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## PREFACE

Thanks are due to the late Miss Matilda Talbot of Laeock Abbey, who made the Laeock cartularies available to Miss Joan Gibbs for transcription, and to the late Col. A. D. Burnett-Brown for further help and interest. The late R. L. Atkinson and the late Neville J. Williams also provided practical help and encouragement at that stage. Miss Janet Burnett-Brown, now of the Abbey, has given every facility in more recent years, and her wide knowledge of its history has been valuable. Mr. C. R. Elrington and Dr. D. A. Crowley, successive editors of this series, both made helpful suggestions at various times. Finally the part that Miss Gibbs played in the preparation of this volume must be emphasized; Mr. Rogers has asked me to record that, were it not that the form of the volume is very different from when she passed it on, her name should appear on the title-page.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

B.L.	British Library
<i>Cal. Chart. R.</i>	<i>Calendar of the Charter Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office</i>
<i>Cal. Pat.</i>	<i>Calendar of the Patent Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office</i>
C.P. 25(1)	Public Record Office, Court of Common Pleas, Feet of Fines, Series I
E 40	Public Record Office, Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt, Ancient Deeds, Series A
E 42	The same, Series AS
Earliest Charters	W. G. Clark-Maxwell, 'The Earliest Charters of the Abbey of Lacock', <i>W.A.M.</i> xxxv. 191–209
N.C.	Lacock Abbey, 'newer' cartulary
O.C.	Lacock Abbey, 'older' cartulary
<i>V.C.H.</i>	<i>Victoria History of the Counties of England</i>
<i>W.A.M.</i>	<i>Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine</i>
Ward. 2	Public Record Office, Court of Wards and Liveries, Deeds and Evidences

## INTRODUCTION

A cartulary is a register in which an institution or a family has recorded the text of documents that have seemed important for its own welfare. The nature of cartularies and their various types are discussed in G. R. C. Davis, *Medieval cartularies of Great Britain* (1958), which also catalogues all known cartularies and their editions. The early conveyancing instruments of which cartularies mainly consist are explained in Volume III of this series, and the 'final concord' is described in Volumes I and XXIX. Useful information about forms is also in A. A. Dibben, *Title deeds* (Historical Assoc. *Helps for students of history*, lxxii, 1971). Important cartularies survive from seven Wiltshire religious houses: Bradenstoke, Edington, Lacock, Malmesbury abbey, Vaux college, Salisbury, St. Nicholas's hospital, Salisbury, and Wilton abbey. Malmesbury's and Wilton's have largely been published, and substantial extracts have been printed from that of St. Nicholas's hospital, Salisbury. Lacock's cartularies are published in the present volume.

The house of Augustinian canonesses at Lacock was founded in the years 1229–30 by Ela, countess of Salisbury, widow of William Longespee, a natural son of Henry II, and surrendered to Henry VIII's visitors early in 1539. Its history is told in detail in *V.C.H. Wiltshire*, iii, pp. 303–16, and at greater length in W. L. Bowles and J. G. Nichols, *Annals and antiquities of Lacock abbey*, published in 1835. Although the abbey church has gone, more of the domestic buildings remain than of any other English nunnery. With additions of the 16th and 18th centuries, Lacock Abbey is now a great house, the property of the National Trust, but still occupied by descendants of Henry Sharington whose brother William bought the buildings from the Crown in 1540. A former member of the family, William Henry Fox Talbot, was inventor of the calotype process, the forerunner of all modern methods of photography, and Lacock Abbey and its occupants form the subjects of many of his earliest essays in the field.

Outside the abbey gates the village of Lacock retains a barn and a few other buildings, as well as the parish church of St. Cyriac, which would have been familiar to the nuns of the 15th century. But even if most of its buildings are more recent in date, their materials and constructional techniques, and the whole scale and layout of the village, have perfectly preserved the aspect of a small medieval borough or, more properly, a village with a burghal addition; the old, pre-abbey village was centered on the church, while the borough street added after the foundation is the present High Street. Like the abbey, most of Lacock was given to the National Trust by the late Miss Matilda Talbot.

The manor of Lacock formed part of the original endowment of the abbey, but the nuns were by no means the sole landowners within the bounds of the parish. Wick Farm, where another medieval barn is to be seen, was the home



of the Crok family, and Lackham of the Bluets; both families occur as donors and vendors of property, and William Bluet's permission had to be obtained to conduct water from the springs on Bowden Hill over the land of his men of Bewley (where a 14th and 15th-century house, Bewley Court, still stands) to the abbey. The successor of the original conduit house can still be seen on Bewley Common; it was built by William Sharnington.

Besides the home property Ela endowed her foundation with the manor of Bishopstrow near Warminster, half the manor of Heddington just to the east of Lacock, the Gloucestershire manor of Hatherop north of Fairford, and the advowson of Shrewton on Salisbury Plain. Her son gave the manors of Chitterne, also on Salisbury Plain, and Upham in Aldbourne on the Marlborough Downs. Another early gift was in Gloucestershire, of land in the manor of Woodmancote in North Cerney near Cirencester. Farther away, and quite remote from their other property, the nuns also acquired the manor of Shorwell on the Isle of Wight. Smaller donations were largely limited to Wiltshire, consisting mainly of land and rents in Uffcott in Broad Hinton, Westlecott in Wroughton, Slade in Box, and Amesbury. Some small pieces of town property were also acquired, at the local market towns of Calne, Chippenham, and Trowbridge, and also in Bristol.

The story of the foundation of Lacock abbey was told in Annals, apparently originally compiled by a chaplain of the house *c.* 1275, and continued, though with little relating to the abbey, down to the end of the 15th century. More details were to be found in the Book of Lacock, compiled about the middle of the 14th century. Both were among the Cottonian MSS. when they were severely damaged by fire in 1731. The Annals survive, badly burned but legible, as Cotton MS. Vit. A. viii, ff. 113 seq., in the British Library. The Book of Lacock, in the same volume, ff. 128v. seq., is almost entirely illegible, but a transcript of late-16th-century date is in the Harleian MSS. (5019, ff. 222 seq.), and parts of it were printed by Bowles and Nichols, Appendix, i-v, and Dugdale, *Monasticon*, vi(1), 501-2. Bowles also mentions a third manuscript, letters from Beatrice (the abbess who succeeded Ela) containing a eulogy of Ela. This was in Tit. B. xiii, and was completely destroyed.

Documents relating to the abbey's property survive, however, in some profusion. Besides the charters which form the subject of this volume, they include customals and rentals of Bishopstrow, Heddington, Hatherop, and Lacock, which were printed by W. G. Clark-Maxwell in *W.A.M.* xxxii, and a number of miscellaneous documents of various kinds.

Before describing the way in which the charters have come down to us, it will be necessary to trace the history of the abbey's muniments. Passing to the Crown on the surrender of the house in 1539, they were presumably taken over by the Court of Augmentations. On the granting of the site of the abbey, with much other monastic property, to William Sharnington in 1540, they were no doubt handed to him, although there is no record of a warrant for their delivery among the very incomplete class of Exchequer, Augmentation Office, Warrants for the Delivery of Records, in the Public

Record Office (E 324).

William Sharnington died in 1553 without issue, and all his lands passed to his younger brother Henry. Sir Henry Sharnington had by his marriage with Anne, daughter of Robert Pagett, three daughters. The eldest, Ursula, married Thomas, son of Sir Ralph Sadleir. The second, Grace, married Sir Anthony Mildmay, and the third, Olive, married John Talbot. In 1573 Sir Henry executed a deed providing for the distribution of his estates among his three daughters, and confirmed it in a will, of which the draft remains at the Abbey. Subsequently, however, Ursula Sadleir died without issue: on his death-bed, early in 1581, Sharnington altered his will so that all the estates passed to Olive Talbot subject to the life interest of his widow. Although the will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in the same year, Sir Walter Mildmay, one of the most powerful figures of the day, at once complained to the Queen of the injustice done to his son and daughter-in-law. 'How prejudiciall besides such wilbe to the Queen's Majestie', he wrote, 'for Wardshipp, Lyverye and prymier season, the Master and Officers of the Courte of Wardes can declare. And if this be suffired you may be sure there wilbe more'.

From this complaint began the lengthy litigation in the Court of Wards which brought the Lacock deeds once more into official custody. In 1582 'twoe trunckes and a lytle lockd cupbord of Sir Henry Sharnington's evidences' were brought into court. Later, in Hilary term 1586, a further 'two trunckes and a kaskett of vellume of evidences of the heires of Sir Henry Sherington's' came into the custody of the clerk of the Wards; and in the survey of deeds remaining in court when John Hare succeeded as clerk in 1589 were 'certen parcelles of Sir Henry Sharnington's evidences tyed together whiche were heretofore taken out of the cheste of evidences' as well as 'two trunckes and one great caskett'. It is no part of our purpose to pursue the suit between the two co-heiresses; indeed, the fragmentary nature of the surviving records of the Court of Wards would prevent it. It is nevertheless clear that the litigation was very long and very complicated. Extremely valuable properties were at stake, and it is not surprising that all the available evidences were mustered.

A new urgency was given to the matter by the death of old Lady Sharnington in 1607. The daughters, no doubt tired of the law's delays, referred the matter to the arbitration of the earl of Shrewsbury (a relative of Talbot) and Lord Knollys. It was no doubt in connexion with this that two trunks and a casket of evidences were delivered to Sir George Wilde for his study in 1608. The arbitrators' award of that year, of which a copy is at the Abbey, recognized the Mildmay claims; among its provisions it gave the Abbey and other Lacock lands to Olive Talbot, and Bowden Hill, across the river from the Abbey, to Grace Mildmay. Since then Lacock parish has contained two great houses with separate estates. The Bowden property has passed through several hands, and is now the home of Sir Arnold Weinstock.

It was probably a delayed result of this settlement that, in November 1615,

the Court of Wards ordered that 'parte of these evedences which doe concerne the lady Stapleton [Olive Talbot had remarried] are delivered to James Leydall, gentleman, her solicitor, and other parte hereof as they are sorted are delyvered for the Ladye Mildemaye unto William Bellamy, gentleman, to her use and the use of Sir Anthonye Mildmaye, knight. And the rest of the evidences which concern them both myxtlie, as they are locked upp in a trunck under twoe lockes, eache of the said solicitors havinge a key thereof, are delyvered forthe unto the said James Leydall to be conveyed at the equall chardge of the said parties unto the churche howse of Lacock in the Countie of Wiltshire, there to be kept accordinge to the order of our said [court] taken 7 Novembris Anno xiiij Jacobi Regis . . . and delyvered to the said parties accordinge to the said order'. Unfortunately, the order books and the draft orders of the court for this period are missing, leaving us ignorant of the terms of the order of 7 November 1615.

If the matter had indeed been cleared up, it seems likely that the terms of the order were meant to be permanent. If so, it may be that one of the parties (probably Lady Stapleton), or perhaps both, never collected a share of the deeds. It is significant that the clerk of the Wards, who at this time invariably cancelled entries in the book of evidences when deeds were sent out of court, and noted in the margin to whom they were delivered, never cancelled the first entry of 1582 relating to the Sharnington deeds. From whatever cause, over 130 Lacock abbey deeds remain in the records of the Court of Wards in the Public Record Office. It is to be noted that they include a number relating to abbey properties that never came to William Sharnington and so had no relevance to the disputes. They were mostly three centuries or so old, and were probably illegible to many of the legal men concerned. It is, indeed, difficult to see how any pre-Dissolution documents could have been useful in the matter of the Sharnington inheritance.

There are also in the Public Record Office just over sixty further deeds, among the Ancient Deeds, that relate to the abbey estates. They are intimately connected with the Wards deeds, even to the extent of including counterparts of deeds in the Wards series. They could be deeds which were brought in in 1539 but never identified for allocation to Sharnington on his purchase, or they could perhaps have been separated from the Wards series accidentally at some later period.

Both the Wards series and the Ancient Deeds contain many more pre-Dissolution deeds relating to property in Lacock. There are some 130 of them in all, and many can be clearly identified as an archive group relating to the property of the Crok family of Wick in Lacock referred to above. Some of these were printed by G. J. Kidston in the appendices to his *History of the Manor of Hazelbury* (1936). From the Croks the estate at Wick passed by marriage to the Bonham family, of whom John Bonham sold Wick about 1574. The details of this transaction are not known, but the property must have passed either directly or through some third party to Sir Henry Sharnington, who included it in a settlement of 1 January 1581 made on the marriage of Olive Sharnington with John Talbot.

None of the references to the Sharington documents gives any indication of the nature of the evidences, but it seems likely that those which concerned both parties and were to be kept at the church house at Lacock must have included the two cartularies which now survive, and are kept at the Abbey. Grace Mildmay had no male issue; her daughter married Francis Fane, earl of Westmorland, who sold the Bowden Hill property *c.* 1663. After this, there could have been little reason to retain the arrangement of 1615. Shortly afterwards Aubrey made a note that Sir John Talbot had 'the Legier Book of Lacock', and Sir John described it in those words in 1699 when he asked a Mr. Herring to deliver it, if he had finished with it, to Peter le Neve, the herald. Presumably the phrase comprised the two cartularies as at present. Both bear inscriptions inside the front covers showing that on 8 May 1749 they were lent to Dr. James Davis. This was presumably the author of *Origines Divisianaë*, published in 1754.

Also at the Abbey are some 200 other deeds and other records kept with the cartularies. Some of these deeds are copies of documents in the cartularies, others are post-Dissolution Sharington records, and yet others, although earlier, relate to Crok rather than abbey lands. Only a few fall into the category of abbey charters. Other documents that do have been included when noticed; they are at the British Library, the Wiltshire Record Office, and elsewhere.

The older cartulary dates from the middle and second half of the 13th century. It is a parchment book of 90 + iv folios, 263 × 180 mm., bound in tattered white leather over bevelled boards. A central brown leather strap is missing, except for a very short length, but the pin to which it was attached remains on the second cover. The binding is not earlier than the mid 14th century, and is contemporary with, and similar to, that of the newer cartulary.

The contents fall into two main parts. A (ff.7–20): forty-four charters, all apparently of the time of Abbess Ela or earlier, and in hands which do not look later than *c.* 1250. The writing and ink often change at the beginning of a charter, sometimes in the middle. B (ff. 21–72): all written in one hand which is not earlier than 1268 (f. 46). Folios 21–46 contain 86 charters of the time of Abbesses Ela and Beatrice or earlier; ff. 47–56, rentals and customals of Bishopstrow, Heddington, Hatherop, and Lacock; ff. 58–72, 48 charters in continuation of the series on ff. 21–46, and of the same date. In sections A and B the charters are arranged perhaps chronologically; each has a marginal note of the place to which it refers, and some have numbers forming a cross-reference to the newer cartulary. The initials are in red, but in one quire have not been filled in. The writing area is 160 × 116 mm. Most leaves show marginal prickings for ruling, and are also ruled with double bounding-lines in both directions.

Many subsequent additions were made to this cartulary, on blank spaces and on the blank quires at beginning and end. They are in hands of the later 13th and 14th centuries and include, besides some additional material of charter type, documents relating to the election of an abbess, the quantity of

hens' eggs, ducks, and capons due from each manor in 1312, a charm in French, and a list of alms for the poor and pittances for the nuns on certain feast-days and anniversaries, *c.* 1300.

The newer cartulary is of the early 14th century. It is a parchment book of 143 + viii folios, 265 × 180 mm., bound uniformly with the other cartulary, but in somewhat better condition. The central strap is missing, but the pin remains.

The contents are all written in one admirable hand and, in contrast to the older cartulary, are arranged topographically in eighteen sections. Each section has a contemporary numeration. Spaces were left for headings and initials, but these have not been filled in, although some headings were written in the margin for the rubricator to copy. The latest date of a charter is 1303, the only exceptions being some Shorwell entries of the time of Henry VIII at the end. The writing area is 175 × 125 mm.; there is no sign of marginal pricking, but the leaves have been cut and some marginal entries are cut into.

