshale, her rightful heir. After his death she resided in the house of his grandfather, Sir Richard de Peshale (Lord of Chetwynd, in right of his last wife), from whence she was forcibly abducted by Sir John de Ipstones, Knight, and subsequently married to his son William de

¹ Chetwynd's MS. "History of Pirehill Hundred," co. Stafford.

² Baine's "History of Lancashire," Vol. I., p. 150; "Historia Vitæ et Regni Ric. II.," ed. Tho. Hearne, pp. 70, 71.

³ Her father, Sir Nicholas de Beck, died in 1369, and she lived to enter upon her inheritance, but supposing her husband's son by his second marriage, Thomas de Swynnerton, to have been of full age in 19 Ric. II. (when his half-sister was suing him for the manor of Barrow), Elizabeth de Beck could not have been living after 1373.

Ipstones, by whom she had two daughters, Christiana and Alice. She was married thirdly to Sir John Savage, of Clifton, Knight. Her descent and the story of her abduction are well told in the pleadings at the Stafford Assizes a few years later, in two separate suits, in one of which John Savage and Matilda his wife sued Elizabeth, who had been the wife of Richard de Peshale,¹ for lands in Hopton, Knighton, and Tillington, in the county of Stafford; and in the other the same John and Matilda sued John de Arderne, Knight, Thomas de Marchyngton, Roger de Credull, John Clerkson, Christiana daughter of William de Ipstones and Alice her sister (that is, the infant daughters of the same Matilda by her former husband, and their guardians or representatives), for unjustly disseising them of the manor of Teyne and 50 marks of rent in Draycote. In the former case the jurors stated that Nicholas de Beck, Knight, was seised of Tene, and the reversion of Hopton and other lands in Knighton and Tillington, and granted the reversion of Hopton, which Mary the mother of Nicholas held for term of life of the inheritance of Nicholas, to John de Beck, Rector of the Church of Checkley, and his heirs; and John de Beck by an indenture granted the manor to Mary for her life, and after her death to Nicholas and Joan his wife and the heirs of their bodies. Nicholas and Joan entered into possession, and had issue Elizabeth; and Nicholas and Joan died, and Elizabeth entered, and had issue Matilda, who sues. And Elizabeth died, and Matilda entered into possession, and was seised therein until John de Ipstones, Chivaler, on the day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th December, 1338), took her by force from Chetwynd to the vill of Ipstones, and there imprisoned her until she, the said Matilda, *per duriciam et cohereionem*, was compelled to make a concession and feoffment of the said manor of Hopton, and the other lands named, to the said John de Ipstones and his heirs, on condition that he and his heirs should re-eneoff her of the said manor of Hopton, etc., in certain contingencies. He afterwards married her to his son William de Ipstones. And the said John died, and after his death the said William entered into possession of Hopton, etc., and

¹ The recurrence of the same names is rather puzzling. This Richard de Peshale was not the same with Richard de Peshale of Chetwynd before mentioned. His widow, Elizabeth, party to the suit, was formerly the wife of Sir John de Ipstones and mother of William de Ipstones. After the death of her first husband she had been married to Richard de Peshale, and was again a widow at the time of the suit. She was the daughter and heiress of Thomas, eldest son and heir apparent of Sir Robert Corbet, of Moreton Corbet, in the county of Salop, Knight.

endowed therein the said Elizabeth, who had been the wife of the said Richard (de Peshale), and was mother of the said William. The said William had issue Christiana and Alice, and after his death the said Matilda came to his daughters (who were also her own daughters) and sought to be re-eneffed of the said manor of Hopton, etc., and on their refusal the said Matilda entered the said manor and received the rents until she was forcibly dispossessed by the said Elizabeth who had been the wife of Richard.¹

In both cases the jury found a verdict for Matilda with damages.

Sir John de Ipstones, who perpetrated this deed of violence, died in 1393-4; and as he was killed by a Swynnerton, we may naturally infer that his death was accomplished as an act of vengeance for his treatment of the said Matilda. Being Knight of the Shire for the county of Stafford at that time, Sir John was waylaid on his way to attend the Parliament which had been summoned to meet at Westminster in January of that year, and slain by Roger de Swynnerton, who I take to have been Matilda's uncle. At the same Parliament, in February, it was ordered, at the request of the Commons, that one Roger Swynnerton, who is indicted for the death of John de Ipstones, Knight, of this Parliament, slain while coming to the same Parliament from the county of Stafford, should not be released from the prison in which he is now detained, by bail, mainprise, or in any other manner, until he has answered the said charge and legally obtained his release.²

Sir William de Ipstones, Knight, the second husband of Matilda de Swynnerton (which William de Ipstones was twenty-one years of age in February, 1394) died in October, 1399, leaving issue by the said Matilda two daughters his heirs,³ of whom Alice, the survivor of them, was afterwards married to Randle Brereton, Esq., younger son of Sir William Brereton, of Brereton, co. Cest., Knight, to whom she brought the Ipstones estates.

By Sir John Savage, of Clifton, Knight, her third husband, Matilda had issue John Savage, William, Arnold, George, and Roger, and two daughters, Margaret wife of John Dutton, and Mawde wife of Sir Thomas Booth, of Barton, in Lancashire.⁴

¹ Staffordshire Assize Roll, 2 Hen. IV. to 4 Hen. IV., M. 5, 30, m. 1.

² Rot. Parl. (17 Ric. II.), Vol. III., p. 317.

³ Inq. p.m., 1 Hen. IV., No. 53.

⁴ Ormerod's "Cheshire," Vol. I., p. 526.

The lands which she inherited were the cause of much litigation, not only in her time, but also to those who came after her. Eventually, however, the manors of Hopton, a moiety of Tene, Caldou, and a third of Alstonfield, came to her eldest son Richard de Peshale, and from him to the Blounts and Lacons.¹ But the other moiety of Tene in Staffordshire, and her interest in the manor of Barrow in Cheshire, were retained by the Savages, and so devolved upon her son, Sir John Savage, Knight.

In the meantime THOMAS DE SWYNNERTON, undoubted Lord of Swynnerton, the half-brother of Matilda, and rightful son and heir of Sir Robert, did not quietly acquiesce in the alienation of so great a portion of his inheritance. On his father's death, he entered upon the manor of Barrow, and on 4th July, 1396, John de Macklesfeld, Clerk, was admitted to the Rectory of Barrow on the presentation of Thomas de Swynnerton.² In the same year, 19 Ric. II., he was challenged by William de Ipstones and Matilda his wife (calling herself the daughter and heir of Sir Robert de Swynnerton and Elizabeth his wife), who sued him for it. The suit, which was maintained for several years, was apparently taken up again more than a hundred and fifty years later, and ended in a compromise. The main facts are best shown by the record preserved in the Chester Recognizance Roll of 3 and 4 Edw. VI., from which it appears that a writ of *certiorari* was directed to the Justice of Chester to record the suit between William de Ipstones and Matilda his wife, plaintiffs, and Thomas son of Robert de Swynnerton, tenant, of the manor of Barrewe, at the instance of Humphrey Swynnerton, Esq. The writ was dated 21st May, 4 Edw., VI., and the inquisition taken at Chester on the last day of May, 4 Edw. VI. (1550).

It begins with an *inspeximus* of the record and pleas taken before Thomas Earl Marshal and Notyngnam, lately Justice of Chester, on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 20 Ric. II.

William de Ipstones and Matilda his wife sued Thomas son of Robert de Swynnerton for the manor of Great Barwe, which John de Beck, Parson of the Church of Cheklegh, and John Heycok,

¹ See "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. IV., Part II., 73 *et seq.*; as to which this must be taken as correcting a statement at p. 74 to the effect that Sir Robert de Swynnerton was alive in 1388.

² Ormerod's "Cheshire," ed. of 1882, Vol. II., p. 341, quoting from Lichfield Diocesan Register.

Chaplain, gave to Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Nicholas de Beck, Knight, and *the heirs of their bodies*, and which after the death of the said Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, and Elizabeth, should descend according to the form of the gift (*formâ donationis*) to the said Matilda daughter and heir of Robert and Elizabeth, &c.

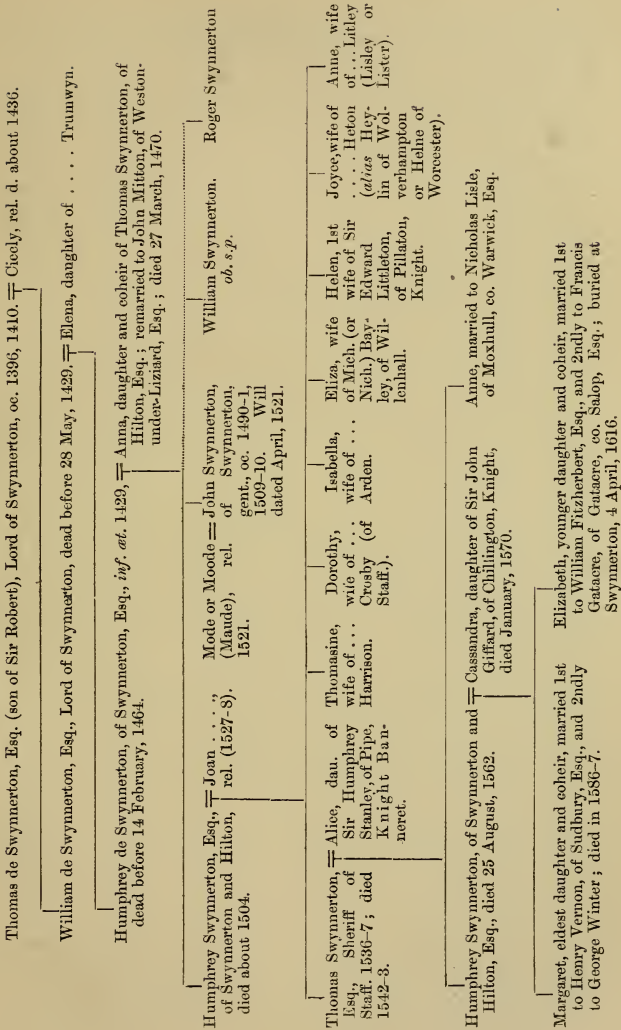
Thomas de Swynnerton stated that, as regards the third part of the manor, he is not the tenant, nor was tenant at the date when the writ was issued, because one Joan, the widow of Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, held it as dower; and as regards the other two parts of the manor, he stated that King Edward, grandfather of the present King, by his letters patent, had given the manor, together with the knight's fee and advowsons of churches and chapels, to one Roger de Swynnerton his great grandfather (*pro-avo*), whose heir he is viz., son of Robert, son of Thomas, son of the said Roger, to hold for life of the said Roger; and afterwards by other letters patent the same King had given the manor to the aforesaid Roger, to be held of the King himself by Roger and his heirs for ever; and the present King had confirmed and ratified the grant to Robert father of Thomas in the second year of his reign. He proffers the King's patent, dated at Westminster, 13th December, 2 Ric. II. (1378), and sought the King's assistance in maintaining his right to the manor, pleading that he could not answer to the writ without the King.

William and Matilda stated that at the date the writ was issued, viz., 16th February, 19 Ric. II. (1396), Thomas was tenant of the whole manor.

The suit was adjourned to the Vigil of St. Lucy the Virgin next coming. And at the next hearing William and Matilda produced a close writ from the King dated 12th November, 20 Ric. II. (1396), permitting the suit to proceed.

In 22 Ric. II. a precept from the King orders Thomas to deliver up the manor to William and Matilda, dated 14th May (1399). This appears, however, to have had no effect, for the suit continues, Thomas attempting (as is stated by the plaintiffs) to defeat the claim by every sort of artifice and chicanery. On one occasion the suit is dismissed by William Escrope, Earl of Wilts, then Justice of Chester, because Elizabeth the wife of Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, was named Isabella on the writ; and Thomas essoins his attendance several times. The *inspeximus* concludes by Thomas being essoined himself, and there seems no end to the suit. The

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latest date named, however, is 22 Ric. II., when the case was adjourned to the next Court, namely, to Tuesday next after the close of Easter next coming.

The record covers two large closely-written membranes, and contains innumerable repetitions, but the pith of the matter is given above.¹

I have been unable to follow the suit beyond this period, but it was apparently taken up again in the following reign. In the meantime, William de Ipstones died, in October, 1399, 1 Hen. IV., and Matilda was afterwards married to John, son of Sir John Savage, of Clifton, Knight. In 6 Hen. IV. (1404-5) Thomas son of Sir Robert de Swynnerton and John Savage entered into mutual recognizances, with many sureties, in 1,000 marks each.² This was doubtless in relation to the same suit; and though I have been unable to trace it I have little doubt that it was carried on during the life of Thomas, who seems to have possessed the active and combatant spirit of his ancestors. In 7 Hen. IV., a rebellion, headed by the Earl of Northumberland, took place, in the course of which the Earl was slain at the battle of Bramham Moor on 27th February, 1407-8. During that month his Staffordshire confederates, under the direction of Hugh de Erdeswyk and Thomas de Swynnerton, made an attack upon Newcastle-under-Lyme, which was held for the King by John Blount, the then Steward and Constable of the manor and castle.³ The Mayor of the town was suspected of having favoured the assailants, and he afterwards declined to investigate the outrage on behalf of the government, pretending—perhaps justly—his own danger. The confederates pursued the unfortunate Steward to Lichfield, where he barely escaped with his life; afterwards they returned to Newcastle with the intention of killing one of the principal persons there, John Boghay, who had dared to present them to the court leet of the manor.⁴

In the Parliament assembled at Westminster in February, 11 Hen. IV. (1409-10) a petition was laid before the King by the Commons of the realm concerning divers trespasses, misprisions,

¹ Recognizance Roll, Chester, 3 and 4 Edw. VI., *m.* 3 *d.*

² Ormerod's "Cheshire," ed. of 1882, Vol. II., p. 340.

³ Sir John Blount, of Mountjoye, K.G., 1413, died without issue; he was the eldest son of Sir Walter Blount (3rd son of Sir John Blount, of Sodington), by his wife Sancha de Ayala, daughter of Don Diego Gomez de Toledo, Alcalde Mayor of Toledo.

⁴ Ward's "History of Stoke-upon-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme," p. 317.

and felonies committed in the counties of Stafford and Derby, in which, amongst many other complaints, a charge was laid against Hugh de Erdeswyk and Thomas de Swynnerton that they had made sundry disturbances of the King's peace, and on 10th February, 9 Hen. IV. (1407-8), had broken down the house of one of the tenants of the Duchy of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and thrown her goods out of the house, which had been proved against them at an inquisition held at Newcastle before Robert de Waterton, Chief Seneschal of the Duchy north of the Trent, on 20th October of the same year.¹

A similar complaint was made against Robert Swynnerton and others, to the effect that John Myners and William his brother, of the company of Hugh de Erdeswyk, and (the said) Robert Swynnerton came on the 12th of January in the following year, 1408-9, armed, and with other people, to Stafford, and found there two Receivers of Needwood Chace, namely, John Gardyner, Receiver of Yoxhale-warde, and John Hoppekyn, Receiver of Barton-warde, and another tenant of the said Duchy named Richard Palmer, whom they beat and would have killed had not they well defended themselves.²

It is ordered that a brief be directed to the Sheriff of Stafford returnable at the King's Bench on the Quinzaine of Trinity next coming to take the bodies of the said Hugh de Erdeswyk, Thomas de Swynnerton, and others (among whom the name of Robert Swynnerton is not mentioned) if they can be found, and cause them to appear at the said Bench, each one to answer for himself and submit to the award of the Justices.³

I can learn no more of Thomas de Swynnerton, nor do I know whether he held Barrow or not at the time of his death; but he probably died soon after this; and on 26th June, 1411, Hugh de Rosyndale, Chaplain, was instituted to the Rectory of Barrow on the presentation of John Savage, Lord of that vill.⁴

Cicely, who was the wife of Thomas son of Robert de Swynnerton, died about 15 Hen. VI.⁵ The writ of *diem clausit extremum* was issued 29th May, 1436;⁶ but the inquisition is unfortunately missing.

¹ Rot. Parl., Vol. III., p. 630.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. III., p. 630. I imagine this Robert Swynnerton to have been of the Isewall family.

³ *Ibid.*, Vol. III., p. 632.

⁴ Ormerod's "Cheshire," ed. of 1882, Vol. II., p. 341.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 340.

⁶ Thirty-seventh Deputy Keeper of the Record's Report, p. 700, from 14 and 15 Hen. VI., m 5, d.

Thomas de Swynnerton appears to have been succeeded at Swynnerton by his son William de Swynnerton.

Chetwynd and other Staffordshire antiquaries assert that Sir Robert de Swynnerton (the father of Matilda) left an only daughter and heir Matilda, who inherited as before shown, and that he was succeeded at *Swynnerton* by his heir male, *Humphrey the son of his second brother William*; and such of the pedigrees as give the later descents of the Swynnertons of Swynnerton usually insert here a repetition of the names of William and Humphrey, in order to make up the full number of descents. But I have never seen any authority for this, which I believe to be only conjecture; and there can be no doubt that Sir Robert was immediately succeeded at Swynnerton by his son Thomas as I have shown. We know too upon good authority that *Humphrey son of William* had succeeded in 1429, and was then in his minority; and I have little doubt that William was the son of Thomas and grandson of Sir Robert, rather than Sir Robert's brother. Otherwise his great great grandson Humphrey de Swynnerton, the Lord of Swynnerton in 1550, could have had no pretext for claiming any right of inheritance to Barrow, which was given to Sir Roger, the Baron, and his *right heirs*; and if Sir Robert left no other surviving issue, the descendants of his daughter Matilda would have been unquestionably his heirs in preference to those of his supposed brother William.

WILLIAM DE SWYNNERTON, moreover, succeeded in his own person to the Swynnerton estate, for Chetwynd himself tells us¹ that in his time there was on the north side of the Chapel (in Swynnerton Church) a raised monument of alabaster, on which were graven the figures of a man and woman, with this inscription: "*Hic jacet Willielmus Swinerton quondam dominus de Swinerton armiger et Elena uxor ejus qui obierunt tertio die Septembris Millimo. cccc. xxxj. quorum animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.*" There is an old drawing of this monument preserved in the William Salt Library at Stafford, but probably taken at a somewhat later date, for the month (September) is not given in this drawing, though the dates are otherwise the same. The figure of the man is in plain armour, and between him and the female by his side is the figure of an infant (son). There are two shields of arms on the monument, that over the man being the simple cross flory, for Swynnerton, and that over the woman a saltire engrailed,

¹ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. III., p. 329.

which were the arms of Trumwyn. Notwithstanding the agreement of the transcribers in the dates they give, they must have made a mistake in deciphering the year of their deaths, for in May, 1429, Ann Countess of Stafford presented a Clerk to Swynnerton Church by reason of the minority of Humphrey, the son and heir of William Swynnerton lately deceased.¹

Unfortunately what remains of the legend is now so defaced as to leave nothing legible but the words, "*quondam Dominus de Swyñerton armiger et Elena ux. ejus qui obierunt . . .*" The Countess of Stafford again presented to the Church 22nd November, 1429.

HUMPHREY SWYNNERTON, Esq., Lord of Swynnerton, himself presented a Rector in 1453, who was admitted 24th April of that year.² From 7th November, 1457, to 7th November, 1458, he occurs as King's Escheator for the county of Stafford.³ And in 1459 he again presented a clerk to the Church of Swynnerton.² On 5th October, 39 Hen. VI., 1460, John Birmingham, son of Sir William Birmingham, Knight, grants a lease for one hundred and one years of certain parcels of land to Humphrey Swynnerton, Esq.⁴

Though unsuccessful in recovering the ancient family estates, he greatly added to his wealth and position by his marriage with Anna, the eldest daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Swynnerton, of Hilton, in the county of Stafford, Esq., hereditary Chief Forester of Cannock, by whom he had a son and heir, Humphrey, who succeeded him.

¹ Lichfield Diocesan Register, where the record is thus given: "*Annus Dominus M^o cccc^{ma} vicessimus nonus.*" "*Item apud Heywode xxviij^o die Maii anno domini supraducto per dominum admissus fuit Dominus Petrus Watlington capellanus ad Ecclesiam parochialem de Swynerton per mortem domini Johannis Coumbe ultimi Rectoris ejusdem vacantem ac Rector institutus in eadem cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis ad presentacionem nobile (sic) et venerabile Domine Domine Anne Comitisse Staffordie, Bukynghamie, Herefordie, Northampton, et Domine Brecheine, vere ipsius Ecclesie ratione minoris etatis Humfridi filii et heredis Willielmi Swynerton nuper defuncti in manum suam existentem hac vice patrone. Et idem institutus juravit obedientiam et mandabatur ex tunc Archidiacono seu ejus officiali ad inducendum eundem.*" Perhaps William and Elen de Swynnerton may have had a daughter Elen, for a pedigree in the Harleian MSS. (No. 1570, fo. 16²) gives as a daughter of . . . Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, Elena or Hellina, who was married first to Henry Delves, of Doddington, co. Salop (Chester?), Esq., and secondly to Humphrey Peshall, of Horsley, who was Sheriff of Staffordshire in 4 Edw. IV., 1464.

² Lichfield Diocesan Register.

³ MS. Calendar of Escheators' Accounts, &c., at the Public Record Office.

⁴ Hilton Deeds (*ex inf.* Rev. C. Swynnerton).

The said Humphrey Swynnerton, the father, was dead before 14th February, 1463-4, when Anna late his wife gave her consent to the institution of a clerk to Swynnerton Church on a presentation made by John Wode of Kele and Elen his wife in right of the said Elen.¹ His widow Anna was remarried to John Mitton, of Weston-under-Lizard, Esq., by whom she left issue, and died 27th March, 1470,² when her eldest son Humphrey Swynnerton was found to be upwards of seventeen years of age. They had a younger son John Swynnerton, and I think also a son William, and another son Roger, who is said to have had twenty-four children.³

HUMPHREY SYWNNERTON (II.), Esq., was heir to both Swynnerton and Hilton. The family appears to have had an estate in the city of Lichfield, for in a schedule of lands belonging to the Guild or Corporation of Lichfield, drawn up in 16 Edw. IV., one *item* refers to three cottages lying together in Baxter Lane between the ground of Maistur Stanley and the ground of the heirs of Swynnerton;⁴ and in 1470, the year of his mother's death, Humphrey Swynnerton was admitted a member of the Guild.⁵ He was little more than seventeen years of age at this time, which seems young for an admission into a governing corporation. This may possibly have been Humphrey Swynnerton of Isewall; but the Swynnertons of Swynnerton appear to have had some connection with Lichfield. John the younger brother of this Humphrey made a bequest to St. Chad of Lichfield, and it will probably have been through this connection with Lichfield that Thomas, the son of Humphrey, married into the family of Stanley of Pipe.

Humphrey Swynnerton was Escheator for the county of Stafford in 14 and 15 Edw. IV. (1474-5) and the two following years.⁶

In 1488 he was again made a member of the Corporation of Lichfield, being then termed Esquire;⁷ and in the same year, 4 Hen. VII., he was commissioned to muster archers for the expedition to Brittany.⁸ In 5 Hen. VII. (1489-90) he occurs with Joan his

¹ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

² Inq. *p.m.*, 9 and 10 Edw. IV., No. 57.

³ Rawlinson MSS., B 82, p. 71, at Bodleian Library.

⁴ Harwood's "History of Lichfield," p. 329.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 405.

⁶ MS. Calendar of Escheators' Accounts.

⁷ Harwood's "History of Lichfield," p. 408.

⁸ Materials for a History of Hen. VII., printed by Government.

wife.¹ In 6 Hen. VII. he conceded to John de Swynnerton his brother an annual rent of 40s issuing from his manor of Swynnerton.¹ In 12 Hen. VII., 1496, he was one of those appointed commissioners for the county of Stafford, in conjunction with the Justices of the Peace for that county, to collect the subsidy which had been granted to the King in the Parliament held at Westminster, for the maintenance of an army against the Scots.²

On 21st April, 13 Hen. VII., 1498, he made over certain lands in Beche to his son Thomas Swynnerton and Alice his wife.³

In 16 Hen. VII. (1500–1) he conceded to Robert Moreton and James Nowell the next advowson and presentation to the Church of Swynnerton;⁴ and on 12th June, 1503, he was appointed, together with Edward Hammer, to be a collector of a subsidy in Gwely Cuhelyn.⁴ This is the last I hear of him. He was dead in 21 Hen. VII., 1506,⁵ leaving Joan his wife surviving, by whom he had a son and heir Thomas, and several daughters.⁶ Joan his widow was living 6th September, 19 Hen. VIII., 1527, the date of a deed by which Thomas Swynnerton de Hulton and "*Joanna Swyñton mater predicti Thomæ in suâ purâ viduitate,*" release to William Wagstaffe and his heirs certain lands in Norton and Wyrley.³ It was probably she who was admitted as a member of the Guild or Corporation of Lichfield, by the name of "*Johanna Swynnerton,*" in 1534.⁷

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., occurs with Alice his wife in 22 Hen. VII., being then described as of Hilton;³ and in the following year he confirmed an annual rent of 43s. to his uncle John Swynnerton.³

In 1 Hen. VIII. (1509–10) an indenture was made between Thomas Swynnerton, of Hilton, Esq., and Alice his wife, of the one part, and John Swynnerton, of Swynnerton (his uncle), of the other part, whereby Thomas and Alice agreed to farm to the said John Swynnerton the manor of Swynnerton.¹

¹ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. II., from Nowell's Deeds.

² Rot. Parl., Vol. VI., p. 517.

³ Swynnerton Evidences at Hilton.

⁴ Deputy Keeper of Record's 37th Report.

⁵ MS. Calendar of Escheators' Accounts.

⁶ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. IV.

⁷ Harwood's "Lichfield," p. 414. Several ladies of rank were admitted as members of the Guild, and among them, in 1495, no less a personage than "Excelentissima Dña Elizabeth' regin' Anglie et Francie."

In 4 Hen. VIII. Thomas Swynnerton was Escheator for the county of Stafford;¹ and in 16 Hen. VIII. (1536-7) he was Sheriff of the same county.²

In 18 Hen. VIII. he sold his manor of Norton to John Vernon, of Harlaston, Esq.³ By deed dated 20th August, 31 Hen. VIII. 1540, Thomas Swynnerton, Esq., and Humphrey his son and heir granted a lease of herbage in Essington Wood; rent a Red Rose (if demanded) at the Feast of St. John the Baptist.⁴

Thomas Swynnerton died in 33 Hen. VIII., 1542, leaving Humphrey his son and heir then of full age.⁵

Besides Humphrey, who succeeded him, Thomas Swynnerton had also a daughter Anne, married in 6 Hen. VIII. to Nicholas Lisle, of Moxhull, co. Warwick,⁶ which Nicholas died in 32 Henry VIII. Alice, widow of Thomas Swynnerton of Hilton, was living 17th November, 1526, and then holding a jointure of £20 4s. 0d.⁷ She was the daughter of Sir Humphrey Stanley, of Pipe, in the county of Stafford, Knight Banneret.⁸

There was formerly a monument in Swynnerton Church to the memory of Sir Thomas Swynnerton and Alice his wife, with the following arms, namely, on the Dexter side, quarterly 1st and 4th, (for Swynnerton) a cross flory, and 2nd and 3rd (for Swynnerton of Hilton) the same within a bordure engrailed; and on the Sinister side a shield of six quarterings: 1 (for Stanley) *argent* on a bend three stags' heads, *or*; 2 (for Lathom) *argent*, a chief engrailed, *or*, charged with eight bezants; 3 (for Stafford of Pipe) *or*, a chevron *gules*, between three martlets, *sable*; 4 (for Pipe) *azure*, two pipes converged, *or*, between seven cross crosslets, of the

¹ MS. Calendar of Escheators' Accounts.

² Shaw's "Staffordshire."

³ Huntbache MSS., *penes* Lord Wrottesley.

⁴ Deed at Hilton.

⁵ Swynnerton Evidences at Hilton.

⁶ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. IV.

⁷ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. III., from Vernon's deeds.

⁸ Swynner'on evidences at Hilton. She is properly so described in Lord Wrottesley's Huntbache MSS. There is a pedigree in the Chetwynd MSS., Vol. II. (attributed to Huntbache), which gives as the wife of Thomas Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, *Alice*, daughter of John Harecourt, of Raunton. A Harecourt pedigree in Vincent's Collections at the College of Arms gives *Margaret*, youngest daughter of John Harecourt, of Raunton, as wife of *John Swynnerton, of Swynnerton*. There was at this time a John Swynnerton who resided at Swynnerton, which he rented from his nephew Thomas Swynnerton, who left a wife Mode (or Maud) surviving him, but if there were such a marriage it more probably referred to John Swynnerton of Usewall in 1499.

same; 5 (for Camville) *azure*, three lions passant, *argent*; 6 (for) a scythe.¹

HUMPHREY SWYNNERTON, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., the son of Thomas, was the last direct heir male of this ancient family. In May, 1550 (4 Edw. VI.), he renewed the old suit with the Savages for possession of the manor or manors of Barrow in Cheshire, which seems to have ended in a compromise; for in 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5) Sir John Savage purchased from Humphrey Swynnerton, for 100 marks, the manors of Great and Little Barrow, together with the advowson of the church, and sixty messuages, two water-mills, 700 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 600 acres of pasture, 300 acres of wood, 200 acres of moor, turbary, and marsh, and 20s. of rent, with the appurtenances, in those two vills, to him and his heirs for ever.²

After this these manors remained with the Savages until the death without issue, in 1786, of Lady Penelope Cholmondeley, the daughter of James Barry, 4th Earl of Barrymore, by his wife Lady Elizabeth Savage, daughter and heiress of Richard Earl Rivers, when it passed with other estates to her husband's nephew, George James, 4th Earl of Cholmondeley.

Humphrey Swynnerton was elected as one of the burgesses for the town of Stafford to serve in the Parliament summoned to meet at Oxford and (by fresh writs) at Westminster, 2nd April, 1554.³

In March, 1555-6, he presented to the Church of Swynnerton as patron.⁴ He rebuilt the Church of Shareshill, co. Stafford, in 1562, and dying soon afterwards, was buried in the church of his own foundation there, where upon the southside of the chancel there was formerly an alabaster tomb with the figures of a man in armour and his wife, bearing this inscription: "Here lyeth the bodies of Humfrey Swinerton, Esq., and Cassandra his wife; w^{ch} Humfrey caused the Church first to be sanctified, and was Lord of Swinerton and patron of the Church, and Lord of Hilton; w^{ch} Humfrey died at Hilton xxvth day of Aug. in the yeare of our Lord 1562; on whose soule Jhū have mercy. Amen." Upon the monument were these six coats of arms: I. *azure*, three stirrups

¹ Chetwynd MSS. The identification of the arms is not given by Chetwynd.

² Cal. Recordorum in Castro Cestrie, *temp.* Hen. III. to Car. I. MSS. penes T. Duffus Hardy, Esq. (Copy in Wm. Salt Lib., Stafford.)

³ "Parliaments of England," Vol. I., p. 385.

⁴ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

with their leathers, *or* (for Giffard). II. Quarterly of four; 1st and 4th *argent*, a cross formée fleuretée, *sable* (for Swynnerton of Swynnerton); 2nd and 3rd *argent*, a cross formée fleuretée, *sable*, within a bordure engrailed, *gules* (for Swynnerton of Hilton). III. Quarterly of five; 1st *or*, an eagle displayed *azure*; 2nd *ermine*, a bordure *gules*, charged with ten horse shoes, *or*; 3rd *argent*, a chevron chequy, *or* and *gules*; 4th *gules* fretty *argent*, over all a fesse, *or*; 5th *or* fretty *gules*, on a canton, *argent*, a fleur-de-lis *gules* (for Montgomery); impaling the Swynnerton arms quarterly as in II. IV. The Swynnerton arms quarterly, as before, impaling the Giffard arms (for Swynnerton and Giffard). V. Quarterly of four; 1st and 4th, *argent*, a bend *sable*, over all a chief vaire, *or* and *gules*; 2nd and 3rd *gules*, three lions rampant, *or* (for Fitzherbert of Norbury); impaling Swynnerton quarterly as before. VI. Quarterly, 1st and 4th *gules*; 2nd and 3rd *ermine*, a chief dancette *gules*; over all on a fesse, *azure*, five bezants (for Gattacre); impaling Swynnerton, quarterly, as before.¹ This monument has now entirely disappeared.

Cassandra, the wife of Humphrey Swynnerton, was the daughter of Sir John Giffard, of Chillington, co. Stafford, Knight, by his first wife Joanna, daughter of Sir Thomas Hoorde, Knight, of Bridgnorth.

By her will dated 17th February, 1564-5, and proved 24th January, 1569-70, she directs that if she should die within four miles of Swynnerton, her body should be brought there and buried either in their own chapel on the north side thereof, "or ellis within the quere on the south syde;" and if she should die within four miles of Shareshill, her body should be brought there and buried near to her late husband Humfrey Swynnerton, otherwise she wills that her body should be buried in the church of the parish where she chances to die. She mentions Henry Vernon, Esquier her "son-in-law," and Margarette "her daughter," wife of the said Henry Vernon; gives 20s. each to Henry and Mary the two youngest children of the said Henry and Margaret; mentions Francis Gatagre, Esq., her "son in law," and Elizabeth her "daughter," wife of the said Francis Gatagre, and gives to each of their children 20s; gives £8 each to Thomas, Athmeyer, and Anne, the three children of William Fitzherbert, deceased; 10s. to Cassandre Gyfforde her God-daughter, and 40s. to be divided

¹ Rev. C. Swynnerton's Notes, who quotes from Dugdale's Church Notes in the Ashmolean MSS. at Oxford, which were taken in May, 1637.

amongst her "cosen" John Gyfford's children; 10s. to her God-daughter Cassandre Congreve, and 40s. to be divided among her "cosen" Francis Congreve's children. She gives 40s. to Sir Sampson Burie, Priest; £3 to Sir Lawrence Baker, Clerk, and appoints Francis Gatacre, Thomas Fitzherbert and Sir Lawrence Baker, Clerk, her executors.

She died at Swynnerton, and her burial there is thus recorded : "1570. Cassander Swyñton, wiffe to Humfrey Swyñton was buried the viith daye of Januarie año supradicto."¹

By his will dated 6th July, 1561, Humphrey Swynnerton directs that if he died at Swynnerton he should "be buried in the Chapel of our Ladye and before the place where the image of our Ladye stood, which chapel is there well known to be my own;" and if he died at Hilton, "to be buried at Shareshill, in the chancel, on the north side, before the place where the image of St. Luke stood." He bequeathed to his sons-in-law Henry Vernon, Esq., and Francis Gatacre, Esq., each a ring of gold of the value of 10s. By his wife Cassandra he had issue two daughters and co-heirs, Margaret and Elizabeth, between whom his lands were divided.

Of these, Margaret the eldest, had the manors of Hilton and Essington, with the lands in Aspeley and Suggenhall (Sugnal), &c., in the county of Stafford. She was married first to Henry Vernon, of Sudbury, in the county of Derby, Esq., son of Sir John Vernon, fourth son of Sir Henry Vernon of Haddon in co. Derby, and of Tong Castle in co. Salop, Knight; which Henry Vernon died at Hilton, and was buried at Shareshill in 1659, leaving issue by the said Margaret his wife two sons, namely, John Vernon, who had Sudbury, and Henry Vernon, who had his mother's estates at Hilton, &c.

She was married secondly to George Winter, who starved her, as appears by a deed under her seal, 26 Eliz. (1583-4).² Mrs. Winter died in .29 Eliz. (1586-7), and was succeeded in her estates by her younger son Henry Vernon, Esq.³ Her elder son John Vernon, of Sudbury, died without issue, and his widow Mary, daughter of Sir Edward Littleton, Knight, was re-married to Walter Vernon, of Houndshill, Esq., by whom she had a son Sir Edward Vernon of Sudbury, Knight, who married Margaret the daughter and heiress of Henry Vernon of Hilton, Esq.⁴ The said Sir Edward Vernon

¹ Rev. C. Swynnerton's notes.

² Chetwynd MSS., Vol. II., quoting from Huntbache MSS.

³ *Ibid.*, Vol. IV.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Vol. IV., quoting from Huntbache as before.

and Margaret had an elder son Sir Henry Vernon of Houndshill and Sudbury, Esq., who by his wife Muriel, daughter and heiress of Sir George Vernon of Haslington, Judge of the Common Pleas, had, with other issue, an elder son George, of Sudbury, now represented in the female line by the Honourable Georgiana Mary, widow of Charles Edward Boothby Esq., and in the male line by the present Lord Vernon; and a second son, Henry Vernon, of Hilton, Esq., now represented by Henry Charles Vernon, of Hilton Park, co. Stafford, Esq., Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1867:

Elizabeth, the other daughter and co-heir of Humphrey Swynnerton, had the manor of Swynnerton. She was married first to William Fitzherbert, Esq., fourth son of Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, of Norbury, co. Derby, Knight, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, by whom she had a son Thomas Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton, Esq., from whom the present Basil Thomas Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton, Esq., is lineally descended. She was married secondly to Francis Gatacre, of Gatacre, co. Salop, Esq., by whom she had issue a son William, from whom the present Edward Lloyd Gatacre, of Gatacre, Esq., is descended.

SWYNNERTON CHURCH AND ITS EARLIER RECTORS.

The following notes concerning Swynnerton Church and its earlier Rectors will afford corroborative evidence of some of the lords of the manor.

The church was given at an early date to the Priory of Kenilworth. In the time of Henry II. it appears to have been held in two portions; and a controversy as to the right of possession was terminated by the surrender and quitclaim of the two portionists Osbert and Osbert, with the consent of Robert fitz Eelen, Lord of Swynnerton, to the Canons of Stone (which was a daughter House of Kenilworth). This surrender was made by the award of Bishop Walter Durdent, and must have passed between 1155 and 1159.¹

By fine levied in 2 Hen. III. between Robert de Swynnerton and William Prior of Kenilworth, concerning the advowson of the Church of Swynnerton, Robert recovered the right of patronage, subject to an annual pension to be paid by the Rector. The pension appears to have been made over by the Prior of Kenilworth to the Canons of Stone; and in 29 Edw. I. this charge upon the church was challenged by the then Rector. Accordingly Stephen, Parson of the Church of Swynnerton, was summoned in that year to answer the Prior of Stone why he withheld the arrears of an annual rent of 2 marks (£2 1) owing to the Prior, according to the terms of the said fine. Stephen pleaded first that he ought not to be required to answer to the King's writ, because the cause was an ecclesiastical one, but he said that such a fine should not have been levied without the assent and ratification of the Parson of the

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. III., p. 185, and Vol. II., p. 213.

place; and the fine having been levied in a suit respecting the advowson, showed that the church was vacant at the time; the patron could not subject church for ever to an annual payment, &c. The Prior stated that all the predecessors of Stephen had paid the money without demur, as he was prepared to prove. The cause was continued by adjournment to Hillary Term, 31 Edw. I. (1303), when Stephen made default, and judgment was delivered in favour of the Prior, with heavy damages.¹ By an Act passed in the Cathedral Church of Lichfield on Tuesday next after the Feast of Holy Trinity, 1295, before the official of Richard Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, Stephen had already been ordered under penalty of excommunication to pay to the Prior the arrears, amounting to £5 10s. of silver, of an annual pension of 40s. due from the Church of Swynnerton.² It was probably this same Stephen, whom I suppose to have been a son of Stephen de Uselwall and brother of the first Sir Roger de Swynnerton, who was sued, in 1299, for unjustly disseising Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton, then under age, of seventeen acres of land in Atton near Whitmore.

By letters dated at London, xiiij. kal., Decemb. (18 Nov.), 1306, the Bishop of Lichfield committed to the Archdeacon of Stafford or his *locum tenens* the custody of the Church of Swynnerton, and of his beloved son *Richard de Swynnerton, Clerk*, presented to that church by his beloved son Master John Nupord, his Canon, requiring him to induct him or cause him to be inducted into corporal possession of the same church with all its rights and appurtenances.³

In 1310 the benefice was under sequestration.³

In 1312, iij. kal., Ap. (30 March), *Dominus Willielmus de Tene, presbyter*, was admitted to the Church of Swynnerton on the presentation of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight.³

In 1322, vij. Id. Oct. (9 Oct.), *Johannes de Typpere, de Salop, accolitus*, was admitted to the same church, vacant by the death of Sir William de Tene, last Rector, on the Vigil of St. Mark the Apostle last past, on the presentation of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight.³

I find no record of the admission of the next incumbent, but it is stated in a MS. in the Salt Library, that Sir Roger Swynnerton, Knight, presented to the Church of Swynnerton in 1330;⁴ and as the Rector's name was Robert, it is very likely that the late Rector made way for *Robert de Swynnerton*, son of Sir Roger the patron.

In 1334, iv. kal. Marcii (26 Feb.), *Nicholas de Hopton, presbyter*, was admitted, on the presentation of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight, the church being then vacant by the resignation *domini Roberti ultimi Rectoris* on Tuesday, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross last past (14th September, 1333).³

In 1338, xiv. kal. Feb. (19 Jan.), *Willielmus de Blorton, presbyter*, was admitted on the presentation of *domini Roberti de Swynnerton*.³

In 1350, iij. Non. June (3 June), *Adam de Mokeleston, clericus*, was admitted on the presentation of Sir Thomas de Swynnerton, Knight, the

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VI., Part 1, pp. 26, 27.

² *Ibid.*, Vol. VI., Part I., p. 27.

³ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

⁴ MS. No. 99, being Staffordshire Collections transcribed from a volume belonging to the Society of Antiquaries.

church being vacant by the death of *domini Willielmi*, the last Rector, on Thursday after the Feast of St. Dunstan last past.¹

In 1357, x. kal. April (23 March), *Richardus de Jonaston, accolitus*, was admitted to the Church, vacant by reason of Adam de Mukleston, the last Rector, having succeeded to the Parish Church of Mukleston, on the kalends of February (1 Feb.) last past, on the presentation of *domine Matildis de Swynnerton*, the patron for this turn by reason of her dower, namely, the third part of the manor of Swynnerton which she now holds, by the same right as that by which Thomas Lord of Swynnerton who holds two parts of the said manor, had presented for the second turn.¹

The next admission recorded in the Diocesan Register is that of *John de Combes, priest*, who was admitted on iv. kal. Sept. (29 Aug.), 1378, on the presentation of Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Knight, the church being vacant by reason of the death of *Henry Bedell*, the last Rector, which occurred on iv. kal. Aug. (29 July).¹ This Rector held the benefice for many years.