## SELECTION OF MATERIAL AND EDITORIAL METHOD

The title of this edition, *Lacock Abbey Charters*, indicates the criterion by which a selection has been made from this considerable amount of manuscript material. All deeds which did not concern the abbey's property or were antecedent title deeds of it have been rejected, leaving, perhaps for future publication, an archive group which should prove to relate to the Sharingtons' non-abbey property and, to a lesser extent, to the post-Dissolution history of the whole of their property down to 1581. Little to which the term charter could not be applied has been included here. This involved the rejection of a certain amount of miscellaneous material mainly from the older cartulary; some of this has been printed in various places.

The body of material of charter-form selected in this way is formidable in bulk, amounting to 473 distinct documents, which occur either as cartulary copies or as originals, or as both.

Before describing the general approach and editorial method of this edition, it should be mentioned that its period of gestation has been unusually long, even by the elastic standards of record publication. The first work was done by Miss Joan Gibbs of the University of London Library in the early 1950s. She transcribed the two cartularies, and many of the deeds (also in Latin), and made English translations or abstracts of the remaining deeds. The present editor took over this body of material in 1960. Since then family and other preoccupations have enabled him to give it only intermittent attention, to the frustration of a succession of general editors, to whose polite forbearance tribute must be paid. In these circumstances there has been an inevitable tendency towards a simplified approach, especially in changing from the original intention to print early (pre-1257) deeds verbatim to the present calendar form for all deeds.

The general intention of this edition is to present to the reader an English abstract of every document, giving details of the purpose for which it was made, and the persons and places named in it. The user, or reader, whom the editor has had in mind has been the parish historian or topographer, rather than the specialist student of the exact legal form of deeds. What this has meant in practice has been the excision of a great deal of common form. For instance in the many grants to the nuns, the words of the gift usually include the words 'to God' and 'to the nuns serving God there'; gifts are made 'for the health of [various] souls'; grants are made or received by the 'lady' abbess 'and convent'. These phrases have been omitted, except that all named individuals for whose souls' health the gifts were made have been retained. In many deeds of common type it has been possible to omit such legal matters as general reservations of service and the reservation of reversion in leases. Almost every deed of conveyance abstracted has a clause of warranty, and these and almost all others have a sealing clause; these two details were at first noted, but the seemingly endless repetition, charter after charter, of 'Warranty. Sealing clause' led to their removal. Details of the terms at which rents should be paid were also found to be repetitive, and have only been retained if of any independent interest, and such minor phrases as 'of silver' after sums of money, and 'and many others' at the end of lists of witnesses have also disappeared.

Some of this may well be criticized by the specialist to whom such details could be of interest. The general reader – and I believe there are general readers for medieval texts in translation, as witnessed by the two volumes in this series dealing with the Wiltshire eyre of 1249 – may feel, on the other hand, that a more literal translation would preserve for him some flavour of the period lost by abstracting. For him the word 'gift' does not inevitably bring to mind such a phrase as 'Know all men present and future that I' with which such documents so commonly begin. This loss is inevitable, but such a reader must also be told that many documents of less common type, such as agreements after disputes, can be abstracted only by making what amounts to a translation of their more important sections.

In English abstracts of medieval material, it is customary to reproduce place and personal-names as they appear in the originals. That has been done here with certain exceptions. With place-names, modern forms have been used for a few large towns such as Canterbury, Salisbury, etc. The names of smaller places are as written, except that it has not been thought necessary to put a final apostrophe to indicate that the scribe ended such a word with a conventional mark of abbreviation.

Christian names have normally been given in the form which their holders might be supposed to have used. This is, of course, normally the modern form – John for *Johannes*, Joan for *Johanna*, etc. – but Reynold and Maud have been preferred to the more familiar, but anachronistic, Reginald and Matilda. Some unfamiliar names, generally feminine, have been left as they appear, in the absence of modern equivalents.

With surnames it is more difficult to know, or guess, by what name a

particular person was known to his fellows. A man described as *Johannes Carpentarius* was no doubt called John Carpenter, and may indeed appear in other places as John le Carpenter or John Carpenter. But *Johannes Faber*, although presumably John Smith, may possibly have been John Faber, a known modern name, and *Johannes Medicus* was certainly not John Physician, but rather John Leech. *Sutor* (shoemaker) appears to have left no English equivalent. To avoid such pitfalls, it has been thought preferable to translate occupational names given in a Latin form with the prefix 'the', so that the three examples given appear as John the carpenter, John the smith, and John the physician. Other words treated in this way include *aurifaber* (goldsmith), *cissor* (tailor), *clericus* (clerk), *coquus* (cook), *falconarius* (falconer), *janator* (porter), *molendinarius* (miller), *parcarius* (parker), *pistor* (baker), and *senescallus* (steward). In the index they have been gathered with persons of the same name expressed in other ways, so that John the falconer, John le Falconer, and John Falconer are regarded there as one.

A few other surnames appear in Latin forms which are capable of translation so that, for example, *de Aula* becomes Hall, *de Ponte* Bridge, *de Quercu* Oak, and *Juvenis* Young. Translating *Albus* as White may appear equally straightforward, and certainly a number of people of that name appear both as *Albus* and le Wite, White, etc. But they are apparently identical with people using the surname le Blunt or le Blund. In this case *Albus* has been translated as White, and such translated instances have been added to the various forms of White in the index, while the Blunds and Blunts remain separate. The surnames *de Fraxino* and *de Salice* could be translated as Ash and Willow, but comparison with other forms shows that Nash and Withy are better equivalents. *Crassus* could be translated Fat (the name Fatt can be found in Wiltshire parish registers) or Gross, but as it also appeared in the form le Cras, the surname of two abbesses, it seems preferable in this case to adopt this form as the equivalent of the Latin.

A few family names, generally of the upper class, have recognized Latin equivalents. Where these have been encountered they have been replaced by the more familiar forms so that, for example, *de Bello Campo* has become Beauchamp, *de Albiniaco* Daubeny, *de Alta Ripa* Dawtrey, and *de Monte Alta* Montalt.

It was originally intended that charters which survived in more than one copy, i.e. in both cartularies, or in an original and one or other, or both, of the cartularies, should be collated, and variant readings noted. The addition would have made the volume more cumbersome, without telling the reader more than that the men who wrote the cartularies frequently miscopied, or perhaps one should say varied, the spelling of words to suit their own whims or inclinations. Most of the variations are of little importance, but occasionally an initial has been wrongly copied. A reasonable principle has been to follow an original where available. Where there is none, the newer cartulary copy has generally been followed if available, but obvious errors have been corrected from the older cartulary if the particular charter is in that too. Where only one cartulary copy is available, this has, of course, been

followed without variation.

The index to a volume such as this would, if compiled in accordance with accepted canons, have been a work of formidable length. In dealing with places, for instance, the entry 'Bishopstrow' would have been followed by all the various ways in which that word was spelt in the text – Bissopestr, Bissopstrew, Busshoppstrowe, Byssopestr, etc. – and each of these would also receive a separate entry in the index with a cross-reference to the 'Bishopstrow' entries. The 'Bishopstrow' entry would also include all the minor and field-names within that place and these too would be entered in the general index with cross-references to the principal entry under 'Bishopstrow'. The present editor believes that this method is unnecessary for most purposes to which the volume will be put. The local historian interested in Bishopstrow and its fields, or the student of place-names interested in the ways that Bishopstrow might be spelt, can easily locate these from a simple 'Bishopstrow' entry, without the many extra entries that the full system would require. The advantages of the latter are really for the ultra-specialist. A student, for instance, of furlong-names in common-field parishes, would be able to read through an index compiled on the full system, and extract from it all furlong-names mentioned in the volume, and the places where they occurred, *without reference to the text at all!*

The same principle of simplicity has been followed as far as possible with personal-names. Those surnames for which an obvious form was available, especially the many based on place-names, have been gathered in the one place, with no variants following them, and with only a minimum of cross-reference. The family that took its name from the village of Tinhead (in Edington parish) will be found under that spelling, without the addition of the variant spellings such as Tenhide, Tunhide, etc. Another departure from standard practice has been to index as many people as possible under what would have become their surname; Robert the smith, for instance, is to be found under Smith rather than Robert. The reason for this is clear from what is said above about occupational names. The one exception to this practice has been to index the many clerks mentioned without surname under their Christian names.



# LACOCK ABBEY CHARTERS

## Lacock: foundation grants

1 [1229] Gift by Ela countess of Salisbury in her liege widowhood, for the souls of Earl William Longespeie her husband and all his and her own predecessors, and her own health and that of William Longespeie her first-born son and all her other children and heirs, to blessed Mary and St. Bernard, of her manor of Lacok with the advowson of the church of the same manor, to make there an abbey (*abathiam*) of nuns which she wished to call the place of blessed Mary. To hold to the abbess and nuns there in free alms, quit of all secular service pertaining to the king and his bailiffs and to the donor and her heirs, and of all services and exactions whatsoever which may be demanded from that land. Witnesses: Hubert de Burgh earl of Kent, justiciar of England, William Marshal earl of Pembroke, William de Warenne earl of Surrey, Peter son of Herbert, Hugh de Neville, Ralph son of Nicholas, steward of the king, Henry Daubeny. [E 40/9350; O.C. 7v.; N.C. 1].

Printed: Earliest Charters, No. I. Another original of this charter was in an artificial collection of deeds at Hawksyard Priory, Staffs., and was probably that offered for sale in 1966: *Bulletin of Inst. of Hist. Research*, xl. 126.

2 [1229] *Inspeximus* and confirmation by William Longespee of his mother's charter, No. 1. The witnesses to the *inspeximus* are the same as those to the charter inspected. [Ward. 2/94B/137; O.C. 8v.; N.C. 2].

3 31 Jan. 1230. Royal *inspeximus* and confirmation of the charter of Ela countess of Salisbury, No. 1. Witnesses: Hubert de Burgh earl of Kent, justiciar of England, Stephen de Segrave, Philip Daubeny, Ralph son of Nicholas, John son of Philip, Richard son of Hugh, Ralph de Ralegh, Henry de Capella. Given by R. bishop of Chichester at Westminster. [E 40/12119; O.C. 12; N.C. 4v.].

Printed (partly): Earliest Charters, No. II. See: *Cal. Pat.* 1225–32, 328.

4 20 Apr. 1230. *Inspeximus* and confirmation by Robert *minister* of the church of Salisbury of the charter of Ela countess of Salisbury, No. 1, the royal confirmation of it, No. 3, and the agreement between Ela and John rector of Lacok, No. 30, and further grant, at the instance of William Longspeye her son and heir, and with the unanimous consent of W. dean of Salisbury and the chapter, for the honour and reverence of God and his glorious and ever-virgin mother Mary, that Ela may found and construct an abbey in the said manor and constitute nuns of the order of St. Augustine there and exercise the same rule there for ever, subject however to the church

of Salisbury in all canonical matters, and saving the indemnity of the mother church as in the agreement. Sealed with the seals of the bishop and chapter. At Remmesbur' 12 Kal. May in the first year of his pontificate. Witnesses: Sir W. dean, R. precentor, R. chancellor, E. treasurer of Salisbury; Masters W. archdeacon of Berkshire, H. Teysson, R. de Croschal, Thomas de Ebelesborn, W. de Len; Gilbert de Stapelbrig and P. Picot canons of Salisbury, Masters Thomas de Warwyk and John de Bermingham our clerks, Walter and Richard our chaplains. [N.C. 5v.].

Printed: Earliest Charters, No. III.

5 [c. 1230] Gift in free alms by Constance de Lega in her widowhood, for the souls of her father William de Lega and of her mother Mabel de la Mare, to blessed Mary, of all her manor of Wudesmonescote with all appurtenances, liberties, and free customs in all places and in all things, to establish in the town of Lacok an abbey of nuns which she wishes to be called the place of blessed Mary. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John Daco, Sir Henry Daubeny knights; Masters G. the penitentiary, Thomas de Ebelesburne, Adam vicar of Audiburn; Walter de Soliers, Peter de Saucey, Hugh de Dol. [E 40/8911; O.C. 18; N.C. 107v.].

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6 [c. 1231-2] Gift in free alms by Ela countess of Salisbury, in her liege widowhood, to the church of blessed Mary of Lacok, of her manor of Haderop. Witnesses: Sir Richard Marshal earl of Pembroke, William de Ferier, Gilbert Basset, Walter de Paveilli, John Daco, William Talebot, Hugh de Dol, Perrin de Sacey, Jacon de Menes, Nicholas de Hedigtona clerk. [O.C. 7; N.C. 101].

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7 [c. 1231-2] *Inspeximus* and confirmation of No. 6 by William Longespee, son of the grantor. Witnesses: as in the charter inspected. [O.C. 10; N.C. 101].

8 [c. 1231-2] Letters patent of William Longespee to all knights and free tenants belonging to the manors of Lacok and Hatherop, notifying them he has granted and confirmed those manors in free alms to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok. They are to do full services, in homages, reliefs, and other services belonging to the manors, to the prioress as fully as they ever did to his predecessors. Not witnessed. [O.C. 10 and 23v.; N.C. 9].

Printed: Earliest Charters, No. VI.

9 12 Feb. 1236. Notification of an agreement between Lady Ela countess of Salisbury and Sir William Lungesp' her first-born son, made at Lacok 12

Feb. 20 Hen. III. William has granted to Ela that she may confer the whole manor of Bysopestre on the house of Lacok for the support of the religious women there, to hold in free alms. William has also promised that he will make exchanges with the prior and canons of Bradenestok for all the land they have in the manor of Hadrop, and with Sir Ralph Bloet for the advowson which he has in the parish church of Lakoc, so that Ela may give the land and the advowson to the nuns. Ela has agreed that the exchanges may be made out of the lands coming to her by hereditary right. William has promised that the exchanges shall be made before St. John the Baptist's Nativity. In return Ela has promised that on All Saints' day she will yield up to William all the lands, rents, and hereditary rights which she has at this time. William has granted that as soon as he is made earl of Salisbury he will confirm all these gifts by charter, with all other lands and possessions which have been given to the house by Ela before this time, and that before the Assumption he will seek the king's confirmation of them. Both parties have sworn on the gospel for the faithful keeping of this agreement. [E 40/8877; O.C. 23; N.C. 66].

Printed: Earliest Charters, No. VII.

**10** [c. 1236] Precept of William Longespe to the knights and free tenants of the manor [*sic*] of Bissopestre and Hatherop, ordering them henceforth to do their service in homages, services, and all other customs to the prioress of Lacok as their lady. [O.C. 10v.; N.C. 66v.].

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**11** [c. 1236] Notification by William Longespee to all knights holding by military service in Lacok and Bissopestr that he has confirmed the gift made by Ela his mother, countess of Salisbury, to the house and nuns of Lacok, and order to them to do the service which they did to her to the prioress of Lacok. [O.C. 10; N.C. 67].

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**12** 22 July 1236. Notification of an agreement between Ela countess of Salisbury and William Longespeie her first-born son, made at Lacok on St. Mary Magdalene 20 Hen. III, viz. that William has granted to his mother that on St. Martin's day she may confer on the house of Lacok, for the support of the nuns there, all the manor of Bisopestre, and all the land which the prior of Bradenestok had in the town of Hatherop, and ten librates in the towns of Seperig and Heintona. If the rent of the [two last-named] towns does not amount to £10 William is bound to fully restore the said £10 to the house elsewhere, together with the rent. William has also granted to the house the advowson of the church of Meidenewinterburne, to hold in free alms. William shall obtain the royal confirmation of all these gifts before the quindene of Michaelmas. Since he has been seised of the lands which his

mother granted him, he shall confirm them to the house of Lacok under his own seal, and when he is made an earl he shall confirm them again with his great seal, in spite of one previous confirmation. William shall also confirm Ela's gifts, viz. Heinton, and to William Talebot the land of Kaneford for life, and to Ralph Long the land of Cunelestone in fee, and to Philip Dawtrey the land of Schriveham in fee, and to Peter Withy the land of Kaneford in fee, and to Richard del Hek his land in fee, and to John de Didehan his land in fee, and to Hugh de Dol his land for life, and to Eudes Guion his land for his and his wife's lives, and to Richard Ricewin a cotland (*cotcetele terre*) for life, and to the miller of Stavertona his land for his and his wife's lives, and to the reeve of Treubrig his land for his and his wife's lives, and a certain messuage to the church of St. James of Treubrig, all according to the charters which the donees have of Ela. Besides this, William has granted to Ela all the manor of Cetre, except the knights' fees belonging to it, for her support as long as she lives, whether she enter religion or not. He shall discharge that manor of two ways of cheese of alms given by his predecessors, and of two cheeses to Sir William le Bastard, and of four quarters of wheat of the said alms. After Ela's death the manor shall revert to William or his heirs.

For this grant Ela has promised that on next All Saints' day she will yield up to William all her other lands and all her hereditary right and all that may come to her by hereditary right, except the wardship of Nicholas her son which he gave to her with the consent of William Longespee her son. If she can acquire the land of Tutdingdune, she may give it to whom she will except to a religious house, and William will confirm it. Ela will retain all escheats, reliefs, and other profits until All Saints' day. If the said Nicholas die in her wardship without issue, all the lands he brought her shall revert to William. The men of the prioress of Lacok and of Hatherop are not bound to do summons to knights of the summons of [*non tenentur facere submoniciones militibus de submonicione de*] Lacok and Hatherop, nor may William in future distrain them to do so. William shall warrant Cetre to Ela for her life. If any plea concerning Seperige and Hentona should go against Ela, William shall utterly discharge her of it.

For the better keeping of this agreement, *utraque pars in manu magistri Thome de Eblesburn affidavit* [meaning not clear]. And for greater security, William has bound himself that if he does not keep the agreement he shall confer [on her] the manors of Cerletona and Hengstrug, and in the same way Ela has given for security the manors of Caneford and Treubrige. And they have both renounced all agreements, oaths, and contracts made between them before the present. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Godarville, Master Thomas de Ebelesburn, Sir Nicholas Malesmenys, Master Adam rector of the church of Gatesdene, Sir Richard Longespee, John Moul, Master Roger de Stok', Sir Roger de Barkesvil; P. Withy, P. de Treubrig, Philip de Depesford, Thomas Makerel, Robert de Holte clerks. [O.C. 9].

**13** [c. 1236] Notification by William Longespee that he has promised by his pledged word that he will demand nothing by reason of that charter which his mother countess Ela made to him, concerning the handing over and granting of her manors and lands, because it would be contrary to a chirograph made between her and him before prudent men. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Godarville, Nicholas Malemeins, Richard Lungespee, Roger de Bascreville, John de Moul, Master Thomas de Ebelesburn, Master Adam rector of the church of Gatesdene, Peter rector of the church of Treubrig, Master Roger de Stok, Peter Withy. [O.C. 11; N.C. 7 and 10].

Printed: Earliest Charters, No. XII.

**14** 25 Oct. 1236. Notification indented of an agreement made on Saturday after St. Luke 22 Hen. III between Ela countess of Salisbury and William Longspee her first-born son. William has granted to Ela that she may bestow on the house of Lak, for the upkeep of the nuns there, a moiety of the manor of Hedinton' which fell to her by the decease of Maud de Boun. Ela has released to William the exchange to be made of the land of the prior and canons of Bradenstok' in Haterop to them and ten librates of the town of Seperig' and of Heanton' due at Martinmas, notwithstanding the earlier agreement made on the same articles on St. Mary Magdalene in the same year. Witnesses: Sir Pain de Mara, Master Thomas de Ebelesbur', Master Adam rector of the church of Gatesdone, Peter de Saucey, Philip de Depford. [O.C. 10v., 19; N.C. 76].

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**15** [c. 1236] Gift by Ela countess of Salisbury, in her liege widowhood, for the souls of Earl William Lungespeie her husband and all his and her predecessors, and for her health and that of William Lungespeie her first-born son and all her other children and heirs, to blessed Mary and St. Bernard and the holy nuns at Lacok, of her manor of Lacok with the advowson of the church of the said manor, and the manor of Hatherop, and the manor of Bisopestre, and a moiety of the manor of Hedintune, which came to her by a final concord made in the king's court between her and Humphrey de Boun of the honor of Treubrigge, and the advowson of the church of Winterborne Sireuetune. To hold to the nuns at Lacok in free alms, quit of all secular service pertaining to the king and his bailiffs and to the donor and her heirs and of all services and exactions whatsoever which may be demanded by the said lands. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Godardvile, Sir Thomas de Eblesburne, Sir Nicholas Malemeins, Adam rector of the church of Gatesdene, Richard Lungesp', John de Moul, Master Roger de Stokes, Sir Roger de Baskerville, Peter Withy, Sir Peter parson of Troubrigge, Philip de Depford clerk, Thomas Makerel clerk, Robert de Holte clerk. [Ward. 2/94E/24; O.C. 7; N.C. 1v.].

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**16** 4 Feb. 1237. Royal *inspeximus* and confirmation of No. 15. Witnesses: William 'electo Valentin', John de Lacy earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester, Hugh de Vinon, Yngelard de Cygon, Amery de St. Amand, Geoffrey de Cauz, Richard son of Hugh, William Gernun, Bartholomew de Sankeville. By Ralph bishop of Chichester, chancellor, at Kenitona. [O.C. 12v.].

**17** [c. 1237] *Inspeximus* and confirmation by William Lungespeie of his mother's charter, No. 15. Witnesses: Sir Stephen Lungesp', Sir Nicholas Malemeins, Sir John Daco, Sir Henry Daubeny, Sir Henry de Mara, Sir John de Moul knights; Julian the chaplain, Peter de Saucey, Philip de Depford, Roger de Lond', Thomas Makerel, Robert de Holta clerks. [Ward. 2/94E/59; O.C. 13; N.C. 2v.].

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**18** [1250-3] *Inspeximus* and confirmation by William Lungespeye of his grandmother's charter, No. 15. Witnesses: Sir Richard de Lungespeye, Sir Walter de Pauylli, Sir Alexander de Montfort, Sir Ralph de Angyens, Sir William de Tunhide then sheriff of Wiltescirie, Sir Nicholas de Hedigtone, Valentine the clerk, Richard de Wiggetere, Robert de Holte clerk. [Ward. 2/94B/11; N.C. 3v.].

Printed (partly): Earliest Charters, No. XVI.

**18A** [1247-50] Notification by William Longespee that, since by the gift of divine grace he has been dubbed (*insigniti*) earl of Salisbury with the sword, he has confirmed, notwithstanding his previous confirmation, to the nuns serving God and St. Bernard at Lacok all the goods his mother Ela countess of Salisbury gave to them, as a charter of hers which he has frequently seen witnesses. Witnesses: Sir Richard Marshal earl of Pembroke, William de Ferrers, Gilbert Bascet, Walter de Paveilli, John Daco, William Talebot, Hugh de Dol, Peter de Saucey, Jacob de Muenes. [O.C. 10v.; N.C. 8].

#### Lacock: grants of privileges

**19** 7 Aug. 1237. Royal letters patent granting to the prioress of Lacok and the nuns there a fair at the manor of Lacok lasting three days, viz. the eve, feast, and morrow of St. Thomas the Martyr, unless it be to the damage of neighbouring fairs. Witnesses: W. de Raleg treasurer of Exeter, Amery de St. Amand, John son of Geoffrey, John son of Philip, Bartholomew Pecch, John de Plessez, Hamon son of Philip. Given by R. bishop of Chichester at Windsor. [Lacock Abbey MS. 190; O.C. 11v.; N.C. 10v.].

**20** 6 May 1242. Royal letters patent granting to Ela abbess of Lacok a weekly market at her manor of Lacok to be held on Tuesday unless it be to the

damage of neighbouring markets. Witnesses: W. archbishop of York; Bishops W. of Carlisle, W. of Winchester, and W. of Exeter; W. Marshal earl of Pembroke, H. de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex, R. earl le Bigot, William de Cantulo, John son of Geoffrey, Geoffrey the dispenser, Walter de Lintona. At Portesm'. [E 42/502; O.C. 11v.; N.C. 8 and 10].

See: *Cal. Chart. R.* 1226-57, 274.

**21** 6 May 1242. Royal writ notifying officials and others that the king has granted to the abbess of Lacok that they [*sic*] may have during his pleasure a cart going once each week in the forest of Melkesham [to collect] dead wood for their fuel, without damage to the forest. At Portesmuh. [O.C. 11v.; N.C. 11].

**22** 3 June 1260. Royal letters patent. Whereas the king's kinswoman Ela, called patron of the house of Lacok, beseeched him to grant the house a daily cart-load of the dead or dry wood or green wood in the forest of Melkesham, and whereas he has learnt by an inquisition taken by Robert Waleraund, justice of the forest this side of Trent, that the dead or dry wood there would not be sufficient for a daily cart-load, and it would be more to advantage to grant to the house a certain place in a part of the forest, grant therefore to the abbess and nuns of 40a. of wood in the forest by the forest perch, bounded as follows: from the hedge and ditch of Luntseye rising next Wodenesdich as far as the way called Haggestrete toward Chetwe, and above that way as far as little Hesewych to the ditch called Aldefrithesdych, and thence to the said ditch and hedge of Luntel' next Milestile on the south side. To hold in free alms quit of waste and regard and view of foresters, [and] verderers, and of all others belonging to the forest and foresters, verderers, and their servants. The nuns may inclose the land with ditch and hedge to exclude the king's game, but if the game should enter through defect of the inclosure, it shall remain to the king to take at will. Witnesses: Richard de Clare earl of Gloucester and Hertford, Roger le Bygod earl of Norfolk and marshal of England, Hugh le Bigod justiciar of England, Philip Basset, John Merunsell treasurer of York, John de Burgh, Henry de Bath, Roger de Thurkelby, Gilbert de Preston, Nicholas de Haudlo. At Westminster. [Ward. 2/94c/7; O.C. 22; N.C. 11].

**23** 1 Oct. 1260. Charter of Henry III granting and confirming, at the instance of his kinswoman Ela countess of Warwick, and for the health of his soul and those of his ancestors and successors, to the abbess of Lacok that she may be for ever quit of cheminage throughout (*per*) all his forests in the counties of Wyltes and Gloucest', and that she may have free warren in all her demesne lands which she at present has in England outside the bounds of his forests, so that none may enter them to chase or take anything which belongs to the warren without her permission, under a forfeiture to the king of £10. Grant also in perpetuity of a weekly market on Fridays at her manor of Lacock unless it be to the damage of neighbouring markets. Witnesses: H. London, John du Plessis earl of Warwick, Hugh le Bygod justiciar of

England, Philip Basset, Ingram de Fenes, Robert Walraund, Imbert Pugeys, Matthew Becil, Robert de Tweugh, Simon Passelewe, Ingram de Percy, William de Trubervil. At Windsor 1 Oct. 44 Hen. III. [E 40/15178; O.C. 22].

**24** 10 June 1300. Perambulation made before Sir John de Berwyke and Walter de Glouc' escheator and others by royal writ at Salisbury, Friday before St. Barnabas 28 Edw. [I] by oath of 24 knights and others, and then confirmed by the king at his parliament at Nichole, viz. the bound of Melkesham begins at the bridge of Whaddon, and from there as far as the bridge of Sembleton all the way by the water, and so by the water as far as Bidemulle, and so by the same water as far as Somerham, and from there by the hedge as far as Durlegate, and from there by the water as far as Boudewyke, and from there along the hedge as far as the wood of the abbot of la Bataille, and from there by the water as far as Coleford, and so by the Wytedich as far as la Mapele, and from there as far as the grove of John le Roche, and so between the land of the abbot of la Bataille and the land of John de Sandriges as far as Privet Mor, and so by the water between the king's wood and the wood of the abbot of la Bataille, and so as far as the water which comes from Semannesmull, and thence by that water as far as the wood of Nicholas Burdoun, and so between his wood and the king's wood as far as Wenbourne, and from there as far as Chitewehey, and so as far as Wodnesdich, and so by Wodnesdich as far as Avene. and from there by the course of the water as far as Whaddon. [O.C. 76v.].

**25** 14 July 1306. Memorandum that on Thursday after Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr 34 Edw. [I] were delivered to Sir John de Holt knight 5d. to hold until St. Bartholomew, which sum the abbess of Lacok took as toll at her fair there from the people [of the abbot] of Keynesham from his town of Marsuelde. It is agreed between the abbess and Sir John de Dicke chamberlain of the house of Keynesham that he shall come to Lacok church on St. Bartholomew and show the muniments they have of their founder (*feoffour*) by which they should be quit of toll at all fairs. At Maisfelde. [O.C. 89, stitched in].

French.

**26** [1313-15] Arrentments of wastes in the forest of Pewesham in Wilts. made by John de Foxle, William de Hardene, and Hugh de Hampslape, designed for this by the king's writ.

The abbess of Lacok 30a. of the king's land (by the perch of 20 feet) in a place called la Hethe next Horslaperiche, paying yearly at the Exchequer by the hands of the sheriff 5s., viz. 2d. an acre, the first payment to be made at Michaelmas 1313. She is to hold the said waste in fee, with liberty to inclose it with a ditch and hedge according to the Assize of the Forest and to bring it into cultivation. And she gave for entry into it 60s., viz. for each acre 2s.

Writ *certis de causis*, to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer



requesting a transcript of the same arrentment, 23 Feb. 8 Edw. II.

Return to the writ, giving details of the assart above and saying that it was made Tuesday before Ascension 7 Edw. II. [O.C. 2].

**27** 25 Apr. 1332. Royal writ to Gilbert de Berwyk keeper of the forests of Melkesham, Chypham, and Peusham reciting the two grants of rights made by Henry III, Nos. 22 and 23, which the abess had shown at the forest eyre before Robert de Ufford and his fellows, and ordering the rights to be respected. At New Salisbury. [O.C. 56v.].

**28** 10 Oct. 1388. Royal licence, reciting No. 26 and that great costs arise from the inclosure because such hedges cannot last long. The abess may therefore replace the hedges with a pale. At Cambridge 10 Oct. 12 Ric. II. [E 40/15266].

### Lacock: parish church

**29** [1168–79] Agreement between Earl W. of Salisbury and Ralph Bloet his neighbour, concerning the church of Lach' which is in their fee common and in the common patronage (*advocacione*) of them. It is agreed with the common assent of them and their friends to do away with all discord, that one of them shall have the gift (*donacionem*) of the church for one turn and present (*ponat*) a suitable parson to it, on whose death the gift shall come back to the other patron (*advocato*) who shall present a suitable parson to it as the other did. And so it shall remain to them and their heirs, turn and turn about, and the parson shall be obedient to each lord as patrons. It is further agreed that neither of them nor their heirs shall give the church to religious or otherwise so that one by means of the other may lose the gift. Witnesses: A. the countess, Roger son of Geoffrey, Robert his brother, W. de St. Martin, Richard de Herierd, W. Bloet, Walter Bloet, Richard the sheriff, Richard Cotel, Godfrey de St. Martin, William de Poertona, William the chaplain, Richard chaplain of Lach', W. son of Warin, Roger de Dernef'. [E 40/10254; O.C. 18v.; N.C. 9 and 36v.].