On 28th May, 1429, *Dominus Petrus Watlyngton* was admitted to the Church of Swynnerton, vacant by the death of John Coumbe the last incumbent, on the presentation of the noble and venerable Lady Ann, Countess of Stafford, Buckingham, Hereford, and Northampton, and Lady of Brecon, patroness by reason of the minority of Humfrey, son and heir of William Swynnerton lately deceased.¹ This Rector effected an exchange a few months later with *Nicholas Potter*, of Purle, in the diocese of London, who was admitted to Swynnerton Church on the 22nd of November, 1429, on the presentation of Ann, Countess of Stafford.¹

On 24th April, 1453, *Dominus Willielmus Deynteth, capellanus*, was admitted on the presentation of Humfrey Swynnerton, Esq.¹ The cause of the vacancy is not given.

On 13th June, 1459, *Dominus Willielmus Wore* was admitted on the presentation of Humfrey Swynnerton, Esq., Lord of Swynnerton; the church being vacant by the resignation of *domini Willielmi Deynteth*.¹

On 14th February, 1463-4, *Dominus Edmundus Wode* was admitted to the church, then vacant by the resignation of *domini Willielmi Wore*, on the presentation of John Wode, of Kele, and Elen² his wife, patron for this turn in right of Elen, and also with the consent of Anna, late wife of Humfrey Swynnerton, Esq.¹

I do not meet with the registration of any other admission for nearly ninety years, but I find that in 16 Hen. VII. (1500-1) Humphrey Swynnerton conceded to Robert Moreton and James Nowell the next advowson and presentation to the Church of Swynnerton;³ and on 18th May, 1513, *Sir John Nowell*, Parson of Swynnerton, was named one of the executors to the will of

¹ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

² If it had not been for the dates said to have been formerly on the monuments to William Swynnerton and Elen his wife in the Church of Swynnerton, which I hold to have been in some measure inaccurately deciphered, I should have inferred that Elen, wife of John Wode, of Kele or Keel, was the relict of William de Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, and that a right to present for the third turn had been claimed by reason of her dower.

³ Chetwynd MSS. Vol. II. (from Nowell Deeds).

James Nowell, of Newbold, in the county of Stafford.¹ John Nowell, Clerk, was also Rector of Swynnerton in 1535, when the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* was compiled, and as he lived for many years afterwards, until 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, he must have seen many changes in his time. In 1535 the fruits of his Benefice were estimated as follows; viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
From glebe land	1	0	0
„ corn tithes	6	4	0
„ tithes of wool and lambs	3	2	0
„ Easter offerings	1	13	0
„ oblations	0	9	0
„ tithes of hay, and other small tithes	0	10	0
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	£12	18	0

From which are to be deducted—

	£	s.	d.
For an annual payment to the Prior of Stone for a pension due from the said Church of Swynnerton	2	0	0
To the Archdeacon of Stafford for first fruits and synodals			
To the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield every third year for visitation fees 3s. 4d., which is equal to an annual payment of	0	0	13½ and the third part of a farthing.
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	£2	15	7½ and the third part of a farthing.

Clear annual value £10 2s. 4½d. and two parts of a farthing
in three parts divided.

On 12th June, 1555, *William Cureton* was admitted on the presentation of Humphrey Swynnerton, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., the church being vacant by the death of John Nowell.²

On 10th March, 1555–6, *William Rydware* was admitted to the church, then vacant by the death of William Cureton, on the presentation of Humphrey Swynnerton, Esq.²

I have no record of the next Rector.

On 2nd November, 1573, *Mr. Thomas Chapman* was admitted to the Church of Swynnerton, vacant by the resignation of *Richard Gatteringe*, the last Rector, on the presentation of Thomas Beardmore, patron for this turn by the gift of Francis Gattacre and Elizabeth his wife, the true patrons.²

There is in the Church of Swynnerton, on the south side of the chancel, a stone monument of an early date. It has the recumbent figure of a cross-legged knight, of which a plate will be given. The shape and size of the shield which he bears has puzzled many an antiquary, but the most plausible conjecture appears to be that it represents a knight of the time of King Edward I.; in which case we may suppose it to be the tomb of Sir Roger de

¹ MS. 439 in William Salt Library, being deeds of Erdeswick, Vernon, Noell, &c.

² Lichfield Diocesan Register.

Swynnerton, son of Stephen de Swynnerton, of Uselwall, who died about the year 1298. Sir Roger may have been in Palestine with Prince Edward as a young man in the last English Crusade of 1271-2, before he succeeded to Swynnerton; or he may possibly have taken the vow in that projected crusade which was preached by Pope Nicholas IV. in 1288, but which fell through on account of his death in 1292. In the year 1288, Pope Nicholas IV. granted to King Edward I. the tenths of all ecclesiastical income for six years to come, towards defraying the expense of an expedition to the Holy Land. These annual tenths were usually payable to the See of Rome; and that they might be collected at their full value, a taxation by the King's precept was begun in that year. It was finished, as to the province of Canterbury, in 1291, and as to that of York, in 1292. This valuation, known as Pope Nicholas' Taxation, governed all ecclesiastical taxes, whether payable to King or Pope, till the reign of Henry VIII. It was in fact the *Domesday* of the Church, and from it we not unfrequently get the earliest notice of our parochial existence and relations. I presume that one who took the vow at that time would be entitled, as a *cruce signatus*, to be represented as a crusader on his tomb.

The most remarkable feature in Swynnerton Church is a colossal figure of our Blessed Lord, now fixed in the west wall of the Swynnerton Mortuary Chapel, but which probably occupied, in former times, some elevated position either in the church or outside of it, from which it could be looked up to by the people. The Saviour is represented in a sitting posture, with His right hand raised in the act of blessing, and the left hand drawing aside His garments to expose the spear wound in His side. The hands and feet bear the *stigmata*. It is evidently of great antiquity.

SWYNNERTON YOUNGER BRANCHES.

Before proceeding to treat of the earlier cadets of the House of Swynnerton, I have first to speak of a branch which claims a previous notice; for though I cannot distinctly trace this family up to the main stem, it would seem, from the arms ascribed to it, to have branched off at a date subsequent to the union of the two principal lines of Swynnerton and Hilton in 1450.

In the person of Sir John Swynnerton, Knight and Alderman of the city of London, this family obtained the highest civic honours in the time of James I., and acquired a considerable landed property. I suppose them to have descended from a younger son of Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton, and his wife Anna, the heiress of Hilton, which latter died in 1470.

Several pedigrees given in the "Herald's Visitations" and other MSS. preserved at the Herald's College,¹ in the libraries of the

¹ Copy of "Staff. Visitation," by William Flowers, in 1583, from a transcript said to have been made by William Dugdale, Esq., Norroy in 1678, and known at the Herald's College as "Dugdale's Book."

Bodleian¹ and Queen's College, Oxford, and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge,² and elsewhere (or some of them), give as the younger sons of the same Humphrey and Anna (or rather as the younger brothers of that Humphrey Swynnerton whom we know to have been eldest son and heir of Humphrey and Anna)³ two sons, William and John, who both died without issue, and a third son Roger, who is said to have married and had twenty-four children.

Of these younger sons of Humphrey and Anna, John Swynnerton lived at Swynnerton as tenant to his nephew Thomas Swynnerton of Swynnerton and Hilton. He married a lady of the name of Mode or Maud, and died about 1521. By the kindness of the Rev. Charles Swynnerton I am able to give a copy of his will, which is preserved in the Diocesan Registry at Lichfield:—

“Testamētū Johīs Swynarton de Swynarton nobilis.

“In y^e Name of God Amen the xixth day of y^e moneth of Aḗll in y^e yere of o^r lord miiiiij. I John Swynnerton of Swynn^rton gentlemā hole of mynd but seke in body make my tesaḗmte after yⁱ man^r. Ffirst I bequeth my sowle unto God the blessyd lady and to all y^e sents of God and my body to be buryd in the chapell of our lade in y^e church of Swynn^rton. Also I bequeth unto sent Chadd of Lich vi^d also unto sent Mary house of covēn vi^d y^e residue of my guds n^t above bequethed whē my detts be payd and de^spe^s made at my byryall of y^e whole of my goods I gyfe and bequeth unto Mode my wife and to S^r John Nowell pson of Swynn^rton also I ord^r make and constitute Moode my wife and S^r John Nowell pson of Swynn^rton my feythfull executors y^t my forsayd will y^e wald truely execute and pforme. Theis witness S^r Tho^s Morrey curat at Swynn^rton Will^m Snockston of y^e same towne w^t od^r moo Dat gyffon at Swynn^rton of y^e daye and yere above exp^rsyd.”

¹ Rawlinson's MS., B. 82, p. 71, and Dodsworth's MS. 96, p. 62, at Bodleian Library.

² Gonville and Caius College MS. 573.

³ Strictly speaking the pedigrees give these as the younger sons not of Humphrey and Anna, but of an imaginary Thomas Swynnerton, son of John, son of the said Humphrey and Anna; but they mostly agree in making them the brothers of that Humphrey Swynnerton whom we can identify as the son and heir of the same Humphrey and Anna.

According to the MS. in the Bodleian Library, and other authorities, Roger Swynnerton, the younger brother of this John, and of Humphrey of Swynnerton and Hilton, married Joane the daughter of Francis Nevill, of the county of York, and had issue twenty-four children, of whom Robert was the eldest, and three of the daughters were Elizabeth, Joan, and Mary. The names of the others are not given. It may very possibly have been another son of Roger who went to Oswestry and became the ancestor of Sir John Swynnerton, the Lord Mayor of London.

Robert Swynnerton (I.) son of Roger, married Mary daughter of Roger Robinson, of the county of Stafford,¹ and had issue, Thomas Swynnerton, Doctor of Theology,² Robert,² of whom presently, and a daughter Elizabeth,² wife of Robert Shepherd, by whom she had issue two sons, Richard and Henry, and four daughters.

Thomas Swynnerton, the eldest son of Robert son of Roger, was educated partly at Oxford and partly at Cambridge, and taking Holy Orders he embraced the Lutheran Religion, and became a warm supporter of the new faith, which he preached in several places, especially at Ipswich in Suffolk and Sandwich in Kent. Under the assumed name of John Roberts he published and translated several works, among which were "A Muster of Schismatic Bishops, otherwise calling themselves Popes;" "The Plots of Papists," &c. When Queen Mary came to the throne, says Anthony à Wood, and religion thereupon altered, Thomas Swynnerton fled beyond the seas, but, being overtaken by a certain distemper at Emden in Friesland in 1554 (*i.e.*, 2 Mary), he died and was buried there in the same year, to the great reluctancy of all those exiles that were then in those parts. It is difficult to make this accord with the statement given in the Gonville and Caius College pedigree, which was entered by his nephew Thomas Swynnerton in 1573. In this latter it is stated that Thomas Swynnerton, Doctor of Theology, died in foreign parts in 2 Elizabeth (*i.e.*, 1559-60). There was a person of the same name, who was Vicar of St. Mary's, Sandwich; between 1552 and 1563. He was also Vicar of St. Clement's in the same town, and died in 1563.³ If Anthony à Wood is correct as to the date of his death, and indeed if the Caius College pedigree

¹ Dodsworth's MSS. No. 96, p. 62, in Bodleian Library.

² Gonville and Caius MSS. No. 573.

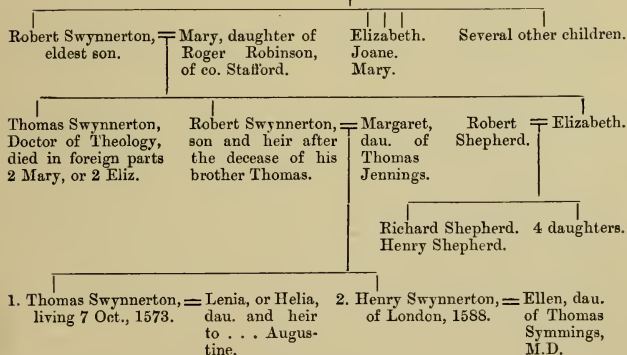
³ Hasted's "History of Kent," Vol. IV., pp. 281, 286. There was also a John Swynnerton of this date, who was Vicar of Warnham, co. Sussex, in 1561 (Cartwright's Continuation of Dallaway's "Sussex," Vol. II., p. 371).

is strictly accurate in that respect, this must have been another person. The pedigree implies that Thomas was the elder son, stating that Robert became the son and heir after the decease of his brother Thomas.

Robert Swynnerton (II.) married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Jennings of "Heretfordsher," by whom he had issue, 1st, Thomas Swynnerton, who entered the pedigree, giving instructions to that effect to York Herald in October, 1573,¹ who married Lenia or Helia, daughter and heir of Augustin;² and 2nd, Henry Swynnerton, of London, in 1588,³ who married Ellen, daughter of Symmings, Doctor of Physic.²

TABLE IV.

Roger Swynnerton, younger son of = Joane, daughter of Francis
Humphrey Swynnerton, of = Neville, of the county of
Swynnerton, and of Hilton, = York.
jure uxoris.



SWYNNERTON OF OSWESTRY AND LONDON.

I have no proof that Sir John Swynnerton, the Lord Mayor of London, was descended from one of the twenty-four children of Roger Swynnerton the founder of the last mentioned family, but from the arms given by his son Robert in the Visitation of 1633 I should infer that they were in some way descended from Humphrey de Swynnerton, of Swynnerton, who married the heiress

¹ Gonville and Caius MS.

² Dugdale's Book.

³ Dodsworth's MSS.

of Hilton, and I know of no other descendant of this Humphrey from whom he could have derived his descent.

It is very possible that one of this numerous family may have settled at Oswestry, in Shropshire, from whence the father of Sir John migrated to London, and where some of the family were still living as late as 1724, as may be seen by the Oswestry Parish Church Registers.

Stowe makes Sir John Swynnerton, the Lord Mayor, to be "son to Thomas Swynnerton, citizen and merchant taylor of London, who was son to Richard Swinnerton, of Oswestry, in Shropshire."¹ He is wrong, however, as to the name of his father, which was not *Thomas*, but *John*, as appears by the register of his burial, as well as by the pedigree entered at the Visitation of London in 1633 by his grandson Robert, fourth son of the Lord Mayor.

This pedigree commences with the Lord Mayor's father,

JOHN SWYNNERTON, of Oswestry, Esq., which John Swynnerton may very likely have been the son of a Richard Swynnerton, of Oswestry, who may have been a younger son or grandson of Roger, son of Humphrey Swynnerton (I.), of Swynnerton in 1453, and his wife Anna, the heiress of Hilton. The said John Swynnerton certainly came from Shropshire to London, where he became a member of the Merchant Tailors' Company. In the peaceful days that followed the wars of York and Lancaster, it became common for younger sons of the landed gentry to turn their hands to commerce, and become merchants or tradesmen in London and the principal towns. During the reigns of the Tudor monarchs, the records of the guilds of various county towns contain the names of many county families. The pedigrees recorded at the Heralds' Visitations of the City of London by cadets of gentle, and even of noble, blood at this time and afterwards were also numerous.

In the visitations of Sir Henry St. George, in 1633, 1634, and 1635, the following, among many other Shropshire and Staffordshire families, occur, viz., Aston, Babington, Boothby, Broughton, Bulkeley, Careswell, Corbet, Forster (or Forester), Knightley, Kynaston, Lawley Mainwaring, Mitton, Moreton, Moseley, Ottley, Pigott, Rudyard, Rugeley, Swynnerton, and Trussell.

John Swinnerton, the elder, probably inherited property in Shropshire, and in 31 Elizabeth (1588-9) he purchased a message

¹ Stowe's "Survey of London," with Strype's Additions; edition of 1755, Vol. II., p. 228.

SWYNNERTON OF LONDON.—TABLE V.

Arms : Argent, a plain cross fleury, sable (as confirmed in 1602 to John Swynnerton, afterwards Lord Mayor of London ; according to Robson). Quarterly, 1st and 4th, arg. a cross fleury sable : 2nd and 3rd, the same within a bordure engrailed gules (as given by Robert Swynnerton, fourth son of the said Lord Mayor, in 1633 ; see " Harleian Society," Vol. XVII., under Swynnerton).

John Swynnerton, of Oswestry, merchant-tailor of London ; oc. 1588-9, died 1608. — Mary.

Sir John Swynnerton, Knight, of Stanway Hall, co. Essex, Sheriff of — Thomasine, daughter of Mr. Buckfold, died 1650.
London 1602, Lord Mayor 1612, died 1616.

Henry Swynnerton, of Stanway Hall, Esq., mar. Mary, dau. of David de la Maier ; but died *s.p.* Dec., 1617.

Richard Swinnerton, second son, living 1622-3, died *s.p.*

Thomas Swinner—Joane, dau. of Stanway Hall, third son and eventual heir ; died 1627.

Robert Swynnerton, fourth son, of London, merchant, 1633, died *s.p.*

Mary, wife of Sir John Miller, Kt., living 1622-3.

... , wife of ... Pym, to a citizen of London.

John Swynnerton, died *s.p.*

Sir William Dyer, of Tottenham, co. Middlesex, Bart., died 1680.

— Thomasine, only daughter and eventual heiress ; married 2ndly to John Hopwood, but had no issue by him ; died 1697, æt. 73.

Sir John Swynnerton Dyer, Bart., and other issue.

at Duddleston, in that county, of John Trevor Vaughan.¹ He died in London in 1608, and was interred at Aldermanbury Church, as appears by the parish register,² where among the burials the following entry occurs: "1608, Oct. 24, Mr. John Swinnerton, the father of Sir John Swinnerton, Knt. and alderman." His wife Mary was born at Lexden in the county of Essex.³ He had by her a son John, who afterwards became Lord Mayor of London.

SIR JOHN SWYNNERTON (the son) was a member of the Merchant Tailors' Company as well as his father. He became one of the Sheriffs of London in 1602, and Lord Mayor in 10 Jac. I. (1612).

In his younger days Sir John had travelled in Spain, from whence he returned an accomplished gentleman. Becoming a merchant of eminence, he served Queen Elizabeth with all her wine; and got into his hands the sole power of the wine license office, whereby he accumulated a great estate.⁴

By indenture of 3rd April, 43 Eliz. (1601), he purchased from William Nutbrowne, for £5,000, the manor of Bellhouse, with the appurtenances, and 20 messuages, two dovehouses, two gardens, 800 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 400 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 200 acres of heath and bruery, with the appurtenances; the moiety of the manor of Much Stannaway, and the moiety of 800 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 500 acres of heath and bruery, and 40s. rent, with the appurtenances, in Much Stannaway, Little Stannaway, and the adjoining parishes; and the moiety of the advowson of the Church of Much Stannaway, together with the "White Hart" and lands belonging thereto, which formerly belonged to Richard Mascott; all in the county of Essex.⁵

In 14 Jac. I. general livery was given to Sir John Swynnerton, Knight, son and heir of John Swynnerton, Esq., for his lands in Dudliston, co. Salop.⁶

His will was dated 7th December, 14 Jac. I. (1616), whereby he devised this estate to Henry his eldest son, and his heirs male; and for default of such issue, to Thomas and Robert his younger sons; and for default of male issue, unto his own right heirs.⁷

¹ Dukes' "Antiquities of Shropshire," p. 320, from Orig. 4, p. 31, Eliz. rot. 70.

² Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 110.

³ Morant's "Essex," Vol. II., p. 191, from Inq. 14 Jac. I.

⁴ Stowe's "Survey of London," Vol. II., p. 228.

⁵ "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," Vol. VII., p. 276.

⁶ Dukes' "Antiquities of Shropshire," p. 320, from orig. 2, p., 14 Jac. rot. 132.

⁷ "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," Vol. VII., p. 276. By an evident

Sir John died 8th December, 1616, seised of the manors of Stanway, Belhouse and Little Birch, in the county of Essex, and the advowson of the Church of Little Birch, leaving his son and heir, Henry, then 24 years of age and upwards.¹ The manor of Little Birch, with a mansion-house and park containing 200 acres, was purchased by him in 5 Jac. I. from John, Lord Petre;² besides which he was possessed of lands in Dagenham, Barking, &c., in the same county of Essex, and of lands in Dudleston and Porkington in the Hundred of Oswestry and county of Salop. He left 2s. a week for ever to be distributed in bread to the poor of Lexden, his mother's birthplace, and bound his house and demesne of Stanway Hall to answer the same.³ Sir John was buried at

printer's error, the date of his will is here given as *7th September* instead of *7th December*; but the writer goes on to say that he died next day, and we know from the register of his burial that this was in December.

¹ Morant's "Essex," Vol. II., pp. 184, 185.

² "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," Vol. VII., p. 276.

³ *Ibid.* Morant ("History of Colchester," Book III., p. 5), speaking of Sir John Swinerton's gift to Lexden, says: "The following account of it is thus entered in the old Register-book of this parish:—

"September Anno Domini 1610.

"Mem. That aboute the feast of St. Michell the Archangel in the yeare above-saide the worshipfull Mrs. Marye Swinerton Widd. and the Right worshipfull Sir John Swinerton Knight (her sonne) upon a Sabath daye came unto this parrish Church of Lexden, And did signifie, that the sayde Mrs. Marye Swinerton as well in regarde she was borne in the saide parische, as also for other Charitable respects her movinge, Hath gyven unto the poore of the saide parish yearly (duringe the lyfe of the saide Marye) a somme or pencion of fyve pounds and fower shillings to be employed to the use of the poore by the Officers and Cheefe inhabitants of the saide parische from tyme to tyme for the tyme being, as followeth (viz.) upon every Sabath daye to have two duzen of wheate breade sett upon the Communion-table or other convenient place in the Church or Chancell. And Fourteen of the poorest olde impotent people to be chosen by the saide cheefe inhabitants: Who so long as they shall resort to the prayers and exercises of the saide Church and well behave themselves shall have the same breade (14 to the dozen) divided amonge them (viz.) to every of them 2^d in breade upon every the saide days, and as any of them shall dye, or lyve otherwise than before prescribed, then the saide parishioners to choose as afforesaide to supplye their roomes. And the saide Sir John Swynerton at the same tyme did further signifie unto the saide parish that he consideringe this guifte to be to the honor of God and the benefite of the poore upon earth would have the same pension to be perpetually payde to the uses afforesaide oute of his own estate: And resolved to charge some of his lands in Stanway for the payment of the saide yearly pencion to the use of the saide poor as aforesaid." Which he accordingly performed, as appears by this clause in his Will, dated 1616: "To the town of Lexden, in the county of Essex, I give and bequeath so much out of the said demesnes of Stanway-hall, or of the Rent thereof, as will pay and provide Bread for so many poor people of that parish, as Two Shillings in bread every weeke is to be distributed into, for forty and one years after my mother's decease. And I do

Aldermanbury, London, where the following entry occurs in the Parish Register: "1616, Dec. 10. Sir John Swinnerton, Knt. and Alderman (a worthy magistrate)."¹ By his wife Thomasine, daughter of Mr. Buckfold,² who survived him, he had four sons, Henry, Richard, Thomas, and Robert, and three daughters, of whom Mary the eldest was married to Sir John Miller, of the county of Dorset, Knight; the 2nd was married to . . . Pym, Esq., and the 3rd to a citizen of London.³ The Lady Thomasine Swinnerton was buried at Aldermanbury, London, 29th August, 1650.⁴

HENRY SWYNNERTON, Esq., of Stanway Hall, the eldest son of Sir John, married Mary, one of the daughters of David de la Maier, and sister of Sir Peter de la Maier. He died without issue, 18th December, 1617, leaving his wife surviving, who was afterwards married to the Hon. Sir Francis Crane, Knight, Chancellor of the Order of the Garter.⁵

It is probable that Richard Swinnerton, the next brother, was *non compos*; for in 20 Jac. I. (1622-3), for the prevention of family disputes, and the better assurance of the payment of certain annuities bequeathed by Sir John Swinnerton to his other children, an indenture of partition was agreed upon between Dame Thomasine, relict of Sir John Swinnerton, and Thomas her third son; by which agreement the former was to have one-third part of the estates, the property of the late Sir John, and the latter the remaining two-thirds, each subject to proportionate shares of the said

further will, That after the said forty and one years, the said payment of Two Shillings the weeke be continued to the Poor of the said Parish for ever. And for the good performance thereof, I bind my house called Stanway-hall, and the demesnes thereof to answer the same, which, I hope, my heirs will see truly performed. And in default of payment, I hereby limit power to the Churchwardens of that parish for the time being to distraine for the same." [Reg. Cur. Prærog. Cant. Lib. Coke 126, Q. E. secundo libro.]

¹ Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 110. In the same Register are the following entries of baptisms in that church: "1596, Feb. 5. Cicely, daughter of Mr. John Swinnerton, junior, the farmer of the impost on wines." "1602. Baptized Robert, the sonne of the right worshipfull Mr. Jhon Swynnerton, junior, then on of the Sherrfes of this honorable Cyttye of London. On of his godfathers the right honorable Sr. Robert Lee, Lord Maior of London: I baptized the 21 Sept. 1604" (this last entry has been verified from the Register of the Parish Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury).

² "Harleian Society," Vol. XVII., p. 272.

³ Morant's "Essex," Vol. II., p. 191.

⁴ Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 110.

⁵ Morant's "Essex," and "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," Vol. VII., p. 277.

annuities payable to Richard, 2nd son of Sir John, Robert the youngest son, and Mary his daughter, wife of Sir John Miller, of Dorsetshire, Knight.¹

RICHARD SWYNNERTON died without issue, as did also his youngest brother Robert, who was a merchant of London, where he entered his pedigree in 1633; so that the descendants of Thomas Swynnerton became the sole representatives of the family.

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, of Stanway Hall, Esq., married Joane, the daughter of Thomas Symond, of London.²

By an indenture dated 28th June, 2 Car. I., 1626, and enrolled in the Court of Common Pleas, Thomas Swynnerton and Joane his wife, for £5,200, bargain and sell to John Littlebury, Esq., and his heirs, two parts in three to be divided of the manor or lordship of Stannaway, and two parts of the park called Stannaway Park, and the game of deer and wages, and the advowson of the Church of Stannaway, and two parts of the manor or lordship of Cockermouth, in the county of Essex.¹ He died in 1627, leaving a son JOHN SWYNNERTON, who died without issue, and a daughter Thomasine, who brought such of the family estates as had not been alienated by her father, in marriage, to Sir William Dyer, of Tottenham, in the county of Middlesex, Baronet, and Lord of Newnham, or Newnham, in the county of Hertford. In Newnham Church there is a monument to his memory, with the following inscription: "Here lyes the body of Sir William Dyer, Baronet, who departed this life on the 27th of January, 1680; he married the grand-daughter and sole heiress to Sir John Swynnerton, once Lord Mayor of the City of London, & had issue by her four sons and three daughters, whereof four are now living, viz., two sons and two daughters." On this monument is a shield of arms, bearing, or, a chief indented gules; on an escutcheon of pretence, quarterly, 1st and 4th argent, a cross fleury sable; 2nd and 3rd argent, a cross fleury sable within a bordure engrailed gules, a crescent for a difference.³ His widow Thomasine took to her second husband John Hopwood, to whom she was married on or before 8th August, 1683. By him she had no issue, but she left him her estate in Stanway,⁴ (probably that which came to her at her grandmother's

¹ "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," Vol. VII., p. 277.

² Burke, "History of the Commoners," Vol. III., p. 602 (note).

³ Clutterbuck's "Hertfordshire," Vol. III., p. 543. I imagine this crescent to imply that he claimed descent from a *second* son of the house of Swynnerton.

⁴ Morant's "Essex," Vol. II., p. 192.

death), and dying at Stanway, she was buried near her first husband in Newnham Church, where there is a monument to her memory with the following inscription: "In the vault near unto this place lyes interred the body of that honored and truly vertuous and pious lady Dame Thomasine Dyer, relict of that honored and religious gentleman Sir William Dyer, of Tottenham High Crosse, in ye county of Middlesex, Baronet; late wife of John Hopwood of Stanaway Hall, in the county of Essex, Esq. She was granddaughter and heiress to that renowned Sir John Swinnerton, once Lord Mayor of the famous City of London. She was a faithful and loving wife to both her husbands, a good and kind mother, courteous to her friends, charitable to the poor, a sincere protestant, and a lover of all that she conceived loved the Lord Jesus, in and through Whom she triumphed over death, and is now singing Hallelujahs among the blessed above, waiting for the glorious resurrection of the body. She departed this life April 13th, 1697, *ætatis suæ* 73."¹ Dame Thomasine is now represented in the *male line* by Sir Swinnerton Halliday Dyer, Baronet, of Tottenham, co. Middlesex. Her grandson and heir, Sir Swinnerton Dyer, Baronet, left an only child Anne, married to Paul Whitehead, gentleman, but whether she left issue or not I am unable to say.

SWYNNERTON OF ISEWALL.

The Swynnertons of Uselwall or Isewall, in the parish of Eccleshall, derived their descent from Humphrey de Swynnerton, a younger son of Sir Roger, the Baron. This Humphrey was found to be next heir to his brother Richard de Swynnerton, Clerk, who died in 20 Edw. III. (1346), and he was then about twenty-four years of age. He was afterwards preferred by his elder brother, Sir Robert de Swynnerton, Clerk, then Lord of Swynnerton, who in 23 Edw. III. (1349) gave him his manors of La Desirée and Badenhall in Eccleshall and Hulcote;² which he had lately purchased from Sir Thomas de Hastang, Knight.

In the same year the King, by charter dated at Westminster, 24th February, 23 Edw. III., granted to Humphrey de Swynnerton the custody of all the lands in the county of Stafford which belonged to John de Bromley, deceased, who held of the King *in capite* (whose widow he then or afterwards married), to hold until the heir of the said John be of full age, together with the

¹ Clutterbuck's "Hertfordshire," and Wotton's "Baronetage."

² Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 112.

marriage of the said heir; rendering therefor £8 yearly to the King, and £30 for the said marriage.¹

By a subsequent charter, dated at Westminster 6th March, 26 Edw. III. (1352), which recites the former, and states that the said Humphrey de Swynnerton had prayed the King that he should be discharged from a portion of the said annual payment, alleging that he believes that he has not had possession of the whole estate of the said John de Bromley, because his widow Hillaria had been jointly enfeoffed with him in the greater portion of the lands which he held at the time of his death, the King, having been certified of the truth of his allegation by the return of certain inquisitions, now grants that he shall only pay the yearly sum of four marks for the custody of the lands in question.²

At the first inquisition taken after the death of John de Bromley on 2nd October, 1349, the jury returned that he held of the King *in capite* one-third of the manor of Ashley, of the Bishop of Chester the manor of Bromley, and of Robert de Knightley 10s. of rent in Wonynton, all in the county of Stafford.³

By a later inquisition, doubtless taken for the purpose of verifying the allegation of Humphrey de Swynnerton, on 23rd September, 1350, it was found that besides the before mentioned third part of Ashley, the manor of Bromley, and 20s. (as it is now called) of rent in Wonynton, which he held in demesne as of fee, John de Bromley had held also, jointly with his wife Hillaria, the moiety of the hamlet of Brockhurst (in the parish of Blymhill) of Ralph Baron of Stafford, and a messuage and half a virgate of land in Podemore of Ralph de Ferrers.⁴

My belief is that Humphrey de Swynnerton married the said Hillaria, and had issue by her, and that her daughter Alice, daughter and heir of John de Bromley and wife of John de Froddesham, settled the reversion of the estate at Brockhurst (then held by her mother for term of life) upon the said Humphrey de

¹ Rot. Fin., 23 Edw. III., m. 22. This must be taken as a correction of the statement given in my account of the manor of Blymhill, in "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. II., p. 109, where the date is given as 24th September instead of 24th February.

² Rot. Fin., 26 Edw. III., m. 17.

³ Inq., 23 Edw. III., No. 22 (Part I.).

⁴ Inq., 24 Edw. III., No. 93, 1st Numbers. At the inquisition subsequently taken after the death of the said Hillaria, on 20th August, 1372, it is stated that she held in dower, of the inheritance of Alice, daughter of the said John de Bromley, two messuages and twenty acres of land with the appurtenances in Ashley, worth 3s. 4d. yearly; no other lands or tenements are mentioned.

Swynnerton and Hillaria his wife and the heirs of their bodies in fee.

In 26 Edw. III., by writ tested at Westminster, 24th May (1352), Humphrey de Swynnerton was joined in commission with John de Sutton of Dudley, Philip de Luttele, and the Sheriff of the county of Stafford, to select, draw out, and array two hundred and fifty archers from that county, to be provided with bows and arrows and other competent arms for the defence of the realm against hostile incursions, and ready against the quinzaine of the Feast of Holy Trinity next coming, to proceed in the King's retinue; they are further commanded to arrest any opponents or rebels they may find in those parts, and commit them to the King's prison, there to be kept, in the custody of the said Sheriff, until the King's further orders be given.¹

In 33 Edw. III., an order was issued, by the guardian of the realm and council of the nation, dated at Westminster, 16th November, 1359, which recites the King's command issued before his last departure for France, that the men of every county should be armed in accordance with the Statute of Winchester, and states that such order having been found insufficient for the purpose of the safety and defence of the realm, it had been further ordained that certain Knights and other men of substance in each county, should be assigned to array and choose all the men-at-arms and archers in that county, and cause them to be armed. By this order Humphrey de Swynnerton, together with John de Swynnerton of Hilton and others, were assigned for that purpose in the county of Stafford.²

On 31st May, 44 Edw. III. (1370), Humphrey de Swynnerton and Hillaria his wife give 20s. to have a writ "*de conventione*" in the county of Stafford.³

In the following year, 45 Edw. III., Humphrey de Swynnerton and Hillaria made a fine with the chief lord for the manor of Blymhill and another tenement in the same manor.⁴

And again, on 26th January, 46 Edw. III. (1372), the same parties give half a mark for a writ "*de compote*" in the county of Stafford.⁵ All this makes it sufficiently clear that Humphrey de

¹ Rymer's "Fœdera," Vol. III., p. 243.

² *Ibid.*, p. 457.

³ Rot. Fin., 44 Edw. III., m. 11.

⁴ MS. Stafford Chartulary, *penes* Lord Bagot.

⁵ Rot. Fin., 46 Edw. III., m. 32.

Swynnerton obtained his estate at Blymhill through his wife Hillaria. The said Hillaria died 6th July, 1372.¹

I know not when Humphrey de Swynnerton died.

According to Chetwynd he was succeeded by a son John, whose son John (it should be Robert) left Joan his widow in 3 Hen. V. (1415-6), and was father of Thomas, Henry, and Joan, which Thomas was father of John, who married Frances, daughter and heiress of *Francis* Preston, and was father of Robert, and grandfather of Edward the prodigal, who married the daughter of Sampson Erdeswick, Esq.

Chetwynd has certainly omitted a generation between Thomas and that John Swynnerton who was living in 1499; but he may perhaps be right in placing a generation between the first Humphrey and the Robert who was dead in 3 Hen. V., leaving a widow. On the other hand, Erdeswick, who should in this case be a specially good authority, as being nearly related to the family, says: "This Humphrey, I take it, had issue Robert, who had issue Thomas, who had issue Humfry, who had issue John, who lived in King Henry the Seventh's time. John had issue Humfry, that died without issue, and Robert, who had issue Edward, who had issue Hugh, father of John, now both living, A.D. 1600."²

ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON (the son or grandson of Humphrey) seems to have taken part, with Hugh de Erdeswick, Thomas de Swynnerton, and others, in those disgraceful proceedings, already spoken of, at Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1408, and also to have been engaged in similar breaches of the peace at Stafford in the following year, all which have been previously mentioned in speaking of the senior line.³ In 1408, Robert de Swynnerton and others were indicted by Ellen widow of Thomas Malbon for the murder of her husband.⁴ I suspect that he died in 1409 or 1410; for his name does not appear with those of Hugh de Erdeswick, Thomas de Swynnerton and the other rioters, whom the Sheriff of the County of Stafford was ordered by the King and his parliament in February, 1410, to arrest and produce for their trial at the King's Bench on the quinzaine of the Holy Trinity next ensuing. Burke, in his "History of the Commoners," in his account of the Swynnertons of

¹ Inq., 46 Edw. III., No. 4, 1st Numbers.

² Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 112. The wife of Edward Swynnerton of Isewall, "the prodigal," was the daughter of Sampson Erdeswick the grandfather of the Antiquary who wrote in 1600.

³ See p. 51.

⁴ Ormerod's "Cheshire," ed. of 1882, p. 340.

Butterton, whom he derives from the Hilton branch, introduces an imaginary *Robert* de Swynnerton as *elder* son and heir of the 2nd John de Swynnerton of Hilton, Seneschal of Cannock Forest (whom we know to have been succeeded by his eldest son John¹), to which *Robert* he assigns, as a wife, Joan, daughter of Thomas de la Pipe, and says that he died in 1410. I think it highly probable that all this may refer to Robert de Swynnerton of Isewall, whose wife Joan may well have been one of the Pipe family, who occur as frequent witnesses of the Swynnerton deeds.

In 3 Hen. V. (1415-6), Richard Sugenhall and John Hurne, Chaplains, release to Joan, who had been the wife of Robert de Swynnerton of Useuale, the lands which they had of the gift of Thomas Wotton, in Eccleshall and Hakedon, for the life of Joan, daughter of the said Robert; and on failure of issue, to Thomas son of Robert, and on failure of issue, to Henry son of Robert, and on failure of issue, to the right heirs of Robert.² I believe these to have been all younger children, and that he was succeeded at Isewall and Blymhill by an elder son Robert.

ROBERT DE SWYNNERTON (II.), of Isewall, Brockhurst, and a fourth part of the manor of Blymhill, occurs in 14 Hen. IV. (1412-3) as first witness to a deed of John, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, whereby he demised to W. Duddley the moiety of a burgage and land in Eccleshall.³ He may very likely have been identical with a Robert de Swynnerton who is described as of Peynton,⁴ in the county of Salop, Esq., in 3 Hen. V.

A petition was presented to the Lords and Commons in the Parliament summoned to meet at Leicester on 30th April, 2 Hen. V., 1414, by John Bryn, Roger Leney, *Robert Swynnerton*, Thomas Marchall, and Henry Herdley, showing that in the previous year, when Robert Corbet and Richard Lacon were Knights of the Shire for the county of Salop, they, for certain debates and dissensions which arose between the said Knights and the said petitioners, had nominated the said petitioners to be collectors of the tenths and fifteenths granted to the King in the previous Parliament; and in pursuance of their malice had come with an armed force to divers places in the said county of Salop, and obstructed them in the

¹ See account of that branch to be given in a future page.

² Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 113.

³ "Liber Albus de Lichfield" (from copy in W. Salt Library, Stafford).

⁴ Probably Poynton in the parish of High Ercall.

discharge of their duty, had violently assaulted and wounded them, and killed their horses, contrary to the dignity and peace of the King, so that the last payments of the said tenths and fifteenths due to the King could not then, neither can now, be collected or levied for the said cause, for all which the said petitioners pray a remedy. The answer to the said petition appears in the large schedule annexed thereto, which enumerates many instances of interruptions made upon the said collectors by the men of Robert Corbet, Roger Corbet and others, at Shrewsbury, at Moreton Corbet, and at Oldbury near Bridgenorth. The special complaints of Robert Swynnerton were that when, by virtue and authority of the King's commission, he was taking a distress to Moreton Corbet because of the non-payment of the tax levied on the said vill, one Thomas Palmer and other servants of the said Robert Corbet made a grievous assault upon the said Robert Swynnerton, and would have killed him if he had not escaped and left the said distress behind him. On another occasion when the said Robert Swynnerton was at Shrewsbury making proclamation in the market-place, that all men of the said county of Salop should pay the tax on a certain day named by the said Robert, divers men of the said Robert Corbet came, to the number of seven persons, with force of arms, and made a grievous assault upon the said Robert Swynnerton, beating, wounding, and maiming him and his man, to their great injury, as is well known to all the county, to the great alarm and disturbance of the people, and against the King's peace.

The chief offenders seem to have been Robert Corbet and Roger Corbet, another squire of that county, which last personage pursued the said Thomas Marchall and Roger Lyney, the two collectors who had been deputed by the rest to ride up to London to pay the tax into the King's exchequer and to seek a remedy for all the aforesaid misprisons of the law, and after they had delivered a bill of the said misprisons to the King, when he was last at Dunstable, the said Roger Corbet, with five persons, with force of arms, came suddenly upon the said Roger Lyney, after he had arrived at the hostel to pay the taxes which they had collected and fiercely addressed him in these words: "Who made the so hardy to putte any bille to the Kyng to undo me with all?" To whom the said Roger Lyney, being in fear of his life, made answer, "I have done thee no wrong, but if I have in any way offended thee, I will make sufficient amends with my goods and chattels at thy

will." The which he refused, and there maliciously beat and wounded him, and "*ses chambres coupa*," making many other horrible wounds to his lasting hurt and injury, so that he was at the point of death, to the ill example of all evil doers, and to the terror of those who may be the King's officers in time to come, unless due redress and punishment be awarded.

The answer is that each of the complainants named in the said petition, should make out his bille for himself of the grievances he complains of in due form of law, to be sent to the King's Bench, and that afterwards, by the authority of this Parliament, the defendants should be prosecuted in the same Bench.¹

In the following year, at the Parliament held at Westminster on Monday, 16th March, 3 Hen. V., each of the complainants presented a separate petition. That of Robert de Swynnerton, of Peynton, Esq., in the county of Salop, recapitulates the former grievances, stating them more fully, and mentioning the names of the men of Robert Corbet, Esq., who assaulted him at Shrewsbury on the Saturday before Shrove Tuesday, 1 Hen. V., by the command of the said Robert Corbet, because he had made a distress at Preston Brokhurst, that is to say, two cows; and further states that after he had taken the said distress, while he was proclaiming in the said town of Shrewsbury the King's brief directed to him as collector, they made an assault upon him and badly wounded him in the right hand, and forcibly carried away the two cows to Preston.

Moreover, because the said petitioner had prosecuted him before the King at the Parliament held at Leicester, they had from day to day threatened to kill him, so that he dared not remain at his house. The said petition is referred to the King's Bench, and the Justices are ordered to hear and determine the matter contained therein.²

I cannot assert that this Robert de Swynnerton, of Peynton, was identical with Robert de Swynnerton of Isewall, but it is not unlikely that they were the same, and his wife Elizabeth may perhaps have been a Shropshire heiress. In 6 Hen. VI. (1427-8), Robert de Swynnerton and his coparceners are certified to hold half a Knight's fee in Blymhill and Brineton;³ and in the same regnal year, on 27th July, 1428, a Rector of Blymhill was admitted on the presentation of Robert Swynnerton "*domicelli*."⁴

¹ Rot. Parl., Vol. IV., p. 30, 31.

² *Ibid.*, p. 87.

³ List of Knights' fees, given in Chetwynd MSS., Vol. II.

⁴ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

SWYNNERTON OF ISEWALL.—TABLE VI.

Arms—Argent a cross flory sable, over all a bend gules.

Humphrey de Swynnerton, younger son of Sir Roger de Swynnerton. — Hillaria, widow of John de Bromley, Had the manors of Desire and Badenhall, of the gift of his brother Robert, 23 Edward III., oc. 1372.

Robert de Swynnerton, son or grandson of Humphrey, died in 1410. — Joan, relict 3 Henry V. (1415-6).

Robert Swynnerton, "domicellus" — Elizabeth, wife of Robert Thomas Swynnerton, —
 1428, 1442; died *s.p.* Swynnerton, 1435-6. 3 Henry V. (1415-6).
 Joan, 3 Henry V.

Humphrey Swynnerton, of Isewall, —
 occurs 1463. Sir Thomas Swynnerton, chaplain, admitted to Blymhill Rectory 5 October, 1471; died 1488.

John Swynnerton, of Isewall, — Frances, daughter and heir of Francis (Philip?) William Swynnerton, admitted Rector of Blymhill, 1499, died 1499. Preston (Chetwynd). died 1538.

Humphrey Swynnerton, of Swineshead Hall, Robert Swynnerton, of Isewall, Esq. — Lucy, daughter of Richard Littleton, William 1503-4, with Agnes his wife; died *s.p.* dead in 1545. Esq., of Pillaton; occurs as wife of Swynnerton, Nicholas Bradburne 1545; occurs 1554, 1583.

Frances, daughter of Sampson — Edward Swynnerton, of Isewall, — Ann, daughter of Richard Swynnerton, Anne, Elizabeth, Joan, first wife. of Sandon, Esq., first wife. Morris, sisters of Edward, and Blymhill; died 1598. second wife. 1545.

Hugh Swynnerton, — Joan, daughter of [Edward?] Sutton, Lord Dudley. Edward Swynnerton.
 1588, 1600. Buried at Eccleshall 3rd March, 1602-3.

John Swynnerton, eldest son; living in 1600. Thomas Swynnerton, second son. Mary, married 17th April, 1609, to James Scrymsher, of Shrewsbury, Gent.

He occurs as witness to a Blymhill deed in 1434,¹ and in 14 Hen. VI. (1435-6), Robert Swynnerton of Isewall authorises his attorney to receive from Roger Swineshead, full and pacific seisin of the fourth part of the manor of Blymenhull, and the fourth part of the Church of the said manor, and all the lands, &c., which the said Roger lately held of his (Robert's) gift and feoffment, to the said Robert and Elizabeth his wife.² He again presented to Blymhill Church in April, 1442, as patron for that turn.³

I know not when Robert Swynnerton died, and I have but little authority for the next two generations; but if Erdeswick is right in making Thomas Swynnerton the son of that Robert whom he calls the son of Humphrey, and the father of another Humphrey, the second Robert Swynnerton must have died without issue, and been succeeded by a brother Thomas.⁴

¹ Stafford MS. Cartulary at Blithfield. See "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. II., Part II., p. 87.

² Chetwynd MSS.

³ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

⁴ From the following deed in possession of the Rev. Walter Sneyd, at Keele Hall, it would seem as if the Swynnertons of Eccleshall (*i.e.*, of Isewall) were at one time lords of the manor of Cold Norton in the parish of Chebsey: "Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Richardus Delves armiger filius et heres Johannis Delves salutem in Domino sempiternam cum inspexi quondam chartam indentatam quorundam *Thome Swyn'ton et Roberti Swyn'ton* Henrico Delves jam defuncto et Alicie uxori ejus sub tenore verborum sequentium in hec verba Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos *Thomas Swyn'ton et Robertus Swyn'ton* dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra indentata confirmavimus Henrico Delves et Alicie uxori ejus manerium nostrum de Colde Norton et omnia terras et tenementa cum eorum pertinentiis que habemus in villa de Colde Norton habenda et tenenda manerium et omnia terras et tenementa predicta cum eorum pertinentiis prefatis Henrico et Alicie et heredibus masculis de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta Et si contingat predictos Henricum et Aliciam sine herede masculino de corporibus suis legitime procreato obire tunc volumus et concedimus quod predicta manerium et omnia terras et tenementa predicta cum eorum pertinentiis Richardo Delves filio et heredi Johannis Delves et heredibus et assignatis suis remaneant imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus Hiis testibus Hugone Erdeswyk Radulpho Eggerton Willielmo Lee Willielmo Everdon Johanne Wodde et aliis Datum apud Colde Norton in festo Sancte Anne matris Marie regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum tertio decimo:—Noveritis me deliberacione et provida circumspectione super premissis omnibus et singulis huic statum et possessionem predictae Alicie in manerio et terris et tenementis predictis nec non donationem concessionem et confirmationem predictas eidem Alicie ut premittitur factas quatenus michi et heredibus meis pertinet acceptasse approvasse ratificasse et confirmasse per presentes In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Hugone Erdeswyk Radulpho Eggerton

THOMAS SWYNNERTON was succeeded (according to Erdeswick) by his son Humphrey. It is not improbable that Sir Thomas Swynarton, Chaplain, who was subsequently presented to the Rectory of Blymhill in 1471 by Sir Ranulph Brereton, Knight, another coparcener of Blymhill, upon the death of Robert Badenhall,¹ was another son of this Thomas Swynnerton.

HUMPHREY SWYNNERTON of Usulwall occurs on 15th December, 3 Edward IV., 1463, as first witness, together with Thomas Swyneshed, William Bedull, James Moreton, and others, to a deed of Robert Badenhall, Chaplain, Rector of Blymhill, to Thomas son and heir of Richard Noell.² Humphrey Swynarton (probably the same person) was one of the jurors at an inquisition taken at Chester before William Venables, the King's Escheator of the county of Chester, 10th August, 1464, after the death of John Savage, Esq. (son of Sir John Savage and Matilda de Swynnerton his wife), who died 29th June, 1463.³

He occurs again in 13 Edward IV. (1473-4), as a tenant at will under the Baron of Stafford, of a certain pasture in the parish of Blymhill called Hay, at a rent of 4s. *per annum*, which had late been in the tenure of Robert Badenhale.⁴ Erdeswick tells us that he was succeeded by his son John Swynnerton; and here we reach firmer ground.

JOHN SWYNNERTON, of Isewall, Esq., in 14 Hen. VII., presented Sir William Swynnerton, Chaplain, probably his brother, to the Church of Blymhill, as patron for that turn, who was accordingly admitted 28th May, 1499.⁵ Erdeswick tells us that he had a son,

Willielmo Lee Roberto Swynton Johanne Bedulf et aliis Datum die Martis proxima post clausum Pasche regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie sexto decimo."

¹ "Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. II., Part II., p. 139.

² MS. 439 in William Salt Library, being deeds of the Erdeswickses, Vernons, Noels, &c.

³ Earwaker's "East Cheshire," Vol. I., p. 188, note.

⁴ Stafford Cartulary at Blithfield.

⁵ Lichfield Diocesan Register. William Swynnerton, the Rector of Blymhill, died in 1538. His will, which is preserved in the Diocesan Registry, is as follows: "In the Name of God, Amen. The yere of o^r Lorde God a thousand ccccc. xxx. viij. the xij. day of the moneth of February I S^r Wyll^m Swynnⁿton hole of mynde & of good memory nev^r the leysse [weak ?] yⁿ my body make my testyment aft^r thys man^r & forme fowloyng fyrst I bequethe my solle to Almyghthy God and to o^r lady saynt Mary and to all the whaly company of hevyn And my body to be byrryd yⁿ the chansell of blymyll It. I beqweth to seynt Mary howsse of Covêtre & to

Humphrey, who died without issue, and another son Robert,¹ who succeeded to the inheritance.

HUMPHREY SWYNNERTON and Agnes his wife are described as being of the Hall, Swineshead, in 19 Hen. VII. (1503-4).²

If he survived his father and came into the inheritance he was succeeded by his brother Robert at Isewall and Blymhill.

ROBERT SWYNNERTON, of Isewall, Esq., Lord of a fourth part of Blymhill, married Lucy, daughter of Richard Littleton, of Pillaton Hall, Esq., in the county of Stafford, by whom he had an elder son Edward (whom Erdeswick speaks of as "the prodigal)," a younger son, Richard, and three daughters, Alice, Elizabeth, and Joan, who were all living at Michaelmas, 1545. The said Robert had died before this, leaving his wife surviving, who was then the wife of Nicholas Bradburne, and who in 1554 presented to the

Seynt Chadds howsse of Lychfelde to ev^r of them xij^d to prey for me It. I be quethe to Blymyll churche a cove It. I gyffe to Blymyll towne iiij. stryke of whete to helpe to mēde the fowte wey yf they will not stryve w^t my excecutors It. I be quethe to mayst^r Jhon Coots my furryd gowne and a fylly yⁿ Woodcote p̄ke It. I bequethe to my cosen Robert Swynⁿton my foldyn borde and my silv^r salte yf he doe not stryve w^t my excecutors yf he doe hyt ys my mēde he shall not have my silv^r salte It. I be quethe to my cosyn Wyll^m Swynⁿton ij. calvs & to hys wyffe a cove It. I be quethe to Alys Honde a heffur to prey for me It. to Margery Jobbur a heffur to prey for me It. to Olyv^r Cowp iiij. [stryke] of barly to prey for my solle It. to Gorge Jonys iiij. stryke of barly to prey for my solle It. to ychon of my god chyl dren iiij^d. to prey for my solle It. I wyll yt my preste S^r Jhon Collyns schall have £v. to syng a yere yn blymyll churche to prey for my solle and my fad^rs and mod^rs solls yf my goods wyll pforme hyt It. I make my excecutors mayst^r Jhon Coots my svant Thomas Preyng S^r Jhon Collyns to see yt my excecutr^s doe pforme my wyll when I am browght whom my wyll pformyd and my detts paid I gyff my svant Thoms all the resydue of my goods thes beryng wytnes S^r Jhon Syche vycar of Lapley S^r Roger Jerves pson of Weston my gosly fad^r S^r John Collyns Thomas Turn^r Wyllm Mers w^t od^r"

¹ A pedigree in the Chetwynd MSS. gives, as the wife of this John Swynnerton of Isewall, Frances, daughter and heiress of *Francis* Preston. If this be so, Erdeswick (or his editor) must be mistaken in the date of a deed, which he gives as of 2 Ric. II., whereby John Swinnerton covenants that he will take to wife Frances, daughter and heir of *Philip* Preston, Gent., and for default of heirs of Frances, to John Preston, brother of Frances (Philip?); and in default to . . . late wife of Raufe Thicketnes, sister of Philip, and for default to Agnes, late wife of Thomas Derby, sister of Philip, and for default to the heirs of William Preston, father of Philip (Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 113). On the other hand, if Erdeswick (or his editor) be accurate as to the date of this deed, it would strengthen Chetwynd's assertion that the first Humphrey, who probably married about 1349, had a son John, whose son was dead in 3 Hen. V.

² Chetwynd MSS., Vol. III., p. 188.

Church of Blymhill, by reason of the jointure conceded to her by her late husband Robert de Swynnerton.¹ She was living in 1563, and then a widow for the second time.

EDWARD SWYNNERTON, of Isewall, Gent., son and heir of Robert Swynnerton, inherited a good estate from his ancestors, but squandered it nearly all away, leaving little to his posterity besides the house at Isewall.

At Michaelmas, 1545, a fine was levied between Sir John Gyfford, Knight, Thomas Gyfford, Esq., and Thomas Moreton, Gent., complainants, and Edward Swynnerton, deforciant, concerning 20 messuages, 10 burgages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 80 acres of wood, 20 acres of brushwood and heath, and 20s. of rent, with the appurtenances, in Isewall, Badnall, Slyndon, Brockhurst, Blymhill, Brineton, Marston, Littell Onne and Wodde Eyton, and the fourth part of one water-mill with the appurtenances in Blymhill, whence was plea of convention. The said Edward acknowledged the said lands and fourth part with the appurtenances to be the right of the same John, and conceded for himself and his heirs that the aforesaid tenements and fourth part which Nicholas Bradburne and Lucy his wife hold, for the term of life of the same Lucy, on the day when this convention was made, of the inheritance of the said Edward, and which after the decease of the same Lucy should revert to the said Edward and his heirs, should after the decease of the same Lucy remain to the said John, Thomas, and Thomas, and the heirs of the said John to hold of the chief lords, &c., for ever. And for this acknowledgment the same John, Thomas, and Thomas have conceded to the same Edward the aforesaid tenements and fourth part with the appurtenances, &c., to have and to hold to the same Edward of the chief lords, &c., for the life of the same Edward, and after his decease to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to Richard Swynnerton, brother of the said Edward, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and if the same Richard should happen to die without heirs of his body, then to Anne, Elizabeth, and Joan, sisters of the same Edward, and their heirs, to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the accustomed services.²

By indenture of 24th March, 25 Eliz. (1583), the said Edward

¹ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

² "Ped. Fin.," 37 H. VIII., Mich., No. 207.

Swynnerton sells to Thomas Jobber, of Orslowe, all his part and portion of the manor of Blymhill, with the appurtenances (except a certain messuage with the appurtenances in Brockehurst, then inhabited by William Blakemore, and all those houses and lands, &c., now or late in the occupation of the said William Blakemore) together with sundry other messuages, lands, &c., in Blymhill, Brinton, and Evith Heyes, in the parish of Blymhill, certain chief rents in Marston, all his portion of the advowson of the Church of Blymhill, and all other lands, tenements, &c., whatsoever, of the said Edward Swynnerton, in Blymhill, Brynton, and Marston, which sometime were of the inheritance of John Swynnerton, Esq., deceased, grandfather of the said Edward, together with all reversions, remainders, &c.¹

The excepted portion, consisting of the house at Brockhurst, and upwards of five hundred acres of land, had already been sold or mortgaged to William Blakemore in 1563, saving the interest therein of Lucy, relict of Nicholas Bradburne.¹

In a list of names and arms of the gentry of the county of Stafford made in 1583, Edward Swynnerton of Eccleshall, Gent., and (his son) Hugh Swynnerton of Eccleshall, Gent., are described as being "hors du pays;"² but both of them appear to have returned to Staffordshire, and been buried with their forefathers at Eccleshall. The Parochial Register shows that Edward Swynnerton, Gent., was buried at Eccleshall 10th December, 1598,³ and that this applies to him is confirmed by the language of Erdeswick, who wrote in 1600, and died himself in 1603. In speaking of the family he says: "In Eccleshall is the seat of one of the

¹ Original deed *penes* Earl of Bradford.

² Vincent's "Collections for Staffordshire," in the Heralds' College.

³ Eccleshall Parochial Register, where the following entries occur, viz., among the christenings: February 2, 1574, Thomas Swynnerton; February 24, 1575, William Swynnerton; October 6, 1577, Marye Swynnerton; December 21, 1578, Elizabeth Swynnerton; November 2, 1579, Walter Swynnerton; April 23, 1580, Robert Swynnerton; March 2, 1586, Anna Swynnerton; and December 22, 1589, Edwardus Swynnerton. Among the marriages: June 16, 1574, Thomas Cottrill and Susannah Swynnerton; April 10, 1586, Henry Borne and Fraunces Swynnerton; and April 17, 1609, James Skrymsbere, of Shrosburye, Gent., and Marye Swynnerton, the daughter of Hugh Swynnerton, of Eccleshall, Gent. And among the burials: January 24, 1573, Marye Swynnerton; May 22, 1574, Robert Swynnerton; July 14, 1576, William Swynnerton; April 8, 1579, Ann Swynnerton, the wyeffe to William Swynnerton; March 21, 1581, Elizabeth Swynnerton; December 21, 1585, William Swynnerton; December 22, 1586, Fraunces Swynnerton; May 19, 1587, Ann Swynnerton; December 10, 1598, Edward Swynnerton, Gent.; and March 3, 1602, Jane Swynnerton, the wyeffe of Hughe Swynnerton, of Eccleshall, Gent.

Swynnertons, which hath been of a very good living; but Edward Swynnerton, *lately deceased* (a man well known by the name of Wild Swynnerton), hath almost sold all, and reserved little more than Isewall, his house in Eccleshall, and some few tenements in the same town." Chetwynd who lived some seventy or eighty years later, tells us that this was afterwards sold to one . . . Boswell, Gent., who was the owner of it in his time (that is about 1678).

Edward Swynnerton married first, Frances, daughter of Sampson Erdeswick, of Sandon, Esq. (aunt to the eminent Staffordshire antiquary of the same name), by whom he had a son Hugh (who was evidently named after his mother's relations); and secondly, Ann daughter of Morris (by Grace, daughter of Thomas Swynnerton, of Madeley),¹ by whom he had a younger son, Edward.²

HUGH SWYNNERTON, Gent., the eldest son of Edward, married Joan, daughter of . . . Sutton, Lord Dudley,³ and had issue John, Thomas, and a daughter Mary, married in 1609 to James Scrymshire, of Norbury, in the county of Stafford, being then described as Shrewsbury, Gent.⁴ Joan the wife of Hugh Swynnerton was buried at Eccleshale on 3rd March, 1602; and Hugh himself in April, 1621.⁵ I can learn no more of this family, which according to Chetwynd soon became utterly extinct.

SWYNNERTON OF HILTON.

This branch of the family, though cadets from the parent stem, eventually became of greater importance than the senior line, being tenants *in capite* of the Crown.

It had its origin in JOHN DE SWYNNERTON, second son of Roger

¹ *Ex inf.*, Rev. C. Swynnerton.

² Vincent's "Collections for Staffordshire." Edward Swynnerton (the elder) appears to have had a daughter Elizabeth (probably by his first wife), who was married to Thomas Dudley, of Tipton, co. Stafford (*see* "Staff. Hist. Collections," Vol. V., Part 2, p. 117, *note*). In the time of Queen Elizabeth, Thomas Dudley, Randolph Machin, and Hugh Swynnerton were defendants in an action brought against them by John Dodde for possession of land in Eccleshall, the inheritance of Thomas Dudley, and by him devised to Randolph Dodde (plaintiff's father) and Jane his wife and the plaintiff. (Proceedings in Chancery, *temp.* Eliz., Vol. I., D. d. 7, No. 27.)

³ The date would point to Edward, eighth Baron, who died in 1586, the father of the spendthrift lord (the ninth and last of the Suttons who bore the title of Dudley), but no such daughter is recorded in the pedigrees, and it is probable that she was an illegitimate daughter.

⁴ Eccleshall Parochial Register, and Vincent's "Collections for Staffordshire."

⁵ Eccleshall Parochial Register (*ex inf.*, Rev. C. Swynnerton).

de Swynnerton, son of Stephen (de Uselwall), and younger brother of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, the Baron.

John de Swynnerton had his advancement by marriage with Anne, the daughter and heiress of Philip de Montgomery, Seneschal of the Forest of Cannock; in whose right he held the hereditary Seneschalcy of the said forest, together with certain lands in the county of Stafford; and through which marriage his son or grandson eventually inherited the manor of Whelton, in the county of Northampton, and other lands in the counties of Northampton, Lincoln, and possibly also in Sussex.¹

¹ Philip de Montgomery was probably a cadet of that house of Montgomery which held seven Knights' fees of the Honor of Lancaster. He acquired the bailiwick and stewardship of the Forest of Cannock by the concession of Thomas de Weseham who held it in fee; which concession was confirmed to him and his heirs by King Edward I., on 20th July, 1284, in the 12th year of his reign. He also held lands of Thomas de Weseham in the county of Lincoln. Philip de Montgomery died in 1295. The writ of *diem clausit extremum* was issued 11th May of that year. The Staffordshire Inquisition, which was held at Weford on Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret (18th July, 1295), states that he held of the King the bailiwick of the Stewardship of Cannock in the county of Stafford, at the time of his death, for 10 marks, and it is worth £13 18s. 9d. *per annum*; and he held also two acres of waste in Fredeleg in the same county, of Robert de Somerville by homage and one farthing rent, and ward and marriage when it should fall due, and it was worth 2s. Anna his daughter is his nearest heir, and she will be four years of age at the Feast of St. Michael in the present year (1295). The Lincolnshire Inquisition states that he held a number of small tenures in Wadington and Brante worth £4 14s. 1d. annually; and in Bettesford, in Denington and Alkebarewe tenements worth 77s. 2d.—total, £8 11s. 3d.; and all these lands and tenements were held of Thomas de Wesham by service of a grain of pepper; his daughter Anna is stated to have been three years of age at the Feast of Easter last past. The Northamptonshire Inquisition, taken at Northampton, states that he held nothing *in capite* in that county, but he and his wife Felicia were conjointly enfeoffed of the manor of Welton, held of John Wake by the service of one Knight's fee, and it is worth £25 8s. They held also in Staverton 56s. 4d. of annual rent, of which they paid 30s. to the capital lord. And they held in the vill of Trop, of William de Fenis (or Fenys), by the service of half a Knight's fee, a messuage, with lands and tenements specified, worth annually 150s. His daughter Anna is stated to have been three years and more from the Feast of St. Michael (*usque ad huc*). The Sussex Inquisition states that Philip de Montgomery married Felice, daughter and heir of Nicholas de Welton, and Felicia had in Watlington, in the county of Sussex, 23s. 7½d. of rent from various tenants, and held the said rent of the Honor of Aquila, which is in the King's hand, rendering annually 16s. 8d. for the guard (*ad wardam*) of the Castle of Pevensey. The jurors believe Felice to be now living, but as regards the heir they know nothing (Inq., 23 Edw. I., No. 30). Felicia, the widow of Philip de Montgomery, was dead in 3 Edw. III. She had been married secondly to Sir William Nevill, of Holdenby, younger son of Sir Robert Nevill, of Brampton, by whom she had an only son, Sir James Nevill, of Whelton, who died without issue, when the inheritance of his mother Felicia's estates should have reverted to his kinsman John de Swynnerton, the son of his half-sister Ann, daughter of Philip de Montgomery. But Sir James

They were probably married in the year 1306, when Anne will have been about fifteen or sixteen years of age, for it was in that year that John de Swynnerton became Steward of the Forest of Cannock.¹ In the same year William de Nevill and Felice his wife sued John de Swynnerton and Avice (Anne) his wife, for a third part of the bailiwick of the Stewardship of the Forest of Cannock with appurtenances in Wednesbury, Dorlaston, Wilnehale, Wodnesfeld, Newbrigg, Oxeleye, Mollesleye, Bissebury, Esington, Pendeford, Covene, Shareshull, Hulton, Great Shardon (Sardon), Little Sardon, Bentleye, Fetherstone, Teddeleye, Pilatenhale, Huntingdon, Wolgaveston, Pencerich, Alrewas, Orgrave, Fordleye, Bromleye-Regis, Little Corburgh, Elmhurst, Gaukeleye, Kinwaston, Eton, Otherton, Rodbaston-Hamelet, Haterdon, Oggeleye, Overe Stonhale, Nether Stonhale, Alrewyz, Russehale, Peleshale, Great Blockeswyz, Little Blockewyz, Hopewas, Bollenhull, and Cheteling, which they claimed as dower of Felicia. The defendants did not appear, and they had a day given to them at this date *prece partium*. They afterwards appeared (*sic, left unfinished*).² Again William de Nevyle and Felice his wife sued John de Swynnerton and Avice his wife for a third of two messuages, three virgates of land, forty acres of wood, and 10 marks of rent in Repindon (co. Derby) as dower of Felice. The defendants had made default at the last Octaves of St. Martin, and the process had been continued till this day; and the Sheriff had been ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand; and the Sheriff now returned that he had

appears to have devised the manor of Whelton, for term of life, to his wife Joan, daughter of Geoffrey de Cornwall, Baron of Burford; who, in her widowhood, styled herself Lady of Whelton, and, by deed of 49 Edw. III. (1375), granted to John Holt, of Brampton, near Dingley, the manor and advowson of Whelton, with all her lands in Whelton and Staverton. After the death of Dame Joan, John de Swynnerton, by his deed dated in 3 Ric. II. (1380), granted and confirmed the manor of Whelton to John Holt and Alice his wife, for their lives, and to the executors and assigns of the survivor of them for one whole year, rendering for or instead of the said John de Swynnerton and his heirs, the services due and accustomed to the chief lords of the fee (Baker's "Northamptonshire"). This grant was probably the result of a compromise, and the price paid for the renunciation of rights acquired by the tenants under the deed of Joan, Lady of Whelton; and it was not till after their death that the Swynnertons fully recovered their maternal inheritance. After Philip de Montgomery's death the Stewardship of Cannock Forest was held by Sir Robert de Bures, Lord of Charteleghe, for eleven years (*i.e.*, till 1306), when he was succeeded by John de Swynnerton (Inq., 45 Edw. III., No. 65, 1st N^o).

¹ Inq., 45 Edw. III., No. 65, 1st N^o.

² Plea Rolls, 35 Edw. I., m. 263, *dorso*, and m. 206, *dorso* ("Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VII., p. 186).

done so; and John and Avice (Anne) now appeared, and William and Felice by their attorney claimed the dower by their default; but John and Avice denied the summons, and offered to wage their law; they are therefore to come with their compurgators at three weeks from St. Michael.¹

Their son and heir John de Swynnerton was born in or before 1309.²

At the general profer of Knights' services due to the King, made at Twedemouth on 19th September, 4 Edw. II., 1310, John de Swenerton was one of those who accepted the obligation to serve on behalf of the Earl of Lancaster in the Scottish War as a Serjeant-at-Arms.³

In the following year he acquired the manor of Hulton or Hilton, in the county of Stafford. In 6 Edw. II. he had letters of protection to go to parts beyond the sea in the retinue of John de Cherleton, dated 3rd May, 1313;⁴ and on 16th October of the same year, as one of the followers of the Earl of Lancaster, he received the King's pardon for his action in the matter of Piers Gaveston.⁵

In 7 Edw. II. Robert de Esenington (Essington), senior, and Margaret his wife, sue John de Swynnerton, Richard, Roger, and Nicholas, his brothers, Ralph de Byshebury, Hugh, Parson of Byshebury, John de Levynton, and others, for unjustly disseising them of their tenement in Esenington. The jury say that the four messuages and two and a half virgates of land in dispute were in seisin of a certain Ralph de Hyengham who died seised thereof, after whose death John de Ratynden entered in right of Beatrice his wife, the heir of Ralph, and enfeoffed John de Swynnerton who now holds. John and Margaret are *in misericordiâ* for a false claim.⁶

In 9 Edw. II., 5th March, 1316, John de Swynnerton is certified to be one of the Lords of the township of Roton (Repyngdon or Repton) in the county of Derby.⁷

¹ Plea Rolls, 35 Edw. I., *m.* 263, *dorso*, and *m.* 206, *dorso* ("Staffordshire Historical Collections," Vol. VII., p. 186).

² Inq., 14 Edw. III., No 19, 1st N^{rs}.

³ Madox's "Baronia Anglica," p. 222. By a clerical error this general profer is made to appear in 4 Edw. I. It is rightly given in Parliamentary Writs as 4 Edw. II.

⁴ Rymer's "Fœdera," Vol. II., p. 212.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 281.

⁶ Assize Roll of Divers Counties, N. 2, 15, 7 Edw. II., No. 11.

⁷ Parliamentary Writs.

SWYNNERTON OF HILTON.

Arms - A cross flory sable, within a bordure engrailed gules (as given in Weston Church).

Sir John de Swynnerton, younger son of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knight; $\bar{\bar{}}$ Anne, daughter and heiress of Philip de Montgomery, Steward served for the Earl of Lancaster as a serjeant-at-arms in the Scottish war, 1310; died 1340.

Sir John de Swynnerton (II.), of Hilton, Knight, aged 30 and more 1340; $\bar{\bar{}}$ Christian. died December, 1379.

John de Swynnerton (III.), of Hilton, Esq., aged 30 and more $\bar{\bar{}}$ Clemence, *superstes* 18th June, 1431, 1380; died about 1426-7. and died same year.

John de Swynner- $\bar{\bar{}}$ Elena, dau. of John Malory; eldest son; died in 1408, *v.p.*

Thomas Swynnerton, of Hilton, Esq., successor to his nephew; aged 30 and more in 1431; married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Bonde (who survived him); died in 1448.

Giles Swynnerton, $\bar{\bar{}}$ Margaret, fourth son, who *rel. superstes* sixth son. inherited the Rep-
ton estate; died in Sept., 1440. 1440.

John de Swynnerton (V.), of Hilton, Esq., proved his age in 1429; died 1430, *s.p.*

Alice, daughter and heiress, born 1439.

Humphrey de Swyn- $\bar{\bar{}}$ Anne, eldest daughter and coheir, aged Esq., 1st husband; died before 14th Feb., 1464.

John Mitton, of West-
ton-under-Liziard, Esq., 2nd husband; died Feb., 1500; steward of Cannock Forest, *jure uxoris*.

Richard Beaufoe, of Burford St. John, Esq., 1st husband, aged 13, Nov. 1449; died 10th June, 1472.

Alice, younger daughter and coheir, aged Esq., 2nd husband, who survived her.

Humphrey Swynnerton, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., son and heir; aged 17 and more 1st Oct., 1470.

William Mitton, eldest son, living 1470; dead in 1500.

John Mitton, 30 and more in 1500.

Humphrey Beaufoe, Esq., son and heir, aged 18 and more in 1472.

Henry Beaufoe, younger son.

Anne, only child of second marriage; died *s.p. v.m.*

In 12 Edw. II. he was serving in Scotland, in the retinue of John de Somery, the Baron of Dudley,¹ and again in the following year.

In 15 and 16 Edw. II., *i.e.*, from Christmas, 1321, to Michaelmas, 1322, he was Sheriff of the counties of Salop and Stafford; and on 1st January, 1322, the two counties, together with the castles of Shrewsbury and Bridgenorth, were committed to his custody, Robert de Grendon, the previous Sheriff, being commanded to give them up to him.² On the following day, 2nd January, he was appointed one of the Commissioners of Array in the counties of Salop and Stafford;³ and again, on 25th March of the same year, one of the Commissioners of Array in the county of Salop (the towns of Shrewsbury and Ludlow being excepted from his commission).³

In the same year he was returned as Knight of the Shire for the county of Stafford to serve in the Parliament summoned to meet at York in three weeks of Easter, 2nd May, 1322.⁴

By writ tested at York on 16th May of the same year, he was commanded not to proceed in the execution of the above-mentioned commission of array of the 25th of March.³ Having adhered to the Earl of Lancaster and the Barons in their rebellion, he was now placed under confinement; but, on payment of a fine of £40, his life was spared, and he was discharged from prison on making oath and giving surety for his good behaviour, his bond and recognizance being dated at York on 11th July, 1322.³

In the following year, 17 Edw. II., Sir John de Swynnerton, Knight, was returned by the Sheriff of the county of Stafford, pursuant to writ tested at Westminster on 9th May as summoned by general proclamation to attend the Great Council at Westminster on Wednesday next after Ascension Day, 30th May, 1324.³

It has been shown, when treating of the senior line, that in the early years of the reign of King Edward II., John de Swynnerton was implicated in several of the enormities perpetrated in Staffordshire during that lawless period.⁵ In Trinity Term, 17 Edw. II. he produced, at the Stafford Assizes, the King's pardon for himself and others, for the shameless abduction of Joan the relict of Peter de Greseleye.

¹ Scotch Roll, *m.* 12.

² Blakeway's "Sheriffs of Shropshire;" Shaw's "Staffordshire."

³ Parliamentary Writs.

⁴ "Parliaments of England," Vol. I., p. 65; Parliamentary Writs.

⁵ See p. 25.

In 18 Edw. II. he was summoned, as from the county of Stafford, by writ tested at Ravensdale 7th January, 1325, to perform military service in Guyenne, having obtained a pardon on condition of his serving the King in his wars; and by writ tested at Westminster 20th February, he was summoned to pass into Guyenne under the command of the Earl of Warrenne; muster at Portsmouth on Sunday next after Midlent, 24th March; having been previously required to perform such service by letters of Privy Seal.¹

In 20 Edw. II. he was Knight of the Shire returned for Stafford in the Parliament summoned to meet at Westminster on 14th December, 1326, and by prorogation on the morrow of the Epiphany, 7th January, 1327; and in the same year of our Lord, 1327, 1 Edw. III., he obtained his writ of expenses for his attendance at the said Parliament, tested at Westminster, 9th March, 1327.¹ He was again returned as Knight of the Shire for Stafford to the Parliament summoned to meet at Lincoln, 15th September, 1327, likewise for that summoned to meet at Northampton, 24th April, 1328, as also for that summoned to meet at York, 26th May, 1335 (9 Edw. III.).²

In 4 Edw. III., 1330, John de Britannia, Prior of Repyndon, William de Clynton and Julian his wife, Robert le Beck, Philip de Strelle, William de Handesacre, Emma who had been the wife of Robert de Montalt, and John de Swynnerton, were summoned to answer the King by what warrant they, together with Christian who had been the wife of John de Segrave, claimed to have, in the manor of Repyndon, view of frankpledge with all that appertained to the said view, with pillory,³ tumberell,⁴ theam,⁵ infangethef, gallows and wayf, and to have a market weekly on Wednesday in the said manor, and a fair yearly on the first of July, and to have the Hundred of Repyndon with the appurtenances and view of frankpledge in the same Hundred. The said parties appeared and said that the said Christiana who claimed the said liberties jointly with themselves was now dead. This

¹ Parliamentary Writs.

² "Parliaments of England," Vol. I., pp. 79, 84, 107.

³ A wooden machine for the temporary confinement and punishment of offenders.

⁴ An engine of punishment used in liberties which had view of frankpledge; probably identical with the *cucking-stool*, which was for the punishment of quarrelsome women.

⁵ A franchise which gave to the seignorial lord of a manor or liberty an absolute jurisdiction over his villeins and natives.

was confirmed by the Sheriff. Therefore no further action was taken at present on the said brief.¹

On 10th November, 6 Edw. III., 1332, Thomas son of Otwell Purcell, Lord of Shareshull, conveyed to Sir John de Swynnerton, Knight, the manor of Shareshull with all rents, services, villeins, &c. Witnesses, Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Sir John Giffard, Sir Henry de Bisseburi, Sir John Trussell of Acton, Sir John de Weston, Griffin de la Pole, William Trumwine, William de Pilatenhale, Robert le Flemyng, John de Mollesleye, William le Champyon senior.²

By writ dated at Roxburgh, 24th December, 1334, Sir John de Swynnerton was commanded to be in readiness with horses and arms, for the wars of Scotland.³ On 10th February, 1336, he received a similar mandate by writ tested at Knaresborough;³ and again on 6th May, by writ tested at Westminster.³ On 3rd October of the same year he was commissioned to array 2,000 men in the county of Stafford for service in the wars of Scotland.³

Sir John de Swynnerton died in or about February, 1340. The writ of *diem clausit extremum* was issued 27th February, 14 Edw. III., and the Staffordshire Inquisition was held at Penkridge 8th March of the same year. He held of the King *in capite* on the day of his death, by the courtesy of England, of the inheritance of Anna daughter of Philip de Montegeri, formerly his wife, by reason of the offspring had between them, the stewardship and bailiwick of keeping the King's Forest of Cannok and one half virgate of land in Frodeleye, and one assart and one meadow in Hopewas, without rendering anything therefor to the King. The said stewardship together with the said half virgate, assart and meadow, are holden of the King *in capite* by grand serjeantry, viz., the custody of the said forest; and they are worth annually 20s. John the son of the said John and Anna is the next heir of the said Anna and of the said stewardship, land, assart and meadow. The aforesaid John de Swynnerton also held in his demesne as of fee, on the day of his death, of the Dean and Chapter of Wolverhampton, in Hulton, two messuages, ten acres of land, and half an acre of meadow by the service of 3s. 4d. a year. The

¹ "Placita de quo Waranto," p. 139.

² Huntbache MSS. *penes* Lord Wrottesley. The manor of Shareshull was afterwards sold to Sir William de Shareshull, the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas *temp.* Edw. III.

³ Rot. Scotiæ.

said two messuages are worth annually 2s., and the said ten acres of land are worth 40*d.*, and the said half acre of meadow is worth 6*d.* He held also in the same vill ten shillings worth of annual rent of the said Dean and Chapter, payable at four terms, viz., at the Feast of St. Michael, St. Andrew, the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary, and St. John the Baptist, by equal portions, and there are no other profits. He held also in his demesne as of fee in Esyngton, two virgates and a half of land of Robert de Esyngton, by the service of 2s. by the year, and they are worth annually half a mark and no more, because the land is sandy and the third part of the same lies fallow every year and in common. He held also in his demesne as of fee in Pylatenhale the fourth part of one virgate of land of William de Pylatenhale by the service of 6*d.* by the year, and the said fourth part is worth annually 40*d.* The aforesaid John son of the said John and Anna is the next heir of the same John de Swynnerton of the tenements of Hulton, Esyngton, and Pylatenhale aforesaid; and he was thirty years of age and more at the Feast of All Saints last past.¹

Besides the above-mentioned lands and tenements of which John de Swynnerton (the father) had died seised, the King's writ to the escheator directing him to put the said John son of John and Anna de Swynnerton in seisin of his estates, mentions a rent of £4 14s., arising from free tenants in Repyngdon, Melton, and Tykenhale (in the county of Derby), which he had held by the service of the twentieth part of a Knight's fee, and a yearly rent of £4 to be received from certain free tenants in Wadynton, a rent of 30s. to be received from certain free tenants in Beltesford, a rent of 20s. in Aldeberwe to be paid from certain free tenants there, and a rent of 14s. to be received from certain tenants in Donnington (in the county of Lincoln), which said rents together with other lands and tenements in Derby are holden of the King *in capite* by the service of the fortieth part of a Knight's fee. It further states that he held also in his demesne as of fee divers other lands and tenements of divers other lords by divers services. The said writ was dated 30th March, 14 Edw. III.; and the King having taken the homage of the said John son of John de Swynnerton, the escheator is to take security of him for his relief, and to give him seisin of all the said lands and tenements.²

¹ Inq. 14 Edw. III., No. 19, 1st N^o.

² Rot. Fin. 14 Edw. III., m. 26.

The manor of Hulton or Hilton was acquired by Sir John de Swynnerton in 5 Edw. II. (1311-12), in which year John de Ratingden grants his whole manor of Hulton in the county of Stafford, with all his lands, etc., in Essington, Wyrley, Sardon and Wolverhampton, to Sir John de Swynnerton, Knight, and his heirs; which Sir John de Swynnerton being possessed of the manor, and having purchased of John the son of Simon Bercarius of Hulton, all his rents and services, with the wards, reliefs, escheats, and heriots of a messuage here which Sir Ralph de Hengham held, and afterwards another messuage of Robert the son of John de Hulton, made this the place of his residence. Sir John de Swynnerton gave his coat: Argent, a cross formée flory sable, adding a bordure engrailed, gules, to distinguish him from the older house.¹

JOHN DE SWYNNERTON (II.) of Hilton, the son of John and Anna, who thus succeeded to the estates of his father and mother, was born about 1309. In the Quinzaine of St. John the Baptist, 15 Edw. III. (8th July, 1341), was a final concord at Westminster between John de Swynnerton, complainant, and Roger de Baukwell and Adam atte Meregrove, deforciant, concerning the bailiwick and stewardship of the Forest of Cannock, whereof was plea of convention. Deforciant grant to complainant the said bailiwick and stewardship to hold of the King by the accustomed services, and if complainant should die without heirs of his body, they should remain to Thomas de Swynnerton and the heirs of his body, and in default to the right heirs of complainant.²

This Thomas de Swynnerton is said to have married Matilda the widow of Sir John Latymer, of Braybrook, co. Northampton, Knight, and to have been the ancestor of the Swynnertons of Butterton, co. Stafford.³ From his being brought into the entail of the bailiwick of Cannock Chase, the natural inference is that he was the younger son of Sir John de Swynnerton (I.), of Hilton, by his wife Anna de Montgomery, and brother of John de Swynnerton (II.), but this is doubtful; and it is quite possible, that, having no brothers of his own, John de Swynnerton may have obtained the King's licence to settle the bailiwick of the Forest of Cannock (in

¹ Huntbache MSS. *penes* Lord Wrottesley.

² Swynnerton Evidences: being deeds and copies of inquisitions, &c., in possession of Augustus Levison Vernon, Esq., of Hilton Park, co. Stafford.

³ Burke's "History of the Commoners."

default of his own bodily heirs) upon his first cousin Thomas, the son of his uncle Richard, and the heirs of his body, with remainder to his own right heirs, who would, I presume, be in that case the issue of Richard de Swynnerton.