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**30** 3 Apr. 1229. Agreement between Ela countess of Salisbury, needing the assent of John rector of the church of Lacok to build an abbey of nuns in his parish, of the one part and the said John of the other part. So that her intention may come to a peaceful beginning and an everlasting increase, Ela has bound herself and her heirs to preserve the indemnity of the church in all ways for ever, both in great and small tithes of all manner of things according to what should be tithed by laymen, and in the burial of the dead, obventions, and mortuaries (*legatis*), and in all other things whatsoever arising belonging to the church, notwithstanding any privilege, general or special, granted or in future to be granted. It shall be lawful for the household (*familie*) of the abbey

to take elsewhere the church sacraments, whether in life or in death, whensoever they wish and to make oblations and mortuaries. The chaplains who for the time being shall celebrate divine service (*divina*) shall swear fealty to the rector to preserve the indemnity of the church, and when by the disposition of God an abbess shall be made there, she and her convent by their charter shall be careful to observe the indemnity of the mother church, and so each abbess after her. If by chance it be necessary to apply the scourge (*limam*) of correction to any for wrongs done there, the countess shall subject the house to the jurisdiction of the bishop and chapter of Salisbury and commit to them after the hearing the correction of them. So that this agreement may have force for ever, this present chirograph bipartite has been made between the parties, whose parts from henceforth accepted and sealed with their seals shall remain with them in everlasting remembrance of this agreement. Done at Salisbury in the presence of the Lord Robert bishop of Salisbury, the Lord William the dean, Roger the precentor, Robert the chancellor, Edmund the treasurer, 3 Non. April. [Ward. 2/94B/28; O.C. 17v.; N.C. 5].

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31 20 Mar. 1291. *Inspeximus* and confirmation, with the assent of the dean and chapter, by William bishop of Salisbury, of an agreement between Sir Nicholas Longespee treasurer of the church of Sarum and rector of the church of Lacok, sealed with his true seal, and Juliana abbess of Lacok, being a notification of Sir Nicholas that, whereas there has been a plea (*querela*) between him and the abbess over the third part of the tithes of sheaves arising from her demesne, viz. of her lands which lie in le Hinhoc, in Weteleye, in le Langeley, Suthbyr, in Asseleye in le Inlonde above (*super*) Cockeleye and in Moulesham, which she takes within the limits of the parish of Lacok, and says she ought to take by gift of his mother, Ela Longespee countess of Salisbury and founder of the monastery, it is now agreed in a friendly way between them as follows: Nicholas, considering how slight and meagre (*tenius et exilis*) the nuns portion of the tithes is, which they make take and have without great damage to the church of Lacok, and how constant and attentive (*iugis et intensa*) is their devotion to God, has with the express assent of William the bishop, Simon the dean, and the chapter of Salisbury, granted that the abbess may take the third of the tithes of those same demesne lands, as she has done since the foundation, without any hindrance from him and his successors. Witnesses: Sir John de Scchryvenham perpetual vicar of Lacok, Sir William de Wollesleye vicar of Kalne, Sir John vicar of Canyngg, Benedict of Lincoln clerk, William the writer, John de Hererigg, Lambert de Roscumbe, Nicholas de Rudham. At Kalne 3 Non. September 1290. Sealed with the seals of the bishop and the dean and chapter at Sunningg 13 Kal. April 1291. [N.C. 35v.].

Printed: *W.A.M.* xxxiii. 367.

**32** 3 Mar. 1311. Letters of Simon bishop of Salisbury to the abess of Lacok of the order of St. Augustine. Whereas he is bound by paternal affection to his churches and parsons to help them as much as he is able, he is especially bound to support those who took care to choose Jesus Christ as their spouse, and who by the ring of faith are bound by the chain of their profession to a perpetual obedience to him; and taking note of the many burdens on the monastery which may not be supported without great costs, so that they increase daily and, with the works of charity which they exercise and are bound to exercise, may not be borne without further help; and because especially Margaret de Lacy formerly countess of Lincoln, patron of the monastery, and other noble and powerful people who were accustomed to help the monastery effectively in its affairs with powerful help and counsel both within and without, have departed this life; considering that because the right to present to us a suitable person to the parish church of Lacok belongs to the abess and Sir John Bluet alternately, various disputes have arisen; they are both to surrender all rights, and the bishop will grant the whole church, with all its rights, to the abess the next time it shall be vacant, having obtained licence of King Edward, and will appropriate it to proper uses, saving his right to ordain a perpetual vicarage. At Ramsbury 5 Non. March 1311. [Ward. 2/94E/66].

**33** 6 Mar. 1312. Letters patent of Simon bishop of Salisbury, appropriating to the nuns of Lacok the parish church of Lacok, to which they and Sir John Bluet had the alternate right to present, they having submitted it to the bishop's order. When the nuns have full possession of all that belongs to the rectory, they are to find at their own costs a priest, to be admitted by the archdeacon, who is bound to celebrate daily for ever for the souls of Sir John and Dame Margery late his wife, and their ancestors, benefactors of the monastery, and all the faithful departed in the Lady-chapel adjoining the abbey church which is to be built at the common costs of the nuns and Sir John. The nuns are also to cause one of the priests of the monastery to celebrate a mass of the Blessed Virgin with notes daily in the same chapel, and during these two masses four wax candles, each of two pounds weight of wax, shall burn daily at the four corners of Sir John's tomb when he has been buried in it, and when they are consumed to a length of two cubits (*ad bicubitalem longitudinem*) they shall be renewed at the cost of the nuns. On the anniversary of Sir John's death the nuns are to give ½d. each to a thousand poor people. The nuns are to admit a woman into the monastery as a nun on Sir John's nomination during his life, or on that of his heirs after his death, and when she dies another one to succeed her, and so in succession, and if difficulties arise over this they are to be referred to the bishop for the time being. At Ramsbury 7 Id. Mar., and in the chapter at Lacock 6 Id. Mar., 1311. [O.C. 76].

**34** 7 July 1312. Notification by Joan abbess of Lacock that she has resigned to the bishop of Salisbury her half share in the right to present a rector to the church of Lacock, Sir John Bluet the abbey's protector possessing the other half, and that she confirms a charter of Simon bishop of Salisbury which imposes upon the abbey, in return for the benefactions of Sir John and his wife, obligations which include the maintenance of a chapel adjoining the abbey church, and the payment of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to each of 1,000 poor people on the anniversary of his death. [Phillipps MS. 36276, offered for sale at Sotheby's 25-6 June 1973].

**35** 16 Aug. 1312. Grant by John Bluet lord of Lacham, to Joan abbess of Lacok of all the right of patronage which he had in the church of St. Cyriac of Lacok, which advowson he and the abbess held together in such a way that the presentation when it became vacant belonged one turn to him and one turn to the abbess. To hold for ever, according to the tenor of royal letters made to her. For this grant the abbess is bound to perform certain alms for him and the souls of his ancestors and heirs, according to an order made quadripartite by Simon bishop of Salisbury, of which one part is to be kept by the bishop, one by the abbess, one by the grantor, and one by the chapter of Salisbury. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Holte, Sir John le Rous, Sir William de Cotes, Sir John de la Mare knights; Roger le Gras, Ralph le Gras, William at Halle of Bradford, John de Tynhide, Adam Hardyng. Wednesday after St. Lawrence 6 Edw. II. [Lacock Abbey MSS.].

**36** 19 Sept. 1312. Letters of Simon bishop of Salisbury reciting the appropriation of the parish church of Lacok, and that it lay within the bounds of the archdeaconry of Wilts. and was subject to customary payments to the archdeacon; the bishop, being anxious and bound as a father to ensure that the rights of the archdeacon, William de Chadeleshunte, should not be lessened by the appropriation, and the nuns and the archdeacon having submitted themselves to his order, he orders that as soon as the abbess shall have obtained possession of the church and its fruits, obventions, and proceeds, she shall be bound to pay 3s. yearly for all emoluments which might rightly have come to the archdeacon if the church had not been appropriated, saving also to him yearly procurations and other lawful payments which are not intended to be abolished by this order, and especially reserving to him canon coercion [to obtain] the 3s. payment if necessary. These letters are to be in triplicate (*presentes litteras volumus triplicari*), sealed with the seals of the bishop and the abbess; one is to be kept by the chapter of Salisbury, one by the archdeacon, and one by the abbess. Dated by the bishop at Ramsbury 2 Id. August, and the abbess in chapter 19 Kal. September 1312. [O.C. 75v.].

**37** 27 Sept. 1312. Bond in 200 marks by Joan abbess of Lacok to Sir John Bluet lord of Lacham, payable at All Saints 1319. If the abbess and convent

complete the Lady-chapel upon which work has begun in the abbey of Lacok, as in works of masonry, carpentry, and roofing of lead, as is laid down between them, at Michaelmas in the year aforesaid, then the 200 marks shall be assigned by Sir John to the work aforesaid and no action for recovery shall be taken. If this be not done Sir John to demand 200 marks by the bond resting in his hand. Wednesday before Michaelmas 6 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/22].

French.

**38** 17 June 1313. Letter of Robert de Dorinton rector of the church of Lacok, to S. bishop of Salisbury, that he freely submits himself and his church to the bishop's disposition to ordain a certain annual pension out of the church payable to the abbess of Lacok, and ratifies whatever the bishop shall order about the pension to secure the estate of the monastery. Sealed with Robert's own seal and, since it is unknown to many, also with that of the office of the archdeacon of Wilts. At Lacok 15 Kal. July 1313. [Ward. 2/94E/29].

**39** 26 Aug. 1313. Letter of Sir John Bluet to Simon bishop of Salisbury. Recites the submission of Robert de Doryntone (No. 38) and requests that a pension may accordingly be ordained out of the church, of which he formerly held the advowson with the abbess but which the bishop has now appropriated to her. At Lacok Sunday before St. Augustine 7 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/117].

French.

**40** 3 June 1315. *Inspeximus* by Richard de Battle canon of Salisbury, deputed by Walter archbishop of Canterbury to exercise episcopal jurisdiction in the see of Salisbury vacant by the death of Simon the late bishop, of the letters of Simon regarding the appropriation of the church of Lacok, No. 32. [Ward. 2/94E/62].

**41** 13 Sept. 1315. Agreement indented that, whereas Joan de Montfort abbess of Lacok is bound to Sir John Bluet lord of Lacham in £88 18s., as appears in a bond made between them, Sir John grants that, if the two parts of the Lady-chapel which adjoin their high church in their abbey of Lacok be completed in all works (*overaignes*) as is laid down (*devise est*) in a covenant made between the parties, the obligation be void. The grantor to have action to recover the sum if this be not done. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Holte, Sir John de la Mare knights; John Tourpyn, John de Stodleghe, John Percehay, John de Bourleghe. Saturday after the Nativity of B.V.M. 9 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/21].

French.

42 13 Sept. 1315. A similar agreement between the two parties, referring to a bond in £44 9s. and relating to [the other] third part of the church. Witnesses: the same as in No. 41. [Ward. 2/94E/107].

43 28 Aug. 1315. Agreement between Joan de Mounfort abbess of Lacoke and Sir John Bluet lord of Lacham. The abbess will cause to be made and perfected a chapel of Our Lady in their abbey of Lacoke, which chapel adjoins the high church of the abbey. And thus shall the chapel be 59ft. in length and 25½ft. in breadth, and there shall be in it four windows, that is to say in each gable one window as large as the one [already] made and finished and the other as it is begun shall be well made and finished, and in the far side of the chapel the one shall be as it is made and finished, and the other as large as it is begun shall be made and finished of good and suitable work. And the windows shall be suitably fitted with iron and glass. And the old wall shall be beaten down from the point of the two windows which were and appeared on the day of this writing in the said wall as far as the range table (*la rengen table*) next below the bases of the same windows, and two arches shall be made where the wall shall be beaten down, as large as can well and surely be allowed between the two buttresses (*rachemenz*) where the old vault can be sawn (*sawne*) without danger. And the abbess shall cause the roof of the chapel to be made of good timber and suitable work, and of such kind as shall please her. And the roof of the chapel shall be well covered with lead, and within well ceiled and painted. And two parts [i.e. two thirds] of the chapel shall be made and perfected within eight years from Michaelmas 9 Edw. II, and the [remaining] third in the next four years after that time. If it be not, the abbess shall be bound to pay Sir John 200 marks, for which she has made him a bond, but this shall be void if the works are completed. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Hales, Sir John de la Mare knights; John Tourpyn, John de Stodleghe, John Percehaye, John de Bourleghe. Thursday after St. Bartholomew 9 Edw. II.

[Attached is a note:] Made to let it be known that the time that remains yet to perfect the chapel of Our Lady amounts from Michaelmas last in the year 1321, as far as six years following, and from Michaelmas as far as the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr after the six years. Fasten this writing to the writing that touches the same matter. [Lacock Abbey MSS.].

French. Printed: *W.A.M.* xvi. 356–8.

44 25 Sept. 1316. Letters of Joan de Mountfort abbess of Lacok, making Thomas de Cokelbergh, chaplain, her proctor in all matters concerning the parish church of St. Cyriac of Lacok. 7 Kal. Oct. 1316. [E 42/347].

45 24 Apr. 1324. Letters of the archdeacon of Wilts. to Roger bishop of Salisbury, stating that he has received the bishop's order dated at Poterne 7 Id. Apr. which recites that the bishop's predecessor Simon ordered that the archdeacon should enquire by the oaths of worthy men into the portions

allotted to the vicar of the parish church of Lacok when it was appropriated to the nuns, and their annual value, which was done in the presence of W. Hervy canon of Salisbury, but the result never reached Bishop Simon because human fate bore him away out of this vale of tears. Bishop Roger now orders the archdeacon to notify him of the result of the inquest, and the archdeacon now sends it accordingly. At Nettelton 8 Kal. May 1324. [E 42/390].

**46** 1 July 1332. Certificate by Simon archbishop of Canterbury that the abbess of Lacok appeared before his commissaries at his late visitation of the diocese of Salisbury, and established their right to hold the churches of Lacok and Shireveton appropriated to their own use. At Deverellangebrigg Kal. July 1332. [E 40/13651].

**47** 7 June 1334. Letters of attorney of Sybil abbess of Lacok, to Sir John Gyffard of Dauteseye chaplain, to be her proctor in all business concerning her parish church of St. Cyriac of Lacok. In the chapter at Lacok 7 Id. June 1334. [Ward. 2/94B/66]. Endorsed with a note that it was produced by John of Dautes' chaplain, in the parish church of Cricklade St. Sampson 6 Apr. 1334.

**48** 16 Sept. 1337. Letters patent of Robert bishop of Salisbury that, whereas he has found that the vicarage of the parish church of Lacok is in no way ordained, and he has seen the result of an inquest made by the archdeacon of Wilts. at the order of Simon late bishop of Salisbury about the emoluments of the vicarage, it is clear that the vicarage consists of the following: a house; 10a. of arable land; pasture for all manner of animals of the vicar, worth at least 20d.; all voluntary and necessary oblations there, both at Candlemas in wax and other things and at Christmas, St. Cyriac, Lent, and Easter, and at weddings, churchings, anniversaries, and all other things arising out of the devotion of men; all oblations of the chapel of Lacham; all tithes of wool and lambs, cheese, milk, cows, calves, foals, piglets, geese, hemp, and flax, and all other small tithes; and the tithe of all mills in the parish. The vicar takes yearly from the abbess as rector of the church 20s. All these emoluments are reckoned as worth 100s., and the vicar pays tithe on that sum. He also pays 3s. 9d. rent yearly, and finds a clerk in the church at his own cost. He bears all archidiaconal and ordinary costs, except new construction when it belongs to the chancel, the burden of which belongs to the rector. Lest by lack of ordination discord should arise between the rector and the vicar in future, as he knows has happened in many similar cases, the bishop now, with the concurrence of the rector and vicar and at their request, has canonically ordained the vicarage as it is defined above. At Wodeford 16 Kal. Oct. 1337. [O.C. 3].

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**Lacock: watercourse**

**49** [1257-70] Grant by William Bluet, for the health of the soul of Margaret his wife, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok', that she may freely make and mend the watercourse or aqueduct so that the aqueduct and watercourse continue in the same place and state in which they are now contained and disposed, without removal from place to place, upon his fee of Lacham, and freely carry water from the first point from which it begins as far as the abbey of Lacok'. For this the abbess has admitted William and his own, alive and dead, into their benefits, done and to be done, in the house of Lacok' for ever. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Dunstawill', Sir Ralph Bluet, John de Tynhyd', Richard de Gatesturt', Richard de Vyk', Robert de Holte, Daniel the clerk of Helmerton. [O.C. 65; N.C. 13v.].

**50** [1257-70] Grant by Robert de Holta son of Richard to Beatrice abbess of Lacok' of free power to dig and conduct her water across or beneath the land which he holds of the fee of Sir William Bluet, and to repair her conduit wheresoever and whensoever she wishes without hindrance for ever. Witnesses: Richard de Wyke, Thomas Bubbe, Richard White of Natton, Hugh Franceys, Robert Spede, Richard Berg. [O.C. 70v.; N.C. 15 and 34v.].

Witnesses only in N.C. One copy has the note *aque ducende de Bouedon*.

**51** [1280-8] Grant by William Bluet, for souls of his wife and his children, to blessed Mary and St. Bernard and Alice abbess of Lacok' of free and quiet passage for her conduit from Bouedone to their church of Lacok' through the middle of the land of William and of his men of Beuele, with right to erect and repair the conduit when necessary. If William or his men suffer damage or detriment from the conduit, the abbess to make reasonable amends by the consideration of lawful men. Witnesses: Sir Nicholas de la Huse, Sir Reynold Burel knights; Richard Horn, Reynold Crok, Peter de Baldeham, Robert le Blund, Alfred le Franceys. [Ward. 2/95B/40; N.C. 15].

**Lacock: burgages**

**52** [1239-57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacok' to William Russel of a burgage in the town of Lacok' between the burgages of Walter de Nettona and Richard de Veneil. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Master Ralph de Wyk', Robert the chaplain vicar, Robert the chaplain of Risendon, Robert de Holta, Walter de Wroxhale, Richard White, Walter de Natton, Ralph Francis, Robert Withy, Robert Spede, Ralph the clerk of Risendon'. [E 42/194; N.C. 15v.].

**53** Quitclaim for 2 marks by John Russel son of William Russel to Hugh Tursteyn clerk and Maud, John's mother, of his right in burgages and rents in the town of Lacok'. Witnesses: Adam de Kersie then steward of Lacok',



Richard de Wike, Jordan de Lacok, Richard Roland, Gilbert the clerk, Roger de Hedinton, Robert de Lacham, Gervase de Kockelbwe, Robert Russel, Richard Chochyn, Richard Spede, William Hall. [Ward. 2/94E/87; N.C. 16].

**54** Quitclaim by John son of William Russel to Hugh de Lacok clerk, of his right in a messuage which Maud his mother held for life in the town of Lacok, of a rent of Peter de Bristoll with all escheats and burgages, and his rents which he has in the town of Lacok. Witnesses: Richard de Wyk, Jordan de Lacok, Roger de Hedinton, Gilbert the clerk, William de Bassingburn, Richard Sochi, John son of the same, Robert Russel, Nicholas Makebotere. [Ward. 2/94B/9; N.C. 16].

**55** Gift by Hugh de Lacok' clerk, to Avice his daughter, of all messuages which he had of the tenement of John Russel in the town of Lacok. Rent, a rose. Witnesses: Adam then steward of Lacok, Richard Sweyn, Gilbert the clerk, Roger de Hedynton', Walter le Taillur, Thomas le Cu, Richard Spede. [N.C. 16v.].

**56** Gift by Henry de Pimperlye, with the assent of Avice his wife, to John Sewel, of all messuages which he had in the town of Lacok through Avice his wife. Rent, a rose. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Wite, Simon Wormeston, John Withy, Richard Roland, Walter the tailor, Gilbert the clerk, Nicholas the carpenter. [Ward. 2/94B/17; N.C. 17].

**57** Quitclaim by John son of William Rusel to John Sewal of his right in the messuage which Maud his mother held for her life in the town of Lacok and in a rent of Peter de Bristoll with all escheats and burgages, and his rents which he has in the town of Lacok. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blund, Robert de Lacham clerk, Gilbert the clerk, Robert Daly, John Withy, Walter son of Hawise, Simon Wormeston. [Ward. 2/94E/60].

**58** [1286-98] Gift for 4 marks by John Sewal to Juliana abbess of Lacok, of all messuages which he had in the town of Lacok by the gift of Henry de Pymperlye and Avice his wife. Rent to John Russel, 1d. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blund, Robert de Lacham clerk, Alan de Lacham, Henry de Nathon clerk, Gilbert the clerk, Simon Wurmesthon. [Ward. 2/94E/28; N.C. 17].

**59** [1239-57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacok to Walter Cloudegilafre and Eva his wife, of a burgage in the town of Lacok between the burgages of Jordan de Haidoneswie and Walter son of Gilbert de Bonedene. Witnesses: Ralph de Wyk, Master Adam parson of Gatesden, Sir Roger parson of Lacok, Sir Robert the vicar, Robert de Holta, Walter de Natton, Robert the carpenter, Richard White of Natton, Ralph the clerk, Walter de Wroxale. [E 42/346; N.C. 34].

**60** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacock, to Jordan de Haydoneswyk of a burgage and a quarter part of a burgage in that same burgage in the manor of Lacok between the burgages of Walter Clodegiloffre and Alfred the smith. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Adam parson of Gatesden, Sir Roger parson of Lacok, Walter de Natton, Robert the clerk, William de Benacre, Robert vicar of Lacok, Robert the carpenter. [Ward. 2/94E/89; N.C. 23v.].

**61** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacoc to Aldith de Benacra of a burgage in the manor of Lacoc next to the burgage of Robert the vicar on the south. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Master Adam parson of Gatesdene, Sir Roger parson of Lacoc, Sir Robert vicar of Lacoc, Sir John, Sir Walter, and Sir Jordan chaplains, Robert de Holte clerk, Walter de Sterkele, William de Benacra, Richard Purcaz, Richard son of Philip, William Blundel, John the clerk, Robert the carpenter, Robert Spede. [Ward. 2/94E/78].

**62** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacock to Stephen de Treubrige of a burgage which Henry Turtin first received of her, between the burgages of Robert vicar of Lacoc and Richard Deveneis. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Peter parson of Treubrig, Robert the vicar, Robert chaplain of Risend', Robert de Holta, Walter de Netton, Richard Deveneis, Walter the miller of Treubrig, Ralph Francis of Treubrig. [E 40/9364; N.C. 19v.].

**63** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacok to Jordan la Waite of a burgage in the manor of Lacoc between the burgages of Richard de Cettra and Roger the smith. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Master Adam parson of Gatesdene, Master Ralph de Wik, Sir Roger parson of Lacoc, Sir Robert vicar of Lacoc, Sir Ralph chaplain of Risendon, Robert de Holta, Sir Walter de Netton, Robert the carpenter, Richard White of Netton. [Ward. 2/94E/32; N.C. 22].

**64** Gift for 20s. by John son of Jordan la Wayte to Roger de Hedinton of all his burgage in Lacok between the burgages of Richard de Cettra and Roger the smith. Rent, 12d. to the abbess of Lacok. Witnesses: Richard de Wyke, Robert le Blund, Hugh le Franceys, Edward Sweyn, Gilbert the clerk, Badecok Spede, William Spede. [Ward. 2/94E/33; N.C. 22v.].

**65** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lack' to Walter son of Gilbert de Buvedona of a burgage in their manor of Lack' between the burgages of Nicholas de Melkesham and Walter Cloudegilofre. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Robert chaplain and vicar of Lack', Robert chaplain of Risendon, Robert the clerk of Holta, Walter de Nettona, Jordan de Wick, Richard Deveneys, Richard White, Robert Spede, Walter Cloudegilofr'. [E 40/11184; N.C. 20v.].

**66** Gift for 15s. by John the merchant and Alice de Rindweye daughter of Walter Bouedune, his wife, to Roger de Hedintune, of a messuage on the eastern side of their burgage in the town of Lacoc which extends to the burgage of Nicholas Makebotere and contains 91 feet in length towards the

burgage of Richard the cook and in breadth at the southern end 26 feet and at the northern end 30 feet. If the donors intend that more of their burgage be sold they grant that the donee and his heirs be neighbours of no other men or women (*propinquieres sunt nullorum aliorum vel aliarum*). Witnesses: Richard de Wike, Jordan de Haydonesw, Robert le Blunt, Richard Sweyn, Richard Roland, William Spede, Gilbert the clerk, Nicholas Makebutere, Richard Spede. [Ward. 2/94B/122].

**67** Gift for 24s. by John de Lacok merchant and Alice de Rindweye his wife, to Roger de Hedington, of their whole burgage in the town of Lacok between the burgages of the abbess of Lacok and of Nicholas Makebotere. Witnesses: Richard de Wyke son of Ralph, Jordan de Haydoneswik, Robert White of Natton, Hugh Francis, Richard Roland, Gilbert the clerk, Nicholas Makebutere. [E 40/11183; N.C. 21].

**68** Gift for 20s. by William de Bradeford weaver (*tapetor*) and Lucy de Troubrigge his wife, to Roger de Hedington, of all their burgage in the town of Lacok between the burgage of Richard Roland and the messuage of William de Bassingebur'. Rent, a rose to the donors and 12d. to the chief lords. Witnesses: Richard de Wike, Jordan de Haydoneswik, Richard Roland, Richard Seweyn, Robert le Blunt, Gilbert the clerk, Nicholas Makebotere, William de Bassingeburne, William Spede, Richard Spede. [Ward. 2/94E/25; N.C. 19v.].

**69** 26 May 1298. Surrender and quitclaim by Nicholas Flur, with the assent of Mary his wife, to Nicholas son of Roger de Hedintone, of all that burgage in Lacok between the burgage of John Coching on one side and the burgage which was of Robert the smith on the other, which burgage belongs to Mary in the name of dower through the death of Roger de Hedintone late her husband and with which she was dowered at the door of the church, and of all her other burgages in the name of dower through the death of the said Roger. At Melkesham Monday after St. Aldhelm 26 Edw. I. [Ward. 2/94B/87; N.C. 22v.].

**70** [1298] Gift and surrender by Nicholas son and heir of the late Roger de Hedyntone, to the abbess of Lacok, of all the tenements which he held of her in Lacok, namely his burgage between the burgage of John Cochyng and the burgage which was of Robert the smith, his burgage between the tenement of the abbess and the burgage formerly of Nicholas Makebotere, and his burgage between the burgage of Richard Roulond and the messuage formerly of William de Bassynborne. Warranty. Witnesses: Robert le Blunt, Robert de Bardeneye, Henry de Nattone clerk, Alan Bruton, Richard le Vikere, Henry Vigrus, Roger Mauclerk. [E 40/10899; Ward. 2/94E/48; N.C. 23v.].

**71** 8 June 1298. Confirmation by Nicholas Flour of Melkesham, with the assent of Mary his wife, of the gift which Nicholas son and heir of the late

Roger de Hedyntone made by his charter to the abbess of Lacok of all burgages or tenements which formerly belonged to Mary in the name of dower through the death of Roger de Hedyntone her late husband, which burgages or tenements Nicholas Flour with the assent of Mary has lately surrendered (*reddidi*) to Nicholas as appears by Nicholas Flour's letter thence made to him. Witnesses: as No. 70. At Lacok, Sunday before St. Barnabas the Apostle, 26 Edw. I. [Ward. 2/94E/64; N.C. 23].

72 Quitclaim for half a mark by Aldith de Benacre widow, to Walter the tailor of Lacok, of all that burgage which he late had by gift and sale of Stephen Truant her husband, in the town of Lacok between the messuages of Richard Roweland and Edmund the miller. Rent to the abbess of Lacok, 18d. Walter is to find Aldith accommodation while she lives (*mihi hospicium inveniet dum vixero*). Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Wyte, Alfred Francis, William Thomelyn, John Withy, Thomas the cook, Henry the clerk. [N.C. 18].

73 [1280-88] Quitclaim in free alms by Aldith Pilenel to Alice abbess of Lacok, of her right in all that burgage with buildings between the burgage formerly of Richard Rouland and the burgage formerly of Walter the miller, which she once had in Lacok. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Peter de Baldeham, Adam de Ruyham then steward at the time, Alfred le Franceys, Nicholas the carpenter. [Ward. 2/94B/140; N.C. 18v.].

74 19 Apr. 1311. Surrender by Isabel Swayn formerly the wife of Edward Swayn, to the abbess of Lacok, of all that burgage in Lacok which she held and ought to hold of them for the term of her life. Witnesses: Sir John Bluet knight, Ralph le Cras, John Turpyn, Nicholas Selyman, Alexander Nash, William Salip, Thomas le Blunt of Natton. At Lacok Monday St. Alphege the Martyr 4 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/56].

#### Lacock: other property in the town

75 Quitclaim for 5s. by William Russel of Lacok to Edith late wife of Robert Ireys, of all his right in a messuage which Robert once bought of him and held, between the messuage of Peter de Bristoll and William's own house in the burgage of the abbey of Lacok. To hold of William and his heirs, to give, sell, leave (*legare*), or assign to whomsoever she wishes, in fee and inheritance. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Robert de Holte, Richard de Wyke, Edmund the miller, Maynard the carpenter, Richard White, Hugh Fraunc', Richard Roydland, Jordan de Benacr, Richard Swayn, Robert the clerk. [Ward. 2/94B/141; N.C. 38].

76 Gift for 12s. by John son of William Russel of Lacok to Richard de Veneis of Lacok, of 12d. rent which Edith widow of Robert Irish ought to pay

him for a message of his burgage in the town of Lacok. Witnesses: Robert Dimnioc steward of the abbess of Lacok, Jordan de Hardonswike, Richard Roland, Richard Cochi, Henry son of Robert Carpenter, Nicholas Makebotere. [Ward. 2/94B/125].

**77** [1286–98] Quitclaim by Richard called Malloc, son of Robert le Ireys, to Juliana abbess of Lacok, of his right in a message which was formerly of Robert his father in the town of Lacok. Witnesses: Robert White of Natthon, Henry the clerk of the same, John Withy, Alan Brethon, Nicholas the carpenter. [Ward. 2/94E/80; N.C. 18].

**78** Gift for 25s. by William de Bassyngeburne to Peter de Bristoll son of Ellis de Wrlescestr, of a message with curtilage in the town of Lacok between the tenement of Roger de Hedynton and the tenement of Robert son of Christine, as the bounds made between them show. To hold to Peter or to any to whom he shall wish to give, sell, leave, or in any other way assign it in health or in sickness. Rent to Roger de Hedynton,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Witnesses: Adam then steward of Lacok, Jordan de Haydonewyke, Richard Sweyn, Richard Roland, Gilbert the clerk, Nicholas Makebutere, Henry the clerk. [Ward. 2/94E/81].

**79** [1257–83] Gift in free alms by Peter de Bristoll to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard and Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of his two messages in the town of Lacok, one between the message of Roger de Hedynton and the tenement of Robert le Bedride, and one between the land of Hugh the clerk and the tenement of Ralph Langeman. Rents,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to Roger de Hedynton and 1d. to Hugh the clerk. Witnesses: Sir W. Bluet knight, Richard de Wycke, Adam then steward of the abbey of Lacok, Jordan de Heydoneswyk, Gilbert the clerk, Richard Roland. [N.C. 25v.].

**80** [1230–9] Gift for 5s. by Wymark prioress of Lacok to Robert the carpenter, of a message and all land which Walter Hethe held in the manor of Lacok. Rent, 5s. Witnesses: Sir Thomas de Ebelesburn, Master Adam parson of Gatesden, Peter de Saucey, Walter de Netton, Robert de Saucey of Netton, Richard White, Robert Spede, William Wrmestan, William Abraam. [N.C. 31].