In 17 Edw. III., 1343, John de Swynnerton was King's Escheator for the counties of Salop and Stafford.¹ Born of a martial family, and trained to arms under such experienced campaigners as his father Sir John and his uncle Sir Roger de Swynnerton, John de Swynnerton (II.) is said to have been engaged in the earlier wars of King Edward III.² It was not, however, until after the death of his father that writs of service were addressed personally to himself. In 1345 letters under the Privy Seal were directed to "*Johanni fitz Johan de Swynnerton, armigero, de com. Staff.,*" which were tested by Lionel, the King's son, at Westminster, on 4th July, commanding him to appear with horses, arms, and men, on the Feast of St. Lawrence next following (12th August), at a place to be subsequently named, to accompany the King across the seas to his possessions in France for the protection of his Kingdom.³ The King did not actually leave England, however, till July of the following year, 1346, so that I suppose John de Swynnerton did not take part in that memorable expedition; and on 5th August, 1345, he was again appointed Escheator for the counties of Salop and Stafford,⁴ an office which he retained until 14th September, 32 Edw. III. (1358), when John del Wode was appointed.⁵

In 21 Edw. III., 1347, John de Swynnerton paid the King for his relief for the Forest of Cannock and his other lands, all of which are specified in the Rolls, being then described as "*Johannes de Swynnerton, filius et hæres Johannis de Swynnerton defuncti et Annæ uxoris ejus, filicæ Philippe de Montgomeris.*"⁶

In 22 Edw. III., 1348, he purchased the manor of Essington, in the county of Stafford, from Robert de Essington, which was settled upon himself and Christiana his wife, to whom Roger son of Robert de Essington released all his title in 44 Edw. III.,⁷ 1370-1.

¹ Rot. Fin. 17 Edw. III., m. 24.

² Notes by the Rev. C. Swynnerton, printed in the "Staffordshire Gazette."

³ "Rym. Fæd.," Vol. III., Part 1, p. 52.

⁴ Rot. Fin., 19 Edw. III., m. 14.

⁵ Rot. Fin., 19 to 32 Edw. III.

⁶ Book of Reliefs, Mich. Term, 21 Edw. III., rot. 1.

⁷ Huntbache MSS. From one of the Swynnerton deeds at Hilton it would appear that the manor of Essington was purchased by John de Swynnerton of Robert de Essington in 1366. This, however, was probably not the original purchase, but a confirmation of the former charter quoted by Huntbache. The lord of the manor of Essington was bound to bring to the hall at Hilton a goose on every *new year's day*,

In 32 Edw. III. (1358), John de Swynnerton, calling himself the son and heir of Sir John de Swynnerton, of Hilton, releases to Sir William Shareshull all his right, etc., to all the messuages, lands, &c., which the same William holds in the manor of Shareshull; witnesses, William Trumwyne, Thomas le Champion, Hugh de Wrottesley, Robert Costey, John de Covene, and others. Dated at Hilton, and sealed with a seal bearing the Swynnerton cross within a bordure engrailed.¹

In 32 Edw. III., by writ tested at Westminster, 12th January, 1359, John de Swynnerton is commissioned, with John de Stafford and the Sheriff of Staffordshire, to choose, draw out and array, one hundred archers in the county of Stafford for the King's wars in France, to be ready by Mid-Lent Sunday, uniformly clothed at the expense of the county, and provided with bows, arrows, short swords, and other suitable arms.²

By writ tested at Westminster, 4th August, 33 Edw. III., 1359, the said commissioners are ordered to deliver to the said John de Swynnerton forty "*Sagittarios equites*," chosen as before mentioned from the county of Stafford, to be by him conducted to Sandwich, on the Quinzaine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary next coming at the latest, ready to serve in the King's retinue at the King's expense.³ It would seem, however, that Swynnerton himself did not on this occasion any more than on the last accompany the expedition beyond the seas. It is probable that his administrative powers were such as made it requisite to keep him in England, for on 16th November of the same year John de Swynnerton of Hilton and Humphrey de Swynnerton are among those who are commissioned in the county of Stafford to array men for the safety

and drive it at least three times round the fire, while Jack of Hilton is blowing the fire. This part of the ceremony being finished, the lord of Essington, or his deputy or bailiff, carried it to the kitchen of Hilton Hall, and delivered it to the cook, and, as soon as he had dressed it, the lord of Essington, or his bailiff, by way of further service, brought it to the table of the lord paramount of Hilton and Essington, and received a dish of meat from the lord's table for his own mess. This service was performed until within fifty years of Plot's time, who wrote in 1586. Jack of Hilton was an *Æolipile*, or vessel for creating a blast by means of steam, being a small bronze figure of a naked man, about twelve inches in height, kneeling on his right knee. It is still in the possession of Augustus Levison Vernon, Esq., the present lord of the manor. There is an engraving of it given in Plot's "Staffordshire," as also in the "Archæologia," Vol. XIII., pl. XXVII.

¹ Huntbache MSS. *penes* Lord Wrottesley.

² "Rym. Fæd.," Vol. III., pt. I., p. 416.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 441.

of the kingdom during the King's absence;¹ and on 4th December of the same year, John de Swynnerton de Hulton is one of those appointed as King's Justices for the county of Stafford to make inquiries concerning certain felonies and transgressions committed therein, and to hear and determine the suits arising therefrom.²

In 35 Edw. III. John de Swynnerton of Hilton is appointed Sheriff of the county of Stafford, his appointment being dated 20th October, 1361.³ Mr. Hadfield adduces a deed in French, dated at Hilton (42 Edw. III.), whereby John de Swynnerton of Hilton authorizes William de Melton to take into his (Swynnerton's) hands all the lands which his nephew Hugh Halsweyn, of Tykenhall, held at Repton.⁴ By writ of 22nd July, 43 Edw. III. (1369), John de Swynnerton and William Banastre are appointed to take into the King's hands all the lands, tenements, goods, and chattels which belonged to Nicholas Beck, late Sheriff of Staffordshire, on the day of his death, and to hold the same until the King be fully satisfied for all the debts due from the said Nicholas at the time he was Sheriff of Staffordshire.⁵

In 47 and 48 Edw. III., John de Swynnerton was one of the esquires in the retinue of Thomas de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, who was in the army of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster.⁶ It is doubtful whether this John de Swynnerton were the father or the son, probably the latter, for I think, but I am not sure, that John de Swynnerton of Hilton, the father, was then a Knight.

After this I do not meet with this John de Swynnerton's name in connection with the public affairs of the realm, but he lived for several years afterwards. Sir John de Swynnerton married a lady named Christiana, but who she was I have not been able to ascertain. He was living in 2 Ric. II. (1378-9), Christian being then his wife, and John their son and heir.⁷

¹ "Rym. Fæd.," p. 457.

² *Ibid.*, p. 464.

³ Rot. Fin., 35 Edw. III., m. 29.

⁴ *Ex inf.*, Thomas de Mazzinghi, Esq.

⁵ Rot. Fin., 43 Edw. III., m. 27.

⁶ Retinue Roll, Army *Miscellanea*, bundle 49, *ex inf.*, Hon. G. Wrottesley. The retinue comprised 27 Knights, amongst whom were Richard de Stafford, Thomas de Ardern (of Elford), and Thomas de Birmingham, and 172 Esquires (*scutiferi, homines ad arma*), amongst whom were Walter de Wrottesley, John de Swynnerton, William de Swynnerton, John Wolseley, Henry de Pype, William fitz Herbert, William de Leighton, Thomas de Levinton, and Rauf Bassett; and 200 archers.

⁷ Shaw's "Staff." The Rev. C. Swynnerton in some notes on the Swynnerton family, printed in the "Reliquary," mentions a deed of 13th December, 46 Edw. III.,

Sir John de Swynnerton died on the Monday next after the Conception of the Blessed Virgin, 3 Ric. II. (11th December, 1379).

The inquisition was held at Lychfield, on Wednesday next after the Feast of St. Hillary, 3 Ric. II. He held the bailiwick of the stewardship of Kannok Forest to him and the heirs of his body of the King by grand serjeantry, namely, by the service of the custody of the said Forest, by the gift of Roger de Baukwell and Adam atte Moregrove, and if he died without heirs of his body, the said stewardship should remain to his right heirs. The said stewardship was worth 8s. *per annum*. Certain lands in Frodesley and Hopwas belonged to the said stewardship. He held also the manor of Essington to him and to Christina his wife, also deceased, and their heirs male, of the gift of the said Roger and Adam, of Richard Dudley(?) and Elizabeth his wife as of the Barony of Dudley, by grand serjeantry, namely, by finding for the said Baron beaters (Huers) for hunting in his wood of Dudley. There were other lands belonging to the said manor. He also held land in Hulton

1372, preserved among the Hilton Charters, to which the original seal is still attached. The seal has a shield bearing on the dexter side a cross flory within a bordure engrailed (which are the arms of Swynnerton of Hilton); and on the sinister side cheque, a fess fretty (the arms of Caverswall), with the legend, "S. Margarete de Sonnertone." The deed is witnessed by John de Swynnerton the elder and John de Swynnerton the younger. And he says that another deed at Hilton, of 15th August, 7 Ric. II. (1384), shows that Margaret de "Sonnertone" was then a widow. If Shaw is correct in saying that Christian wife of John de Swynnerton was living in 2 Ric. II., it is difficult to assign a place for this lady in the pedigree; otherwise one would have supposed her to have been the second wife of John de Swynnerton. In 26 Edw. III., 1352, John de Swynnerton had a grant of two parts of the manor of Sellyng [co. Kent?] which had belonged to Henry fitz Roger, deceased, to hold until the full age of his heir (Abb. Rob. Orig., Vol. II., p. 222). And in 36 Edw. III. (1362) the King gave to Joan, who had been the wife of John de Swynnerton, deceased, the custody of the moiety of the manor of Sellyng with the appurtenances, which had belonged to Henry fitz Roger, deceased, to hold until the fullage of the heir (Abb. Rot. Orig., Vol. II., p. 270). Possibly *John* de Swynnerton in the former record may be a misreading for *Joan* in the printed *abbreviatio*; but I should still be unable to account for this lady unless we might suppose her to be the second wife and widow of the first Sir John de Swynnerton of Hilton. The Rev. C. Swynnerton, in his "Notes of the Swynnerton Family," printed in the "Reliquary" (Vol. XXI.), speaks of a "Joan de Swynnerton," whom he supposes to have been a daughter of the first Sir John de Swynnerton of Hilton. This lady became the wife of Sir Thomas Rokesleigh, and, having been left a widow, died in 1366, possessed of the manors of Maplescombe, Aldington, Otford, and Fawkham in the county of Kent. She may perhaps have been the same with the before-mentioned Joan de Swynnerton.

¹ I am unable to account for Richard Dudley. Perhaps it is a clerical error. John de Sutton de Dudley was the Baron of Dudley at that time.

to him and his wife Christina and their issue male, of the Dean of Wolverhampton by the service of 12*d. per annum*. He held also lands in Stretton of Geoffrey Congreve, and a burgage in Pencrych, Pilatenhale, and Huntyngdon. John de Swynnerton was the son and next heir of the said John and Christina de Swynnerton, and he was thirty years of age and more.¹

JOHN DE SWYNNERTON (III.) of Hilton, Esq., the son and heir of John de Swynnerton by Christina his wife, who thus succeeded to the family inheritance in 1379, made a grant and confirmation, in the following year, of the manor of Whelton, co. Northampton, to John Holt and Alice his wife, for their lives, and to the executors and assigns of the survivor of them for one whole year.²

In 15 Ric II. (1392) he was Sheriff of the county of Stafford.³

In 3 Hen. IV. he was returned as Knight of the Shire for the county of Stafford to serve in the Parliament summoned to meet at Westminster, 15th September, and prorogued to 30th September, 1402,⁴ and in that and the following year he was the King's Escheator for the counties of Stafford and Salop.⁵

In 10 Hen. IV. (1408) he and Clemencia his wife made a grant of land called Blackleys to Richard Leveson.⁶ I think that he died in or about 5 Hen. VI. (1426-7).⁷ Clemencia, who had been the wife of John de Swynnerton, senior, died seised of her dower in the bailiwick and stewardship of the Forrest of Cannock,⁸ which descended in that year to their (then) son and heir, Thomas de Swynnerton.²

A pedigree in the Harleian MSS. (quoted by Mr. Swynnerton) gives as the issue of John de Swynnerton and Clemencia his wife five sons, viz., 1, John; 2, Thomas; 3, Edmund or Edward; 4, Giles; and 5, Peter.⁹ I suppose Edmund and Peter to have died without issue.

¹ Inq. p. m. 3 Ric., No. 59, from a copy preserved among the Swynnerton Evidences at Hilton. The printed calendar of Inq. p. m. makes no mention of lands in Northamptonshire.

² Baker's "Northamptonshire."

³ Shaw's "Staff."

⁴ "Parliaments of England," Vol. I., p. 263.

⁵ MS. Calendar of Escheators' accounts, inquisitions, etc., at the Record Office.

⁶ Notes by Rev. C. Swynnerton, who quotes from a deed at Hilton.

⁷ Cal. Inq. p. m., No. 12.

⁸ Baker's "Northamptonshire," and MS. Collections at Record Office.

⁹ Harl. MS., 1445, fo. 132.

JOHN DE SWYNNERTON (IV.), the eldest son of John and Clemencia, died in his father's lifetime, as early as 9 Hen. IV. He married Elena, daughter of John Malory, and had by her an only son and heir John. His widow Elena was afterwards married to Sir John Bernard, of Iselham, co. Cambridge, and dying in 1440, was buried in Iselham Church, where there is a brass monument to her memory.¹

In 9 Hen IV. (1407-8) Helena Malore, daughter of John Malore of Welton, formerly wife of John Swynnerton son of John Swinnerton of Welton, in the county of Northampton, appointed Richard England of Welton her attorney to receive by Thomas Cowley of Welton and Hugh Cooke of Hilton, special attorneys of John Swynnerton, father of John Swynnerton, formerly her husband, all the lands, etc., in the vills and fields of Stretton juxta Pencrich and Wyrley, in the county of Stafford, according to the tenor of the deed of John, father of John Swynnerton, formerly her husband.¹

The proof of age of JOHN (DE SWYNNERTON, V.) son of John son of John Swynnerton was taken at Brykelesworth in the county of Northampton on Saturday before the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 8 Hen. VI. (September, 1429), before Thomas Palmer, King's Escheator for the county of Northampton.

John Malory of Welton, aged forty-eight and more, said the said John son of John son of John was born at Welton and baptized in the church of the said vill, and is twenty-one years of age and more, and he recollects it because he was godfather (*compatrem*) of the said John son of John son of John.

William Warde of Brykelesworth, aged forty-six and more, says the same, and recollects it because the same day that John was baptized he (William) started on a journey to the Roman Court.

Thomas Smyth of Brykelesworth, aged forty-six and more, says the same, and recollects it because Thomas his son was baptized on the same day.

Thomas Warde of Langport, aged fifty and more, says the same and recollects it because on the same day that John was baptized he married one Isabella daughter of John Williamson.

John Fawekener of Scaldewell, aged forty-six and more, says the same, and recollects the date because on the same day that

¹ Huntbache MSS. *penes* Lord Wrottesley.

John was born, the Lord of Scaldewell married Elianor the daughter of John Haldynby.

Roger Power, of Draghton, aged sixty and more, says the same, and recollects it because on the same day that John was born, Robert the son of Roger was admitted, instituted, and inducted to the Rectory of Cotyngham.

Richard Lodyngton, of Wolde, aged sixty and more, says the same, and recollects it because on the same day that John was born, John son of the said Richard was elected Abbot of Pypwell by the Convent of that place.

John Pese of Scaldewell, aged forty-six and more, says the same, and recollects it because on the same day that John was born, William Pese, the uncle of John, was drowned at Scaldewell.

Henry Lodyngton of Wolde, aged forty-six and more, says the same, and recollects it because on the same day that the said John was born, he (the said Henry) was elected to the office of Constable of the said vill (Welton).¹

The said John de Swynerton (V.), son of John and Elena, died without issue, 28th September, 1430, and was succeeded by his uncle Thomas.

The inquisition taken after his death, at Wolverhampton, 18th June, 9 Hen. VI. (1431), before William Lee the King's Escheator in the county of Stafford, gives a complete pedigree of the family. The jury say that a fine was levied in 15th Edw. III., on the Quinzaine of St. John the Baptist, and again in the same year a month after Michaelmas, between John de Swynnerton (*i.e.*, John de S. the second), complainant, and Roger Baukwall and Adam atte Maregroue, deforciant, of the Bailiwick of the Stewardship of the Forest of Cannock, by which the said John acknowledged the said bailiwick to be the right of the said Roger and Adam, as that which they had by his gift, and for this acknowledgment, etc., the same Roger and Adam conceded the said bailiwick to John, to be held by him and the heirs of his body, and if the said John died without issue, etc., to remain to Thomas de Swynnerton and the heirs of his body, and if the said Thomas should die without heirs, etc., then to remain to the right heirs of John; and this concord was made by virtue of letters patent of the King; and they say that from the said John Swynerton the bailiwick descended to John de Swynerton as son and heir, and from the said John it descended

¹ Inq. 8 Hen. VI., No. 53.

to John de Swynerton as son and heir, and from the said John son of John son of John, it descended to John de Swynerton who is named in the King's writ, as son and heir, and he died seised of two parts of the bailiwick and of the reversion of the third part which Clemence formerly wife of John de Swynnerton, senior, held in dower, together with ten acres of land and two acres of meadow in Frodley held of the King by grand serjeantry, viz., by the service of being seneschal and bailiff of the said forest, and they say the issues and profits of the bailiwick are worth beyond reprises 40s.; and they say that Roger Bakewalle and Walter de Aston of Somerville, Chaplain, were seised, etc., of a messuage and twenty acres of land which John Eyton holds at will, and of a rent of 8s. in Stretton proceeding from a tenement which John Bridde and Isabella his wife hold, and they gave it to John de Swynerton son of John de Swynerton, Knight, and to Christiana his wife and the heirs male of the body of the said John son of John, and from the said John son of John the tenements in Stretton descended to John de Swynerton as son and heir, and from John son of John son of John the said tenements descended to John de Swynerton as son and heir, and from the said John son of John, son of John, son of John, they descended to said John who is named in the writ as son and heir of the said John son of John son of John son of John, and the said tenements in Stretton are held of Robert Congreve by the service of 5*d.*, and each acre in Stretton is worth 4*d.* beyond reprises, and they say that the said John named in the writ died seised as of fee, etc., of thirty (*sic*) acres of land and six acres of meadow in Wirley, of which each acre is worth 2*d.* beyond reprises, and which Thomas Hyde holds at will, and which twenty (*sic*) acres are held of William Payto, Knight, by service of suit of Court, and they say that John died seised as of fee, etc., of the said ten acres of land and two of meadow in Frodeley, of which each acre is worth 3*d.* beyond reprises, and which are held with the bailiwick of the Forest of Cannok of the King *in capite* by grand serjeantry, and the said John died seised of 12*d.* rent for a messuage and half a virgate of land, in Fetherstone which Richard Eton and John Walker hold and of 12*d.* rent from a messuage and virgate of land in the same vill which John Batele holds, and of 12*d.* rent proceeding from a messuage and half virgate of land in the same vill which William Bayley holds, and they say that the said John died on the Thursday before the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, and that Thomas Swynerton of Hulton is his cousin and nearest

heir; viz., brother of John the father of the said John, and he is thirty years of age and upwards.¹

THOMAS SWYNNERTON of Hilton, who thus succeeded to the inheritance, had respite of his homage in 1431.² He paid his relief in respect of the stewardship of the Forest of Cannock in the following year;³ and at a court held 18th October, 1433, he was admitted to lands called Grynnesleys, as next heir after the decease of John son of John Swynnerton.⁴ On 1st July, 15 Hen. VI., 1437, he received a general pardon, in which he is styled of Hilton, and steward of Cannock Forest;⁵ and in 25 Hen. VI., 1446, he had a confirmation of the said stewardship.⁶ In the same year William Everdon and Thomas Everdon, by fine, gave the manors of Hilton and Essington to Thomas Swynnerton and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of their bodies.⁷

In 27 Hen. VI. (1447-8) the King granted the herbage, pannage, etc., with the Hays of Alrewas (formerly parcel of the great Forest of Cannock), and the reversion thereof, to Thomas Swynnerton in fee, at a rent of 33s., which grant was resumed by Act of Parliament in 28 Hen. VI.⁸

Thomas de Swynnerton, Esq., married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Bonde (whose arms were: gules, semee of billets, or, three lions passant, or),⁹ and died in 1448, leaving issue by his said wife Elizabeth two daughters and heirs, between whom his estates were divided. The writ of *diem clausit extremum* was issued 17th January, 27 Hen. VI., 1449, and the inquisition was held at Lichfield in November, 1449. He held no lands of the King at the time of his death, but before his death he had granted to Humfrey Duke of Buckingham, John Stanley of Elford, Thomas Everdon,¹⁰ John Cawardine, John Harpur, Nicholas Waringes,

¹ Inq. 9 Hen. VI., No. 37.

² Rot. Fin., 9 Hen. VI., m. 2.

³ Notes by the Rev. C. Swynnerton, from Harl. MSS. 1415, fo. 155b.

⁴ *Ibid.*, from Wyrley Deeds at Hilton.

⁵ Notes by Rev. C. Swynnerton, from Fitzherbert Evidences.

⁶ *Ibid.*, from Cal. Rot. Pat. 290.

⁷ Erdeswick's "Staffordshire," p. 162.

⁸ Shaw's "Staffordshire," Vol. I., p. 132.

⁹ Notes by the Rev. C. Swynnerton.

¹⁰ In 11 Edw. IV. (1471-2) Thomas de Everdon conveys land in Wombourne and Orton to Thomas de Swynnerton and others as trustees. In 12 Edw. IV. there is a certificate of the aldermen of the city of Worcester and others to the effect that Thomas Everdon lately deceased had made a deed of feoffment to Thomas de Swyn-

BEAUFO OR BEAUFOY, OF WHITTON, CO. NORTHAMPTON.

Arms : Argent, on a chevron sable, three crosses pattée or.

Richard Beaufo, of Burford St. John, co. Oxon, Esq., first husband.

William Hugford, Esq., second husband, living 20th October, 1472.

Humphrey Beaufo, of Whilton, Esq., son of John Hugford, of Edmondscote, co. Warwick, Esq.

Henry Beaufo, Esq., younger son, living 24 Hen. VII.

Anne, died *s.p.* in her mother's lifetime.

John Beaufo, of Edmondscote and Whilton, Esq.; died 30th September, 8 Hen. VIII (1516).

Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Tate, Alderman of London.

Joan, wife of Richard Thrognorton, Esq.

John Beaufo, of Edmondscote and Whilton, Esq., set. 9, 8 Hen. VIII, died 28th Dec., 21 Hen. VIII (1529).

Ursula, daughter of Sir Edward Hanningham, second husband.

Elizabeth, wife of Robert Belcher, of London.

Margery, wife of Edward Brome, of Wodlow, co. Warwick, Esq.

Joan, daughter of William Raynsford, of Tew, co. Oxon, first wife.

John Beaufo, of Edmondscote and Whilton, Esq., set. 7, 23 Hen. VIII.

William Beaufo, second son.

George Beaufo, died *s.p.*

Thomas Beaufo, Esq., of Warwick.

Qu. Dame Alice Fortescue, widow of Thomas Beaufo, Esq., 1620?

Abraham Beaufo.

John Beaufo.

Sir Thomas Beaufo, of Edmondscote and Whilton, Knight, died 1st March, 1630-1, set. 85.

Mary, mar. to John Rugeley, of Warwick.

Dorothy, mar. first to T. Smith, of Staverton, Gent.; secondly, to Richard Harris, Gent.

John Beaufo, of Budbroke, co. Warwick, Esq.; living 1625.

John Beaufo, of Milverton, co. Warwick, Esq.

Henry Beaufo, eldest son, married Lucy, daughter and coheir of Sir W. Faunt, of Koston, co. Leicester, Knight, in 1631; died *s.p.*

Thomas Beaufo, of Whitton, and Guy's Cliff, co. Warwick, Esq., æt. 40 in 1619. Sold the advowson of Whitton Church in 1625; dead in 1640.

Henry Beaufo, of Edmonscote, Esq., æt. 14 in 1619. Sold the manor of Whitton in 1644. Buried at St. Mary's, Warwick.

Joan, wife of Edw. Chadwell, of Chip-ping Norton, co. Oxon.

Anne, Elizabeth. Katherine, died *s.p.*

Thomas Beaufo, Gent., 1625. Henry Beaufo.

Thomas Beaufo, died *s.p.* William Beaufo, Ursula. Milicent. Anne. Elizabeth.

1. Henry Beaufo. 2. Hercules Beaufo. 3. Walter Beaufo. Mary. Lucy. Martha, Sir Samuel Garth, M.D., Elizabeth. eventual heiress. died 18th January, 1717-8.

Martha Beaufo Garth, daughter = William Boyle, Esq., grandson of Roger, first Earl of Orrery; died September, 1725 and heiress, married 1711.

Thomas Ruggeley, Thomas Heth, and Roger Stokkeley (for which the King's licence had been obtained), a messuage and lands in Frodley, and all the bailiwick which Hugh de Loges formerly held in the Forest of Cannock and the stewardship thereof, together with the farm and rent of 23s. 4*d.* which Humfrey Whitgreve held for twenty years from 24 Hen. VI., 1444, paying . . . for herbage, pannage, and chiminage,¹ in the hayes of Teddeslay, Caneleigh, Allerwas, Christlin, Hopewas, and Bentley, in the county of Stafford, and also the haye of Oggeley. By virtue of which grant the said Duke of Buckingham, John Stanley, and the other feoffees were then in actual seisin of the said premises. The said Thomas de Swynnerton held jointly with Elizabeth his wife, who was still living, the manors and lands of Hilton, Essington, and lands in Little Sardon, Stretton, Pylatenhale, Wygaston, Huntingdon, and Hatherdon, of the gift of William and Thomas Everdon, to them and the heirs of their bodies, as appears by a fine levied in Trinity Term, 23 Hen. VI., 1445. The said manor of Hilton and lands in Wygaston were held of the Prebend of Hilton² of the Church of Wolverhampton. The manor of Essington was holden of John Lord of Dudley. The lands at Sardon were held of Richard Harcourt, those in Pilatenhale of the Abbot of Burton-upon-Trent, those in Stretton of Richard Congreve, Lord of Stretton, the rents in Huntingdon of the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and those in Hatherton of the Dean of Wolverhampton. The said Thomas Swynnerton died 31st December, 1448,

nerton, his *kinsman*, of all his lands in Worcestershire and Staffordshire; and in 14 Edw. IV. (1474-5), Thomas de Swynnerton of Worcester releases to Roger de Everdon all his claim to lands and tenements in Orton and Womburne (*ex inf.* Hon. G. Wrottesley, from original deeds at Wrottesley). Thomas Swynnerton also occurs as a witness of the installation of the Lady Joan Moorton as Prioress of the Nunnery of St. Mary Magdalene at Whiston, in the parish of Claines, co. Worcester, on 15th December, 1485 (Nash's "Worcestershire," Vol. I., p. 222). The prominence of Thomas Everdon as a trustee for Thomas de Swynnerton of Hilton in 1448, and his relationship to another Thomas de Swynnerton in 1472-3, with whom there was also some connection in matters of trust, would seem to hint at some relationship between the two Thomas de Swynnertons. There was a Thomas Swynnerton of Buttertton living at this time, who is said to have died in 1485-6, but if there were any relationship between Thomas the last Lord of Hilton of that family, who died in 1448, and Thomas de Swynnerton of 1471-1475, I should rather have looked for it in a grandson, a second son of his daughter, by her husband Humphrey de Swynnerton, who might possibly have been just of age in 1475, but of whom there is no mention in the pedigrees, or else in a natural son of Thomas de Swynnerton of Hilton.

¹ A toll for way-fare through the forest.

² It is observable that the lands at Hilton were now reputed as a manor.

leaving Anna and Alice his daughters and heirs, of whom Anna was fourteen and Alice thirteen years of age.¹

Elizabeth his widow had the stewardship of the Forest of Cannock for life by virtue of her husband's will, which was dated 2nd November, 37 Hen. VI., 1448. By this will he leaves all his estates to his wife for her life, as well as the profits of the marriage of his two daughters. He devises ten silver marks to his natural son Giles Swynnerton.²

The Repton or Repyngdon estate, in the county of Derby, had been settled by John de Swynnerton, his father, on his younger son Giles Swynnerton, who died about 1440. The Inquisition after his death was taken at Repyndon before William Neville, the King's escheator for the county of Derby, 24th September, 19 Hen. VI. (1440). Giles Swynnerton died seised in demesne as of fee tail of the 16th part of the manor of Repyngdon, by virtue of the gift and concession of Richard Lone and John Bromley to him and the heirs of his body made by the King's licence, dated 4th July, 10 Hen. V. (1422). The said 16th part is worth 47*s.* 2*d.* annually, and is held of the King *in capite* by the service of the 16th part of a Knight's fee. The said Giles held no other lands or tenements at the time of his death; and he died on the Saturday after of Easter, 17 Hen. VI. (1439). Alice Swynnerton is his daughter and nearest heir, and was born on the Feast of Pentecost, 17 Hen. VI.; and the jury say that Margaret Swynnerton lately wife of the said Giles and Ralph Basset, of the county of Stafford, had taken and received the issues and profits of the said 16th part of the manor since the death of Giles, but they know not by what authority.³

Of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas Swynnerton, of Hilton, Alice, the younger daughter, was married first to Richard Beauf, of Burford St. John, in the county of Oxford, Esq., to whom she brought the manor of Whilton with the other Northamptonshire estates of her family, and possibly also a moiety of the bailiwick of the Forest of Cannock. By him she had a son and heir Humphrey Beauf, of Whilton, Esq., and a younger son Henry Beauf, Esq., who was living in 1405-6. She married secondly William Hugford, Esq., who survived her, by whom she had an only daughter, Anne, who died without issue in her mother's life-

¹ Inq. *p.m.* 28 Henry VI., preserved among the deeds at Hilton.

² Notes by Rev. C. Swynnerton, from Hilton deeds.

³ Inq., 18 Hen. VI., No. 8.

time. The said Alice died on 10th June, 1472. At the Northamptonshire inquisition, held at Norton near Daventry on 20th October, 12 Edw. IV. (1472), the jury found that she held no lands *in capite* on the day of her death, but she held in demesne as of fee the manor of Whilton and the advowson of the church there, and three messuages, four virgates of land, and 20s. rent in Starton, all which were held of John Duke of Norfolk as of his manor of Melton Mowbray. The manors of Whilton, etc., are worth 40 marks yearly, and the messuage, etc., in Starton is worth £3. These lands, etc., were then held by William Hugford, late her husband, who still survives. The Oxfordshire inquisition taken at Bloxham states that on the day of her death she held in demesne for the term of her life the manors of Berford Saint John, Salford, and Kentham, by the feoffment of Robert Grey, Esq., and Thomas Hall, to the said Alice and Richard Beaufo, late her husband, whom she survived; the manor of Berford is worth £10 yearly, the manor of Saltford is worth 8 marks yearly, and the manor of Kentham 9 marks yearly; they are held of the Abbot of Cirencester. Humphrey Beaufo is her son and nearest heir, and is of the age of eighteen years and more.¹

There is no Staffordshire inquisition appended to the return, but from the inquisition taken after the death of one of her descendants at a later date, it would seem that she either transmitted to them a share of the bailiwick or stewardship of the Forest of Cannock, with the lands appertaining thereto, or else they were afterwards acquired from the other coheir; for by inquisition taken on the death of Sir Thomas Beaufo, Knight, for which the writ was dated 19th July, 13 Car. I. (1643), and the inquisition taken at Wolverhampton, 10th March, 13 Car. I. (1644), before John Shadwell, the King's escheator, it was found that Sir Thomas Beaufo, Knight, at the time of his death was seised of half a virgate of land at Frodley, in the county of Stafford, lately in the occupation of Thomas Finney, which was held of the King by grand serjeantry, namely, by the service of the seneschalship or bailiwick of the Forest of Cannock, and it was worth 30s. annually. Sir Thomas Beaufo, Knight, died on 1st March, 1631, and Thomas Beaufo, Esq., was his son and nearest heir, and was twenty-one years of age and more² at the date of his

¹ Inq. p.m. 12 Edw. IV., No. 9.

² His age is probably much understated at this inquisition. By another inquisition it is stated that he was upwards of forty years of age at the time of his father's death.

father's death. The said Thomas Beaufo, Esq., died 24th June, 1636.¹

The manor of Whilton, in Northamptonshire, remained with the Beaufos till the year 1664, when it was sold by Henry Beaufoy, of Edmondscote, co. Warwick, Esq., to Richard Freeman, of Whilton, gent.²

Anne, the elder daughter and coheir of Thomas Swynnerton, had for her purparty the manors of Hilton and Essington and the other Staffordshire estates, together with the whole or a moiety of the bailiwick of the stewardship of the Forest of Cannock. She was married first to Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton, Esq. (who was dead before 14th February, 1463-4),³ by whom she had an elder son Humphrey, a son John (who was afterwards styled of Swynnerton, which he rented from his nephew Thomas, the Lord of Swynnerton), and probably two other sons, William and Roger, as has been already shown in speaking of the senior line. After the death of her first husband she was married secondly to John son and heir of William Mytton, of Weston, co. Stafford, Esq., as appears by a settlement made by the said William Mytton, in 3 Edw. IV., of all his lands in Rugeley, etc., in the county of Stafford, upon the said John and Anna his wife,⁴ which John Mytton, who succeeded to the Weston estate, held her lands for life by the courtesy of England. By him she had an elder son William, who was living 1st October, 1470,⁵ but died before 10th May, 1500,⁶ and a son John, who succeeded to his father's estates. The said Anne Mytton died 27th March, 1470,⁷ seised of the office of bailiff or steward of the Forest of Cannock, with the appurtenances, one messuage, ten acres of land, and two acres of meadow, with the appurtenances, in Frodley, six acres of land and one piece of meadow containing by estimation three acres, with the appurtenances, in Hopwas, which were held of the King *in capite* by grand serjeantry, the estimated value of the said office being 100*s.*, the value of the messuage, etc., in Frodley being 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the value of the said land, etc., in Hopwas being 5*s.* She held also in her demesne as of fee on the day of her death ten acres of land with the appurtenances, called Swynnerton's land, in Wiggenton,

¹ Inq. 14 Car. I., No. 80, 1st N^{rs}.

² Baker's "Northamptonshire."

³ Lichfield Diocesan Register.

⁴ Huntbache MSS. *penes* Lord Wrottesley.

⁵ Inq. *p.m.* 9 and 10 Edw. IV., No. 57.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 15 Hen. VII., No. 104.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 9 and 10 Edw. IV., No. 57.

of Sir Edward Nevill, Knight, by what service the jurors were ignorant, the yearly value of each acre being 2*d.* She held also, in demesne as of fee, the manor of Hilton with the appurtenances, of John Seymore, Clerk, Prebendary of the prebend of Hilton, by what service the jurors were ignorant, the yearly value being six marks. She held also, of the heir of Sir William Peyto, Knight, by fealty and the service of doing suit at his court once every year, thirty acres of land and six acres of meadow with the appurtenances, in Wyrley, their yearly value being 13*s.* 4*d.* Also three messuages and twenty acres of pasture with the appurtenances, in Lichfield, which were held of the Bishop of Chester, by what service the jurors were ignorant, their yearly value being 40*s.*; two messuages with the appurtenances in Penkerich, of Humphrey Stafford, Esq., by what service the jurors were ignorant, of the yearly value of 8*s.*; the manor of Esyngton with the appurtenances, of the yearly value of four marks, of John Lord Dudley, by the service of half a Knight's fee. She held also, in her demesne as of fee, a messuage, two hundred acres of land, fifteen acres of meadow, and twenty acres of wood with the appurtenances in Saredon, called Blakelyes, of the yearly value of four marks, which were held of Sir Robert Harecourt, Knight, by what service the jurors were ignorant; and forty acres of pasture and sixty acres of wood in Wyrley, called "Amor," of the yearly value of 9*s.*, which were held of the heir of Sir William Peto, Knight, by what service the jurors were ignorant; and thirty acres of land and one acre of meadow with the appurtenances in Codsale, of the yearly value of 7*s.*, which were held of William Dudley, Dean of Wulvñehampton, by what service the jurors were ignorant. She died on Monday next after the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary, 10 Edw. IV., when Humphrey her son and nearest heir was seventeen years of age and more.¹ John Mytton, late her husband, enjoyed the said estates and stewardship of the forest for many years by the courtesy of England, and died seised of them 7th February, 1499–1500, leaving John his son and heir then thirty years of age and upwards.² On 27th January, 8 Edw. IV. (1469), the said John Mytton, the father, received the King's pardon and a (re)appointment as master of the game and steward of the Forest of Cannock.³ Their son, John Mytton, of Weston, Esq., who died 16th February, 1532, is now represented by the Earl of Bradford.

¹ Inq. *p.m.* 9 and 10 Edw. IV., No. 57.

² *Ibid.*, 15 Hen. VII., No. 104.

³ Original deeds at Swynnerton.

FITZHERBERT OF SWYNNERTON.

Arms—Argent, a chief vairé or and gules, over all a bend sable.

Humphrey de Swynnerton, Esq.; $\overline{\text{---}}$ Anna, eldest daughter and coheir of Thomas $\overline{\text{---}}$ John Mytton, of Weston-under-Lizard, died in February, 1464, first husband. Swynnerton, of Hilton, Esq., æt. 14 in January, Esq., second husband; died 7th February, 1449; died 27th March, 1470.

John Mytton, of Weston-under-Lizard, Esq.; died 16th February, 1532.

Humphrey Swynnerton, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., $\overline{\text{---}}$ Joan eldest son and heir; died about 1504.

Thomas Swynnerton, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., $\overline{\text{---}}$ Alice, daughter of Sir Humphrey Stanley, of Pipe, son and heir; died 1542-3. co. Staff., Knight Banneret.

Humphrey Swynnerton, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., $\overline{\text{---}}$ Cassandra, daughter of Sir John Giffard, of Chillington, died 25th August, 1562. co. Staff., Knight; died 1570.

Margaret, eldest daughter and coheir, married first to Henry Vernon, of Sudbury, Esq.; and secondly to George Winter; died 1586-7. William Fitzherbert, of Somersall, $\overline{\text{---}}$ Elizabeth, younger daughter of Francis Gatacre, of Gatacre, co. Salop, Esq., second husband. Anthony Fitzherbert, of Norbury, co. Derby, Knight, first husband. Esq., buried at Swynnerton, 4th April, 1616.

Thomas Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton, Esq., only son and heir, $\overline{\text{---}}$ Dorothy, only daughter and heir of Edward East, Esq., *a quo* Coates, born in 1552, died 17th August, 1640, aged 88. Was author of many works. (For account of him see "Records of English Provinces," published by Burns and Oates, Vol. II., series iii.) of Bledlowe and Frissils, co. Bucks, by Cecilia Esq., acres of Gatacre. married in 1580.

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Edward Fitzherbert, Esq., only son; died *v.p.* 25th November, 1612; buried at Swinnerton.

Bridgett, daughter of Sir John Caryll, of Augmering, co. Sussex, Knight; re-married to Sir Edward Windsor, of Knightley, co. Staff.

Elizabeth, married to Joseph Mayne, of Crestlow, co. Bucks.

Anne, daughter of Sir Bazil Brooke, of Madeley, co. Stafford, Knight; died and was buried at Norbury; 1st wife.

Sir William Fitzherbert, of Swinnerton, Knight, = Eleanor, daughter of Sir Francis Stafford, of Portlegnone, co. Antrim, and of Bradfield, co. Berks, Knight. She had been married first to Sir Henry Peirce, of Shercock, in Ireland, and secondly to Richard, eldest son of Viscount Fitz William, of Meryon, in Ireland; she died *s.p.*

1. Bazil Fitzherbert, of Swinnerton, Esq.; to whom his cousin, Sir John Fitzherbert, left the manors of Norbury, Hathersedge and Padley; died about 1712.

2. Thomas Fitzherbert, of Shercock, in Ireland; ancestor of the Fitzherberts of Black Castle, co. Meath.

3. William Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert.

4. Francis Fitzherbert.

5. Edward Fitzherbert.

6. John Fitzherbert.

7. Anthony Fitzherbert.

1. Mary, married to John Gower, of Colmers, co. Worcester, Esq.

2. Frances, married to John Gifford, of Chillington, co. Staff, Esq.

3. Bridgett, married to Basil Bartlett, of Castle Morton, co. Worcester, Esq.

1. William Fitzherbert, of Swinnerton, co. Staff., and Norbury, co. Derby, Esq., married in 1678; died about 1724.

2. John Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert.

3. Basil Fitzherbert. Winefred, only daughter; married in 1691 to Charles Eyston, of East Hendred, co. Berks, Esq.

1. Thomas Fitzherbert, of Swinnerton and Norbury, Esq., married in 1713; died in 1765.

2. Basil Fitzherbert. Fitzherbert.

3. Robert Fitzherbert. Richard Massey.

1. Jane, married to Winefred.

3. Catherine.

4. Mary.

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Elizabeth, daughter = Thomas Fitzherbert, of = Mary Teresa, daughter
 and coheir of Swinnerton, Esq., only of Sir Robert Throck-
 Anthony Meaborne, son; died at Swinner-
 of Pontop, co. Dur- ton, and was buried
 ham, Esq., first wife, there in October, 1778.
 married in 1737; died *s. p.*

1. Thos. Fitzher- = Mary Ann, daughter
 bert, of Swinner- of Walter Smythe,
 ton, Esq., born of Bambridge, co.
 1746, married Hants, Esq., and
 1778, died in 1781, widow of Edward
s. p. Weld, of Lulworth,
 Esq.; she was after-
 wards privately mar-
 ried to George IV.,
 then Prince of
 Wales.

2. Basil Fitzherbert, = Elizabeth, daughter
 born 1748; suc- and coheir of James
 ceeded his brother Windsor Heneage, of
 at Swinnerton; Cadeby, co. Lincoln,
 died 20th May, and Gatcombe, Isle
 1797. of Wight, Esq.

3. Edward Fitzherbert, = William Fitz-
 born 1752; married herbert, born 1758,
 died 1768. succeeded by the will of his bro-
 ther-in-law to the
 Claughton estate,
 and assumed the
 name and arms of
 Brockholes; died
 1817.