**81** [1239–57] Gift for 5s. by Ela abbess of Lacok to Robert the carpenter, of a message and all the land which Walter Hethewy held in their manor of Lacok. Rent, 5s. Witnesses: Master Thomas de Ebbelesborn, Master Adam parson of Gatesden, Peter de Saucey, Walter de Netton, Robert de Saucey of Netton, Richard White, Robert Spede, William Wrmestan, Ralph Francis. [N.C. 31v.].

**82** Gift for 16s. 8d. by Robert the carpenter to Richard de Ebbelesborn son of Ranulph, of a parcel of Robert's land in the town of Lakoc between

Robert's house and the house of Juliana relict of Bartholomew containing towards the street (*versus plateam*) 53½ feet in length and 51½ feet in breadth. Rent, 17d. Witnesses: Richard de Wik son of Ralph, Robert de Holta clerk, Richard le Waleis, Jordan de Wik, Hugh le Franceys, Richard Roland, Richard le Deveneis, Robert Spede, Simon Wrmeston. [Ward. 2/94B/119; E 42/208; N.C. 32v.]

**83** Gift for 6s. by Robert the carpenter of Lacoc to Richard de Ewelesburne of a parcel of land 53½ feet in length and 16½ feet in breadth lying between the house of the donor and the house of the donee. To hold to the donee and to whomsoever he wishes to give, sell, bequeath, and impledge [it], valid both in sickness and in health. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Richard de Wike son of Ralph, Robert de Holta clerk, Richard le Walays, Jordan de Wike, Hugh le Franseys, Richard Roland, Richard le Deveneis, Robert Spede, Simon Wormeston. [Ward. 2/94B/54].

**84** Gift by Richard de Ebbelesborne to Thomas son of Isabel de Bissopestone his sister, of a messuage with curtilage in the town of Lacok between the donor's messuage and the tenement formerly of Robert the carpenter. Rent, 1d. to the heirs of Henry the carpenter. If the donee should die without a legitimate heir begotten of him the donor wishes John his brother to be next heir. Witnesses: Richard de Wike son of Ralph, Richard le Wite, Robert Withy, William Spede, Richard Seweyn, Jordan de Haydoneswike, Simon Wormest, Hugh Frans. [Ward. 2/94B/88].

**85** Lease for 14d. by Robert the carpenter of Lacok to Walter son of Bartholomew de Coritone and Avice and Isabel his sisters, of the site of a messuage measured by certain bounds (*per certas metas mensuratis*) between the houses of Richard Sweyn and Richard de Ebbelesborn. To hold for their lives. Rent, 16d. and work for one day in August. Witnesses: Sir Robert de Holta clerk, Richard Deveneys, Richard de Wyke, Richard Sweyn, William then vicar of Lacok, Richard Rolland, Robert Spede, William Russel, William Chaloner. [N.C. 32].

**86** [1257-83] Gift for one mark by Matthew son of John Carpenter to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of a messuage in the town of Lacok between the land of Robert Martin and John le Neyt, and of ½a. of arable land in Beulonde. Witnesses: William Develisse, Richard de Wike, Robert le Blount, Hugh le Frances, William de Pitdestone, John Withy. [Ward. 2/94E/53; O.C. 6; N.C. 33v.]

**87** Gift for 4s. by William de Bradeford weaver (*tapetarius*) and Lucy his wife, to Robert son of Christine Young, of a messuage in the town of Lacok between the donor's burgage on one side and the burgage of Richard Deveneis on the other containing an area as a whole (*placea in solidum*) 58 feet long and 37 feet broad. If the donee wishes to sell or let to farm the said

message the donors wish to have first offer (*nolumus* [?] *recte volumus*] *quod nos . . . finis propinquiores*). Witnesses: Richard de Wik son of Ralph, Richard White, Jordan de Haidoneswik, Richard Sweyn, Richard Roland, Richard the cook, Nicholas Makebutere. [Ward. 2/94E/55; N.C. 26].

**88** [1257–83] Gift of free alms for 40s. by William de Chippeham tailor, with the assent of Idonia his wife, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of that message which he had in the town of Lacok with houses, curtilages, and all other appurtenances. Witnesses: Sir Richard Cotel, Sir William de Perci knights; Richard Horn, Richard de Gatest', Richard de Wik, Hugh Francis, Richard Spede. [Ward. 2/94B/81; N.C. 19].

**89** 4 Oct. 1299. Gift in tail by Agnes abbess of Lacock to Richard le Mareschal of Lacok and Edith his wife, of a tenement between the tenements of William le Chepman and Robert le Bruther. Rent, 2s. 4d., suit of court at two views of frankpledge a year, and a relief of 2s. 4d. at the death of the donee and each of his heirs succeeding him. Reversion in default of issue to the donor. Witnesses: Robert le Blond, Robert de Bardeney, Alexander Nash, Alan Bruton, John Withy, Nicholas Spede, William Thom. At Lacok Sunday after Michaelmas 1299. [N.C. 35].

**90** 5 Jan. 1319. Gift by Agnes Spede of Beuelegh to Joan abbess of Lacok, of a message with curtilage beside the tenement of Walter the baker in Lacok. Witnesses: John Turpyn, Ralph le Gras, John Kaylewey, Nicholas Bubbe, Richard the clerk of Chipham. At Lacok eve of Epiphany 12 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/16].

**91** Acknowledgment by John son of the late Gregory de Haysdonewik that he is bound to the abbess of Lacok in 2s. of yearly rent payable to her for a message which Jordan late John's brother held of them in Lacok. Witnesses: Richard de Wike, Gervase de Kockelborewe, Roger de Hedynton, Gilbert the clerk, Walter le Taillur. [Ward. 2/94B/144].

#### Lacock: property elsewhere in the parish

**92** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lakoc to Walter son of Reynold, of one virgate of land in the town of Lakoc which Reynold his father formerly held of the abbey by the old feoffment in heredity without a charter. Rent,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark. Also pasture for six oxen in the abbess's meadows with her oxen after mowing excepting Mulesham and Markesmed, and quittance of pannage for thirteen pigs. Witnesses: Robert de Holta son of Walter, Gilbert de Finemor, Walter de Sterkele, Richard de Wike son of Ralph, Waukelin le Blund, Richard White, Hugh le Franceis, Thomas son of John, Walter Withy, Robert the carpenter. [Ward. 2/94B/120].

**93** Gift for 2 marks by Robert le Charpentier to Jordan de Wyk son of Gregory, of 1a. of land in Suzbyrie which lies between the land of Richard de Berz and la vielle Berton. Rent,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. at Christmas for all services, customs, demands, suits of courts and hundreds, and all manner of secular exactions. Covenants for peaceable enjoyment. Witnesses: William de Develis, Richard de Wyk, Robert de Holta clerk, Richard de Berz, Alfred the smith, Richard le Blund, Hugh le Franceys. [N.C. 33].

**94** [1257-83] Quitclaim by Maud Thursteyn of Stowa to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of her right in lands and a tenement which were formerly of Thomas de Ford in the manor of Lacok at Natton. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blunt, Hugh le Fraunceys, Gilbert the clerk, Simon Wurmeston, Robert de Lacham. [Ward. 2/94B/7; N.C. 40].

**95** [1257-83] Quitclaim for 22 marks by Hugh de Lacok clerk, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of his right in all land and tenement [*sic*] which he had in the town of Natton of the gift of Thomas de la Forde clerk. Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey Gascelyn, Sir William Bluet, Sir Richard Cotele, Sir William de Percy knights; Richard Horn, Reynold Crok, Simon de Wurmeston. [Ward. 2/94B/6; N.C. 28v.].

**96** [1257-83] Gift for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  marks by Jordan de Haydonewyk to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of 2a. of his arable land in the fields of Natthone which he bought of Walter Stretche, of which 1a. lies at Witicroche between the lands of Ralph le Kyng and of Ysemayne de Beuel', and one head acre at Haselwulle. Witnesses: Sir William Blueth knight, William de Deuelyssee, Richard de Wyke, Richard Sweyn, Robert le Blount, Robert le Wyte. [Ward. 2/94E/93; N.C. 7v.].

**97** [1257-83] Agreement indented whereby Richard Purchaz son of Roger has quitclaimed to Beatrice abbess of Lacok every tenement which William de Doueliz and Isabel his wife held in Lacok at Wike with buildings, meadows, and lands. For this quitclaim the abbess has given to Richard and to Richard Purchaz his son and heir the value of a third part of all the said land excepting the messuage, to hold for their two lives. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Wike, Jordan de Lacok, Robert Withy of Natton, Richard Spede, William de Beenacra, Sir William Bluet. [Ward. 2/94B/109; N.C. 29].

**98** [1257-83] Agreement between Beatrice abbess of Lacok and Richard Purchaz son of Roger. Richard has quitclaimed to the abbess all that tenement which William de Dovelyz and Isabel his wife held in Lacok at Wyk with the buildings, lands, meadows, woods, and pastures belonging to it. For this the abbess has leased to Richard crofts called Clotlye and Bettelye, and 4a. land in la Hechinge and 2a. in Wetlye and 2a. meadow in Stretlye in the town of Lacok. To hold for his life and those of Isabel his wife and Richard



son and heir of Richard son of Roger. Rent, 1d. If the abbey should wholly or partly lose the tenement of la Wyke by course of law (*iudicialiter*), then from that time the tenement let to Richard shall revert to the abbess, and her writing shall be handed back to Richard, and his to her. Witnesses: Sir William de Lacham knight, Richard de Gatesterte, Richard Roscruk then steward of Melksham, William de Benacre, Hugh Lovel, John Lovel, Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Wyk, Jordan de Lacok, Hugh the clerk. [Ward. 2/94B/94; N.C. 37v.].

Ward. 2/94B/94 reads Richard Prichart son of Roger.

**99** [1257–83] Gift in free alms by Robert de la Lupegate, to the church of St. Bernard of Lakoc, of 2½a. of arable land in a furlong called Kechescroft next to the new close of the said house. Witnesses: Richard de Roscruk then steward, William de Beenacra, Richard Purchaz, Jordan de Lacok, Roger de Saze, John Lovel, Walter de la Rude, Robert Mauclerc. [E 40/9397; N.C. 30].

**100** [1257–83] Gift, for 2 marks and 5s. for the crop (*vestura*) found on the land, by Robert de la Lupigate to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of 2½a. of arable land in a furlong called Kechescroft between the land of Sir Ellis de Babayne and the new close of the abbess. Rent, a rose. Witnesses: as No. 99. [N.C. 37].

**101** [1238–42] Gift by W. earl of Salisbury to Robert Burel of 20 solidates of land in Lacok. Rent, a pair of gilt spurs or 6d. Witnesses: Earl Robert de Ssoones [*reading doubtful*], Gilbert de Aliquila [*sic*], Henry de Grey, Waukelin de Fereres, Warin de Glasum, Godfrey de St. Martin, William de New Market, William Boterel, Robert de Eston, John de Abbetot, William the chaplain, Geoffrey Veel, Ralph Park, Ph. de Ferle, William de Ferle, Roger de Caln. [N.C. 36v.].

**102** [1280–8] Quitclaim for 10 marks by Isabel daughter of Robert Burel to Alice abbess of Lacok, of her right in two virgates of land in the town of Lacok and Nattone that Isabel claimed from the abbess by writ of *mort d'ancestor* before Sir Robert Fulton and Sir William Braibof justices of the king assigned to hold assizes in the county of Wilts. Witnesses: Sir William Bluet, Sir Geoffrey de Wroxkesale, Sir Reynold Burel knights; Richard Horn, Walter Hall, Robert Kaynel, Reynold Crok, Robert le Blund, Aubrey le Franceys, William son of Thomas. [Ward. 2/94E/109; N.C. 26v.].

**103** [1280–8] Quitclaim for 10 marks by William Burel son and heir of Isabel Burel, to Alice abbess of Lacok, of his right in two virgates of land in the manor of Lacok and Nattone. Witnesses: as No. 102. [Ward. 2/94B/145; N.C. 27].

**104** Gift in free alms by Robert le Wyte of Nattone to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of all his meadow which he had in la Rudyngre and a piece of meadow lying between the field of Suthbur and the meadow of la Thicckette. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Holte knights; Richard Crok, Adam Harding, Roger Bubbe, William Percehay, John Turpin, Alexander Nash, Alan Bruton. [Ward. 2/94E/82; Ward. 2/94E/99].

**105** [1208-43] Gift by Geoffrey Veel to John Chamber of all Geoffrey's land in Nehtun, viz. that virgate of land which Avery Touwe held and that half-virgate of land which Ellis the smith held. Rent, 5s. 6d. and 1 lb. of cummin. Witnesses: Simon prior of Bradenestok, Thomas Malemeins, William Talebot, Ralph Bluet, Roger Burel, Hugh chaplain of Lakoc, John Bonet, William Dawtrey, Ives Bonet, Robert de Wica, Richard the cook, Nicholas Bubbe, Robert Burel, William Spede. [E 40/8604].

**106** [1285] Gift for 20 marks by William son of Thomas de la Chaumbre of Nactone to Master Thomas de Bardeneye of those 2 messuages and 1½ virgates of land which William has recovered before the king's justices at Westminster against the abbess of Lacok by judgment of the court. Rent, 1d. To the chief lord of that fee all other due and customary services, namely 5s. 6d. and one pound of cummin. Witnesses: Sir Robert Ymmere, Sir Richard Cotel knights, Reynold Crok, Richard de Hertham, Thomas Royly, Henry Willyam, Robert le Blunt, David Lovel, Henry Gatestert, Robert de Ayssele. [Ward. 2/94E/47].

See: *Feet of F. Wilts. 1272-1327* (Wilts. Rec. Soc. i), 27.

**107** [c. 1285] Quitclaim for 5 marks by Sir Robert le Veel knight, to Thomas de Bardenay marshal, of his right in 5s. 6d. and one pound of cummin issuing from 2 messuages and 1½ virgates of land in the town of Nattone in the parish of Lacok which John de la Chaumbre formerly held. Witnesses: Sir Nicholas de la Hosee knight, John Bluet lord of Lacham, John de Bradeford, Reynold Crok, Robert le Blund, William Inge, Alan Breton, Alexander Nash, Moses de Waltham. [Ward. 2/94B/70].

**108** 15 Mar. 1285. Quitclaim for 10 marks by Nicholas son of Robert in la Wythegh of Natton in the parish of Lakoc, to Master Thomas marshal of Eleanor queen of England, of all lands and tenements which Nicholas had in Natton. At London Thursday before Palm Sunday 13 Edw. I. [E 40/9251].

**109** 25 June 1290. Gift by Master Thomas de Bardoney to Robert de Bardoney his nephew, of three places in the town of Natton with all buildings built on them and 2½ virgates of land, except ½ a., belonging to the said places, and all stock to be found there, viz. a house, two mares, eight oxen, three cows, four steers, and one foal, with all other household utensils there, of which one place with one virgate of land Nicholas de la Weyheye formerly

held of the abbes of Lakoc and is situate between tofts of Robert le Weyte on both sides, and the other place is between the toft of Adam Hereward on the east and the highway on the west. Rent to Robert for life, 5 marks, and after his death to hold free of rent except those owed to the chief lord of the fee. Witnesses: Richard Fown, Reynold Crok, Adam Hardyng, Geoffrey de Bowland, Alexander de la Freyne, Robert the clerk of Lacham, Henry the clerk of Natton, Alan Breton, John de la Weheye, Robert le Weyte. At Lenton morrow of St. John the Baptist 1290. [Ward. 2/94B/118].

**110** Quitclaim by William son of the late Thomas de la Chambre of Natton, to Robert de Bardeneye, of his right in 5s. 7d. and one pound of cummin of rent issuing from the lands and tenements which were formerly of Master Thomas de Bardenaye marshal, of the donor's gift and feoffment, and also his right in the same lands and tenements. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Holte knights; John Kaynnel, Richard de Comerwelle, Richard Kaynnel, Alexander Nash, Nicholas Spende, Robert le Whyte, John Withy of Natton. [Ward. 2/94E/41].