4. Mary, daughter and
 coheir of James
 Windsor Heneage,
 of Cadeby, co. Lin-
 coln, and Gatcombe,
 Isle of Wight, Esq.

5. Robert
 Fitzherbert.

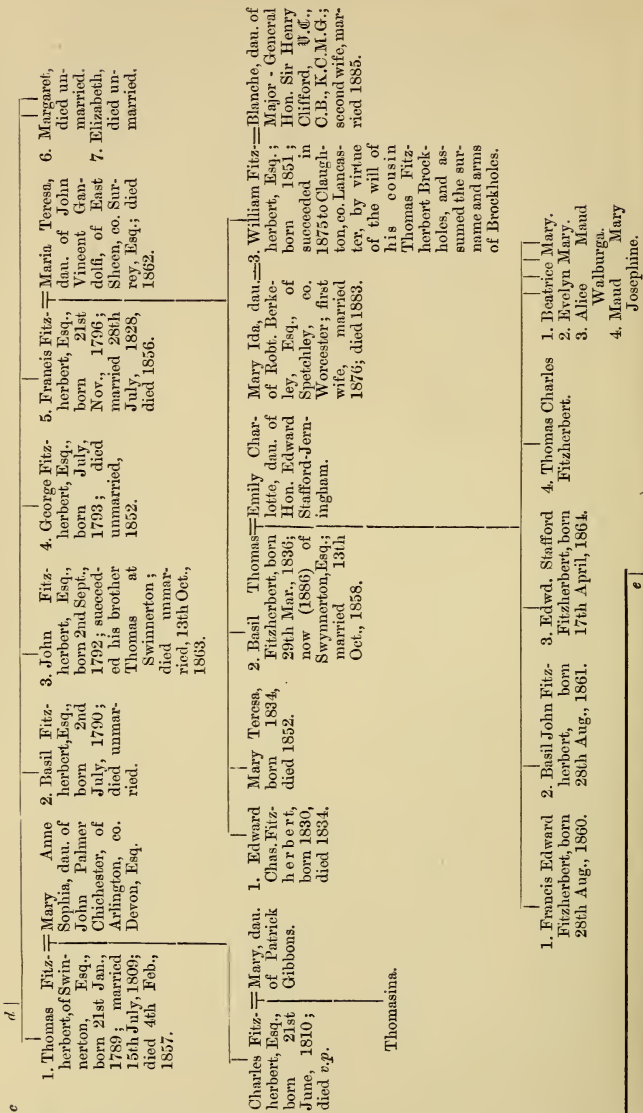
1. Mary, a nun.
 3. Frances.
 5. Catherine, *ob.*
inf.
 7. Catherine, died
 1800, unmar-
 ried.
 8. Ann, died 1811,
 unmarried.

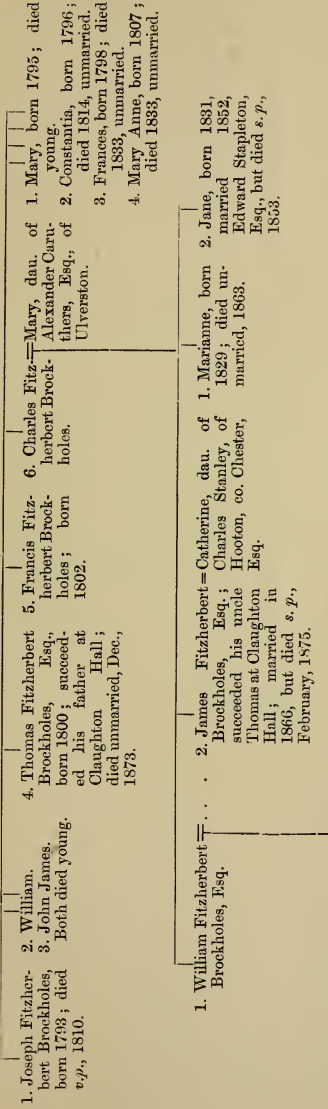
2. Constantia, mar-
 ried first to Joseph
 Brockholes, of
 Claughton Hall, co.
 Lanc., Esq., by
 whom she had an
 only child, Con-
 stantia, who died
 young; and second-
 ly, to Philip Salt-
 marsh, Esq.

4. Barbara, mar.
 first to George
 Tasburgh, of
 Bodney, co. Nor-
 folk, Esq.; and
 secondly, to Geo.
 Crathorne, Esq.

6. Charlotte, mar.
 to Sir Thomas
 Gage, of Hen-
 grave, co. Suffolk,
 Bar.

9. Teresa, married
 to Thomas Horn-
 yold, of Black-
 more Park, co.
 Worcester, Esq.
 10. Lucy, married
 to James Dor-
 mer, brother of
 Charles, eighth
 Baron Dormer.





1. Joseph Fitzherbert Brockholes, Esq. born 1793; died v.p., 1810.

2. William.
3. John James.
Both died young.

4. Thomas Fitzherbert Brockholes, Esq., born 1800; succeeded his father at Claughton Hall; died unmarried, Dec., 1873.

5. Francis Fitzherbert Brockholes; born 1802.

6. Charles Fitzherbert Brockholes; dau. of Alexander Caruthers, Esq.; of Ulverston.

1. Mary, born 1795; died young.
2. Constantia, born 1796; died 1814, unmarried.
3. Frances, born 1798; died 1833, unmarried.
4. Mary Anne, born 1807; died 1833, unmarried.

1. James Fitzherbert = Catherine, dau. of Brockholes, Esq.; Charles Stanley, of Hooton, co. Chester, Esq. succeeded his uncle Thomas at Claughton Hall; married in 1866, but died s.p., February, 1875.

1. Marianne, born 1829; died unmarried, 1863.
2. Jane, born 1831, married Edward Stapleton, Esq., but died s.p., 1853.

Jane, now living, unmarried. Mary, a nun.

VERNON OF HILTON. TABLE I.

Arms—Argent, fretty sable.

Henry Vernon, of Sudbury, co. Derby, Esq., son of Sir John Vernon, Margaret, eldest daughter and coheir of Humphrey Swynner. George Winter, fourth son of Sir Henry Vernon, of Haddon, co. Derby, Knight, son, of Swynnerton and Hilton, Esq., great-grandson and second husband. representative of Anna, eldest daughter and coheir of Thomas Swynnerton of Hilton, Esq.; she died in 1586-7.

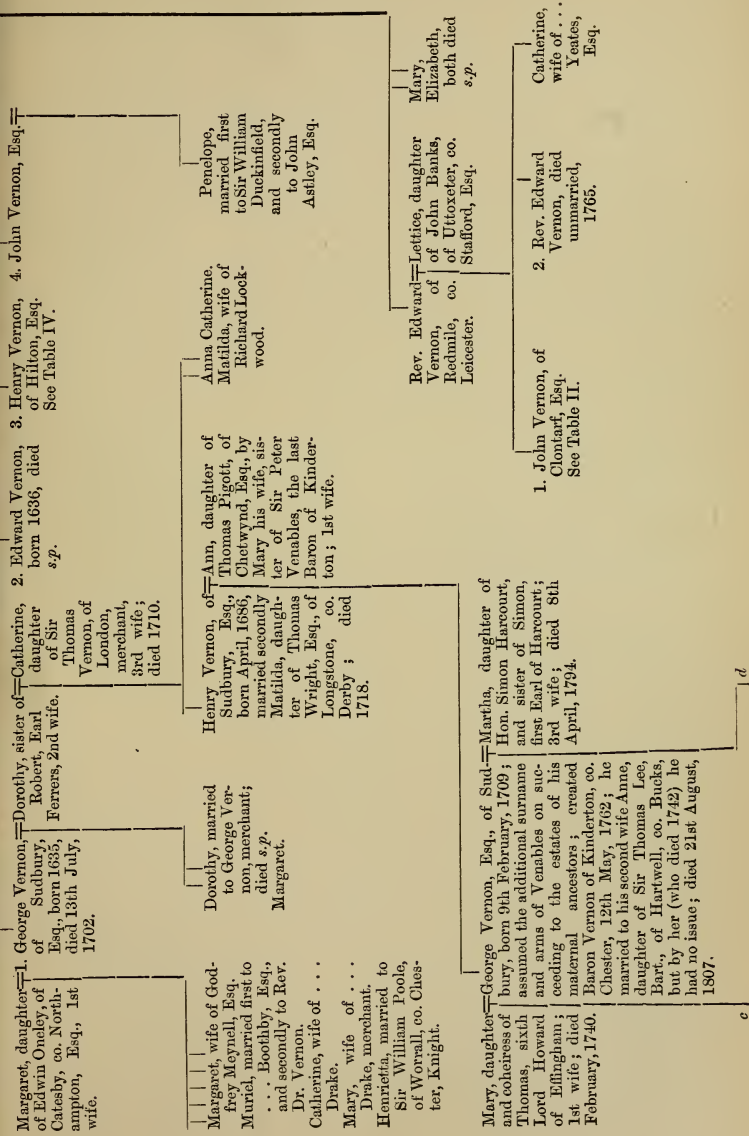
1. John Vernon, of Sudbury, Esq., died *s.p.* in 1600; having married Mary, daughter of Edward Littleton, of Pillaton, and widow of Walter Vernon, of Houndshill, Esq., son of Thomas, son of Humphrey, third son of Sir Henry Vernon of Haddon, by whom she had a son, Sir Edward Vernon, Knight, who succeeded to the Sudbury estate, and married his third cousin, Margaret Vernon, the heiress of Hilton.

Sir Edward Vernon, of Houndshill and Sudbury, Knight; born 1584; Margaret, only daughter and heiress, born three months after the death of her father; died 3rd January, 1656.

<p>1. Sir Henry Vernon, of Houndshill, Hilton, and Sudbury, Knight; born July, 1616, died 9th March, 1658.</p>	<p>2. Edward Vernon, of North Aston, co. Stafford, Colonel in the army, to whom was granted the Castle of Clontarf, co. Dublin; died, <i>s.p. m.</i></p>	<p>3. Walker Vernon; died <i>s.p.</i></p>	<p>4. John Vernon, Esq., of Clontarf, co. Dublin, Quarter-master-general of the army in Ireland; married 1st, Anne, daughter of James Huish, Esq., of Sand, co. Devon, by whom he had a son John (who died unmarried); died 13th March, 1670.</p>	<p>Elizabeth, daughter of Fulke Walwyn, Esq., of Much Marele, co. Hereford; 2nd wife.</p>	<p>Ann, Mary, married to George Harper, of Twyford, co. Derby.</p>	<p>Catherine, ob. <i>inf.</i></p>	<p>Grace, Mary, ob. <i>inf.</i></p>	<p>Elizabeth, ob. <i>inf.</i></p>
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2. Henry Sedley Venables Vernon, = Eliza Grace, daughter of Edward Coke, Esq., of Longford Court, co. Derby. He married secondly Caroline, daughter of Gen. Hon. Sir Edward Paget, G.C.B., but had no issue by her.

Edward Venables Vernon, born in 1823. Henrietta. Frederick Venables Vernon, born 8th October, 1834, died 20th March, 1835.

1. Caroline Maria, 2. Augustus Henry = Lady Harriet 3. Adelaide Louise, Agnes Lucy, dau. = 4. William John = Annie Georgina, daughter of George 6. Louisa, born 2nd Jan., Venables Vernon, Maria Frances born 6th Sept. of Sir John Peter Venables Warren Charles, born 12th 1826, married to Anson, daughter of Boileau, Bart., 1st wife, married non, born 1st of Welford, co. April, 1838, married to Rev. Frederick 1st February, William, 1st Earl of Lich- Macdonald, K.C.S.I., died 30th Sept., 1881. Berks, Esq., 2nd died 11th ried to wife; married 25 May, 1836. Rev. Thomas Pary Augustus Canon of Windsor. June, 1851, died 1st May, 1883. field. of Clanranald.

Mary Anne Alice, born 23rd March, 1885. Garnier.

1. Diana, 2. Mildred, born 3. George William = Frances Mar- 4. William Fred = Miss Louise 5. Richard Hugo, 6. Walter, 7. Muriel, 8. Margaret, born born 8th February, Henry Vernon, garet, dau. of erick Outlibert, Frost, of St. born 23rd May, born 20th born 4th 22nd Feb., 1853, married 7th and present Francis C. born 18th July, Louis, U.S., 1858, died 11th July, 1860, January, 9. Alice, born 13th 1852. 2nd Nov., 1878, Lord Vernon, of Lawrence, 1836, married mar. 1884. March, 1862. died 2nd died March, 10. Adela, born to Hon. and Kinderton; born Esq., of New in 1884. York, U.S.; married 14th Richard Henry Vernon, born 1862. February, 12th October, Rev. Harry 25th Feb., 1854. Augustus Stanhope. born 1885.

a daughter, born 8th July, 1886.

Reginald, born 27th January, 1856, = Edith Georgiana, daughter of William Smith Cooper, of Toddington Park, Beds., Esq.

Agnes Ada, born 1882.

Mabel Eveline, born 1883.

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1. Geo. Brad-2. John Edward— (1st) 1836, 3. Henrietta Jane, 5. Maria Frances, (1st, 1846) Har—1. John Edward—(2nd, 1857) 2. Anne, m. 1843
 dyll Vernon, Venables Ver- Louisa Cath- m. 1836 (as 2nd m. (1st) to Maria Esther, to Sir Nicholas
 of Clontarf, non, of Clontarf, rine, dan. of wife) to William George Col- Rev. John Les- dau. of Hon. Chinnery, Bart.,
 Esq.; d. un- J.P., D.L.; he W.F. Clay, Esq, man; (2nd) to lie, D.D., Ld. George Francis d. 20 Aug,
 mar. 1833. m. (2nd, 1856) Bowles, Esq, of Bargooge Hill, — Napier. Bp. of Kilmore. Colley, of Fer- 1868.
 Hon. Rosa Ger- co. Notts. Other issue. She d. 23 ney, co. Dublin. 3. Frances.
 trude Harriet 4. Elizabeth Char- lotte, m. 1853 to Rt. Hon. John Parker, P.C., Bar.-at-Law.

1. Edward—(1861) Jane, dau. of Matthew Brinkley, Esq. (son of Rt. Rev. John Brinkley, Ld. Bp. of Cloyne).
 2. Charles Albert Vernon, b. 17 Jan, 1840.
 3. Forbes Geo. Vernon, b. 21 Aug, 1843.
 4. Granville Wm. Vernon, Capt. 16th Regt., b. 2 July, 1845.
 5. John Francis Henry Vernon, b. 31 Jan., 1848.
 6. Louisa Emily, m. (1863) to George Wm., 2nd son of Edmund Floyd Cuppage, Esq, of Clare Grove, Dublin.
 7. Helen Rose.
 8. Isabella Frances, m. to Henry Chichester, 2nd surviving son of John Tisdall, Esq., of Charlesfort, co. Meath.

4. George Arthur Pomeroy Vernon, b. 19 Sept., 1865.
 5. Walter Pomeroy Vernon, b. 23 May, 1867.
 6. Anne Lillian.
 7. Helen Rose.
 8. Blanche.

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1. Charles Parker Venables Vernon, *b.* 1 July, 1829; *d.* 10 July, 1879.

2. George Harcourt Venables Vernon, *d.* 7 Feb., 1872.

3. Ellen Caroline, *m.* 1857 to Lt.-Col. Sir Gustavus Hume, K.L. H. and M.

4. Caroline Diana, *m.* 1854 to William Ruxton, Esq., of Ardee House, co. Louth.

John Bruen Venables Vernon, *b.* 20 Feb., 1836, *d.* (1861) 10 May, 1873.

Catherine Louise, dau. of Edw. W. Whellen. (She remarried to Wm. Fowler, of Boddington Manor, co. Gloucester, 1877.)

1. Geo. Edward Vernon, *b.* 22 Dec., 1864, *d.* 15 July, 1880.

2. Louisa Harriet Diana.

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NON OF HILTON.—

bishop of York; = ANNE, dau.
m. 5th F

Frances Julia, dau. = G. Gra
and co-heir of An- Vern
thony Hardolph court,
Eyre, of Grove, co. Grove
Notts, Esq.; m. 22 Notts,
Feb., 1814; d. b. 179
1844; 1st wife. rister
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roline, Louisa Au- Georgiana, m.
d. unm. gusta, m. 14 4 Dec., 1846,
ne, d. June, 1825, to to Major-Gen.
unm. Sir John V. B. George A.
Johnstone, Malcomb.
Bart., and d. 4
Aug., 1869.

Anna Anne, 7. Mary Anna-
23 Sept., bella, b. 27
33; m. 8 May, 1835;
ne, 1854, m. 24 April,
Sir War- 1860, to
ck Charles George de la
orshead, Poer Beres-
rt.; d. 11 ford, Esq.
pt., 1883.

of Lieut.- 5. Jane, b. 31 Jan., 1846;
Rowland m. 18 April, 1872, to
Rev. Francis Digby
Legard.

Hubald Ed- Evelyn Violet Mary,
ard Vernon Alice, b. 22 March,
arcourt, b. b. 30 1883.
July, 1875. Dec.,
1876.

rt Vernon Harcourt,
7 May, 1878.

e, dau. of Edward St. John 4.
sq.

Louisa Anne, dau. of Captain Garth, R.N.;
m. 25 July, 1865.

ances Jessie, b. 14 June, Selina
1854.

Vernon Har- Cecilia Louisa, d. 10 Aug.,
u., 1863; m. 1868.
, Mary Ade-
Hon. George
Moss Park,
ada.

A dau., b. 1885.

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VERNON OF HILTON.—TABLE III.

EDWARD VENABLES VERNON, 4th son of George, 1st Lord Vernon, 5. 10 Oct., 1757, Lord Archbishop of York; = ANNE, dau. of Granville, 1st Marquis of Stafford; assumed the name of Harcourt on succeeding to the Harcourt estates; d. 6th November, 1847. m. 5th February, 1784, d. in 1832.

1. George Granville Vernon Harcourt, of Nuneham Courtenay, co. Oxon, Esq.; 5. 1785; m. secondly, 30 Sept., 1847, Frances Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Walsgrave (and dau. of Mr. John Braham), who was afterwards m. to Rt. Hon. C. S. P. Fortescue, Lord Curlingford. Mr. Vernon Harcourt d. 10 Dec., 1861.

2. Leveson Vernon Harcourt, 5. 1788; in holy orders, cleric of York; m. 10 Aug., 1815, Caroline Mary, dau. of John Peachey, 2nd Lord Seely; d. 26 July, 1860.

3. William Vernon Harcourt, 5. 1789; in holy orders, Canon of York; of Nuneham Courtenay; d. April, 1871.

4. Frederick Edward Vernon Harcourt, 5. 1790; Admiral, R.N.; d. 1 May, 1858.

5. Henry Vernon Harcourt; 5. 1791; Lieut.-Col. in the Army; m. 20 April, 1835, Frances, dau. of Edward, Earl of Oxford; d. 26 Feb., 1853, s.p.

6. Granville-Pyoe Jessie, dau. of Henry Vernon Harcourt, of Otway, Lord Grove, co. Dere, and rel. of John H. Cottrell, Esq.; m. 22 Nov., 1845; d. 3 March, 1872.

7. Octavius Henry Vernon Harcourt, 5. 26 Dec., 1793; Admiral R.N.; d. 14 Aug., 1863, s.p., having m. 22 Feb., 1838, Anne Holwell, dau. of William Yates, Esq., and rel. of William Dunby, Esq.

8. Charles Vernon Harcourt, in holy orders; 5. 1793; d. 10 Sept., 1870.

9. Francis Vernon Harcourt, Esq., of St. Clare, Isle of Wight and Buxted Park, Sussex; 5. 6 Jan., 1801; Col. in the Army; Equerry to Duchess of Kent; d. 23 April, 1880, s.p.

10. Egerton Vernon Harcourt, Esq.; 5. 9 May, 1801; of Buxted Park; m. 8 Dec., 1850, Laura Emma, dau. of Sir William Mordaunt Start Milner, Bart., but d. 20 Oct., 1883, s.p.

11. Anne, d. w. w. m. Sir John V. B. Johnston, and d. 4 Aug., 1800.

12. Georgiana, m. 4 Dec., 1848, to Major-Gen. George A. Malcolm.

Elizabeth Lavinia, only child, m. in 1835 to Montague, 6th Earl of Abingdon, and d. 16 Oct. 1858, leaving issue.

1. Edward William Vernon Harcourt, Esq.; 5. 26 June, 1825.

2. Lady Susan Harriet Holroyd, dau. of George, 2nd Earl of Shofield; m. 26 June, 1849.

3. Right Hon. Sir William George Granville Vernon Harcourt, 5. 14 Oct., 1827.

4. Elizabeth, dau. of Hon. T. L. Motley, formerly American minister at the Court of St. James's, and wid. of T. Ives, Esq.; 2nd wife.

5. Emily Julia, 5. 22 Oct., 1829.

6. Cecilia Caroline, 5. 6 Oct., 1831; m. 18 Feb., 1864, to Admiral Edward Bridges Rice, R.N., of Dane Court, Kent.

7. Mary Annabella, 5. 27 May, 1835; m. 24 April, 1860, to Sir Warwick Charles Marshfield, Esq.

8. Marcia Elizabeth, 5. 8 July, 1833.

9. Augustus George Vernon Harcourt, 5. 24 Sept., 1834.

10. Hon. Rachel Mary Bruce, dau. of H. A. B., Lord Aberdeen; m. 10 Sept., 1872.

11. Emily Jane, 5. 22 Sept., 1836.

12. Leveson Francis Vernon Harcourt, 5. 25 Jan., 1830; m. 2 Aug., 1870.

13. Alice, dau. of Lieut. Col. Henry Rowland Brandreth.

14. June, 5. 31 Jan., 1840; m. 18 April, 1872, to Rev. Francis Digby Legard.

15. Mildred Edith Frances (twice), 5. 26 Sept., 1874.

16. Cecyl Violet, 5. 17 Nov., 1875.

17. Helen Dorothy, 5. 19 Nov., 1876.

18. Bernard Francis Vernon Harcourt, 5. 23 Dec., 1877.

19. Janet Isabel, 5. 3 June, 1879.

20. Simon Evelyn Harcourt, 5. 21 Jan., 1882.

21. Doris Margaret, 5. 21 Aug., 1883.

22. Leveson William Vernon Harcourt, 5. 15 Oct., 1871.

23. Archibald Edward Harcourt, 5. 22 July, 1875.

24. Evelyn Alice, 5. 30 Dec., 1876.

25. Violet Mary, 5. 22 March, 1883.

Aubrey Vernon Harcourt, 5. 16 Aug., 1852.

Edith, 5. 16 Oct., 1855; m. 27 Oct., 1875, Hon. Murray Edward Gordon Finch Hatton.

1. Julian Vernon Harcourt, 5. 2 Oct., 1860; d. 2 March, 1902.

2. Lewis Vernon Harcourt, 5. 30 Jan., 1863.

Robert Vernon Harcourt, 5. 7 May, 1878.

1. Marianne Frances, 5. Dec., 1814; m. 20 Sept., 1843, to Humphry St. John Mildmay, Esq.; d. 13 Feb., 1873.

2. Granville Edward Vernon Harcourt, 5. 23 Nov., 1816; m. 23 Nov., 1851, Lady Selina Catherine Mordaunt, dau. of Richard, 3rd Earl of Clanwilliam; d. 1 Feb., 1861.

3. Rev. Evelyn Hardolph Vernon Harcourt, of Grove; 5. 30 Aug., 1821; m. 19 April, 1849.

4. Jane Catherine, dau. of Edward St. John Mildmay, Esq.

5. Edward Leveson Vernon Harcourt, 5. 8 April, 1824; d. 16 Sept., 1840.

6. Henry Arthur Vernon Harcourt, Major, R.A.; 5. July, 1825; d. unmar. 12 Nov., 1862.

7. Charles Egerton Vernon Harcourt, 5. 14 May, 1827; Captain, R.N.; d. 14 May, 1872.

8. Louisa Anne, dau. of Captain Garth, R.N.; m. 25 July, 1865.

Mary Frances, 5. 5 March, 1850; m. 20 April, 1879, to Rev. Algernon Frederick Eusworth.

Catherine Helena, 5. 3 Aug., 1851; d. 16 May, 1867.

Orance, dau. of Rev. Alleyn Fitzherbert; 1st wife, m. 9 Sept., 1879; d. 9 March, 1881.

Edward Evelyn Vernon Harcourt, Capt. Sherwood Rangers; 5. 19 Jan., 1853.

Frances Theresa, dau. of Sir William Fitzherbert, Bart.; m. 22 Aug., 1883.

Frances Jessie, 5. 14 June, 1854.

Selina Jane, 5. 8 Jan., 1856.

Algernon Hardolph Vernon Harcourt, 5. 7 July, 1858; m. 2ndly, 5 May, 1886, Georgiana, dau. of John Martie, Esq., of New Zealand.

Kate, d. April, 1883; 1st wife.

Walter Granville Vernon Harcourt, 5. 31 Oct., 1860.

Herbert Evelyn Vernon Harcourt, 5. 12 Jan., 1863; m. 14 Nov., 1885, Mary Adelaide, dau. of Hon. George W. Alton, of Moss Park, Toronto, Canada.

Cecilia Louisa, d. 10 Aug., 1868.

H. Venables Vernon Harcourt, 5. and d. 13 March, 1881.

Sybil Ida, 5. 6 June, 1884.

A dau., 5. 1885.

A dau., 5. March, 1885.

VERNON OF HILL

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1 Vernon, Admiral
b. 1721, d. 1794.

James Vernon—Lydia, daughter of
Edward Purnell,
Esq.

1st Henrietta, m. 1st
ick; 1st Earl G
arch, 2nd, Gen.
Paten, M.F

s.p. Elizabeth, m. Count Thomas du
Pont.
Louisa, m. William Mackinnon,
Esq.
Caroline, m. John Dewer, Esq.

of George John 2. F
d Park, Middle-
804; d. 3 Octo-

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e Augustus Vernon, —L
ieut.-Col. Coldstream
ds; b. 31 May, 1811;
December, 1880.

Henrietta Frances Elizabeth, m. 8
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Bethell Thelluson, of Ald-
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zzie, m. first in 1873 Muriel Emma
to Capt. Halkyns Isabel Penelope.
Bowler, of the
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secondly to Gore
Langton, Esq.

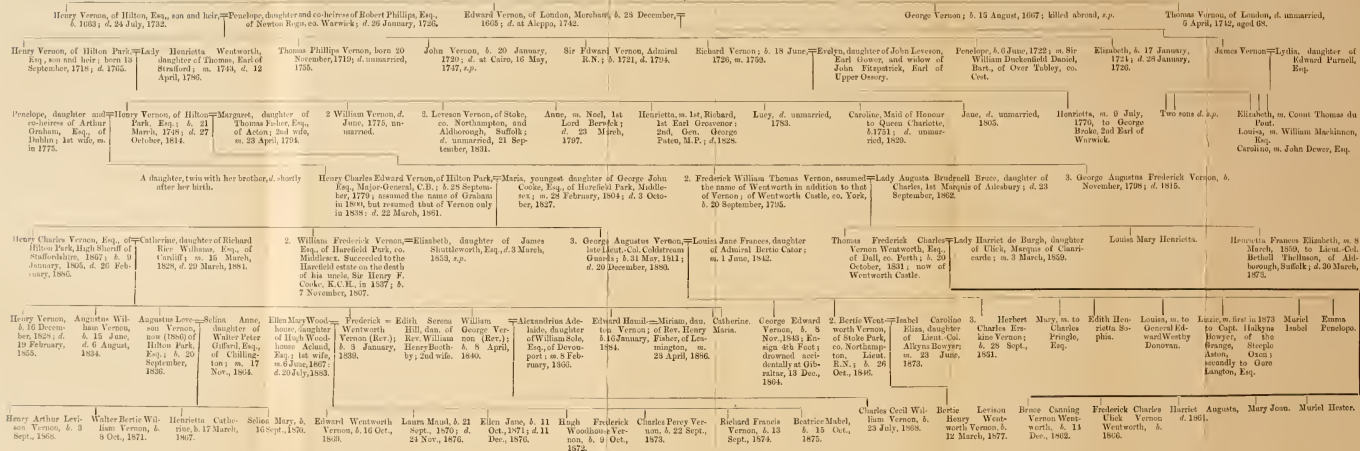
Augusta, Mary Joan. Muriel Hester.

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e Ver- non, b. 22 Sept
Oct., 1873.

VERNON OF HILTON.—TABLE IV.

Arms—Argent, fretty sable.

Henry Vernon, of Hilton, Esq., 2nd son of Sir Henry Vernon, of Housdhill, b. 1636, d. . . . =Margaret, only daughter of William Ludkins, Esq., of Shaw, co. Stafford, and Helledon, co. Warwick; d. 1699.



SWYNNERTON OF BUTTERTON.

WE have now to speak of another line of the Swynnerton family, one branch of which, having been seated for many years at Butterton, a manor and township in the parish of Trentham, became extinct in the male line upon the death of Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterton Hall, Esq., in 1836; and there is good reason to believe that another branch is still extant in the male line, as will be shown hereafter. Chetwynd, in speaking of Butterton, says, "Between Seabridge and Hanchurch there is a little village wherein there are two ancient families—the one of the Swynnertons, and the other of the Buttertons." And in speaking of the former, he says, "John de Swynnerton purchased all the lands there of William Badkin of Fulford in 7 Edw. II."¹ The Swynnertons of Butterton claimed their descent from Thomas de Swynnerton, younger son of Sir John de Swynnerton, of Hilton, Knight, by his wife Anne, the daughter and heiress of Philip de Montgomery, which Thomas is represented as having married Matilda, the widow of Sir John Latymer, Knight, and had by her a son and successor, John Swynnerton, of Butterton, living in 1384. The descent is so given by Burke, in his "History of the Commoners," whose account was probably furnished by the representatives of the family at Butterton. I have seen no proof, however, of this statement, and the family pedigree from which I believe it to have been taken is not of much authority in itself, being no older than A.D. 1713. It was drawn up in that year for Mr. Thomas Swynnerton of Butterton, as we are told by Mr. Edward Jones, in his MS. Book of the Swynnertons of Swynnerton, compiled for Mr. Basil Fitzherbert, of Swynnerton. From researches which have recently been made among the archives of the manor of Newcastle-under-Lyme, by the Rev. C. Swynnerton, it seems more probable that the first Thomas de Swynnerton, from whom the Butterton family derived their origin, was the son of that Richard de Swynnerton whom I take to have been a brother of Sir Roger (the Baron) of Swynnerton, and Sir John (of Hilton), in which case the first Thomas de Swynnerton of this line will have been a nephew and not a son of that first Sir John de Swynnerton of Hilton whom I suppose to have been the purchaser of the lands at Butterton in 7 Edw. II. In the inquisition taken after the death of Sir John de Swynnerton in 1340, there is no mention of any such lands being in his possession at the time of his death; and it

¹ Chetwynd MSS., Vol. II., *penes* Earl of Shrewsbury.

is quite possible that when he purchased other lands in the neighbourhood of Hilton and elsewhere, he may have passed over the lands at Butterton to his brother Richard, or his nephew Thomas the son of Richard.

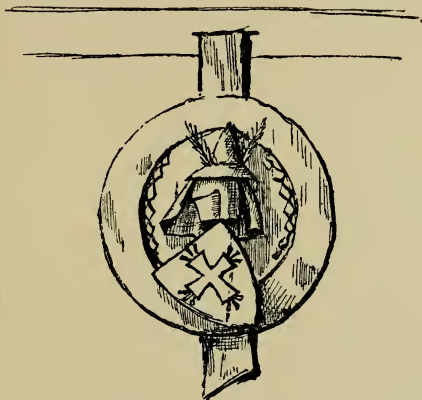
RICHARD DE SWYNNERTON, younger son of Roger de Swynnerton, son of Stephen Uselwall, has already been spoken of in treating of the Swynnertons of Swynnerton.¹ He probably received from his father, or his elder brother Roger, certain lands in Cherleton (Chorlton), Swynnerton, and Whitmore as his patrimony. By a fine of 7 Edw. II. (1314) it appears that Roger son of Roger de Swynnerton purchased the manor of Whitmore from Ralph son of John de Whitmore, the reserved rent being a red rose.² It was therefore most likely from his brother that Richard de Swynnerton obtained his lands of Whitmore. Of Richard de Swynnerton we hear nothing after the year 1350, when he had the King's licence to proceed from Dover to the city of Rome. He was then an old man, having survived his two elder brothers by more than ten years. Perhaps his journey to Rome may have been for the purpose of obtaining a pardon for the crimes of his earlier years, and especially for the murder of Henry, parson of Penkridge, in 1315-6. It is probable, from what follows, that before starting on his foreign travels, he made over to his son Thomas the whole or a part of his lands to be held in trust for him during the remainder of his life.

THOMAS, son of RICHARD DE SWYNNERTON, occurs during the lifetime of his father in 1343, in a Chorlton deed, whereby he concedes to Thomas Bert., of Chauelton, one acre of arable land lying in le Vic . . . between the land of William de Oniley and the land of William de Chauldon, and the great stone lying upon the said acre, to have and to hold to the said Thomas Bert., his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the accustomed services: the reserved rent being two silver pennies, payable at the feast of St. John the Baptist, during the life of the said Thomas, son of Richard. This deed was dated at Chaueldon (Chorlton), on the day of St. Mary Magdalen, 17 Edw. III. (22nd July, 1343), and witnessed by William de Oniley and William de Chauldon, *minor*, John del Berne, John, son of Richard Jordane de Cherleton, and others.³

¹ See p. 27; I would here correct as superfluous the alternative suggestion made there that this Richard de Swynnerton may have been a priest, and consequently his son Thomas an illegitimate son.

² Feet of Fines, *ex. inf.* Rev. C. Swynnerton.

³ Chorlton Deeds, *penes* Duke of Sutherland at Trentham.



SEAL FROM AN OLD DEED OF THOMAS DE SWYNNERTON, *circa* 1351.

(MS. 404 at William Salt Library, Stafford, being Seals and Arms from Original Sources.)

In 1353, John, son of Margery le Bret, of Chauleton, concedes to Thomas, son of Richard de Swynnerton, his whole lands and tenements with the appurtenances in . . . , which he had after the decease of his father and grandfather and his mother, to have and to hold the said lands and tenements to the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the accustomed services for ever. Dated at Chaueldon on the feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 27 Edw. III. (8th December, 1353).¹ Soon afterwards, namely, on the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (21st December) of the same year, John, son of . . . de Chaueldon, grants to Richard, son of William de Chaueldon and his heirs his cottage in Chauelton which William Shakeloe formerly held, with all the lands and tenements which he purchased from Thomas, son of Richard de Swynnerton, and from John, son of John, son of Robert the Smith of Madeley, to which is witness, among others, William Oneley, Lord of Chaueldon.²

In 29 Edw. III., on the Saturday next before the feast of St. Luke (17th October, 1355) Thomas, son of Richard de Swynnerton is amerced in the court of the Lord of the manor of Newcastle, for an assault on Henry del Wode, on the presentment of William de Sheprig (Seabridge) and William fitz John, the frankpledges for the vill of Hanchurch, for which he is fined 2s.³

The great manor of Newcastle-under-Lyme, which was then in the hands of Henry Duke of Lancaster, included within its limits the vills of Clayton, Hanchurch, and Seabridge, and as Butterton lay between these two last, it probably formed a part of Hanchurch at that time.

In 34 Edw. III., on the Saturday next after the feast of St. Dionysius (10th October, 1360), the frankpledges of Clayton and Seabridge presented Thomas de Swynnerton, *chivaler*, for not making his appearance at the lord's court as a tenant of lands within the manor of Newcastle.¹

¹ Chorlton Deeds (as before).

² *Ibid.*

³ Court Rolls of the Manor of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

⁴ *Ibid.* This is the first and only time we meet with Thomas de Swynnerton in the Court Rolls of Newcastle as a *knight*. Sir Thomas de Swynnerton of Swynnerton, the head of the family, was living at this time, and this entry may possibly have referred to him; but the presentation being made by the frankpledges of Clayton and Seabridge, would seem to point to a Swynnerton of Butterton as the person here referred to. Thomas de Swynnerton (probably the owner of Butterton and the son of Richard rather than a younger son of Sir John de Swynnerton of Hilton) married about the year 1356, Matilda, the widow of Sir John Latymer of Braybrook, in the county of Northampton, Knight; and as

In 42 Edw. III., 1368, it further appears from the presentments of the frankpledges of Whitmore, that Thomas de Swynnerton held lands within the manor of Newcastle.¹

In the same year Thomas the son of Richard de Swynnerton, of Cherleton, concedes to Thomas, son of Elias del Wode, of Wetemore, and Elianor, daughter of Richard de Hatton, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies legitimately begotten between them, his capital messuage and all other buildings there standing together in Shelton, between these bounds, namely, the highway from Shelton (on the one side) and le chere and the land of the Lord of Swynnerton (on the other), and also one place of land situate between these bounds, namely, the highway from Shelton Shuthethesend Banebrook and the land of the Lord of Swynnerton, with all their appurtenances, in Shelton-Harnage (Shelton-under-Airley) within the fee of Swynnerton; and likewise all his lands and tenements with their appurtenances which were formerly in the possession of the aforesaid Richard his father in the fee of Wetemore, which he had of his gift and feoffment in Swynnerton and Wetemore, and which the aforesaid Richard afterwards held of him for the term of his life; to have and to hold all the aforesaid messuages, lands, and tenements with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas del Wode and Elianor his wife, and their heirs begotten between them, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Thomas del Wode for ever, of the chief lords of that fee, by the accustomed services. Witnesses: John de Wetemore, Richard de Hatton, Nicholas de Bromley, Stephen de Cleyton, John le Clerk, and others. Dated at Shelton on Monday next after the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, 42 Edw. III (1368).² On the feast of St. Chad, 42 Edw. III. (2nd March, 1368), Thomas de Swynnerton is the chief witness of a grant by William de Chaueldon to Sibilla, daughter of Adam de Chaueldon.³

Supposing this Thomas (son of Richard) de Swynnerton to have he will have enjoyed her jointure during the four years that she lived as his wife, this might possibly account for his taking the degree of knighthood. He does not again occur, however, as a knight, either in the inquisition taken after the said Matilda's death, or in the Court Rolls of Newcastle.

¹ Newcastle Court Rolls.

² Original deed at Swynnerton. This grant of Thomas son of Richard de Swynnerton, is alluded to in my Note 3 to page 27, *ante*, but the name of the feoffee is there erroneously given as Alice del Wode, instead of Thomas son of Elias del Wode, being so taken from a schedule of Swynnerton deeds, and not from the deed itself.

³ Chorlton Deeds (as before).

been the ancestor of the Swynnertons of Butterson, he will probably have been the 2nd husband of Matilda, the widow of Sir John Latymer, of Braybrook, co. Northampton, Knight. She could not have been his wife for more than four years, for her former husband only died in 1356;¹ and she herself was dead within five years later. The writ of *diem clausit extremum* issued on the death of Matilda was dated 10th February, 35 Edw. III., 1361. The inquisition was taken at Rothe Welle in the county of Northampton, 6th March, 35 Edw. III. The jury say that Matilda who was the wife of Thomas de Swynnerton held no lands or tenements in demesne as of fee on the day of her death of the King *in capite*, or of any one else, in the county of Northampton, but she held the castle of Braybrok, which was formerly called Esthale fee, with the manor adjacent, etc., jointly with Sir John Latymer, Knight, late her husband, by the gift of John Wakelyn and others, to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies. The said castle, etc., are holden of the Lord Edward Prince of Wales, as of his honor of Huntindon, by the service of half a knight's fee. She held also in like manner a certain partice of the vill of Braybrok, called West halle fee, of the Prior of St. John, with the advowson of the church of the same, etc. The said Matilda died 18th November last past (1360). They had no issue between them, and Warine Latymer, brother of the said John Latymer, is his nearest heir.²

The next of the family I meet with in connection of the Manor of Newcastle are Roger and John de Swynnerton, whom I take to be the sons of Thomas, son of Richard de Swynnerton.

On the Saturday next after the feast of St. Martin, 3 Ric. II. (1379), ROGER DE SWYNNERTON sues Thomas Sheprugg in a plea of customs, and also John de Sheprugg, son of the aforesaid Thomas.³

In 5 Ric. II. (1382), on the Monday before the feast of the Purification, Roger de Swynnerton, John, Lord of Whitmore, and William del Thicknesse, custodian of the Manor of Newcastle, are principal witnesses to a grant of land in Clayton from Margery, the widow of Roger de Burgelon, to the Priory of Trentham.⁴ In 13 Ric. II. (1389-90), Roger de Swynnerton is amerced 4*l.* for an assault on Thomas Robynson, on the presentation of the frank-

¹ Baker's "Northamptonshire," Vol. I., p. 525.

² Inq. *p.m.*, 35 Edw. III., Part 2 (1st Nos.), No. 61.

³ Newcastle Court Rolls.

⁴ Original deed at Trentham.

pledges of Whitmore.¹ After this we hear no more of Roger de Swynnerton, and I presume he died without issue.²

JOHN DE SWYNNERTON, probably the brother of Roger, and continuator of the line, first appears as plaintiff in a plea of debt against Dionisia Wolneshes, on Saturday, the feast of St. Cecilia, 6 Ric. II. (22nd November, 1382).³ In the same year on the feast of St. Lucy the Virgin (13th December), Dionisia Wolneshes is *in misericordiâ* concerning her debt to John de Swynnerton.³

In 21 Ric. II., on 13th September (1397), the frankpledges of Whitmore presented John de Swynnerton for an assault on John de Scheperug, for which he is fined 4*l.*, and a penalty is also laid upon the vill.¹

In 8 Hen. IV., on St. Valentine's Day (14th February, 1407), Thomas Wright, *John Swynerton*, Richard de Admaston, and Thomas de Ashe became security for William Lawton that he will keep the peace towards Alice Carter, under a penalty of £20.¹

In 3 Hen. IV., on the Saturday next before the feast of St. Lucy the Virgin (December, 1401), ROGER, son of JOHN DE SWYNNERTON, is presented by the frankpledges of Hanchirche for an assault on John Elkyn, for which he is fined 2*d.*¹ He probably succeeded to the Butterton estate upon the death of his father, and was living many years afterwards. In 23 Hen. VI., on the feast of St. Philip and St. James (1st May, 1445), "Roger Swynerton of Boturton" complains of Nicholas Browne of Hanchirche and all the tenants there in a plea of customs.¹ At the same court he apparently obtains some concession with respect to a hedge and ditch on the road leading from Boturton to Hanchirche.¹ The following notices from the Court Rolls of Newcastle probably

¹ Newcastle Court Rolls.

² I was not aware of the existence of this Roger de Swynnerton (who is not mentioned in the pedigree of Swynnerton of Butterton) when writing of the Swynnertons of Swynnerton. I now think it highly probable that he was the person who occurs as the companion in arms of Sir Robert de Swynnerton in 1374, and in 1394 as the avenger of an insult to Maud, the daughter of the said Sir Robert, for which he was ordered to be detained in prison by the Commons in Parliament assembled, until he should be legally acquitted of the crime with which he was charged, and whom I had then supposed to be a brother of Sir Robert de Swynnerton (*vide ante*, pp. 24, 41, 41 *note*, 42, and 46). It is very likely that he was put to death for this breach of the law.

³ Newcastle Court Rolls. The Wolneshes generally appear in connection with Whitmore.

refer to the brothers or near relations of Roger Swynnerton of Butterton:—On 4th October, 12 Hen. IV., 1410, NICHOLAS SWYNNERTON is successful in a plea against John del Wodde, when the latter is fined two pence.¹ On 10th October, 6 Hen. VI., 1427, Nicholas de Swynnerton is amerced in the sum of 6*d.* for breach of assize of beer, on the presentation of Richard de Bromley and John Shokelage, the frankpledges of Whitmore.¹ On the Saturday next before the feast of Edmund the King, 24 Hen. VI., 1445, STEPHEN SWYNNERTON, by William Lovat his attorney, sues Roger Burgelon for a debt.¹

Roger Swynnerton, of Butterton, the son of John Swynnerton, appears to have had several sons, namely, Thomas, who succeeded him in Butterton, John, ancestor of Swynnerton of Whitmore, and probably Richard.

Of the younger sons, JOHN, son of ROGER DE SWYNNERTON, occurs in 25 Hen. VI., 1447, as one of three feoffees of Clayton lands in a deed preserved at Trentham.² John Swynnerton occurs in 4 Edw. IV. (1464–5), on a jury of the great Court of Newcastle,¹ and again in 2 Hen. VII., 6th May, 1486, when he was presented by the frankpledges of Whitmore for an assault upon John Cowy, as also for an assault upon John Boghay.

It will probably have been his son who, as ROGER, son of JOHN SWYNNERTON, occurs in the Newcastle Manor Court Rolls in a plea of customs in connection with Whitmore;³ and again, on the Saturday next before the feast of SS. Simon and Jude, 49 Hen. VI. (27th October, 1470), Roger Swynnerton was amerced in the same court for an assault upon Thomas Turner.⁴

¹ Court Rolls of Newcastle.

² Original deed *penes* Duke of Sutherland. John Swynnerton and the others were probably acting in this matter as trustees.

³ Newcastle Court Rolls. The date is rather doubtful. The detached portion of the Roll in which the name occurs is dilapidated; but it certainly belongs to the latter portion of the reign of Hen. VI. or early in that of Edw. IV.

⁴ Newcastle Court Rolls. "*Curia magna manerii Novi Castri subter Lynam tenēt. ibidem die Sab. prox. ante f. SS. Simonis & Jude anno ab inchoatione regni Regis Henrici sexti xlix. et readēptionis regie potestatis anno primo.*" On the 4th March, 1461, Henry was deposed by Edward IV.; and the last instrument issued by him is dated on the 3rd of that month; but in October, 1470, he for a short time recovered possession of the throne, and resumed the regal title. The last instrument issued in the name of Edward IV., in 1470, is dated on the 9th October; and the first which occurs in the name of Henry VI., after his restoration, is dated on the same day, the *teste* to which, and to all other documents while Henry possessed the throne, is

RICHARD SWYNNERTON occurs 6th May, 8 Edw. IV., 1468, as a juror at the Manor Court of Tunstall ;¹ and in October of the same year the vill of Brethurst (in the Manor of Tunstall) is amerced 4*d.* on the presentment of the frankpledges there, because Richard Swynnerton and Joan Elyot owed suit there and failed to appear.¹

THOMAS SWYNNERTON OF BUTTERTON (the son of Roger Swynnerton) occurs as witness to a deed of Thomas Clayton, son of Thomas Clayton of Clayton Griffin, dated on the Wednesday next before the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 33 Hen. VI., 1454, whereby he concedes to James Trauell and Robert Freyke, chaplains, all the lands within the bounds of Clayton which he had of the grant and feoffment of his uncle John Clayton.² On Saturday next before the feast of St. Martin in the winter, 4 Edw. IV. (10th November, 1464), Thomas Swynnerton sues Margaret Davenport in a plea of customs.³ On the Saturday after the feast of Whit Sunday, 7 Edw. IV., 1467, the frankpledges of Clayton and Seabridge presented that John Butterson made an assault upon Thomas Swaynarton and Thomas Paulyn and shot at them, and that the aforesaid John also made an assault upon the aforesaid Thomas with his bow and shot at him, for which John Butterson is fined 4*d.*³

On the feast of King Edward the Confessor, 11 Edw. IV., (October, 1471), Thomas Swynton came into the court of the lord of the manor of Keele and agreed with the lord for a fine of 12*d.* to have a jury of twelve men to inquire upon oath who was the next heir to Hugh Clayton and ought to have all his lands and tenements, rents and services, lying within the said lordship. It was found by inquisition that Margaret wife of Thomas Swynnerton is the nearest heir of Hugh Clayton, her brother, by the custom

given in the same words as those used above. The last instrument used by Henry VI. in the *Fœdera* is dated on the 27th March, 1471. The battle of Barnet, which was fought on Easter-day, the 14th April, in that year, again drove Henry from the throne ; but Edward was at London, and homage was rendered to him at Paul's Cross on Easter Eve, the 13th April in that year.

¹ Court Rolls of Tunstall, *penes* Rev. Walter Sneyd. On the feast of St. Dionysius, 6 Edw. IV., Roger Colclogh came into the manorial Court of Tunstall and surrendered into the hands of the Lord fitz Waryn three acres of customary land in Brethurst, which *Thomas Swynnerton* lately surrendered into the lord's hands to the use of Richard Jacson, who came into court and received seisin therein as tenant. This shows that the Swynnertons had an interest in Brethurst before the tenancy of Richard Swynnerton.

² Original deed at Trentham.

³ Newcastle Court Rolls.

of the said court.¹ At a court held at Keele on Tuesday before the feast of All Saints of the same year, Thomas Swynnerton and Margaret his wife came into court and took seisin of all the lands and tenements, rents and services, with all the appurtenances lying within the lordship of Keele, which descended to the said Margaret after the decease of Hugh Clayton, brother of the said Margaret, and paid a fine of 13s. 8d. on entry and did fealty.¹

On the feast of SS. Philip and James, 13 Edw. IV. (1st May, 1473), John Botyrtton, Roger Holbek, and Henry Botteslowe, the frankpledges of Clayton and Seabridge, presented that Thomas Swynnerton and Thomas Paulyn had broken down the hedge of the said John Boturton.²

Thomas Swynnerton occurs frequently in the Court Rolls of the manor of Newcastle and those of the manor of Keele between 12 and 22 Edw. IV.

On 13th April, 14 Edw. IV. (1474), Elen, late wife of John Clayton, appeared in the Court of the manor of Keele, by her attorney Richard Flyne, and complained that Thomas Swynnerton had unjustly detained the dower of the said Elen in land which lately belonged to Thomas Clayton, and afterwards to John Clayton, late the husband of the said Elen, and lays her damages at 30s.¹ On 19 Edw. IV., Thomas Swynnerton and Richard Hewet were assize overseers for the manor of Keele for that year.¹

On Saturday next after the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 20 Edw. IV. (9th December, 1480), John Bedulf sues Thomas Swynnerton in a plea of customs in that he had occupied some of his land at Plathede, and lays his damages at 3s.; as to which he places himself upon a jury of his countrymen, and is *in misericordia*.

At the same date Richard Hewet and Thomas Swynnerton (frankpledges) presented delinquents for breaches of assize of bread and ale.

In 23 Edw. IV., 1483, Thomas Swynnerton is amerced 1s. 2d. for stopping a highway between Seabridge and Butterton. He occurs in the Keele Court Rolls as a juror on 9th October, 1 Rich. III., 1483). According to Burke and the family pedigree he died in 1 Hen. VII. (1485-6), but according to Mr. Swynnerton's notes from the Newcastle Court Rolls, he appears to have been still living on the feast of St. Barnabas, 4 Hen. VII. (11th June, 1489).

¹ Keele Manor Court Rolls. This is the earliest date at which the Swynnertons of Butterton appear upon the Keele Rolls, and from this date they occur frequently.

² Newcastle Court Rolls.

Thomas Swynnerton married Margaret, daughter of Thomas, and sister and heiress of Hugh Clayton of Ridge Hill,¹ in the township of Onniley, the parish of Madeley, and the manor of Keele.

His wife Margaret survived him, and in 13 Hen. VII. (1497-8) Margaret Swynnerton is sued by William Clayton in a plea that she had detained from him three strikes of wheat and four strikes of oats of the value of 10s.;² and on 3rd April, 13 Hen. VII. (1498) she is in litigation with John Kendall.²

WILLIAM SWYNNERTON, of Rugge-hull or Ridge Hill (son of Thomas and Margaret), first occurs in 19 Hen. VII. (1503-4), as defendant in a suit with Thomas Palyng for detention of lands, for which the damages are assessed at £1 10s. 11d.² On 9th March, 19 Hen. VII. (1504), he recovers a debt of 16s. from William Pole of Whitmore;² and on the feast of the Assumption of the same year, 15th August, 1504, he is sued for a debt of 20s. by Richard Whitehurst.² In 20 Hen. VII., on Saturday next after the feast of St. Michael (3rd October, 1504), Ralph Egerton, Esq., sued *William Swynnerton* as the surety of William Pole in a plea of custom for destruction of his woods at Whitmore, and lays his damages at 10s. The defendant appeared in person, and having acknowledged his liability to a certain extent, was fined 2d.³ Between this time and the Tuesday next before the feast of Ascension, 23 Hen. VII. (1508), we find him frequently serving on juries for the King (*pro rege*); and according to Burke he was living in 1 Hen. VIII. (1509-10). He was succeeded by his son Thomas.⁴

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, son and heir of William Swynnerton, appeared in the Manor Court of Keele on the feast of St. Giles, 1 Hen. VIII. (1st September, 1509), and claimed to be admitted into the tenements, with their appurtenances, lately in the custody of John Clayton and afterwards of William Cleyton, Clerk, and was

¹ Burke's "Commoners of England."

² Newcastle Manor Court Rolls. Some of these Court Rolls of the time of Hen. VIII. and Edw. VI. are in the Record Office, London, but those of Elizabeth are still missing.

³ *Ibid.*, at the Record Office.

⁴ It is probable that William Swynnerton, of Butterton and Ridge Hill, had other children besides his son and heir Thomas. There was a William Swynnerton who was buried at Betley, the adjoining parish to Madeley, in which Ridge Hill was situated, on 21st October, 1562. (Betley Parish Register.) Perhaps this may have been a younger son of William Swynnerton of Butterton.

accordingly admitted on doing his homage.¹ In the same year he occurs as a juror on the Keele Court Rolls.

On Tuesday next after the Conception of the B.V.M., 4 Hen. VIII. (14th December, 1512), Thomas Swynnerton appeared in the Manor Court of Keele, and surrendered into his lord's hands a tenement near Feneygrene, with the appurtenances, and a close called Little Worbball, to the use of John Harrison, who came and took possession, to hold to himself, his heirs, and assigns, with housebote, heybote, and firebote, without waste, the reserved rent being a red rose payable annually to the said Thomas Swynnerton, his heirs and assigns, on the feast of John the Baptist, and 3s. 2d. yearly to the chief lord of the fee, for which he fines 10s.¹ In the same year, on the Saturday next after the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr, William Clerke and Thomas Cartwright, the frankpledges of Whitmore, presented Thomas Swynnerton for default of appearance in Court, for which he is fined 4d.²

On Wednesday before the feast of St. George, 5 Hen. VIII., the jury presented that John Jakyn had assaulted Thomas Swynnerton at the house of Andrew Brodok, for which John is fined 6s. 8d.¹

On Saturday before the feast of St. George, 6 Hen. VIII., Thomas Swynnerton, son and heir of William Swynnerton, appears by his attorneys, John Bedulf and Richard Helbat, in the Manor Court of Keele, and surrenders into the hands of the lord all the lands and tenements, fields, pastures, etc., in Keele, to the use of Geoffrey Snape, which Geoffrey, being present in Court, took seisin thereof, to hold to himself his heirs and assigns, on payment of the annual rent to the chief lord of the fee.¹

Thomas, son of William Swynnerton, occurs again in the Keele Court Rolls in 7 and 8 Hen. VIII., after which the remaining Court Rolls of that reign are missing; but he lived many years after this. By his will, which is dated 14th June, 1552, he orders his body to be buried at Madeley; he mentions his mansion house called "Rye Hill," Elen Swynnerton his wife, William Swynnerton, his son and heir apparent, Hugh Swynnerton his son, John Swynnerton his son, Grace Morres his daughter, and Johane

¹ Keele Manor Court Rolls.

² Newcastle Manor Court Rolls, preserved in the Record Office (*ex inf.* Rev. C. Swynnerton). The Newcastle Court Rolls of this date have somehow been separated from the rest and found their way to London. In this portion of them there are two or three other references to Thomas Swynnerton in connection with Whitmore and Clayton.

Swynnerton his daughter; he leaves the wardship and marriage of his son William to Randall Leigh, gent.¹ He died two days afterwards, having appointed the said Randall Leigh, his son Hugh,² and his daughter Joan, his executors. Besides the children mentioned in his will, he had another daughter, Elen, who was living in 1543, but probably dead before the date of his will. His widow Elen was afterwards re-married to William Rowley.

WILLIAM SWYNNERTON was a minor at the time of his father's death. In 4 Phil. and Mary, 17th February, 1558, William Swynnerton, son and heir of Thomas Swynnerton, deceased, appeared in person at the Manor Court of Keele, and received from the lord a messuage, lands and tenements within the lordship of Keele, called "le Fynnye Grene," etc., to have and to hold, saving the lord's right to hold during the minority of William, and saving also the dower of Elen Rowley, now wife of William Rowley, and late the wife of the said Thomas Swynnerton, deceased, during the term of her life. At the same Court William Rowley appears and receives the said messuages, lands and tenements, to hold during the minority of the said William Swynnerton. And at the same Court, William Granger appeared, and a jury was compounded to inquire what had been decided at a Manor Court held on 25th October, 35 Hen. VIII. (1543), concerning two messuages, with lands, etc., which Thomas Swynnerton, deceased, had given to his two daughters Elen and Joan for twenty-one years.³ William Swynnerton probably attained his majority in the following year, for on 27th September, 1 Eliz. (1559), I find William Swynnerton fined for default³ (of appearance as tenant of the fee). He again

¹ Extract from the will at Lichfield.

² If we suppose that Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterson, the son of William, was of age in 1509, when he claimed to be admitted to the Clayton inheritance, he must have been an old man when his son and heir William was born. William was a minor at the time of his father's death in 1552. He probably came of age about the year 1559. It is remarkable that Thomas Swynnerton names his "son Hugh" as one of the executors to his will, which was made immediately before his death. I should infer from this that Hugh Swynnerton was grown up in 1552, whereas he would have been quite a youth if he had been a younger son. Moreover, I find that John the son of a Hugh Swynnerton was baptized in the parish of Keele 3rd May, 1552 (Keele Parish Register). This looks as if Hugh were an illegitimate son of Thomas Swynnerton, who was probably married late in life.

³ Keele Court Rolls. William Swynnerton appears to have moved his residence from Ridge Hill in the parish of Madeley, to Butterson in the parish of Trentham, about this time. It was probably he who built the old hall at Butterson which was lately pulled down.

appears as a defaulter in 3 Eliz.; and from 5 Eliz. until 40 Eliz. (1597-8) he constantly occurs on the Keele Court Rolls. In 12 Eliz. he is again fined for default as a tenant of Onniley¹ (*i.e.*, as tenant of Ridge Hill). In the same year, on 27th June, 1570, as "William Swynnerton of Butterson," he appears in Court, and prays for leave to demise to Randle Smyth certain field at Smythiefield in Keele, etc., for twenty years.¹

On 2nd November, 34 Eliz. (1592), William Swynnerton, Thomas Swynnerton, his son and heir apparent, and Mary Swynnerton, wife of the said Thomas, appeared in the Keele Manor Court in their proper persons, and surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor one parcel of meadow called "le Lady Meadowe," and a field called the Smythie field, to remain to the use of Edward Rowley, his heirs and assigns, by the service of rendering annually to the said William Swynnerton, his heirs and assigns, one penny of lawful English money. At the same time the same parties give to Edward Rowley a pasture in Keele called the Werball.¹

In 1619, 31st March, William Swynnerton and Thomas Swynnerton both appear on the Keele Suit Roll. William must have been an aged man at this time, for he apparently came of age in 1559; but I have no reason to doubt that he lived another ten years after this, and that his burial is that which is recorded in the Trentham Register on 17th December, 1629, as that of "William Swynnerton, the elder."² William Swynnerton is said to have married Alice, daughter of William Hakin, of Ridge Hill.³ He was succeeded by his son Thomas.

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, of Butterson, the son of William, was baptized at Trentham on 4th June, 1571.² He essoigned his attendance at the Keele Manor Court in 11 James I. (1613-4), and appears on a suit roll on 31st March, 1619, during his father's lifetime.¹ On 27th June, 1633, Edward Brett and Dorothy his wife, surrendered lands in Keele to Thomas, son of William Swynnerton, of Butterson. Thomas Swynnerton did not long survive his father,

¹ Keele Court Rolls. *See ante.*

² Trentham Parish Register.

³ Chetwynd MSS. I have no knowledge of any younger children of this William Swynnerton; but there was a James Swynnerton who might have been his son, who was married at Trentham, the parish church of Butterson, 3rd December, 1593, to Katherine Maire; and an Ellen Swynnerton who was married there by dispensation to Thomas Heath, 20th September, 1614.

if, as I suppose, the above quoted entry in the Trentham Register records the death of his father. The will of Thomas Swinnerton, of Butterton, in the parish of Trentham, Yeoman, was dated 13th April, 1634, and proved at Lichfield 4th June of the same year. He directs his body to be buried in the church or chancel of Trentham, mentions his son William, also Hugh, his "second sonne," John Venables his son-in-law, and Dorotheie his wife, Thomas Lander his son-in-law, and Annie his wife, Thomas Swinnerton "his grandchild," also Jane his "daughter-in-law," Jane Venables, eldest daughter of John Venables, John Venables, and Mary Swinnerton his loving wife.¹ He appoints his kinsman John Hollins, of Moseley, and his son-in-law Thomas Lander, executors. He was buried at Trentham, 18th April, 1634, as Thomas Swinnerton the elder.² His wife Mary was the daughter of Hugh Hollins,³ of Moseley, by whom he had an elder son William, baptized 28th June, 1597;² Thomas, baptized 11th April, 1600, and buried 10th January, 1600-1;² and Hugh, of whom hereafter as ancestor of the Swinnertons of Shutlane, in the parish of Swynnerton; Dorothy, baptized 29th December, 1591,² married to . . . Venables of Keele;³ Edith, baptized 15th March, 1593(-4);² and Annie, baptized 27th January, 1604(-5),² and married by dispensation, 15th June, 1631, to Thomas Landor,² of Beech, in the county of Stafford.

WILLIAM SWYNNERTON succeeded his father at Butterton. He occurs as Churchwarden of Trentham during his father's lifetime in 1631.² From 12th October, 12 Car. I. (1636), to 1654 he frequently occurs as a juror on the Keele Court Rolls. In 22 Car. I., 14th April, 1646, he surrendered Finney Green, etc., for the use of Henry Pyott, etc.⁴ In 20th April, 1657, William Swinnerton appeared in the Manor Court and surrendered one messuage, etc., and one cottage in which John Swinnerton⁵ then lived at Finney Green, the Lady Meadow, the Worball close, the Little Croft, and certain

¹ Extract from Will at Lichfield.

² Trentham Parish Register.

³ Burke's "Commoners."

⁴ Keele Court Rolls.

⁵ John Swinnerton was in all probability an uncle of William, and brother of Thomas Swynnerton of Butterton; a John Swinnerton occurs as a tenant in a Keele Suit Roll of 1636, soon after the death of Thomas; and a John Swinnerton, probably the same person, was buried at Keele on 6th March, 1662 (-3).

arable lands to the use of Thomas Swinnerton, son and heir apparent of the said William Swinnerton; and the said Thomas appeared in court, and the lord gives him seisin thereof by the rod.¹ William Swinnerton, of Butterton, died in 1678, and was buried at Trentham on 4th May of that year.² His wife was Jane, daughter of Michael Nicholes, of Fenton, to whom he was married at Trentham on 4th February, 1622(-3);² and by whom he had a numerous issue; namely, Margaret, baptized 9th May, 1624;² Thomas, baptized 5th March, 1625;² Mary, baptized 12th October, 1628;² James, baptized 28th July, 1633;² Edward, baptized 27th March, 1631;² Edith, baptized 28th February, 1635;² Dorothy, baptized 13th January, 1638;² and Michael, baptized 9th April, 1640.² Of these, James Swinnerton, the 2nd son, was settled at Coventry. He married Anne, daughter of . . . Clarke, of Darlaston, and had issue a son John, who died in his father's lifetime, and a daughter and only surviving child, Anne, who was married to . . . Hilyard.³ Michael Swinnerton, the 4th son, was of Leek, in the county of Stafford. He married Sarah, daughter of John Falkner, by whom he had a daughter Christian.³ Margaret, the eldest daughter of William Swinnerton, was married to John Hunt, of Stoke, in the county of Stafford,³ Mary and Dorothy died in their infancy.²

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, of Butterton, son of William, occurs in his father's lifetime as a juror on 23rd April, 1669, in which same year he appeared in the Manorial Court of Keele, and surrendered Fynney Green to the use of John Cowdale.¹ He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Bentley, of Whitehurst, in the county of Stafford,³ by whom he had issue William, heir to his father, baptized 20th October, 1642; Thomas; Michael, who died young; Samuel, who died without issue in 1685; and Mary, who was baptized 30th March, 1658,² and dying unmarried³ in 1671, was buried 26th November of that year. Thomas Swinnerton, the 2nd son, married Sarah, daughter of . . . Ilsley.³ In the church of Yoxall, in Staffordshire, there is a flat stone monument to Thomas Swinnerton, of High-wall-hill, in the parish of Yoxall, Gent., 2nd son of Thomas Swinnerton, of Butterton, Gent., who died 3rd July, 1713, aged 63. The arms given on the monument are: a cross, flory, over all a bend, impaling a chevron between three Cornish

¹ Keele Court Rolls.

² Trentham Parish Register.

³ Burke's "Commoners."

choughs. Crest, a boar.¹ Thomas Swinnerton (the elder), of But-
terton, was buried at Trentham, 21st May, 1701;² and his wife
Elizabeth, 23rd April, 1681.

WILLIAM SWYNNERTON, of Butterton, Esq., was married at Tren-
tham to Elizabeth, daughter of James Bayley, of Madeley.² He
frequently occurs as a juror on the Keele Court Rolls between 1705
and 1710. On 4th October, 1710, William Swinnerton surrendered
Finney Green (a messuage and land held by John Blore); also a
cottage at Finney Green in which the said William then lived;
also a meadow called Clayton meadow, Lady meadow, with the
close called Worball, the little new Croft, some land in Garraff's
Lane, and some land at Smythie Field, etc., to the use and behoof of
Thomas Swinnerton, son and heir apparent of William Swinnerton,
and the said Thomas was admitted on payment of a fine of 13s. 6d.³

On 4th April, 10 Anne, 1711, William Swinnerton, of Butterton,
and Thomas his son and heir, appeared in the Lord's Court and
surrendered all the above named lands to the use of Thomas Peake
his heirs and assigns.³

By his wife Elizabeth, who died 5th August, 1710, aged fifty
five,² he had issue Thomas his heir, who was baptized 13th February,
1677;² John, baptized 13th January, 1693,² who was twice married.
By his first wife, Hannah, daughter of John Edwards, of Langley-
ford, in the county of Durham, he had no issue; but by his second
wife he had a son John Swinnerton, Chaplain to the Bishop of
Lichfield, and Vicar of Wybunbury, who married a daughter of
Mr. Hinkes, of Stone, but died without issue⁴ in 1802. Elizabeth,
married on 28th April, 1716, to Richard Beech of Newhouse, in
the parish of Stone, yeoman;² Jane, married at Trentham in 1713,
to Thomas Whitehurst, of Hanchurch;² and Mary, who was living
unmarried in 1835.⁴ Mr. Swinnerton died in 1724,³ and was
succeeded by his eldest son Thomas.

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, of Butterton, Esq., married 26th December,
1712,⁴ Mary, only daughter of William Abnet, Esq., of Burston Hall,
in Sandon, co. Stafford, by whom, who died in 1769, aged 86, and
was buried at Trentham on 9th March of that year,² he had with two

¹ Shaw's "Staffordshire," Vol. I., p. 101.

² Trentham Parish Register.

³ Keele Court Rolls.

⁴ Burke's "Commoners."

daughters Eliza, who died unmarried,¹ and Mary, who was married to Vaughan of London,¹ and was buried at Trentham 9th March, 1779;² a son and successor, WILLIAM SWYNNERTON, of Butterton, Esq., Barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple, Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Recorder of Stafford and Newcastle. He married first Margaret, only daughter and heir of Blest Colclough, Esq., of Eccleshall, co. Stafford, younger brother of Cæsar Colclough, Esq., of Delph House, in Cheadle, and had issue Blest Colclough Swynnerton, who died in his infancy, and was buried at Trentham 26th March, 1761;² Thomas, his heir; Margaret, who died unmarried in 1795, and was buried at Trentham;² Elizabeth, who died unmarried in 1827, and was buried at Treatham;² and Anne, married in 1773 to the Rev. Walter Bagot, of Pipe Hayes, co. Warwick, Rector of Blithfield and Leigh in the county of Stafford, and brother of William first Baron Bagot; she was buried at Blithfield 18th February 1786. Mr. Swynnerton died at Butterton, 12th October, aged 72, and was buried at Trentham 19th October, 1790.¹

THOMAS SWYNNERTON of Butterton, Esq., the last direct heir male of this ancient family, was a Barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple, and Recorder of Stafford. He married, 27th April, 1793, Mary, daughter and heir of Charles Milborne, Esq., of Wonaston, and of the Priory, Abergavenny, by his wife Lady Martha Harley, daughter of Edward 3rd Earl of Oxford, and by her, who died in London in May, 1795, had issue three daughters and coheirs; namely Martha and Mary, who were twins, and Elizabeth; of whom Martha was married, 28th December 1820, to her first cousin William Bagot, Esq., son of her aunt Anne, but died without issue; Mary was married to the late Sir William Pilkington of Chevet, in the county of York, Baronet, by whom she had issue the present Sir Lionel Milborne Swynnerton Pilkington, Baronet, owner of Butterton Hall, which was built by his father and mother; and Elizabeth, the youngest daughter, was married to Charles John Kemeys Tynte, Esq., of Halswell, in the county of Somerset, Cefn Mably, in the county of Glamorgan, and Barleigh Hall, in the county of Leicester, and died 10th May, 1838, leaving issue by him an elder son Charles Kemeys Tynte, Esq., born in 1822. Mr. Swynnerton, who was High Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1795, died in 1836, and was buried at Trentham 21st May, aged 83 years.

¹ Burke's "Commoners."

² Trentham Parish Register.

SWYNNERTON OF BUTTERTON.

Arms—Argent, a cross formée florée, sable, over all a bend gules—as given (1) on several old hatchments formerly in Trentham Church and recorded in Hadfields MSS. in the Wm. Salt Library, Stafford; (2) on a monument and in a glass window to the memory of Mrs. Walter Bagot in the church at Blithfield; (3) on a tomb formerly in the church at Yoxall, to the memory of Mr. Thomas Swynnerton (younger son of Mr. Thomas Swynnerton of Butterson), who died in 1713, as given in Shaw's "Staffordshire." On the monument recently erected in Trentham Church to the last Thomas Swynnerton, Esq., of Butterson Hall, by the Pilkington family, the bend is omitted, but this is a departure from the old rendering.

RICHARD DE SWYNNERTON, younger son of Sir Roger de Swynnerton and grandson of Stephen de Swynnerton—
of Usewall, oc. in connection with Swynnerton and Whitmore from 1311 to 1350.

Thomas, son of Richard de Swynnerton, of Chorlton, oc. in connection with Chorlton, Matilda, relict of Sir John Letymer of Braybrook, co. North-
Hanchureh, Shelton, Swynnerton and Whitmore, 1343 to 1368. ampton, Knight; d. 1361.

Roger de Swynnerton, oc. in connection with Whitmore John de Swynnerton, oc. in connection with Whitmore—
in 1389. in 1397.

Roger, son of John de Swynnerton (the first described as of Butterson),
oc. in connection with Hanchurch 1401; was living in 1445.

Thomas Swynnerton, of Margaret, dau. of Thomas Clayton
Butterson (son of Roger), of Ridge Hill, and heiress of her
oc. 1454 to 1489. brother Hugh Clayton, rel. 1497.
Whitmore

William Swynnerton, of Butterson, 1503—1509—

Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterson and Ridge Hill; Elen, rel. 1552; wife of William Rowley, Feb., William Swynnerton, oc. 1528; bur. at Betley,
oc. 1509; died 1552. 1558. 21st Oct., 1562.

Nicholas de Swynnerton, Stephen Swynnerton,
oc. 1410 to 1427. oc. 1445.

John, son of Roger de S.; Richard Swynnerton, oc.
oc. 1447 to 1468; ances- 1468.
tor of Swynnerton of
Whitmore

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William Swynnerton, of Butterton, son of Alice, daughter of William Hakyn, of Ridge Hill (Chetwynd MSS).
 and heir; under age in 1558; oc. 1559
 to 1619; "William Swynnerton the
 elder" was buried at Trentham, 17th
 Dec., 1629.

John Swynnerton, oc. 1552 (*quære* if he was a legitimate son.)
 Grace, mar. to Joan, Ellen,
 . . . Morris. 1552. 1543.

Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterton, bapt. 4 June, 1571; *d.* 1634.
 at Trentham, 4 June, 1571; *d.* 1634.

Mary, dau. of Hugh Hollyns of James Swynnerton, mar. Katherine Ellen, mar. 20 Sept., 1614, to
 Moseley. Maire, 1593. Thomas Heath.

William Swynnerton, of Butterton, bapt. 28 June, 1597; bur. at Trentham, 4 May, 1678.
 of Michael Nicholls, of Fenton; mar. 4 Feb., 1622-3 (Trentham Register.) 1600.

Thomas Swin-
 nerton, born
 and died
 1600.

Hugh Swynnerton;
see Swynnerton
 of Shutlaine.

Dorothy, bapt. 29 Dec., 1591; mar. to Venables, of Keele. 1593-4.
 Edith, bapt. 15 March, 1593-4.
 Anne, bapt. 27 Jan., 1604-5, and mar. 15 June, 1631, to Thomas Lander, of Beech, co. Stafford.

Thomas Swin-
 nerton, of But-
 terton, bapt.
 5 March, 1625;
 bur. at Trent-
 ham, 21 May,
 1701.

James Swynnerton, bapt. 28 July, 1633; of Coventry.

Anne, dau. of . . . Clarke, of Darlaston.

Edward Swin-
 nerton, bapt. 27
 March, 1631;
 of Offleyhey;
 mar. Elizabeth,
 dau. of John
 Mayden.

Michael Swin-
 nerton, bapt. 9 April, 1640; of Leek, co. Stafford.

Sarah, dau. of John Falkner.

Margaret, bapt. 9 May, 1624; mar. to John Hunt, of Stoke, co. Staf-
 ford. 1638; *d.* 1639.
 Mary, bapt. 12 Oct., 1628; bur. 24 June, 1630.
 Edith, bapt. 28 Feb., 1635.
 Dorothy, bapt. 13 Jan., 1638; *d.* 1639.

William Swinner-
 ton, of Butterton,
 Esq.; bapt. 20
 Oct., 1647; *d.*
 1724.

Thomas Swinner-
 ton, of High Wall
 Hill; mar. Sarah,
 dau. of . . . Ilsey;
d. 1713.

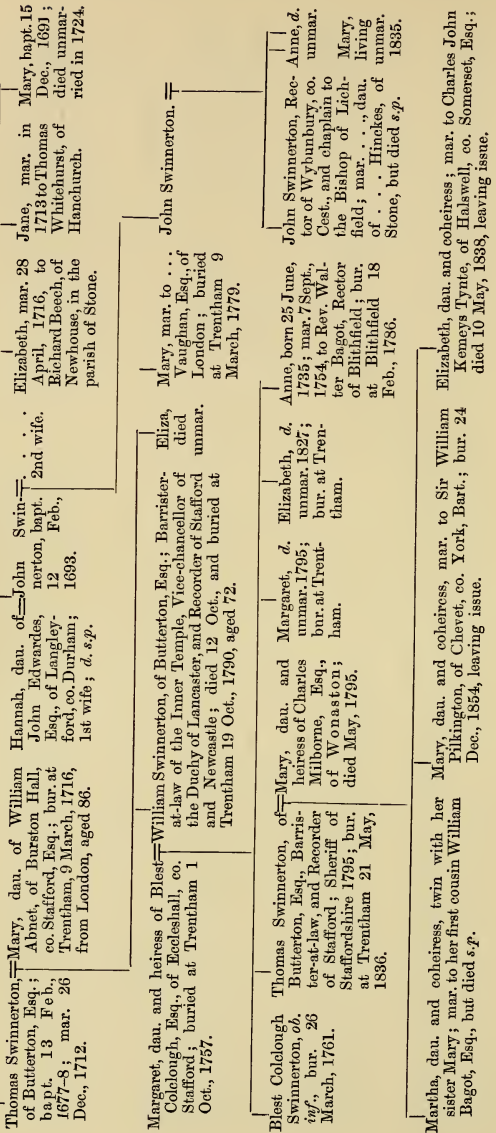
Michael Swin-
 nerton, bapt.
 and bur.
 July, 1653.

Samuel Swin-
 nerton, bapt.
 17 Nov.,
 1659; *d.* s.p.,
 1685.

Mary, bapt. 30 March, 1658; *d.* un-
 v.p. and s.p.
 mar. 1671.

John Swin-
 nerton, *d.*
 v.p. and s.p.
 Anne, only sur-
 viving child;
 mar. to . . .
 Hilyard.
 Christian.

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SWYNNERTON OF SHUT LANE.

Hugh Swynnerton, younger son of Thomas (son of William) Swynnerton, of Butterton—Fortune Walker, of Dilvern, co. Stafford.

Thomas Swynnerton, of Shutlane, —Jane Shaw, of Handley.
d. 15 Feb., 1725-6.

John Swynnerton, of Shutlane—Anne Thorneycroft; bur. 10 March, 1719-20.

Thomas Swynnerton, son of Thomas and Jane Swynnerton, of Shutlane, in—Hannah Deane, of Hanley, co. Staff.
 the parish of Swynnerton; bapt. at Whitmore 8 April, 1673.

1. James Swynnerton, son of Thomas and Hannah Swynnerton, of Shutlane—Sarah, 1729. "Widow Swynnerton from Head, bapt. at Whitmore 1 Sept., 1696; of Acton in the parish of Shutlane" was bur. 13 March, 1780.
 Swynnerton, 1722-25, apparently of Shutlane Head in 1731.

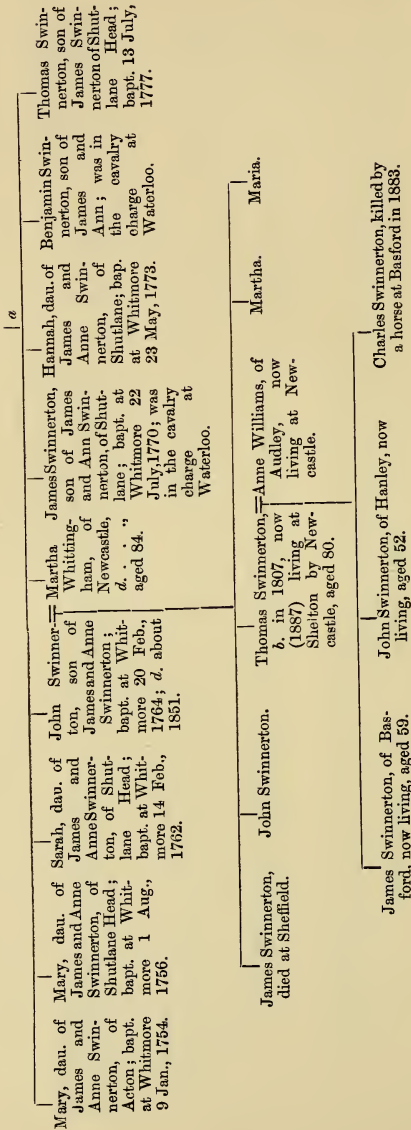
2. Jemina.

3. Kesia.

Mary, dau. of James Hannah, dau. of James Elizabeth, dau. of James Swynnerton, of Acton; Swynnerton, of Acton; James Swynnerton of Acton; bapt. at Swin- nerton, 9 Oct., 1725. bapt. at Swynnerton, 16 Feb., 1723-4.

James Swynnerton, son of James Anne, bur. at and Sarah Swynnerton, aged Whitmore, 99. Swynnerton, 7 June, 1729; of Acton in 1754, and afterwards of Shutlane Head; bur. at Whitmore, 17 Aug., 1804.

Thomas Swynnerton, son of James Swynnerton, of Shutlane Head; bapt. at Swin- nerton 2 July, 1731.



SWYNNERTON OF WHITMORE.

(CONTINUED BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON.)

In 7 Edward II., 1314, in the Octaves of Easter, there was a final concord between Ralph the son of John de Whitmore and Roger the son of Roger de Swynnerton, concerning the manor of Whitmore, whereof was plea. The complainant Ralph de Whitmore acknowledged the said manor to belong to the deforciant Roger de Swynnerton as of the gift of complainant, and for this acknowledgment Roger de Swynnerton granted to the complainant the said manor to hold of him for ever, rendering a rose yearly, and performing to the chief lords of the fee, on behalf of the deforciant, the services appertaining, and if Ralph de Whitmore died without issue, then the manor of Whitmore was to revert to Roger de Swynnerton.¹

This was the Roger de Swynnerton who subsequently became so distinguished, and who was summoned to Parliament as a Baron. He had a younger brother Richard de Swynnerton, of Cherleton (Chorlton), who at the time of the great feud between the de Swynnertons and the de Staffords in the reign of Edward II., made himself particularly conspicuous, and who in 1350, apparently for purposes of penance, made the pilgrimage to Rome.²

RICHARD DE SWYNNERTON, being the younger son of Sir Roger de Swynnerton, Knt., of Swynnerton, whose effigy in the character of a Crusader lies in Swynnerton Church, and the younger brother of Sir Roger de Swynnerton of Swynnerton the Baron, was the ancestor of the Swynnertons of Whitmore.

Deed No. 1, at Swynnerton, dated Monday after the Epiphany of the Lord, 42 Edw. III., in the possession of Basil Fitzherbert, Esq., expressly states that Richard de Swynnerton of Cherleton (Chorlton) held lands in Whitmore which he enjoyed until the day of his death (*ad totam vitam suam*), and that his son Thomas de Swynnerton held the same lands after him. That Thomas's descendants also held lands in Whitmore as well as in other parts of the great manor of Newcastle-under-Lyme, the ancient Court Rolls abundantly testify.³ It is not however until we come to Roger Swynnerton, occurring in and after the year 1470, that we find

¹ "Feet of Fines, Staffordshire," No. 79, at Stafford.

² See *ante*, pp. 25-27.

³ For some account of his immediate descendants, see Canon Bridgeman's account of Swynnerton of Butterson (*ante*).

members of this family in actual *residence* within the fee of Whitmore. The father of this Roger was John de Swynnerton, who was the son of Roger de Swynnerton (of Butterton),¹ who, as we have seen, was the son of another John de Swynnerton, the son of the aforementioned Thomas de Swynnerton and Matilda Lady of Braybrooke. With this John de Swynnerton, therefore, the son of Roger de Swynnerton (of Butterton),¹ and the father of Roger Swynnerton of Whitmore, begins the special descent.

In 25 Hen. VI., 1447, on the Monday next before the feast of St. Margaret the Virgin, Sir Robert Kervyle, the Chaplain, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, conferred by charter on "JOHN son of ROGER DE SWYNNERTON," William Lovott of Halleclayton, and Thomas Clayton, the son of John Clayton, senior, dwelling in Weston Coyne, all the lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, with their appurtenances, which he Robert Kervyle and Henry Penckehull the Chaplain lately had in trust of the gift and enfeoffment of John Clayton of Halleclayton, late deceased, to have and to hold all the said lands, etc., to the aforesaid "John Swynnerton," etc., their heirs and assigns, which also the said Robert Kervyle, Chaplain, would warrant and for ever defend to the aforesaid "John son of Roger de Swynnerton," etc., against all men. Witnesses: John Machon of Penckehull, Roger his son, and others.²

John Swynnerton occurs again as juror in the Court Baron of Newcastle in 4 Edward IV. (1464-5), and he appears to have been living also in 1486, in which year, on 6th May, John Swynnerton, *juratus*, is presented by the frankpledges of Whitmore for assaults on John Cowy and John Boghay of Whitmore.³

ROGER the son of JOHN DE SWYNNERTON occurs at Whitmore on a roll dated late in Henry VI., or early in Edward IV., in which Richard de Bromley sues him in a plea of debt.³

In 49 Henry VI., 1470, Roger Swynnerton is fined for an

¹ Since these pages went to press, I have found this Roger described, in 6 Hen. V., 1418, as *Roger Swynerton de Acton*. (Subsidy Roll $\frac{177}{30}$ in Record Office.) As *Roger Swynerton de Boturton* he appears in the Newcastle Manor Roll of 23 Hen. VI., 1445. At the "Manor House" of Acton he must have resided, therefore, at least in 1418, holding on lease the lands there, which are part of Swynnerton, and which, lying between Butterton and Whitmore, adjoin both those places.