**111** Deed of exchange between John Withy of Natthton and Robert de Berdeneye. John has given to Robert 2a. of his arable land in a croft called Inhoke in the south field of Natthton, enclosed with ditches, which extend upon a close of Robert's. For this Robert gave John 2a. of his arable land as is specified in a charter made between them. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Wyte, William Thom, Alan Bruton, Robert Bridge. [Ward. 2/94E/115].

**112** 25 Nov. 1303. Royal licence granted in virtue of a fine made in Chancery by the abbes of Lacok, to Robert de Bardeneye to give and assign to the abbes 2 messuages and 2½ virgates of land in Natton beside Lacok. At Dunfermelyn 25 Nov. 32 Edw. [I]. [E 40/15203; N.C. 40v.].

**113** [c. 1303] Gift in free alms by Robert de Bardenaye to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of 2 messuages and 2½ virgates of lands in Natton and Lacok formerly of Master Thomas de Bardenaye marshal, Robert's kinsman. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Holte knights; Peter de la Heose, Adam Hardyng, Richard Crok, Roger Bubbe, Walter Willame of Budeston, Robert le Wyte of Natton, Alan Bruton. [Ward. 2/94E/54].

**114** [c. 1303] Gift in free alms by Robert de Bardenaye to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of all his lands and tenements in Natton which were formerly of Master Thomas de Bardenaye, marshal, by the gift and feoffment of Nicholas son of Robert in la Wythegh, and 1a. which Thomas had by the gift and feoffment of Reynold Crok which lies enclosed beside the land which he held of the fee of the abbes of Lacok in a croft on the east side of Natton. [Ward. 2/94C/3].

**115** [c. 1303] Gift in free alms by Robert de Bardenaye kinsman and heir of Master Thomas de Bardenaye, to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of 2 messuages and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  virgates of land in Natton and Lacok which Master Thomas de Bardenaye bought of William de la Chambre, excepting  $1\frac{1}{2}$ a., of which 1a. lies in Langeforlang and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in Okforlang; also a croft which the donor had of Robert le Wyte in exchange for a croft which was formerly of William le Kyng, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. of arable land, of which 1a. lies in Deneforlang and reaches to the spring called Haselwelle and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in the furlong called Langwaterwarde between the land of Robert le Wyte and of Henry Sewyne. Witnesses: as No. 113. [E 40/9243; N.C. 41].

**116** [c. 1303] Quitclaim by William son of the late Thomas de la Chambre of Natton, to the abbess of Lacok, of his right in 5s. 7d. and 1 lb. of cummin of annual rent issuing from the lands and tenements which were formerly of Master Thomas de Bardenaye marshal, of the donor's gift in Natton, and of his right in the same lands and tenements. Witnesses: as No. 113. [E 40/6317; Ward. 2/94E/38].

**117** Easter term 1304. Indenture of a fine between Joan abbess of the church of St. Bernard of Lacok plaintiff, by John Percehay her attorney, and Robert de Bardeneye deforciant, of 2 messuages and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  virgates of land in Natton beside Lacok. Consideration 40 marks. York. Made one month from Easter 32 Edw. I. This concord was made by the king's order. [Ward. 2/94E/90; N.C. 41].

**118** 17 June 1318. Quitclaim by Joan formerly wife of Robert de Bardenaye, to Joan abbess of Lacok, of her right by reason of dower in all lands and tenements in Natton and Lacok which the abbess had by gift of Robert. Witnesses: John Kayleway, John Turpyn, Nicholas Bulbo, Walter Willam of Budeston, John le Clerk of Chypham, Richard the clerk. At Lacok Saturday after St. Barnabas the Apostle 11 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/51].

**119** Gift for one mark by Sewel son of Sewel of Lakoc to Richard de Hendinton, son of Swein, and Juliana his wife, of 1a. of Sewel's land in the town of Lakoc in the field called Asslye lying between the lands of William Strug and Edith relict of Carectari Bridge. Rent,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Witnesses: Richard de Wik, Jordan de Haidonewik, Richard le Blunt of Natton, Hugh le Franceis, Robert Withy, Walter Withy, Simon Wormeston, William Spede, Walter son of Hel'. [Ward. 2/94B/83].

**120** Gift for 22s. by William Clodegirofre son of Aldith Lamberd, to Richard de Hedington son of Sweyn, of a certain part of his land in the town of Lacok which lies in Little Lakeshele between the land of the lord of Lacham and of Sewale. Rent,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Witnesses: Robert de Holta son of Walter, Richard de Wike son of Ralph, Robert de Holta clerk, Walter de Sterkeley, Richard

White, Hugh Franc, Simon Wrmeston, Robert Spede. [Ward. 2/94E/110; N.C. 39v.].

**121** Gift by Richard White of Netton son of Richard, with the consent of Agatha his wife, to Richard de Hedington son of Swein, of 1a. of his land in the town of Lacoc which lies between two acres of Richard de Wike son of Ralph, in Suthehuri. Rent,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of cummin. Witnesses: Richard de Wike son of Ralph, Robert de Holta clerk, Walter de Sterkele, Walter Withy, Alfred the smith, Robert Spede, Simon Wrmeston, Robert the carpenter. [Ward. 2/94E/67; N.C. 38v.].

**122** Gift by William Bluet son of Ralph to Richard Swein of 1a. of his arable land in Asselegh in the furlong called Stretfurlong next the land which Thomas Alwine held of the tenement of the abess of Lakoc in exchange for his garden. Rent, 1d. to light the chapel of the blessed Mary of Lakham. Witnesses: Ralph the donor's brother, Robert de Holta son of Walter, Richard del Estre, Richard de Wik son of Ralph, Robert de Holt son of Richard, Walter de Sterkele, Richard White, Hugh le Franceis, Simon Wrmeston. [Ward. 2/94E/7; N.C. 38v.].

**123** [1299–1332] Gift in free alms by Edward Swayn of Lacok to Joan de Mounfort abess of Lacok, of 1a. of arable land which lies in Sothebury between the land of John de Wyke on each side, and which Richard Swayn the donor's father formerly had of the gift of Richard le Blount of Natton. Witnesses: Peter de la Heose, Richard Crok, John Turpyn, Roger Bubbe, William Persehay, John de Baunthone, Walter de Wyke. [E 40/11979; N.C. 24].

**124** Gift in free alms by Edward Sweyn to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of all that land and tenement which Richard Sweyn his father had by gift of Richard de Wike in Lacok and Lacham and which descended to Edward by hereditary right. Also of all that land which his father had of William Clodegilofre. Also 1a. of land which his father had of Richard White of Natthone and Sewel, and 1a. by gift of William Bluet in Asseleye in the furlong called Stretforlang. Also a croft called Wodecroft which Edward had of John son of Gregory de Haydonwike in Lacok and Lacham. Rents, 12d. to the heirs of Richard de Wike,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to the heirs of William Cloudegilofre,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of cummin to the heirs of Richard White of Natton,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to the heirs of Sewel, 1d. to the chapel of Lacham towards the light of the blessed Mary,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to the heirs of John son of Jordan. Witnesses: Sir Denis then chaplain of Lacok, Reynold Crok, Adam then steward, Robert le Blunt, Hugh de Lacok clerk, Robert de Lacok clerk. [Ward. 2/94E/79; N.C. 25].

**125** Gift for 30s. by Adam de Fifhide to John de Menstrewrthe of 1a. of land in Sothebury which lies between the land of Richard Stevenes of Beuelegh and

the land of the abbess of Lacok and runs east and west. Witnesses: Thomas le Whyte of Natton, John Francis, Nicholas Page, Adam Spede, John de Beuelegh. [Ward. 2/94E/102].

**126** Lease for 12s. by Richard de Wika son of Ralph, to John the porter and Margery Gulie, of a messuage in the town of Lacok which John the baker formerly held of Richard between the burgage of Jordan de Haidonewik and the messuage of Walter the miller. To hold for their lives. Rent, 2s. 6d. to Joan, Richard's daughter. Reversion to Joan. Witnesses: Richard White, Robert Withy, Richard Seweyn, Richard Roland, Richard Cochi. [Ward. 2/94B/153].

**127** 26 May 1314. Gift by John Bluet lord of Lacham to John de Menstreworthe of 3a. of arable land, whereof 1a. lies in Sothebury alongside the close of the abbess of Lacok of which one end extends on la Grasecrofte which lies outside the gate of the abbey, and 2a. lie in Asschelegh, one between the lands of Dame Parnel Bluet and of Robert Russel and the other lies in the same field between the lands of Nicholas Jones and of Robert Leg. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Paveliu, Sir John de Holte, Sir John de la Mare knights; John Turpyn, Roger le Cras, Ralph le Cras, Adam Hardyng. At Lacham Sunday St. Augustine 7 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/95].

**128** 20 June 1322. Gift by John le Portier of Lacok to [Joan] abbess of Lacok, of 3a. of land in Lacok. Witnesses: John Turpyn, Ralph le Gras, John de Cayllewe, Reynold Crok, John Lovel. At Lacok Sunday before Nativity of St. John the Baptist 15 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/23].

**129** 8 Aug. 1316. Gift for 40 marks by Robert atte Withye son and heir of the late John atte Withye of Nattone, to John de Menstreworthe porter of the gate of the abbey of Lacok, of all Robert's tenements with all reversions which he had on the day of the making of this present charter in Nattone, Lacok, and elsewhere in the parish of Lacok. Witnesses: Sir John de Holte, Sir John de la Mare knights; Thomas le Whyte of Natton, William Thomas, Alan Bruton, William Salip, Robert Daly. At Lacok Sunday before St. Lawrence Martyr 10 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/69].

**130** 8 Aug. 1316. Letter of attorney from Robert atte Withie to Thomas le White of Natton to deliver seisin of the same premises. [Ward. 2/94E/105].

**131** 23 Aug. 1316. Quitclaim from Robert atte Wythie to John de Menstreworth of his right in the same premises. Because Robert's seal is unknown to many he has caused the seal of the prior of Bradenestok to be appended. Witnesses: John Turpin, William Percehaye, John Percehaye, John Kaillewe, Nicholas Bubbe, Adam Harding, Henry Bourlegh. Monday before St. Bartholomew 10 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/43].

**132** 25 July 1316. Gift by William Salip of Lacok to John de Menstreworth porter of the abbey of Lacok, of a piece (*placeam*) of arable land in Lacok lying in the field of Sothebury between the lands of the abbess of Lacok on the east and of William le Chepman on the west. Witnesses: Thomas le White, Alan Britton, Robert Dalu, John de Beuel, Alfred Bridge. At Lacok Sunday before St. Peter's Chains 10 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/37].

**133** Gift for 5s. by Stephen Truan to William the chaplain and Robert the clerk, sons (*alumpnis*) of Robert vicar of Lacoc, of a part of his burgage in the town of Lacoc which contains  $13\frac{1}{2}$  feet in breadth and 110 feet in length, viz. all that part which lies on the south side next to the burgage of Robert the chaplain then [*sic*] vicar. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Sir Robert vicar of Lacoc, Walter de Netton, Hugh le Franceis, Richard White, Jordan de Haydoneswic, Alfred the smith, Richard Swein. [Ward. 2/94E/73].

**134** Gift for two marks by William the chaplain and Robert, sons of Robert sometime vicar of Lakoc, to Richard son of Roland, of all the land with houses and buildings which they had in the town of Lakoc of the tenement of the abbess of Lakoc and the tenement of Stephen Truan. Rent, 12d. to the abbess and 6s. 8d. to the donors for their lives, and after their death 7s. 5d. to the abbess. Witnesses: Richard de Wik son of Ralph, Robert de Holt son of Walter, Robert de Holt clerk, Robert Spede, Richard White, Hugh le Franceys, Richard de Bers, Richard Swein, Simon Wormeston. [Ward. 2/94B/23; O.C. 72v.].

**135** Gift for 9s. by Stephen Truan to Richard Roland of an area (*aream*) of land at the eastern head of Stephen's curtilage in the town of Lakoc which lies between the land of Adam Cantoc and Richard's own land and contains 100 feet in length and 34 feet in breadth. Rent, a spur. Witnesses: Robert de Holta clerk, Jordan de Wik, Richard Swein, Richard le Deveneis, William Bosel, Richard Coching, Nicholas Makebutere, Edmund the miller. [Ward. 2/94B/105].

**136** Grant by William de St. Edmund rector of the church of Henton, to Robert de Lacok his brother, of a yearly rent of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark from messuages which Richard Roland held of William in the town of Lacok. To hold for his life. Witnesses: Richard de Wik, Jordan de Haydoneswic, Richard le Blund, Robert Withy, Richard Sweyn, Gervase de Cockelberue, Gilbert the clerk, Hugh the clerk. Seal. [Ward. 2/94B/128].

**137** 28 Nov. 1322. Gift for 40s. by Richard Rolond of Lakoc to John de Menstrewurthe of all his tenements in Lakoc which he held in fee of the abbess of Lakoc. Witnesses: Sir Edmund Gacelyn, Sir Walter de Pavel the younger, knights; Ralph le Cras, John Turpyn, Reynold Crok, John Lovel of Melkesham, Thomas de Nacthone. At Lakoc Sunday before St. Andrew the Apostle 16 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/110].

**138** Gift for one mark by Thomas le Whyte of Natton, to John de Menstrewrthe porter of Lacok, of  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of arable land in Sothebury between the land of the abbes of Lacok and that of Peter Salip, and extends to la Welemede at the south head. Witnesses: Sir Robert Seleman knight, Ralph le Cras, John Torpyn, John Pershay, John Francis, Nicholas Pag, John de Beueleghe. [E 40/9343].

**139** Gift for £10 by Thomas le Whyte of Natton to John le Porter of Lacok, of all his meadow in Stretlegh between the meadow of John Crok of Wyk on the north and Wodnesdich on the south, and extends at one end to the land of the abbes and at the other to the bank of Avon. Witnesses: Sir Robert Seleman knight, Ralph le Cras, John Torpyn, John Pershey, Nicholas Seleman, John Cayleway, John Lovel. [Ward. 2/94E/35].

**140** 13 Apr. 1323. Gift for 7 marks by Thomas le Wyte son and heir of Robert le Wyte of Nattone, to John le Porter of Lacok, of 4a. of his arable land in the town of Nattone of which the parcels lie thus, namely 2a. in the field called Inlonde in a furlong which reaches upon le Curveburst, one acre lying between the land formerly of Sir John Bluet and the land of William Wastel, and the other lying between the land of the abbes of Lacok and the land formerly of Sir John Bluet; and 2a. lie at Peusedoune in a furlong which reaches upon the marsh called Dounmerche, between the land of Walter Sewy and the land formerly of Adam Hereward. Witnesses: as No. 139. At Lacok Wednesday before St. Alphege the Bishop [*sic*] 16 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/42].

**141** 2 June 1325. Gift by Thomas le Wyte of Nattone to John de Menstr'wourthe of one piece of his arable land in the south field of Natton which lies on each side of Lagbrok beside the land of the abbes of Lacok on the north. Witnesses: John le Freynsche, Peter Salyp, Alfred the smith, John de Beueleghe, Adam Spede. At Lacok Trinity Sunday 18 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/10].

**142** 5 Dec. 1325. Letters patent of Thomas son of the king of England, earl of Norfolk and marshal of England, confirming letters patent of his brother the king giving licence to John le Porter of Lacok to grant to the abbes of Lacock a messuage and a virgate of land in Lacok and Nattone, of which virgate 3a. belong to Thomas's fee in Lacok. Witnesses: Sir John Maudyt, Sir Edmund Gasselyn knights; Thomas West, John de Molyn, John de Wynterbourne. At Westminster Thursday before St. Nicholas 19 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/95].

**143** [1299–1332] Gift by John de Menstreworth to Joan abbes of Lacok, of all lands and tenements with all kinds of reversions to the donor, which he had of the gift and feoffment of Robert atte Wythye of Naton and Lacok.