² Original deed at Trentham, *penes* the Duke of Sutherland. In a later Clayton deed, 33 Hen. VI., 1455, the chief witness is, "Thomas Swynarton de Butterton."

³ The Court Rolls of Newcastle-under-Lyme, in charge of Herbert S. Cooper, Esq., the Steward.

assault on John Turnor. In 12 Edw. IV., 1471, on the festival of St. Dionysius (Denys), Roger Swynnerton and William Asburye, the two frankpledges of Whitmore, present to the Court Baron assembled at Newcastle, that all within their jurisdiction proceeds well. In 16 Edw. IV., 1476, he is a frankpledge for Whitmore. In 22 Edw., IV. 1481, on the 12th October, Roger Swynnerton being one of the King's jury, and also frankpledge for Whitmore, presents the heir of John Davynport for suit of service.¹

In 1 Rich. III., 1483, on the Saturday next after the festival of St. Giles, he is essoigned for non-attendance.

In 2 Hen. VII., 1486, there was a disturbance with bloodshed at Whitmore, in which John Boghay assaulted Roger Swynnerton, and Roger Swynnerton assaulted John Boghay, on account of which both were presented to the jury at Newcastle, and were *in misericordia*. It was on this occasion that John Swynnerton, *juratus*, also assaulted John Boghay, and all three defendants were bound over to keep the peace under a penalty of forty shillings.

In 4 Hen. VII., 1488, on the morrow of the festival of St. Paul, Roger Swynnerton was a member of the King's jury. In 5 Hen. VII., 1489, on the vigil of St. Andrew (29th November), Thomas Whystones sues Roger Swynnerton in a suit of customs.

The character of the two following extracts renders it just possible that Roger Swynnerton deceased about this time, leaving a widow Margaret, and a son Roger, as well as his two undoubted sons Richard and John. I am disposed, however, to think that this was not so, that the same Roger occurs all through, and that Margaret was really the relict of Thomas Swynnerton of Butterton.

In 7 Hen. VII., 1491, Roger Ashley sues William Chaldon and Richard Cartwright, the pledges of Roger Swynnerton, in a plea of debt of eleven shillings; and in a separate suit the same Roger Ashley sues the same pledges or securities of Roger Swynnerton for a debt of twelve pence. At the same court Margaret Swynnerton and William Chaldon are both suing Roger Ashley in a plea of debt.

In 11 Hen. VII., 1495, on the 30th January, Thomas Henson and Roger Swynnerton appear in complaint against Robert Boghay respecting a sum of 23s. 4d. due from him to the use of the Prior of Trentham. On the 20th February in the same year the jury empower John Bromley, Roger Swynnerton, Stephen Howle, and

¹ The Court Rolls of Newcastle-under-Lyme, in charge of Herbert S. Cooper, Esq., the Steward, and so also the extracts following.

Richard Wigan to distrain on Robert Boghay of Whitmore to the extent of 21s., in the aforesaid matter of dispute between him and the Prior of Trentham.

In 9 Hen. VII., 1493, Stephen Boghay, Chaplain, through Roger Swynnerton his attorney, sues William Machyn in a plea of detinue to the extent of vi. s. viii. d. In the same year Thomas Palyn of Butterton impleads Roger Swynnerton for a debt of 23s. In 16 Hen. VII., 1500, Roger Swynnerton appears in a plea of debt against Thomas Clayton of Clayton. [Out of numerous other references I quote also the following]:—

In 1 Hen. VIII., 1509, Humphrey Boghay, Roger Swynnerton, and Richard Swynnerton are security for John Bromley to keep the peace.

In 2 Hen. VIII., 1509, on the 13th April, Roger Swynnerton and John Bromley, the frankpledges for Whitmore, among several other presentments, report that Robert Spalt and his family had made an attack on Stephen Boghay the Chaplain, and taken from him a horse and a mare against the law.

In 5 Hen. VIII., 1513, on the Thursday next after the festival of All Saints, Roger Swynnerton and John Pyckyn, the frankpledges of Whitmore, report all well to the jury at Newcastle.

This is the last reference I find to Roger Swynnerton among the Manor Court Rolls of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

RICHARD son of ROGER SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore. Of his two sons Richard and John, I treat of Richard first, because (1) his name occurs first in time on the Rolls; and (2) his will bears the earlier date.

In 19 Hen. VII., 1503, on the Saturday next after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, RICHARD, the son of ROGER SWYNNERTON, with John Bromley and certain others at Whitmore, in the county of Stafford, and under the Duchy of Lancaster, broke into the house of Roger Wigan, at the hour of seven o'clock before noon (*ad horā de vii. de clocke ante meridiem*) by force of arms, against the King's peace, and each of them is fined twelve pence for the trespass.¹

In 21 Hen. VII., 1506, on the festival of St. Denis, Ralf Heywood and William Pole, the frankpledges of Whitmore, present Richard Swynnerton and Robert Spalt as the frankpledges of the same vill for the year next ensuing.¹

¹ Manor Rolls at Newcastle.

In 23 Hen. VII., 1507, on the festival of St. Venetia (20th December), Robert Spalt and Richard Swynnerton, the frankpledges, present that everything is satisfactory within their supervision at Whitmore.¹

In 1 Hen. VIII., 1509, on the Saturday next before the feast of the Ascension, John Bromley de Wettemore, Richard Swynnerton, Roger Swynnerton, Randolf Wareless, William Machyn, and Richard Poynton, through their attorney, Richard Smyth, sue Thomas Piott and his wife and Hugh Clayton in a plea of customs appertaining to waste lands near Holbeche; damages *vi.s. viii.d.*¹

On the same roll we have Roger Swynnerton and Richard Swynnerton becoming pledge or security (*manuceperunt plegium*) for John Bromley and Rondolf Warelow that they will keep the peace against Robert Spalt, under penalty of £10.¹

At the same court John Bromley and Rudolf Warelow take similar pledges of Roger Swynnerton and Richard Swynnerton to keep the peace towards Robert Spalt, under penalty of £10.¹

In the same year Humfry Boghay, Roger Swynnerton, and Richard Swynnerton are bound over in a penalty of £10 to keep the peace of the Lord the King, and especially towards *John Spalt*, up to the next meeting of the Court Baron to be held at Newcastle.²

In 12 Hen. VIII., 1520 on the 22nd September, Richard Swynnerton, William Heywood, and Robert Lovatt appear in answer to a summons for assault.¹

In the same year Richard Swynnerton is essoigned for non-attendance respecting some land at *Clayton*; and in another entry in the same roll we find him paying his dues into court for the same place.¹

In 14 Hen. VIII., 1522, on the 13th September, Richard Swynnerton and Roger Wygan, the frankpledges of Whitmore, came and presented John Bromley, jun., for an assault on Thomas Oldershaw; and the said John is *in misericordia*.¹

In 34 Hen. VIII., 1542, on the 24th November, Richard Swynnerton, of Whitmore, appears for the last time at Newcastle as one of the grand jury for the manor.¹ In 1547 he died, leaving several sons, all of whom are mentioned in his will, which was proved at Lichfield on the 5th July, and which, as it is an admirable example of the wills of that period, I quote in full as follows:—

“In dei noīe aīnū decimo octav̄ die meīs Ap̄plis anō doī M^{lmo}oiiii^{mo} XL^{mo}o

¹ The Newcastle Manor Rolls.

² From some Newcastle Manor Rolls at the Record Office.

Septiō I Ryehd Swyñton of the pech of Wytmōr wholl of myend and p̄fect of remeīmans make my wyll or testamēt after thys man^r. First I bequeth my soule to Allmighty God to our ladye sent Marie and to all the holye cōpanye of heyvyn and my bodye to be buried in the churcheyarde of Wytmōr also I bequeth to the church of Wytmōr hys ryght and dow, also I gyf and bequeth to the church of Wytmōr xii.d.

“It. I bequeth to John my son a kow and to K̄por a cow and to Thomas and M̄gett eyther of them a kow at the discretion of John my brother and Sir Thōms Howle my curat besyde their chylds p̄. Also I bequeth to my dought^{rs} chylrne Jone and Anne (?) Wryght eyther of them a shepe. It. I give to Felis Swyñton my sons dauyghtr a shepe. It. to George Cartwryght a shepe and to Thōms Cartwryght and to John hys brother eyther of them a shepe and to ēv̄ry godchylde ij.d. and to my curat Sir Thōms xvi.d. also I bequeth to Stephyn my son a twynty^r heyfur the s^d for all his chylds pt also I bequeth to John my brother my chamlett doublett. It. I gyf to John Swyñton Rog^s son a shepe. It. I give to John Swyñton a heyfur of iij. yers olde yt ys in Hanchurch. It. I gyf to X̄por a bron kow w^t I gaf him afor my brother John Swyñton for hys payn takyn wt me. It. I gyf to John my brother my best jacket and my hat. It. to X̄por a cofur yt I had of Sir Thōms Howle. The residue of all and sengler my goodes aft^r my buryans and my debts pay^d to remayn to John my son X̄por and Thōms my sons these beyng my debts to John my son viii.s.

“These I make my execut^{rs} Sir Thōms Howle my curat and John Swyñton my brother that the fullfyl ys my last wyll for the helth of my soule and all Christian soules. These being witnesses Nycolas Bowes, Thomas Low, and Stephen Berdmore wt. other.”

The inventory attached to the will, and made on the 28th June by Roger Low and John Berdmore, contains special reference to corn “upon the ground at Manor Grene.”

John Swynnerton, Richard's eldest son, was buried at Whitmore on the 14th April, 1560.¹ His will, which was proved at Lichfield, is dated the 12th of April in the same year, which therefore was probably the day of his death. He left a wife Ellen, who, on the 3rd December, 1565, was married again to John Renshaw, and two daughters, Felys (Felicia), who was living in 1547, and Alys, to whom, with his wife, he leaves all his goods; but he left no sons. His soul he commends to “Allmightie God to our ladye Sent Marye and to all the wholye companye of heyven,” and his “bodye to be buried in the churcheyard of Wyttemore.” One of his witnesses is his brother Christopher.

Christopher, the third son of John Swynnerton, died without issue in 1570, and was buried at Whitmore.¹ His will is dated 6th November, 1570, and it was proved 14th September, 1571. Having no issue, he bequeaths his goods to Elizabeth his wife.

¹ Church Register at Whitmore.

Stephen, the fourth son, settled in Trentham with his sister Margaret, who was buried there in December, 1569.¹ He left no issue. His wife Maud pre-deceased him, having been buried at Trentham on the 23rd February, 1572.¹ His will was dated the 24th February, and proved the 26th April, 1575. He directs his "body to be buried in the chapelyarde of Whitōre within the perryshe of Stooke." He divides his goods amongst John Cooke, of Cotes, in the parish of Eccleshall, John Cartwright, of the same parish, John Cartwright, of Hanford within the parish of Trentham, and Alice Cartwright, of Whitmore, equally. He leaves legacies to the poor of Trentham and Whitmore. Among a great number of other persons apparently connections, he mentions his sister Elizabeth Wright, and John her son, but he makes no reference to any of his own family at Whitmore.

THOMAS SWYNNERTON, the second son of Richard Swynnerton, of Whitmore, was the only brother who seems to have left male issue. He occurs in his father's will in 1547, and he was buried at Whitmore on the 10th April, 1570.² Thomas Swynnerton's will does not appear among those now at Lichfield, and it is probably lost. Besides his son John, he must, I think, have had another son Richard, who occurs as overseer of the parish of Whitmore in 1605.¹ In the previous year, 1604, Richard Swynnerton is presented by Edward Swynnerton the frankpledge at Whitmore for having broken the assize of beer.³ In 1601, on the 7th October, he is elected frankpledge for the following year.³ In 11 James I., 1613, on the 30th September, he is again presented for an offence against the assize of bread and beer.³ He appears to have been twice married. By his first wife Agnes, who died in March, 1606, he had issue a son William, buried on the 16th July, 1602, and two daughters, Alice, born in July, 1603, and Sarah, born in October, 1605.² By Ann his second wife, who was buried at Whitmore on the 31st March, 1648, he had another son Roger, baptized on the 1st January, 1609.² Roger in turn married another Ann, and had issue two sons, (1) George, baptized at Whitmore on the 15th September, 1644, and (2) Isaac, baptized at Maer on the 1st April, 1649, together with two daughters, (1) Katherine, baptized both at Whitmore and at Maer in September and October, 1646; and Jane, baptized at Maer on the 28th September, 1651.⁴ The subsequent fortunes of these children I have not yet discovered.

¹ Church Register at Trentham.

² Church Register at Whitmore.

³ Manor Rolls, Newcastle.

⁴ The Whitmore and Maer Registers.

JOHN SWYNNERTON, "the son of Thomas Swynnerton," of Whitmore, was baptized at Keele on the 8th January, 1553.¹ In the years 1603 and 1604 he was overseer and Churchwarden of the parish of Whitmore. By his wife Margaret he had two sons, namely, Edward his successor, and Thomas who was baptized on the 29th November, 1607, and buried on the 4th November, 1608. He had also a daughter Ann, baptized on the 22nd September, 1609.¹

He himself was buried on the 12th December, 1613, at the age of sixty.¹ The inventory of his goods was made in the following March, by Edward Low and John Bolton, and on the 29th July letters of administration were granted at Lichfield to his widow and relict Margaret.²

EDWARD SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore, the only surviving son of John, was baptized at Whitmore on the 29th August, 1602. On the 24th November, 1632, in the Church of Barthomley, he married Debora Smith, of Haslington, in the neighbouring parish of Barthomley; but he died about the date of the birth of his only son, at the age of thirty-one, and was buried at Whitmore on the 23rd December, 1633.³ The inventory was made at Whitmore on the 22nd May, 1634, by William Lownes, John Willcock, James Astbury, and Peter Middleton, and the letters of administration were issued at Lichfield the next day; but Debora his wife does not appear to have attended.¹

JOHN SWINNERTON, of the township of Haslington, in the parish of Barthomley, whom I take to have been a posthumous child of Edward Swynnerton, of Whitmore, may have been born at Whitmore, but more probably among his mother's relations at Haslington. The proofs of the connection of John Swinnerton of Barthomley with the Swynnertons of Whitmore consist *inter alia* of the three following extracts:—

(1.) FROM BARTHOMLEY. "Edward Swynnerton and Debora Smith matrimonio conjunct. vicesimo quarto die Novemb. 1632. Per licenciam."

(2.) FROM WHITMORE. "Edwardus Swinerton maritus Deboræ Swinerton, sepultus Decemb. 23rd, 1633."

(3.) FROM BARTHOMLEY. "John, son of Edward Swinnerton of Whitmore, defuncti, bapt. decimo nono die January, 1633" [1634].

¹ The Whitmore and Keele Registers.

² Administrations at Lichfield.

³ Whitmore and Barthomley Registers.

John Swinnerton married Ann Cartwright at Barthomley on the 12th December, 1663, and he had by her a son John. He himself died at Haslington, and he was buried at Barthomley on the 28th July, 1705, his wife Ann having pre-deceased him in April, 1695.¹

JOHN SWINNERTON, of Haslington, the son of John, was born in the year 1664, as was shown by his monumental inscription at Barthomley. On the 14th of January, 1694, he married in the Church of Barthomley Sarah, a daughter of Thomas Symond, who was also of Haslington. She was born at Haslington, and baptized there on the 28th of April, 1661.² By her he had two sons, (1) John (*John fil. Johan*)² baptized at Haslington, 8th December, 1695, and (2) Thomas (*filius Johannis Swinnerton et Saræ uxoris ejus*),³ baptized at Church Lawton, 19th December, 1701. He had also four daughters, namely, Ann and Mary, twins, baptized at Barthomley 20th September, 1694, and buried on the 3rd and 7th October respectively; Martha, twin with his son John, baptized on the 14th December, 1695; and a second Mary, baptized on the 30th January, 1699. His wife Sarah was buried at Barthomley, 13th September, 1704,¹ when he himself moved from Crewe Green in Haslington to a farm in the adjoining parish of Betley, where he was buried on the 25th November, 1713.⁴

JOHN SWINNERTON, of Haslington, the son of John, was born as above stated at Haslington, and baptized there on the 8th October, 1695.⁴ In or about 1730 he married Mary said to have been one of the Swinnertons of Shutlane, who was born in the year 1701. By her he had three sons, (1) John, who was baptized at Barthomley, 28th November, 1731, and who, having settled at Chester, left by Elizabeth Pemberton his wife a son Thomas, who is now represented by William Swinnerton of that city; (2) Thomas, of Betley, baptized at Barthomley, 29th December, 1733, who married and had issue;⁴ and (3) William, of Betley, of whom we shall speak presently. He also had a daughter Mary, who was baptized at Betley, 12th December, 1736.⁴

John Swinnerton either acquired or inherited a small freehold in Betley known as Hodgkin's Crop, together with a dwelling house

¹ Barthomley Register.

² The Haslington Church Register.

³ The Lawton Register.

⁴ The Haslington, Barthomley, and Betley Registers.

then (and still) called Paradise. He must have settled in Betley before 1738, since in that year he served the office of Churchwarden.² It was he who had engraved on copper, by way of bookplate, the armorial ensigns to which he believed himself entitled, and which were: *argent* a cross flory *sable* over all a bend *gules*, and for crest a boar. This plate was until recently in the possession of his descendants at Chester. Its assumption indicates his relationship with the Swynnertons of Butterton, who as Guillim and Shaw both intimate, had begun to display those arms, which were also the arms of the Swynnertons of Eccleshall, towards the end of the seventeenth century. Some impressions of the plate are in the possession of the writer of this account.¹

John Swinnerton died on the 30th of July, 1782, at the age of eighty-seven, and was buried at Betley. His wife Mary survived him, dying on the 30th June, 1797,² at the age of ninety-six, and was laid by her husband's side.²

WILLIAM SWINNERTON, of Betley, his father's third son, succeeded as the representative of the family at Betley, at the age of forty-three, having been baptized at Betley, 25th February, 1740. On the 27th May, 1762, he married Hannah, a daughter of Joseph Hilditch, of Betley, who was baptized at Betley on the 21st February, 1741, and by whom he had four sons and six daughters. His sons were, (1) John, who was born on the 30th July, 1770, and who died on the 7th March, 1797, leaving another John; (2) William, who was born on the 7th May, 1772, and who died on the 12th October, 1839, leaving by his wife Margaret seven sons and four daughters, of whom one son William still survives at Betley; (3) Ralph, who was born 2nd December, 1773, and who died on the 3rd July, 1858, leaving two sons, James and William, of whom James still survives; and (4) Joseph, of Chester, who was born at Betley, on the 6th of March, 1777, and who marrying Hannah, a daughter of Daniel Dod, of West Chester, and dying at Liverpool, 23rd July, 1836, had by her six sons and two daughters, of whom the fifth son Charles, born on the 19th October, 1813, at Liverpool, still survives at Douglas, in the Isle of Man, and of whom the eldest

¹ F. Gwyllim's "Display of Heraldry," Edition of 1724, chap. viii., p. 74. Also Shaw's "Staffordshire," by Stebbins, Vol. I., p. 101.

² Betley Registers, and so also the following.

son William is represented by Swinnertons in Liverpool, Australia, and New Zealand.¹

Besides his four sons, William Swynnerton, of Betley, had six daughters, namely: Ann, Mary, Lydia, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Hannah.

His will was dated the 30th of March, 1801, and proved at Lichfield on the 28th October, 1809, in which year he died, on May the 31st. In his will he leaves the whole of his property, with the exception of the various legacies, to his wife Hannah for her life, and he directs that on her death his executors shall convert into money all his "farming-stock, utensils of husbandry, household goods, furniture," the "lease" of some house property in Betley, "his freehold land and dwelling house called Hodgkin's Croft" (the same being subject to forty-shillings a year to the Master of the Charity School in Betley), "together with the plants, shrubs, fruit-trees, etc., that shall be thereon growing," and after the payment of the stated legacies, that they shall divide the proceeds among his four children, "William, Ralph, Joseph, and Hannah," the wife of the Rev. Wm. Evans, of Stoke, reserving his "books on botany and gardening" specially for his son William, and allowing to him also the "possession of his farm and the benefit of the lease thereof." William Swynnerton died at the age of seventy, leaving behind him a name for manly uprightness of character: "He was a kind father, a faithful husband, a good neighbour, and an honest man." So runs his epitaph in Betley Churchyard.

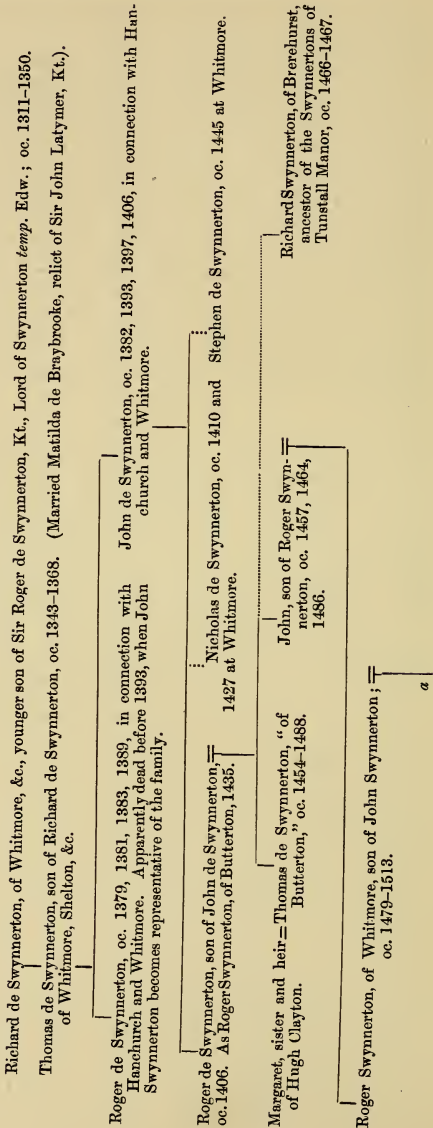
His wife Hannah survived him until the 20th March, 1828, on which day she also died, and was buried in the same grave as her husband, when the terms of his will were duly fulfilled.

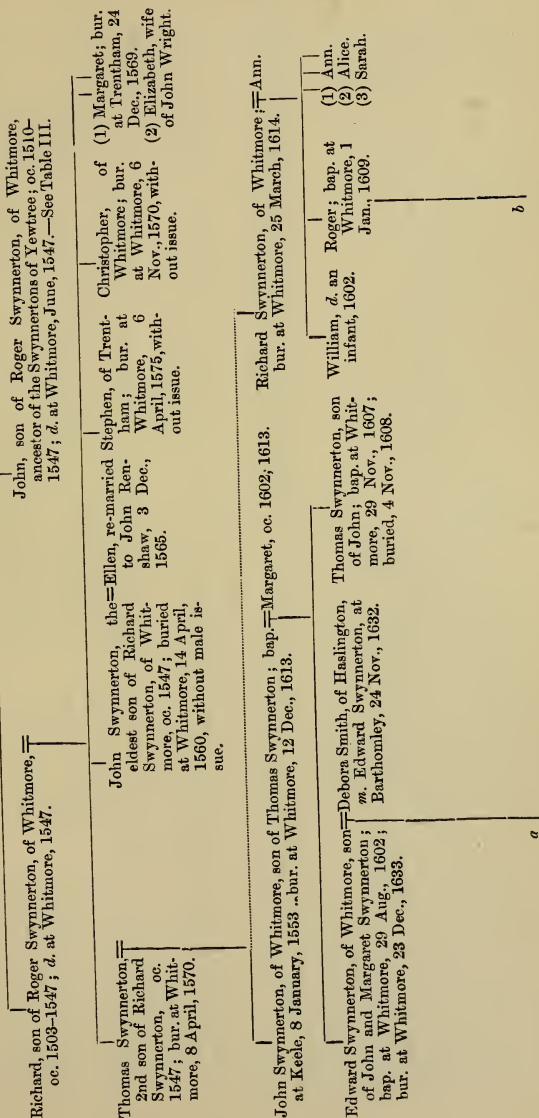
¹ Family records and monumental inscriptions.

SWYNNERTON OF WHITMORE.

Arms—Argent, a cross flory sable, over all a head gules.
 (As traditionally received, and as given by Guillim and Shaw.)

TABLE I.





a

John Swynnerton, of Haslington, son of Ann Cartwright, of Haslington; Edward and Debora Swynnerton, of Whitmore; baptized at Barthomley, 19 January, 1684; buried at Barthomley, 12 September, 1705.

John Swynnerton, of Haslington, s. of John and Ann Swynnerton; born at Haslington, 1664; buried at Betley, 25 November, 1713.

John Swynnerton, of Betley, son of John Swin—Mary [Swynnerton], b. 1701; nerton, of Haslington; baptized at Haslington, 8 December, 1695; died at Betley, 30 July, 1782.

John Swynnerton, of Chester, son of John and Mary Swynnerton; baptized at Barthomley, 28 November, 1731. Ancestor of the Swynnertons now resident at Chester.

Thomas, baptized at Barthomley, 29 December, 1733; buried at Betley, 19 July, 1772, leaving issue.

William, of Betley, son of John and Mary Swynnerton; baptized at Betley, 25 February, 1740; died at Betley, 31 May, 1806.

Hannah, dan. of Joseph Hilditch, of Betley; baptized at Betley, 21 February, 1741; m. William Swynnerton, at Betley, 27 May, 1762; died at Betley, 20 March, 1828.

Mary, baptized at Betley, 12 December, 1736.

b

George; bap. at Whitmore, 15 Sept., 1644. Issac; bap. at Maer, 28 Sept., 1651. (1) Katherine, (2) Ann, (3) Jane.

John Swynnerton, of Haslington, s. of Thomas Symond, of Haslington; baptized at Haslington, 28 April, 1661; m. John Swynnerton, at Barthomley, 14 January 1694; buried at Barthomley, 13 September, 1704.

Thomas, baptized at Lawton, 19 December, 1701. 1. Mary } baptized at Barthomley, 29 September, 1694. 2. Ann }

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John Swinnerton, son of William and Hannah; born at Betley, 30 July, 1770; died at Betley, 7 March, 1797, leaving issue.

William, born at Betley, 7 December, 1773; died at Betley, 3 July, 1858, leaving issue, James and William.

Ralph, born at Betley, 2 December, 1773; died at Betley, 3 July, 1858, leaving issue, James and William.

Joseph, of Chester; born at Betley, 6 March, 1777; died at Liverpool, 23 July, 1836.

Joseph, dau. of Daniel Dod, of Chester; b. 21 February, 1776; d. 10 January, 1840.

1. Ann, wife of Hugh Cork, of Betley.
 2. Mary, wife of William Hodgkins, of Craddock's Moss.
 3. Lydia, wife of William Plant, of Stockport.
 4. Sarah.
 5. Elizabeth, twin with John.
 6. Hannah, wife of Rev. W. Evans, of Stoke.

William Swinnerton, son of Joseph and Hannah; born at Chester, 11 Feb., 1798; died at Liverpool, 26 January, 1861, leaving issue.

John, born at Newcastle, 27 July, 1802, leaving issue.

Joseph, born in London, 27 July, 1802, leaving issue.

Daniel, born at Newcastle, co. Stafford, 22 August, 1810.

Charles, of Douglas, Glas, born at Liverpool, 19 October, 1813; now living.

Mary, dau. of Robert of Calhister, of Castletown; baptized at Malew, 25 Machin, July, 1809; died at Douglas, 1 January, 1874.

1. Mary, wife of John Machin.
 2. Ann, wife of John Cutt.

Mark Swinnerton, of the United States, eldest son of Charles and Mary; m. Sarah Garrett of Glenwood, Iowa, U.S., and has issue, Charles, Mary, and Sarah.

Charles Swinnerton, one of H.M.'s Chaplains.

Maud, dau. of Major H. W. Massy, of Rosanna, co. Tipperary; died at Mussoorie, 8 Nov. 1882.

Robert, in business; m. Olivia, dau. of Henry Sylvani, of Edinburgh.

Joseph William, Sculptor of Rome; m. Annie Robinson, of Manchester, Artist.

Robert, in business; m. Olivia, dau. of Henry Sylvani, of Edinburgh.

Charles Swinnerton, one of H.M.'s Chaplains.

Frederick, Artist, of Rome.

Katherine Margaret, m. Robert Platt, Blakeley Esq., of Manchester, and has issue, Charles Swinnerton Blakeley, b. 12 Nov., 1870; Gertrude Mona, b. 25 Nov., 1866; Katherine Swinnerton, b. 6 July, 1868; Edith Mary Platt, b. 8 July, 1874; Maud Giuseppina, b. 9 October, 1875.

Charles Francis Massy Swinnerton, born at Folkestone, 3 Dec., 1877.

William Henry, born and died at Abbotsbad, 14 Feb., 1880.

Alice Maud Massy, born at Pusalava, Ceylon, 2 Sept., 1875; d., same place, 7 March, 1876.

Gertrude Mary Massy, born at Mussoorie, 18 Sept., 1882.

Robert Henry, b. 17 Sept., 1876.

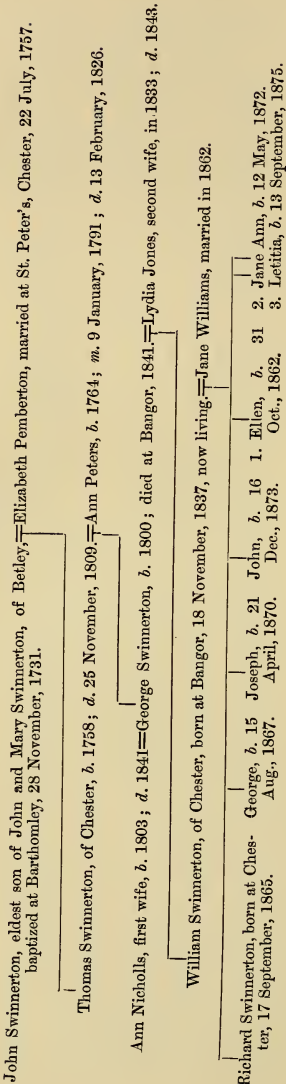
Charles Mark, born at Douglas, 10 April, 1875.

Godfrey Joseph, b. 1885.

1. Frances Amelia, b. 18 Oct., 1872.
 2. Olivia Mary, b. 6 April, 1878.
 3. Florence Gertrude.

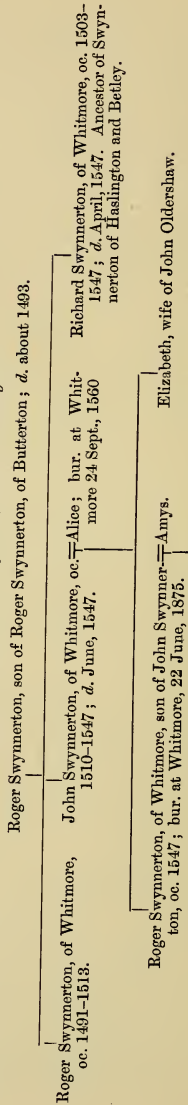
DESCENDANTS OF JOHN SWYNNERTON, OF CHESTER.

TABLE II.



SWYNNERTON OF YEW TREE (WHITMORE).—TABLE III.

Arms—*Argent*, a cross flory *sable*, over all a bend *gules*.



a

Edward Swinnerton, = Mary, *d.* of Thoma-
of Yewtree, son of mas and Eliza-
Thomas and Mary; both Burnes, of
bap. at Whitmore, 28 Whitmore.
May, 1717; bur. at
Whitmore, 19 May,
1778, *s.p.*

Thomas, heir to his = Sarah, *d.* of Wm.
brother Edward; bap. Furnivall, of Sand-
at Whitmore, 5 Feb., bach; *d.* at New-
1720; Mayor of New- castle, 25 Jan., 1812.
castle, 1756; *d.* at was Mayor of Macclesfield
Newcastle, 8 Nov., in 1846. See Table V.

1. William Swinnerton, son of Thomas Swinnerton, of John; bap., 29 Aug., Walt- 2. Sarah; bap. at Newcastle,
Thomas and Sarah; *d.* at Yewtree; bap. at 1766; Mayor of bap. at Newcastle, 22 June, 1764; *d.* at Bram-
Newcastle, 3 March, 1761, Newcastle, 14 March, 1758; *d.* without issue, 27 ton House, 1839, *s.p.*
aged 4 months. *d.* without is- *d.* without issue, 27 Oct., 1819.

2. William, a 2nd son, *d.* at sue, 10 May, 1820. Peter Walt- 3. Frances; bap. at Newcastle,
Newcastle, 11 April, 1763, 20 May, 1819. Esq., 1 Dec., 1768; *d.* 19 Feb.,
aged 9 months. hall, J.P. 1821, *s.p.*

Peter Walthall, M.A., Rector of Wis- Thomas; *d. s.p.* Ann Walthall; *b.* 1798; *d.* 1853. = James Milnes, Esq., of Woodland and Alton
taston, co. Chester; *d.* 1825, *s.p.* Manor, co. Derby, J.P.; *b.* 1794; *d.* 1866.

Henry Walthall Milnes, M.A., J.P., of Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, of Culland House, = Eleanor Louisa; dau. of J. B. Thornhill, Esq.,
Alton Manor; *b.* 1820, now living. Derby; *b.* 1833, now living. J.P., late Capt. in 91st Foot.

SWYNNERTON OF WHITMORE.

TABLE IV.

Descent of James Swinnerton, Mayor of Macclesfield.

Benjamin Swinnerton, the fifth son of Thomas and Mary Swinnerton, of Yewtree; baptized at Whitmore, = Elizabeth Turner his first cousin. 12 January, 1727; Mayor of Newcastle in 1762; died at Newcastle in August, 1770.

James Swinnerton, <i>b.</i> 31 December, 1763; died on the Continent, without issue, 30 December, 1794.	Benjamin Swinnerton, son of Benjamin; born at Newcastle, 31 July, 1765.	Elizabeth, dau. of James Poole, of Finney Greene; born in 1771; died in 1849.	1. Anne. 2. Elizabeth, <i>b.</i> 31 July, 1767; wife of William Harding, Attorney of Betley. 3. Jane, <i>b.</i> 3 April, 1769; died at Millend, Audley, 4 December, 1784. 4. Charlotte, <i>b.</i> 9 December, 1770; wife of Thomas Moyle, of Newcastle.
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James Swinnerton, <i>J.P.</i> , born at Newcastle, 15 May, 1799; Mayor of Macclesfield, 1846; died in Macclesfield, February, 1881, <i>s.p.</i>	Sarah Wright, <i>nee</i> Siddeley, of Marthall, near Knutsford; <i>m.</i> J. Swinnerton, 9 Aug., 1826.	Joseph Swinnerton, <i>b.</i> 13 March, 1803.	Caroline Spencer, of Manchester; <i>m.</i> 22 December, 1823.	Benjamin, <i>b.</i> 22 May, 1806; <i>d.</i> 5 August, 1807.	Thomas Poole, <i>b.</i> 29 June, 1807.	1. Sarah. 2. Charlotte. 3. Jane. 4. Elizabeth.
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James Henry Poole Swinnerton, <i>b.</i> 19 March, 1825.	Joseph, born at Liverpool.	William Walter, born at Liverpool, 23 February, 1831; died at Bradford, 13 Sept., 1876.	Julia, dau. of Thomas Mowles, Solicitor, of Dublin.	James, drowned when a boy in Australia.)	Lætitia Poole, <i>b.</i> 28 September, 1826; died at Liverpool, 30 March, 1831.	Elizabeth, <i>b.</i> 16 May, 1828.
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William Swinnerton, born in Australia, 1852.	Thomas James Henry, born at Stafford, 1857.	Walter Joseph, born at Macclesfield, 1863.	George Frederick, born at Hertford, 1868.	1. Mary Elizabeth, of Stone, now living. 2. Julia Caroline, born at Macclesfield, 1865, now living. 3. Jane, born at Hertford, 1868.
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SWYNNERTON OF YEW TREE (WHITMORE).¹

(BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON.)

JOHN SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore, the ancestor of the Swynnertons of Yewtree, in Whitmore, was a brother of Richard Swynnerton living in the reign of Henry VIII., and of his line we have now to treat.

In 2 Hen. VIII., 1510, on the 6th April, William Byrkyn sues Roger and JOHN SWYNNERTON at Newcastle. The next year Robert Boghey, of Whitmore, sues John Swynnerton in a plea of debt for xii.*d.*²

In 4 Hen. VIII., 1512, on the Saturday after the festival of the Translation of St. Edward the King, Stephen Boturton through his attorney Richard Boturton, sues John Swynnerton for a debt of xviii.*d.* In the same year he is sued by Ralph Machyn for iii.*s.* ii.*d.*¹

In 8 Hen. VIII., John Swynnerton is elected frankpledge for the year following.²

In 17 Hen. VIII., 1525, on the 29th March, John Swynnerton and Thomas Oldershawe appear at Newcastle as the pledges of Whitmore, and make a good presentment.²

In 26 Hen. VIII., 1534, John Swynnerton is again a frankpledge for Whitmore, when he complains against John Boghay.¹

In 34 Hen. VIII., 1542, on the 23rd November, is *in misericordia* for default in a case versus Joan Rowle.²

In 1547 he died at Whitmore. His will is dated the 21st day of June in that year.²

In it he directs his body to be buried in the churchyard of Whitmore, and leaves the church xii.*d.* He mentions Alice his wife and Roger his son, who are appointed executors. He leaves legacies to Roger's "ii chylde^r John and Jone," also to Elsabeth his daughter, to Jone Oldershaw, his daughter's daughter, and to Elsabeth and Margaret Oldershaw, together with xii.*d.* to "Sir Thom̄s

¹ It is not unlikely that this was the Senior line of the Swynnertons of Whitmore, since in them was vested the entailed estate of The Yew Tree. There exists, however, no direct evidence either way. My reasons for treating of the line of Richard first will be found on p. 150.

² Manor Rolls of Newcastle.

my curat." His witnesses are Roger Low, of Whitmore, John Oldershaw, who was probably his son-in-law, and Raufe Aleyn.¹

2. ROGER SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore, the only son and heir of the preceding, succeeded his father in 1547. As his son John and his daughter Joan were both living in 1544, it is probable that he was born about the year 1510. His will is dated the 20th January, 1575, and it was proved on the 5th October of the same year. In it he directs his body to be buried in the churchyard of Whitmore. "neyre to my father." He bequeaths the "takyng" of his house to "Amys his wyffe," and to his "childer that be unmarred," and he appoints Amys his wife and Edward his son his executors.¹ By Amys he had three sons and one daughter, of whom his sons were (1) John Swynnerton, who pre-deceased him without issue, and who was buried at Whitmore, on the 10th of April, 1560; (2) Edward Swynnerton, who succeeded him; and (3) Hugh Swynnerton, of Whitmore, who was baptized at Whitmore on the 30th May, 1565, and who had issue a son Edward, afterwards of Heath House in Trentham, which son Edward, baptized 22nd June, 1600, and marrying a lady named Ellen, who was buried at Whitmore, on the 21st January, 1679, left by her another Edward, baptized on the 1st May, 1636, together with three daughters, Ann, Margaret, and Ellen.²

Roger's daughter was named Joan, and she, living in 1544, as may be seen by the will of her grandfather, was married on the 4th October, 1567, to one Thomas Ryder.²

Roger Swynnerton, who was buried on the 22nd June, 1575, and who at his death could not have been less than sixty years old, was succeeded by

3. EDWARD SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore, in the year 1575. His will I have not found, but according to the parish registers, which are unusually full and explicit, his wife's name was Margaret, by whom he had two sons, namely, (1) Edward Swynnerton, baptized 12th June, 1583, and buried on the 30th August, 1600, without issue; and (2) Roger Swynnerton. He left also two daughters, namely, (1) Margaret Swynnerton, who is subsequently mentioned in her brother Roger's will, and who died "annosa virgo" in May, 1675; and (2) Katherine, who was baptized on the 3rd of August,

¹ Original at Lichfield.

² Whitmore Registers. Speaking generally, the whole of the references to baptisms and burials in this account are from the registers of Whitmore and Newca-tle.

1587, and who was married on the 22nd of October, 1619, to John Oldershaw.¹

Edward Swynnerton was buried on the 29th February, 1635, and as he was certainly born not very long after the year 1544, at which time his brother John and his sister Joan were already living, he must have attained to a very ripe old age on the day of his death, probably not less than eighty-five.

4. ROGER SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore, in his will described as of "Yew Tree," succeeded his father in 1635, at the age of fifty. He was baptized on the 6th of May, 1585.¹ His will was dated the 15th of December, 1643, and proved at Lichfield on the 7th of May, 1644. In it he mentions Edward Swynnerton "my eldest sonn," "Bridgett my wife," "Raphe, John, and Thomas, three of my sonnes," Edward Swynnerton "my late father deceased," Jane Swynnerton "my daughter," and Margaret Swynnerton "my sister." His wife's maiden name was Broughton, and she appears to have been a granddaughter of Roger Broughton who in 1570 made an inventory of the goods of Cassendra Swynnerton, widow and relict of Humphrey Swynnerton, the last lord of that name, of the Manor of Swynnerton. Roger Swynnerton and Bridgett Broughton were married at Whitmore on the 20th of April, 1620, and they had issue (1) Edward, the eldest; (2) Ralph, who was apparently so named out of regard for "Ralphe Sneyde" of Keel Hall, with whom the family had certain transactions in connection with property; which son Ralph was baptized on the 16th of December, 1627, and on the 18th August, 1633, was buried at Whitmore, being described in the parish register as of "Yew Tree;" (3) John, who was baptized on the 20th of February, 1631, and who subsequently settled at Beech, in the parish of Swynnerton; and (4) Thomas, who was baptized on the 8th July, 1638, and who lived at "Shut-lane in Swynnerton," where by Jane his wife he had a son Thomas, baptized at Whitmore in 1673.¹

Roger and Bridgett Swynnerton besides their sons had two daughters, of whom Jane was baptized in December, 1625, and of whom Ann died an infant in January, 1635.¹

Roger died at the age of fifty-nine, and was buried at Whitmore, on the 10th March, 1644.¹ What became of Bridgett his wife I have not yet learned.

¹ Whitmore Registers.

EDWARD SWYNNERTON, of Whitmore, succeeded his father in 1644, having been baptized on the 10th of March, 1622. This Edward appears to have moved his residence from Yew Tree, and to have lived in a house of Ralph Sneyd, Esq., at Bromley Hill, in the same parish, installing his brother Ralph as tenant at Yew Tree. In the possession of Ernest Swynnerton Walthall, Esq., of Culland House, near Derby, one of the present representatives of this family, there is a deed of conveyance bearing date the 16th June, 1647, from "Ralphe Sneyde of Keele, in the county of Stafford, Esq., and Jane his wife," to "Edward Swinnerton of the Ewetre in the parish of Whitmore, and to his heires for ever," of a property called "The Lees," and a house situated at "Bromley Hill" in Whitmore, "wherein the said Edward Swinnerton now liveth;" while the parish register already referred to describes Ralph Swynnerton as "of the Yew Tree."¹

Edward was baptized at Whitmore on the 20th March, 1622. Like his father, he had issue six sons, namely, (1) Edward, his successor; (2) Thomas, mentioned in a subsequent deed; (3) John, baptized on the 6th January 1664; (4) Roger, mentioned in a subsequent deed; (5) Joseph, baptized on the 31st January, 1666; and (6) Benjamin, Joseph's twin brother, who was buried on the 2nd April, 1667. Of his two daughters, Sarah was baptized on the 22nd May, 1658, and Mary in 1661.

Edward Swynnerton left no will, but on the 7th of November, 1667, letters of administration, in which he is described as late of the Yewtree, in the parish of Whitmore, in the county of Stafford, were granted at Lichfield to "Sara Swinnerton, widow, the relict." The bond was signed by Sarah Swynnerton and Edward Swynnerton, the inventory being dated the "9th October, 18th yere of Charles II., A.D. 1667. Amount £373 0s. 0d."²

Edward Swynnerton died at the early age of forty-five, and was buried at Whitmore, on the 4th October, 1667. His widow Sarah was still living in 1698, in which year she was buried on the 12th February.³

6. EDWARD SWYNNERTON, of the Yew Tree, the next in succession, was baptized on the 26th December, 1649, and his wife was Margaret,

¹ Deed in original, *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq., J.P., Culland House, Derby.

² Original at Lichfield.

³ Whitmore Registers.

a daughter of — Machin of Seabridge. In 29 Car. II., 28th January, 1675, articles of agreement were drawn up between Edward Swynnerton of Whitmore, and Sarah his mother, widow of the late Edward, regarding provision out of the estates for her other children, namely, John, Joseph, Thomas, and Roger, Sarah, and Mary. A memorandum subsequently appended mentions that the above named Roger having deceased, provision should be made for the expense incurred in his funeral expenses, etc.¹ By the Church Register, where his mother's name is erroneously entered "Marg." instead of Sarah, it appears that he was buried on the 26th January, 1678. By his wife Margaret, Edward Swynnerton had four sons, namely, (1) Edward, who was baptized the 10th October, 1688, and buried on the 10th November, 1693, aged five; (2) John, who was baptized on the 2nd of April, 1690, and died on the 20th of the same month; (3) Thomas, who succeeded his father; and (4) Joseph, baptized on the 14th April, 1696. He had also three daughters, (1) Margaret, born in November, 1679; (2) Mary, baptized 2nd December, 1683; and (3) Elizabeth, baptized 26th January, 1694.²

Edward Swynnerton was buried at Whitmore, on the 15th December, 1702, at the age of fifty-three. In his will, dated July, he mentions his son Thomas and his other children, and he appoints his brother Thomas and his brother-in-law Samuel Machin his executors.³

7. THOMAS SWINNERTON, of the Yew Tree, a minor at the date of his father's death, was baptized on the 20th December, 1691. On the 1st February, 1703, we find "Thomas Swinnerton, of Newcastle-under-Lyme," "the guardian of Thomas Swinnerton, son and heir of Edward Swinnerton, deceased," leasing the "Ewetre property" to Richard Allman of Keele for three years at £60 a year.⁴

On the 1st June, 1713, Thomas Swinnerton, of the Yew Tree, being now of age, executes a deed of fine and recovery with Samuel Machin of Seabridge. This is the Thomas Swinnerton of Yew Tree who in a deed dated 1740 barred the entail of the family property. In December, 1715, he enters into a bond with Thomas Turner, jun., of Walgherton, and John Machin, of Seabridge, respect-

¹ Deeds *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq., J.P., of Culland House, Derby.

² Whitmore Registers.

³ Will at Lichfield.

⁴ From documents *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq., J.P., of Culland House, Derby.

ing his approaching marriage with Mary Turner, eldest daughter of Thomas Turner, of Walgherton, in the county of Chester, gentleman. The marriage settlement is dated the same day, and the pair were married at Wybunbury on the 31st December.¹ By his wife Mary he had five sons, namely, (1) Edward, his successor; (2) Thomas, of Newcastle, heir to his brother Edward; (3) John, baptized at Whitmore on the 10th May, 1722, and died in February, 1800, without issue; (4) Joseph, baptized at Whitmore on the 5th February, 1725, and dead in January, 1800, without issue; and (5) Benjamin, who was baptized at Whitmore on the 12th January, 1727, was Mayor of Newcastle in 1762, and who was the progenitor of James Swinnerton, a prominent figure at Macclesfield in the present century.²

Mary the wife of Thomas Swinnerton died at Whitmore on the 21st July, 1763, aged seventy-one, and Thomas her husband died on the 20th October, 1768, aged seventy-seven. His will was dated the 22nd September, 1763, and in it he mentions his sons Thomas, Benjamin, John, and Joseph.

8. EDWARD SWINNERTON, of the Yew Tree, succeeded his father in 1768, and by deed bearing date the 13th May 1778, he leases

¹ From documents *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq., J.P., of Culland House, Derby.

² To the descendants of this Benjamin Swinnerton the "Yew Tree" would have fallen if the entail had remained unbarred. He married Elizabeth Turner, his first cousin, and died in August, 1770, leaving two sons: (1) James, who died abroad without issue, and (2) Benjamin, of Mill End in Audley, who was born 31st July, 1765, at Newcastle, and who died 28th July, 1838, at Liverpool, having married Elizabeth Poole, of Finney Green, in 1798 (born in 1771, died in 1849). Benjamin, their father, had also four daughters, namely: (1) Anne; (2) Elizabeth, wife of William Harding, of Betley, Esq.; (3) Jane, who died in Audley; and (4) Charlotte, who was wife of Thomas Moyle, of Newcastle-under-Lyme. Benjamin, the second son, was father to James Swinnerton, who was Mayor of Macclesfield in 1846, and proprietor of the *Courier* newspaper; which James married Mrs. Sarah Wright, *née* Siddeley, of Knutsford, in August, 1826, but he died without issue in February, 1881. He had three brothers, Joseph, Benjamin, and Thomas Poole, of whom Joseph, born on the 13th March, 1803, and married to Charlotte Spencer, of Manchester, in December, 1823, had four sons, (1) William Walter; (2) Thomas, drowned in Australia; (3) Thomas Poole, of Australia; (4) Benjamin, of Australia.

William Walter Swinnerton, born in Liverpool on the 23rd February, 1831, married Julia, a daughter of Thomas Moyles, of Dublin, a solicitor, and died at Bradford on the 13th September, 1876, leaving four sons—(1) William Thomas, (2) James Henry, (3) Walter Joseph, (4) George Frederic, all I believe now in Australia; and two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Julia Caroline, now resident at Stone, co. Stafford." (From pedigree *penes* Miss Swinnerton, of Stone.)

the Yew Tree property to his brothers John and Joseph for twenty-one years.¹ In this year he also died at Whitmore, at the age of sixty. In September, 1739, he had married Mary Barnes, the daughter of Elizabeth Barnes, of Whitmore, widow, but he had no issue by her, and she pre-deceased him at Whitmore on the 2nd November, 1754, at the early age of thirty-seven.²

9. THOMAS SWINNERTON, of the Yew Tree, brother and heir of Edward, was baptized at Whitmore on the 5th February, 1720. When he succeeded to the property in 1778, he was already fifty eight years old. But as a burgess of Newcastle-under-Lyme he had been very successful, having attained the rank of Mayor in 1756. His marriage settlement was dated the 17th May, 1757, in which year he married Sarah, a daughter of William Furnivall, of Sanbach co. Chester, gentleman.³ By her he had four sons, namely, (2) William, born in November, 1760, and dead in March, 1761; (3) another William, born in August, 1762, and dead in April, 1763; (1) Thomas, who was baptized at Newcastle 19th March, 1758, and who died on the 10th of May, 1820, without issue; and (4) John, who was baptized on 29th August, 1766, and who having been Mayor of the town in 1804, deceased without issue on the 27th October, 1819. Thomas Swinnerton had also five daughters, namely, (1) Mary, who was baptized at Newcastle on the 21st September, 1759, of whom more presently; (2) Sarah, who was baptized on the 22nd June, 1764, and who died unmarried at Brampton House in 1839; (3) Frances, who was baptized at Newcastle on the 1st December, 1768, and who died unmarried in 1819; (4) Margaret, who died unmarried in 1839; and (5) Esther, who also died unmarried in 1848.⁴

Thomas Swinnerton, of The Yew Tree and of Newcastle, died on the 8th November, 1796, at the age of seventy-six. His will was proved on the 15th December, having been dated the 21st July, 1780, and John Furnivall and his wife Sarah were left executors. The latter survived him until 1812, in which year she died at Newcastle on the 25th January, aged seventy-five.

10. MARY SWINNERTON, the eldest daughter, on whom the estate of the Yew Tree House appears to have devolved, married Peter

¹ Deed *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq.

² Whitmore Register.

³ Copy of the Marriage Settlement *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq., J.P.

⁴ From the Family Pedigree *penes* Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq., J.P.

Walthall, first of Newcastle, and subsequently of Wildons, co. Derby, by whom she had issue two sons, who died without issue, and one daughter Jane. Mary died on the 20th May, 1819. Jane her daughter married James Milnes, Esq., of Alton Manor, co. Derby, by whom the ancestral estate of this line of the Swynnertons was sold to the late Ralph Sneyd, of Keele Hall, Esq., in the year 1854. Mary Swynnerton's present representatives are Henry Walthall Milnes, Esq., M.A., J.P., of Alton Manor, and Ernest Swinnerton Milnes, Esq. J.P., of Culland House, Derby.

SWYNNERTON OF THURSFIELD.

(BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON.)

Thursfield is a division of the large parish of Wolstanton, and is situated within the manor of Tunstall. The lands in Thursfield held by members of this branch of the Swynnerton family lay at Brerehurst, Oldcot, and Rainscliffe.

That the Swynnertons of Thursfield were closely connected with the Swynnertons of Butterton, is seen by the will of John Swynnerton, of Oldcott, who in 1547 speaks of Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterton, as his "cosen."

The first of the name who appears to have been connected with these parts seems to have been Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterton.

In 6 Edw. IV., 1465, at a manor court held at Tunstall, on the festival St. Dionysius (Denys, 9th October), "Roger Colclough, the frankpledge there, surrendered into the hands of the Lord fitzWaryn 36 acres of customary land (108 ordinary acres) lying at *Brerehurst*, which Thomas Swynnerton had lately surrendered into the hands of the lord for the use of Richard Jacson."¹ I believe this Thomas Swynnerton to have been identical with the "Thomas Swaynarton" (of Butterton) who in 1463 had a suit against Margaret Davenport at Newcastle.²

I judge thus because the one family was certainly an offshoot of the other, and because the name of Thomas Swynnerton does not occur on the Tunstall Rolls again.

The founder of the family which at this period settled in Thursfield was however—

¹ The Manor Rolls of Tunstall, *penes* the Rev. Walter Sneyd, M.A., F.S.A., of Keele Hall.

² The Manor Rolls of Newcastle-under-Lyme, in charge of the Steward, Herbert S. Cooper, Esq. See *ante* in Swynnerton of Butterton.

RICHARD SWYNNERTON, who will probably have been brother to Thomas Swynnerton, of Butterton, above-named, and to Roger Swynnerton, of Whitmore. This supposition, which seems warranted by the evidence, supplies the connecting link.

In 7 Edw. IV., 1466, at a court held at Tunstall on the 8th October, RICHARD SWYNNERTON is essoigned or excused for a non-attendance on the jury.¹

In 8 Edw. IV., 1467, at the manor court held on the 6th May, Richard Swynnerton appears as one of the jury.¹

In the same year, at the court held on the 4th October, the frankpledges present that Richard Swynnerton, of "*Brerehurst*," owes his customary service, and he is therefore fined 4*d.* for absence.¹

Richard Swynnerton was dead before 1496, because in that year we find in possession—

"JOHN SWYNNERTON de Thursfield." In that year, 12 Hen. VII., a view of frankpledge was held at Tunstall on the 13th April, John Swynarton is essigned for non-attendance, while on the 12th October of the same year we find the same John Swynarton in his place as one of the jury, by whom he was then elected to serve on two committees of enquiry regarding certain heirships in Tunstall.¹ This roll also refers to a certain Agnes Swynnerton as possessed of twenty-four acres, which Agnes was possibly widow and relict of Richard Swynnerton deceased.¹

In 18 Hen. VII., 1502, John Swynnerton is one of the jury.

In 4 Hen. VIII., 1512, at a court held at Tunstall on the festival of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th December), before John Audley, Lord of Audley, John Swynnerton occurs as one of the jury. In that capacity he is mentioned twice again in the same roll. In the next year, 5 Hen. VIII., 1513, on the 10th April, and on the Wednesday after the feast of St. Luke, "John Swynnerton, of Thursfield," again occupies a place on the jury.¹

In 12 Hen. VIII., on the Wednesday next before the festival of the Nativity of St. John Baptist (20th June, 1520), John Swynnerton is a jurymen again.¹

In the same year and at the same date there came to the court Edmund Warde (in his own proper person, and according to a custom in the same court from a time beyond the memory of man) and made protestation that he should prosecute his quarrel against *John Swyñton de Olcote* complaining that the said John had deforced

¹ The Tunstall Manor Rolls, *penes* the Rev. W. Sneyd.

him of sixteen customary acres (about eighty-four ordinary acres) of pasture in the vill of *Brerehurst*, within the jurisdiction of the court, and he offered bail in the persons of John Smith and William Bron, then present; and he prayed that inasmuch as the said John Swynnerton was present in court, that he should be required to answer to it according to form of law before his departure. But the defendant made default, and it was adjudged that he should be served with a summons, and the said John Swynnerton engaged to answer at the next sitting of the court.

How the matter was settled does not appear, as the extant rolls of Tunstall are few in number, and no further record of the sitting of the next court exists.¹ It is evident, however, that John Swynnerton must have had some sort of hereditary right in the lands in question.

In the same year John Swynnerton forms one of a jury to decide by what right Thomas Knight occupies twelve acres in Tunstall claimed by Stephen Robynson, and in the same year also, on the Thursday after the festival of St. Martin, he is again one of the great jury.²

For the reason just referred to, this is the last I glean about John Swynnerton from the rolls of Tunstall. In 26 Hen. VIII., 1534, John Swynnerton, probably the same, pays a fine for a tenement in Shelton.³ In 39 Hen. VIII., 1547, he died at a good old age, having served on the Manor Court Jury from time to time for over fifty years. His will was proved at Lichfield, and the following is a copy of it:—

“IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, the yere of o^r Lorde God MCCCCXLVII. in the which yere I John Swenerton in the county of Staff yoman beinge hole of mynde p̄fett of remēbrance do make and ordaine this my p̄sent testamēte and last will in mān and forme followiuge ffirst I bequethe and recomende my soll to Almighty God my creator and redem^r to his blessed mother o^r Lady Sainte Mary Virgin and to all the courte and company of saints in Heven and my pore body to be buried in the p̄ishe church of Wolstenton. Itm̄ I gyff and bequeth to the same Church to the byinge of a chalys ij.s. Itm̄ I gyve to my s̄rvant maid ij.s. iiij.d. Itm̄ I gyve and bequeth to Thrusfylde chappell vi.s. viij.d. Itm̄ I will to have ij. torches to bringe me home and thei after to be

¹ John Swynnerton must have made good his right, as we find his son John in possession at a subsequent period.

² Tunstall Manor Rolls.

³ Newcastle Manor Rolls.

kepte tyll suche tyme as God shall caull for my wiff. And after her deceesse one to be gyven to Wolstanton and another to Thursfelde chappell and the other to Astbury towards the maintenynge of God s̄vys and to be praed for. Itm̄ yt is my will and mynde that myne executors shall make xiiij. foute of the lounge bridge betwixte Thursfelde chappell and Wolstāton. Itm̄ I gyve to Helene my older doghter xx. m^rks and Elsabeth x.£ towards their mariage and they to be paid by myne executors w^tin the space of fyve yeres after my death by the counsell off myne ov^rsears which I shall name hereafter. And yff they will not be ordery^d and counselled by them ytt is my will and mynde that thei shall have no penyē of my goods the residewe of my goods lands and cattals after my debts paid I gyve to Mgarett my wiff and John my sonne the w^{ch} Mgarett and John I make my lawfull sole executors they to dispose in deads of charitie such as they shall think beste to please God, and most p̄fett for my soull. Also I will and desire my wel beloved cosens Thoms Bellott of Gresford gentylman and Thom^s Swen^rton of Madeley yoman to be myne ov^rsears and to assiste and helpe my wiff and sonne in abowte the trewe executōn of the pr̄miss. Thes beinge witness Richard Cawlton of Breryhurste, John Rowley of Thursfylde, and Richard Borne, of the Cloff, w^t other.”

Besides his son John mentioned in the will, John Swynnerton must have left an elder son James, whom he omits to mention, probably because he had already been provided for, since at a subsequent date, in 13 James I., on Tuesday, the 10th October, Sir William Lawton, Knt., came to the court at Tunstall and surrendered one messuage, two cottages, 120 acres, and the moiety of 24 acres of land situated in *Olcot* and *Brerchurst*, lately the *inheritance* of James Swynnerton, deceased.

JAMES and JOHN SWYNNERTON. Concerning these two the following notices occur:—

In 3 Edw. VI., 1549, on the 8th May, at a court held at Burslem, James Henshaw and Richard his son surrender into court 16 customary acres in Wedgewood and Thursfield to the use of JOHN SWYNNERTON.¹ In 5 Edw. VI., 1551, at a court held on the 10th October, JAMES SWYNNERTON obtained permission to let to John Colclough a certain smithy lying in the hamlet of Brerchurst, for a term of twenty years, at a rent of twenty shillings, conceding to him and his heirs free ingress and egress &c.¹

¹ Tunstall Manor Rolls.

At the same place and time (October, 1557) John Swynnerton, a tenant at Thursfield, surrenders into court 18 acres of land lying within the hamlet of Thursfield called the Cokshote, together with three parcels of land called the Cokshote Woods, to the use and behoof of James Henshawe and Richard Henshawe his son and heir.¹

At the same place and time James and Richard Henshawe, and Isabella, Richard Henshawe's wife, surrender into court one cottage in Thursfield, now occupied by John Rowley, 48 acres of land known as Hemyng's Hay, the Pennyfeld, the Longe Medow, the Cokshote, three other parcels of land with appurtenances, together with the Cokshote Woods, for the use and behoof of John Swynnerton, his heirs, etc., for ever, on certain expressed conditions.¹

At the same place and time John Swynnerton obtains permission to demise to Richard Henshawe for twenty-one years all the above named lands (which to the aforesaid John Swynnerton the lord by his seneschall had enfeoffed), to have and to hold to the aforesaid Richard Henshawe from the feast of St. Michael last past to the end of the term aforesaid (twenty-one years), paying annually to John Swynnerton, his heirs, etc., 26s. 8d. of legal money of England at two terms, etc. This lease expired in 1573, when the land seems to have been devised to James Swynnerton, and subsequently by him again to John Swynnerton.¹

In 6 Edw. VI., 1552, on the 16th October, James Swynnerton and John Swynnerton both serve on the jury of the manor of Tunstall.¹

In 3 Elizabeth, 1560, John Swynnerton is again a juror.¹

In 11 Elizabeth, 1569, on the 2nd April, "*James Swynnerton of Olcott*" is essoigned, and John Swynnerton the frankpledge of Ravenscliff present that Ralph Smyth and Richard Swynnerton are essoigned. At the same court John Swynnerton appears on the jury.¹

In 14 Elizabeth, 1571, on the 6th October, "*John Swynnerton of Olcote*" is a juror, and "*James Swynnerton of Olcote*" is essoigned in the presentment of the frankpledges.¹

James Swynnerton's will is dated the 20th day of June, in the xxvth year of Elizabeth, 1583, and it was proved at Lichfield on the 5th September, 1583. He describes himself "of Oulcote." He directs his body to be buried in "Wolceston Church in or near my one forme." He gives to Jeis Swynnerton his wife one half of all

¹ Tunstall Manor Rolls.

his goods, funeral expenses being discharged of the whole. He gives to Robert Swynnerton of Newcastle a cow, and to every child of Robert a sheep. He gives to John Meire, otherwise called John Swynnerton, one of the lesser oxen. He gives to Richard Swynnerton of Kidsgrove a cow, and to Blanch and Elizabeth his daughters either of them a sheep. He gives to "Joan Swynnerton, my brother's last daughter, and to her sister Elizabeth Swynnerton, either of them a cow." He gives to "William Swynnerton, son of Randle Swynnerton, of Church Lawton," a twynter heifer, and to the residue of the children of the said Randle Swynnerton every one of them a sheep. He gives to Elizabeth Rathbone and Elline Swynnerton his servants a twynter heifer. He also remembers Margaret Tunstall, Richard Tunstall, Lawrence Hancock's children, and James Couklow his godson. The rest of all his goods unbequeathed he gives to "John Swynnerton of Church Lawton," whom, jointly with his wife, he appoints as his executor. He mentions as his overseers Richard Couklow of the Brode Field, and Richard Tunstall of the Brock House; also James Rowley of Gell Banke as a debtor to him of £6 13s. 4d.¹

John Swynnerton of Church Lawton, James's brother, concerning whom some notices from the Tunstall Rolls have already been quoted, must have moved into the township of Church Lawton, which adjoins that of Brerehurst, soon after 1571, as after that date we find his name no longer mentioned on the Tunstall Rolls. In that year, on the 26th April, both he and his brother James are mentioned as of Brerehurst,² and I have reason to believe that land held by them was situated both in Brerehurst and in Church Lawton. In the next year, 1572, his grandson William was baptized at Church Lawton, so that we shall not be far wrong in assigning the autumn or winter of 1571 as the time of his migration from the parish of Wolstanton.

That he possessed Oldcot after the death of James, is seen by a decree of the Court of Chancery given at Westminster in March, 31 Elizabeth, 1588, in favour of Lawrence Loggan, of Longden, gentleman, being the rightful possessor of one messuage, three cottages, and 43 customary acres (129 acres) of land, meadow, pasture, and wood in the hamlet of Oldcote and Brerehurst in Staffordshire, in the manor of Tunstall, lately possessed by *John*

¹ The original at Lichfield.

² Tunstall Manor Rolls.

Swynnerton.³ A subsequent deed shows that these lands and tenements passed to William Lawton in consideration of a payment of £300. Dated November, 38 Elizabeth, 1595.¹

John Swynnerton was buried at Church Lawton on the 29th July, 1595. His sister Elizabeth would appear to have died at the same place when visiting her kinsfolk, since the register contains also the following entry: "Elizabeth Swinerton p̄ger sepulta 15 Dec., 1608."² As well as Randle, he would appear to have had a son Richard, mentioned above as of Kidsgrove, concerning whom we shall speak presently.

RANDLE SWYNNERTON, son of John, had for wife Elizabeth, who from certain details in his will may have been one of the Cartwrights of Astbury. From his father John, "by the grant and demyse of James Swinerton of Olcott, late deceased," he inherited on a lease of ninety-nine years some land called "The Littleheys" and "by the grant and demyse of Randle Rode, of Rode, Esquire, late deceased," he also held land "at Heming's Bridge." With this Randle Rode of Rode he must have been distantly connected, since the Bellotts and the Rodes had intermarried in the reign of Henry VII;³ in consequence of which intermarriage it was, I suppose, that Randle, deceased in 1608, left large legacies to Edward Bellott, Esq.⁴

In 17 Elizabeth, 1574, on the 17th December, Randle Swynnerton is essoigned in his attendance at the Lawton Manor Court, and on 26th in the same year he attended it as a juror. In 8 James, 1610, his name is entered as one of the tenants.⁵

By his wife Elizabeth he had two sons, William and John, of whom John was baptized at Lawton on the 9th October, 1574. In 1 Jas. I., 1603, this John was presented for default because he came within the jurisdiction of the frankpledges. In 8 Jas. I., 1610, on the 27th September, John Swynnerton with others are mentioned as within the control of the court, and as sworn to the Lord the King as lieges according to the law of the realm of England.⁵ In 1619, on the 15th October, John Swynnerton occurs as a tenant, and again on the 17th October, 1623.⁵ In 1624, on 29th December, he was buried at Lawton, leaving apparently no issue.²

¹ Original at Lawton, and quoted for me by Frank Renaud, Esq., M.D., F.S.A., of Alderley Edge.

² Lawton Register, by kind permission of the Rector.

³ *Miscell. Geneal. et Herald.* "On the Bellotts of Moreton."

⁴ V. Randle Rode's will, proved at Chester in 1608.

⁵ Lawton Manor Rolls, by favour of F. Renaud, Esq.

Randle Swynnerton's daughters were¹ (1) Elizabeth, wife of—Yardley; (2) Margaret, buried 9th April, 1617; (3) Anne; and (4) Katherine, who was baptized on the 9th June, 1587.

Randle Swynnerton's will is dated the 27th June, 1614, and it was proved at Chester by his relict Elizabeth, the sole executrix, on the 22nd May, 1617. The lease of his land at Heming's Bridge he leaves "with Elizabeth Swinerton my wife," and afterwards "to the use and behoyfe of John Swinerton my younger sonne, Margaret Swinerton, Anne Swinerton, and Katherin Swinerton, my daughters equallie." The Littlehays he leaves in like manner to his wife, and after her death "to remain to the use and behoyfe of Will^m Swinerton my sonne, the said John Swinerton, Elizabeth Yardley my eldest daughter, the said Margaret, Anne, and Katherin equallie." The rest of all his "goods unbequeathed moveable and immoveable," he bequeaths unto the said Elizabeth Swinerton my wyffe," and he ordains his said "wyffe my executrix for the good confidence I repose in her." The following memorandum is appended to the will:—

"Debts wh^{ch} I the said testator doe owe.

"Imprimis, Margaret Cartwright 22s.

"It^m, Anne Cartwright, 7s. 4d.

"It., Thomas Cartwright, 7s. 4d.

"It^m, Anne Lawton, 3s. 8d.

"It^m, to my sonne John Swinerton, 37s 4d."

In the year 1617 Randle Swynnerton died, being as he described himself in 1614, "impotent aged and dreading the uncertaine tyme of death naturall, but nevertheles of good and p̄fect remembrance, laude and prayse be unto Almighty God therefore." He was buried at Church Lawton on May the 13th. His wife Elizabeth was buried on the 24th December, 1630, having survived him thirteen years.²

WILLIAM SWYNNERTON, of Church Lawton' who, with his brother John, appears to have died without issue in December, 1624, and his first sister, thus found mentioned in Randle's will, was baptized at Church Lawton, on the 1st September, 1572,² so that he was forty-five years old at the date of his father's death. His second sister Margaret had pre-deceased her father only a week. His wife's name was also Margaret, by whom he had a large family,

¹ Lawton Register, by kind permission of the Rector.

² Church Lawton Registers.

namely : (1) John, baptized 26th June, 1608, and buried 21st November in the same year ; (2) William ; (3) a second John, who was baptized at Lawton on the 29th June, 1615, and who appears to have been buried at *Barthomley* without issue on the 3rd August, 1686 ; (4) Randle, baptized 24th May, 1618, was married to Judith,—who died in September, 1693, and by whom he had two sons, Randle and Samuel, who pre-deceased him, he himself dying in October 1693 ; (5) Thomas, who was baptized on 11th December, 1623, was fined on the 24th October, 1672, for a trespass on the lord's land, and who died in indigence in October, 1699 ; (6) Richard, baptized 1st October, 1626, and buried 19th February, 1690 ; (7) Margaret, baptized 15th March, 1606 ; (8) Katherine, baptized on the 21st February, 1610,¹ and who in 13 Car. II., 1666, on the 18th October, as "Katherine Swynnerton," is fined sixpence for an encroachment on the lord's soil ;² and (9) Joan, baptized 31st October, 1620.³

In 1619, on the 15th October, William Swinnerton was fined 3s. 4d. for an assault on Richard Calley, and the said Richard was fined in a like sum for an assault on William Swinnerton.²

In 1623, on the 17th October, William Swynnerton occurs as a suitor.³ In 1627, on the 11th October, the name of William Swinnerton occurs on a subscription list. In 1632, on the 12th October, he is presented for breaking the lord's waste. In 1628, on the 10th October, he occurs again as a tenant, and on the same day he was fined for breaking the assize of bread and ale.³

William Swinnerton was buried at Church Lawton in 1640. His wife survived him, dying in January, 1663.³

WILLIAM SWINNERTON, his eldest surviving son must have lived, I think, at Brerehurst. He was baptized on the 16th August, 1612, but of his marriage and death I have no account. He probably left a son,

WILLIAM SWINNERTON, who on the 9th February, 1686, married Ellen Hancock at Lawton.³ What became of him or his descendants I do not know. That some of these Swinnertons continued to exist in the manor of Tunstall is certain. Thus, in 15 Charles II., on the 29th April, "John Swynnerton" is the frankpledge for Wedgewood. In 16 Charles II. he is frankpledge for Wedgewood

¹ Lawton Registers.

² Lawton Manor Rolls.

³ Lawton Manor Rolls. Very few of these rolls appear to exist.

again. In 7 Will. III., 1694, on the 4th October, the frankpledges present "William Swinnerton," of Brerehust, to the court for debt of suit of service. In 8 Will. III., 1695, he is again presented for an encroachment on the waste. And in 9 Will. III., 1696, and in 11 Will. III., 1698, he is also presented, as of Brerehurst, for encroachment and for non-attendance. In 1709 and 1711, in Queen Anne's reign, he is again presented for encroachments, and in 1712 William Swinnerton is elected the frankpledge of Brerehurst. In 1 George I., 1714, we again find mention of William Swinnerton; and lastly from 1725 to 1728 a William Swinnerton is frequently presented at the manor court for default or for encroachments at Brerehurst.¹

SWYNNERTON OF KIDSGROVE.

(BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON.)

RICHARD SWYNNERTON, of Kidsgrove, as he is named in the will of James Swynnerton of Olcot in 1583, first appears on the Court Rolls of Tunstall 11 Elizabeth, 1569. In that year, on the 2nd April, John Swynnerton, the frankpledge of Ravenscliff, whom I have taken to be Richard's father, presents that *Richard Swynnerton* has been excused attendance at court.¹

In 14 Elizabeth, 1572, on the 6th October, Ralph Sneyde came into court and granted 24 customary acres (72 ordinary acres) of demesne land lying within the hamlet of Rainscliff or Ravenscliff to the use and behoof of Richard Swynnerton, his heirs and his assigns for ever, on payment annually to the said Ralph Sneyde, his heirs and assigns, of two pennies of legal money of England at the festival customary within the said manor; and Richard Swynnerton paid into the court a fine of twopence, doing the usual homage, and was admitted to possession.¹

The will of James Swynnerton, of Olcot, in 1583, mentions by name one of Richards two daughters Blanche and Elizabeth. I think however he must have left two sons—

(1) RICHARD SWYNNERTON, who in 1590 married Margery Shelwall in the church of Astbury, but who occurs no more.²

(2) JOHN SWYNNERTON, of Wolstanton. In 6 James I., 1608, John Swynnerton was one of the jurors for the manor of Newcastle at Wolstanton; and in 7 James I., 1609, John Swynnerton,

¹ Tunstall Manor Court Rolls, *penes* Rev. W. Sneyde, M.A., F.S.A., of Keele Hall.

² Astbury Church Register.

RICHARD SWYNNERTON, OF KIDSGROVE.

TABLE II.

Richard Swynnerton, of Kidsgrove (younger son of John Swynnerton, of Olcot), oc. 1572, 1569, 1583.

Richard Swynnerton; married = Margery Shelwall. John Swynnerton, of Wolstanton; oc. 1608, 1609.

(1) Blanche } oc. 1583.
(2) Elizabeth }

Richard Swynnerton, of Wolstanton; = Alice. Anne; died 5 May, 1643. = John Swynnerton, of Wolstanton and = Mary, second wife. oc. 1632. Burslem; oc. 1638.

(1) Alice; bapt. 15 April, 1632.
Barbara; bapt. 2 February, 1634.

Balfrey; bapt. 15 April, 1638.

Moses; bapt. 29 March, 1647.

James; bapt. at Burslem, Burslem, 24 August, 1651.

as frankpledge of Wolstanton, presented that George Ridgeway and Richard Edge had committed assaults one upon the other.¹ Unfortunately Wolstanton Parish Registers do not begin before 1628 so that in these earlier generations they afford no assistance. I believe however that John Swynnerton left two sons, Richard and John concerning whom we have the following facts:—

RICHARD SWYNNERTON and Alice his wife had a son John, baptized on the 13th April, 1632, and a daughter Barbara, baptized on the 2nd February, 1634; after which the family appears to have moved elsewhere, since no further account of them is to be found in the register.

JOHN SWYNNERTON'S wife was named Anne, and by her he had two sons, Balfrey, baptized on the 15th April, 1638, and a son unnamed, who appears to have been baptized after death, and who was buried on the 5th May, 1643, his mother Anne following him on May the 22nd. On the 10th March, 1644, John Swynnerton had an illegitimate son John by one Elizabeth Hall; but he married again shortly afterwards, and by his second wife Mary he had a son Moses, baptized on the 29th March, 1647.² After this he would appear to have left Wolstanton for Burslem, where two other sons were born to him, namely James, baptized the 23rd November, 1648, and Randle or Ralph, baptized on the 24th August, 1651.³ Beyond this date I have not been able to trace this family.

SWYNNERTON OF NEWCASTLE.

(BY THE REV. CHARLES SWYNNERTON.)

ROBERT SWYNNERTON of Newcastle, as before noted, was the first of the Swynnertons to settle in trade in Newcastle. It was at Michaelmas in the year 1555 that he *and his son Richard* took up their freedom, as the following, extract testifies—"1555" ["die pximo post festum S. Mich. Arch."] "Robert Swynton and Richard his sonne come into their libties payinge xi.s. iii.d. in hand and the rest within the year."⁴ I am told that this entry signifies that Robert Swynnerton took up his freedom only when his son was old enough to be apprenticed, and the extra shilling over and above

¹ The Newcastle Manor Rolls.

² Wolstanton Parish Register.

³ Burslem Parish Register.

⁴ Borough Records at Newcastle, by permission of the Clerk of the Borough.

the usual fee of x.s. iii. *d.* for his own freedom was paid as the fee for his son Richard's enrolment as an apprentice. Richard, as we shall presently see was then not more than ten or twelve years old, so that he must have been born about the year 1545. In that case Robert Swynnerton his father could not have been born much later than the year 1520, and as he was certainly one of the Swynnertons of Thursfield, we may assume that he was nearly related to John Swynnerton of Oldcote, deceased in 1547, and therefore also to James Swynnerton of Oldcote, deceased in 1583, and John Swynnerton, of Church Lawton, deceased in 1595. His name frequently occurs on the Borough Records of Newcastle, which show that from the year 1555 to the year 1587 he enjoyed the highest offices excepting that of Mayor. Thus in 13 Elizabeth, 1571, we read: "Robert Swynnerton, bailiff for the comynaltie. Sureties for him to pay the queene her fee ferme and xxvi.s. viii. *d.* to the towne and to save the maior and the towne harmeless. Robert Brett and Ric. Harrison."¹

As we have already seen, Robert Swynnerton of Newcastle and his children were legatees under the will of James Swynnerton of Oldcote in 1583. Of those children three were sons, namely, (1) Richard, (2) Randle, and (3) James, as may be seen by the letters of administration granted at Lichfield after Randle's death in 1606.

The last mention of Robert Swynnerton of Newcastle on the Borough Records occurs in the year 1587, when he was elected to the office of "Receptor denarii."¹ He probably retired from public life at this date, and in the year 1601, on the 21st March, he was buried at Newcastle, when he was about eighty years old.²

RICHARD SWYNNERTON, Robert's eldest son, was born in or just before the year 1545. In 37 Elizabeth, 1494, on the 1st May, "Richard Swynnerton of Newcastle, of the age of 48 years or thereabouts," was sworn and examined before Sir Walter Leveson, Kt., regarding the felling of timber at Clayton within the limits of the royal manor.³ On the 5th October, 1594, he married Margery

¹ Borough Records at Newcastle, by permission of the Clerk of the Borough. The Corporation of Newcastle-under-Lyme was anciently designated "The Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses." The form at present is, "The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses." From the burgesses were elected the various, officers as the Mayor, Bailiffs, Assize-lookers, Constables, and Sergeants.

² Newcastle Parish Registers.

³ Deposition at Trentham.

Fyngall¹ who was buried in September, 1606, and by whom he appears to have had no issue. He himself was buried on the 2nd November, 1618.¹

RANDLE SWYNNERTON, brother to Richard, took up his freedom in 1572. "Randall Swyn̄ton came this yeare into his libt̄ie payinge therefore x.s. by pledge of Randull Bagnole." His name frequently occurs in the lists of the council towards the end of the century, and in 1591 he was assessor of bread. In November, 1580, he married Ann Clownam, who was dead before 1601, when his (second) wife Elizabeth was buried on the 18th December.¹ He appears to have left no issue, his letters of administration having been granted on the 8th September, 1606, to his two "brothers Richard and James." He was buried on the 5th September, 1606.¹

JAMES SWYNNERTON, the third brother, first held office in 1602. He seems to have been assiduous in his attendance at the council meetings, as his name regularly occurs in the lists. In 1602 we find it recorded, "Jacobus Swynerton est electus Serviens de clavam pro Burgo et Sārum prestitit." Again, on the 1st March, 1610, we read, "The saide companie have elected and did chuse James Swyn̄ton to be one of the same companie of Capitall Burgesses to full out y^e number," after they had dismissed Thomas Clegton, junior, "for the great abuse he offerred to James Swyn̄ton one of the Sergeants of this boroughe in the execucion of his office." James however was not always himself blameless, as the following extract shows: "XI^o die M^ocii anno 1622. Att y^e assemblée aforesaide James Swyn̄ton for his abuse and contempt offerred to Mr. Maior ys fyned in x.s. and also to make his submission which if he shall willinglie p̄forme and doo his ffyne to bee mittigated to v.s. w̄h saide some of v.s. shalbee delte to y^e poore." He must have made his submission promptly, as we find him in his place at the next meeting, and in 1625 he was one of the Burgesses chosen to "nōcate and appoynte the xxx^{tie} poore schollers to be taught gratis."²

In 1615, Ralph Keelinge being Mayor, he was appointed one of the two bailiffs for the term of two years. "1615. Jacobus Swyn̄ton electus est Battius p. xxiv^m Qui ad officiū sū bene et legitime exequciō sārum prestitit corporat."²

His last attendance at the Council was in April, 1629, for he was buried in that year, on the 8th May.¹ In the meeting of the

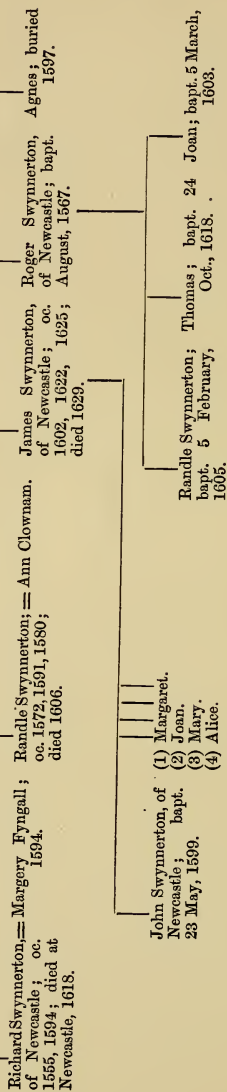
¹ Newcastle Parish Registers.

² Borough Records at Newcastle.

SWYNNERTON OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

TABLE III.

Robert Swynnerton, of Newcastle; oc. 1554, 1571, 1583; died at Newcastle, 1601.
(Nearly related to John Swynnerton of Thursfield, who died 1574.)



ensuing September the Council passed the following minute: "1529, 19th Sept. At the assemblie aforesaide the companie have made choyce of Johe Hondslay to be a Capital Burgess in the room of James Swynton, deceased." He died at his tenement in the "Yron Markett," for which in 1608 he was paying the corporation an acknowledgment of "nyne pence." He left a son John, who was baptized on the 23rd of May, 1599, and two daughters, Mary and Alice, the other daughters Margaret and Joan having predeceased him.¹ What became of these children does not appear.

Old Robert Swynnerton of Newcastle must have left however a fourth son ROGER, who was baptized in August, 1567,¹ besides a daughter Agnes, who was buried in 1597.¹

ROGER SWYNNERTON in his turn had two sons and a daughter, namely, Randle or Ralph, baptized on the 5th February, 1605; Thomas, baptized on the 24th October, 1618; and Joan, baptized on the 5th March, 1603.¹

Of the subsequent fortunes of this branch of the Swynnertons I am ignorant. Their names do not occur again in the Newcastle registers, but as the Civil War broke out just when they must have attained the prime of manhood, I imagine that like Harrison and the Bradshaws and many others in Newcastle, they probably left the country to seek their fortunes in the midst of more stirring scenes. The Swynnertons of Newcastle who occur in the latter part of the century were offshoots of the Swynnertons of the Yew Tree, Whitmore.²

¹ Newcastle Parish Registers. Rogerus Swynnerton filius Robti Swynnerton et uxor ejus vº die Augusti baptizat erat 1567.

¹ See an account of them *ante*.

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