Witnesses: John Turpyn, Ralph le Gras, Adam Hardyng, John Kaylewey, John Percehay, Nicholas Bubbe, Walter de Wyk. [Ward. 2/94B/34].

**144** 10 Oct. 1337. Quitclaim by John de Minystreworth porter of Lacok, to Sybil abbess of Lacok, of his right in all lands and tenements which he had by feoffment of Robert atte Wythye, John Bluet, Thomas le Whyte, and William Salip in Lacok and Nattone and also in all lands and tenements which Joan abbess of the said place formerly had by his demise in the towns aforesaid. Witnesses: William Percehay, John de Chippeham, John de Hegtresbury, Lawrence Self, Henry Percehay. At Lacok 10 Oct. 11 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/20].

**145** 8 Sept. 1326. Grant at fee farm by Thomas le Wyte of Nattone to John de Nony, of a croft with a fence (*clausura*) round it called Muchelelegh at Cherlaweswyke in the parish of Lacok, between the land of Reynold Crok on each side. Rent, 2 marks. Clause for re-entry in case of arrears. Witnesses: Sir Robert Selyman, Sir Peter de la Heuse knights; Ralph le Gras, Reynold Crok, John the clerk of Chippeham, John de Beuelegh of Lacok, Avery Bridge. At Lacok Monday Nativity of St. Mary 20 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/41].

**146** 28 Sept. 1326. Notification by Thomas le Wyte that he has received of John de Nony £80, being the rent of Muchelelegh for the next 60 years, and can make no claim to any rent for that period. Witnesses: as No. 145. At Lacok Sunday before Michaelmas 20 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/106].

**147** 16 Mar. 1327. Gift by Thomas le Wyte to John de Nony, of Mucheleleygh. Witnesses: as No. 145. At Lacok Monday after St. Gregory 1 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/71].

**148** 23 Mar. 1327. Quitclaim by Thomas le Wyte to John de Nony of his right in Muchelelegh. Witnesses: as No. 145. At Lacok Monday before Annunciation 1 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/13].

**149** 25 Sept. 1336. Quitclaim by John de Nony to Sybil abbess of Lacok, of his right in Muchelelegh which he had by feoffment of Thomas le Whyte of Natton. Witnesses: John de la Roche, John de Chippeham, Henry Percehay, John de Hegtredubury, William Percehay. At Lacok Wednesday before Michaelmas 10 Edw. III. [E 42/361].

**150** Quitclaim by Thomas le White of Nattone son and heir of Robert le White, to John de Nony clerk, of his right in 12a. of arable land in the fields of Lacoke and Nattone which Cecily le White, wife of Robert, holds in her widowhood by way of dower, of which 3½a. lie in la Inlonde, of which 2a. lie between the land of Roger le Draper on the east and of John le Frensch on the west, 1a. in the same furlong [*sic*] between the land of the lord of Lacham on

the west and of Gunnor Caperun on the east,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. against la Dune between the land of the lord of Lacham on the west and of Gunnor Caperun on the east. And 6a. lie in the north field, of which 1a. lies on Peucedone and is called . . . eraker [*reading not clear*] between the land of the abbess of Lacoke on the north and the land of Henry le Wodeward on the south, 1a. lies on Gavelurch between the land of Edward Dodyng on the south and the land of Roger Herward on the north,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in a furlong called Caunmicforlong [*reading not clear*] between the land of the abbess of Lacoke on the north and of Joan de Chiverden on the south,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies on the same furlong between the land of Edward Doding on the north and of Margery Belbowe on the south,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies there next to the land of the abbess of Lacoke on the south,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies between the land of John the chaplain of Lacham on the north and of Robert Thomelin on the south and extends to Bernewelle . . . [*reading not clear*],  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies next to the land of Edward Doding and extends to Seuwell and is called Holhalfaker,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in a furlong called Blachemanesforlong between the land of Roger Herward on the east and of Richard ate Asch on the west,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in a furlong called Thriddefurlong between the land of Walter Sewi on the north and of Richard ate Asch on the south,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in a furlong called Truns between the land of the abbess of Lacoke on the east and of Richard ate Asch on the west. And  $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. lie in the south field, of which 1a. lies between the land formerly of John ate Oke on the north and of Roger Herward on the south, 1a. lies at Winterwelleshulle between the land of the abbess of Lacoke on the south and of Reynold Crok on the north, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies between the land formerly of John ate Oke on the west and of Margery Belbowe on the east. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, John le Frensch, Richard Nash, John de Beuelegh, Adam Spede, Roger le Draper. [Ward. 2/94E/112].

**151** 4 Mar. 1338. Royal licence to John de Nony to give and assign 12a. of land in Charlaweswik and Lacok to the abbess of Lacok in free alms for ever, saving to the chief lords of the fee the due and customary services. At Westminster 4 Mar. 12 Edw. III. [E 42/511].

**152** 10 June 1347. Quitclaim by Richard Talebot to Sybil abbess of Lacok, of his right in all lands and tenements in Nattone of the gift and feoffment of John de Worthe. Sealed with Richard's seal and, because it is unknown to many, he has procured the seals of Walter de Circestre and John de Bourle to be appended. Witnesses: Sir John de Peyton, Sir Robert Selyman knights; John de la Roche, William Percehay, Geoffrey le Cyr. At Lacok Sunday before St. Barnabas the Apostle 21 Edw. III. [E 40/9381].

**153** 30 Nov. 1365. Gift by Joan Salib and Juliana Salib daughters and heirs of Peter Salib of Lacok, to John de Estbury and Robert de Hullethrope, of one messuage and 6 bovates of land and 4a. of meadow in Lacok, which were formerly of Peter. Witnesses: John Bluet, Henry de Cokkesden, Nicholas Crok, John de Sotton, Thomas Draper. At Lacok 30 Nov. 39 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/103].

**154** 12 Jan. 1369. Quitclaim by Juliana Salib daughter and one of the heirs of Peter Salib of Lacok, to Richard Wayfer and William Payn chaplain, of her right in a messuage, 6 bovates of land, and 4a. of meadow, which were formerly of her father in Lacok. Witnesses: John Blwet, Nicholas Crook, John Wrench, Nicholas Sambourne, John Clerk of Clack, Thomas Dru. At Lacok Friday after Epiphany 42 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/84].

**155** 2 July 1392. Gift by William Payn chaplain, to Agnes abbess of Lacok, of a messuage, 6 bovates of land, and 4a. of meadow in Lacok, which were formerly of Joan Salib and Juliana Salib daughters and heirs of Peter Salib. Witnesses: Sir John lord of Lovel; Sir Thomas Hungerford, Sir John Roches, Sir Ralph Cheyne knights; Thomas Gore, Nicholas Samborne, Thomas Calston. At Lacok 2 July 16 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94B/142 and 2/94E/36].

Endorsed with note of royal licence, 26 June [1392].

#### Lacock: exchanges

**156** [1257–83] Gift in free alms by Hugh le Fronceis of Natton to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of 1a. of land beside the watercourse of the mill of the Templars which extends west upon the land of Richard de Wake, in exchange for 1a. of land lying in Hugh's croft which Ralph Baldewin and Thomas Niewman formerly held. Witnesses: William Bluet, William Beuelich, Robert de Holta, Richard de Wike, Richard le Blunte, Richard de Ber, Robert Withy, Robert Spede, Simon Wormeston. [Ward. 2/94B/42; O.C. 66].

**157** [1257–83] Whereas Beatrice abbess of Lakoc and Sir William Bluet knight, striving to make abundantly clear the bonds of mutual affection and indeed kinship, and being greatly concerned for the profit of each party, have agreed to make an exchange of lands between them. Gift by William to the abbess, of all the lands he had in Lastorteforlange opposite the church of the abbey, containing 5a. measured by the perch, and all the land he had in Buriforlange, to inclose and keep inclosed without contradiction from him and his heirs for ever. Grant also to the abbess, of the spring on (*super*) his land in Lachameslie opposite the mill which was once Austin, with liberty to prepare, inclose, and strengthen it, and to make a watercourse across William's land. Once it is made, they are to make no other course elsewhere without permission of William or his bailiffs. In return, gift by the abbess to William, of the croft which Thomas Bridge held of the abbess, and the land which Aldith de la Hele held in the furlong stretching from la Morbrigge, and the land which Peter Pulthe held in the same furlong, and 1a. of land at the head of the same furlong, and 1a. of land which the said Aldith held in Wiveleshangere, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land in la Inhoke, which pieces in all make 5a. measured by the perch, with like liberty to inclose. Witnesses: Richard de Gatesterre, Richard Horn, Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Wik, Jordan de Haydoneswik. [Ward. 2/94c/4; O.C. 44v.; N.C. 12v.].

**158** [1286–98] Gift by Juliana abbess of Lacok to Robert le Wyte of Natthon, of a croft of land lying in Natthon between the land of William le Kyng and of Adam Hereward, in exchange for 3a. of land of Robert, of which 1a. lies in Asseleye between the land of Robert Martin and of Juliana String, 1a. lies in Beulond between the land of John Bluet and of the abbess, and 1a. lies upon Ramesdene beside the land of the abbess and is head land (*hevedlond*), and 11b. of cummin which Robert was accustomed to receive of Edward Sweyn for 1a. of land which he holds of his fee in Suthbir'. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Alexander Nash clerk, Alan Brethon, Robert del Ebrigge clerk, Alfred Franceys, William Thomelin, Walter son of Hawise. [E 40/9248; N.C. 27v.].

Endorsement refers to 'Robert le Blund'.

**159** [1286–98] Gift by Juliana abbess of Lacok to Alan Bretun, of 2a. of her land lying in Esleforlang between land of Alan and of William Caperun, in exchange for 2a. of land of Alan of which 1a. lies upon Elrig between the land of Walter son of Hawise and is head land (*hevedlond*) and is called Sclesaker, and 1a. lies in Inlonde between the land of the abbess and of Alice Prodhomme. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blunt, Alfred Franceys, William Thomelin, Robert del Ebrigge clerk, Walter son of Hawise, Alexander Nash clerk. [Ward. 2/94B/124; N.C. 27v.].

**160** [1286–98] Gift by Juliana abbess of Lacok to William Thomelyn of Nacthon, of 1a. of arable land which lies at Prenkepulle in the north field of Nacthon and is head land (*terra capitalis*) which extends towards south and north beside the land of Hawise Oak, in exchange for a piece of land of William's which lies in the south field of Nacthon near the mill of the Knights Templar. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Wyte, Alfred Francis, John Withy, Henry the clerk. [Ward. 2/94E/14; N.C. 40].

**161** [1286–98] Gift by Juliana abbess of Lacok to Alan Bretun, of 2a. of her land lying in Esleforlang between land of hers and of William Caperun, in exchange for 2a. of Alan's land, of which 1a. called Sclefaker lies upon Elrig and beside the land of Walter son of Hawise and is head land (*hevedlond*), and 1a. lies in Inlonde between the land of the abbess and of Alice Prodhomme. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blunt, Alfred Franceys, William Thomelyn, Robert del Ebrigge clerk, Walter son of Hawise, Alexander Nash clerk. [E 40/10399].

#### Lacock: quitclaims of common right

**162** 9 Oct. 1308. Quitclaim in free alms by William Salip of Lacok to the church of blessed Mary the Virgin and St. Bernard of Lacok, of his right in all that common of pasture which he had in a furlong of land called la Hele in

the field of Lacok and in all the land of the abbey lying together unseparated beside it, so that the nuns may at their will inclose and hold separately this furlong along with the said land for themselves henceforth for ever. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Paveli, Sir John de Holte knights; Roger le Cras, Ralph le Cras, Adam Harding, John le Roche, Nicholas Bubbe. At Lacok Wednesday St. Denis the Martyr 2 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/27].

**163** 9 Oct. 1308. Quitclaim of right in common pasture in the same place by Richard Crok. Witnesses and date: as No. 162. [Ward. 2/94B/67].

**164** 9 Oct. 1308. Quitclaim of right in common pasture in the same place by Alfred de Ebrige. Witnesses and date: as No. 162. [E 40/12346].

**165** 9 Oct. 1308. Quitclaim of right in common in the same place by Robert le Blount of Nattone. Witnesses and date: as No. 162. [E 40/9391].

**166** 30 Oct. 1308. Notification by Robert de Durynton parson of the church of Lacok that, whereas it is clear to him and may be well known enough (*satis sit notorium*) that all improvement of agriculture and profit of land made in his parish would be not only useful to him and his church but also to those who will succeed him in it, he has, in that certain hope and at the request both of Sir John Bluet knight and of Joan by the grace of God abbess of Lacok, the patrons of his church, granted to the religious ladies that they may inclose a certain furlong of their land called la Hele in the field of Lacok with certain land of theirs lying together unseparated beside it and hold it to themselves separately henceforth for ever, notwithstanding his own common pasture which he quitclaims to them. Witnesses: as No. 162. At Lacok Wednesday after St. Simon and St. Jude 2 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/113].

**167** 7 Mar. 1309. Quitclaim in free alms by Alexander Nash to the church of blessed Mary the Virgin and St. Bernard of Lacok, of his right in all that common of pasture which he had in a furlong containing about 16a. of land called la Hele in the field of Lacom, so that the donees may, at their will, inclose and hold separately this furlong for themselves henceforth for ever. Witnesses: as No. 162. At Lacok Nones of Mar. 2 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/96].

#### Lacock: settlements of disputes

**168** 11 Aug. 1241. Notification that whereas there has been a strife between Ela abbess of Lak' and Roger Bloet parson of Lak', concerning a mill with its pond and a bridge built by the abbess in the town of Lak, and a way on the south side of the monastery there, it has now been quieted by the counsel of prudent men by a friendly agreement in this way, viz. that the mill and the pond may stand and remain in the state that they were at the beginning of the quarrel without molestation by Roger, who may raise nothing by any

right from the abess or any who shall succeed her by reason of the mill. The abess shall keep the bridge whole and safe, so that if it shall happen to fall down she is bound to erect it as speedily and serviceably as she can, and whatever damage Roger suffered by reason of the default in the competence or speed of the erection she shall restore to him by view of legal men without contradiction. If the abess cannot warrant the way across the graveyard of Lak' for all the business of Roger to be done, she shall find him a suitable way to the south of it, for coming and going to the fields and pastures with carts and ploughs for the convenient carrying on of his affairs. The abess has granted to Roger as long as he shall hold the parsonage of Lak' 4s. yearly to take of Robert de la Withee or his heirs for having good peace. This agreement, in the form of a chirograph sealed alternately with the seals of the parties, was made at Lak' Sunday before Assumption, year of the incarnation 1241. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Kalna, Sir Henry de Erlee, etc. [O.C. 19v.; N.C. 12].

**169** [c. 1264] Writing indented, reciting that there has been a dispute between Sir William Bluet of Lacham and Beatrice abess of Lacok, about the cutting off of the watercourse to the mill standing within the close of the abbey and about the turning back of the water of it as far as William's free tenement, and about the damage of the whole path called Churigwei across Snailemede and of the street (*strate*) extending from the abbey as far as Beuelie; now William has quitclaimed to the abess all damage which he suffered because of the premises, and grants that in future he will never disturb or implead her because of the cutting off of water or the street or lane, but she may at her pleasure use them as she did before these presents. For this quitclaim the abess has given William 2½a. of land, whereof 1a. lies between the land of Alice de Beuelye and the land of Richard son of Robert the reeve, ½a. lies between the land of Reynold Wytberd and the land of Richard his brother, ½a. between the land of the abess and the land of Richard Sweyn, and ½a. lies in Asleye between the land of the abess and of Richard Sweyn, to hold in fee. Witnesses: Ralph de Aungers then sheriff of Wiltes', Henry de Montfort clerk, William de Doueliz, Richard de Gatesterte, Thomas Bubbe, Richard Purchaz, William de Benacra, Jordan of the same, Richard de Wik, Hugh the clerk. [Ward. 2/94E/61; O.C. 68v.; N.C. 14].

#### Lacock: miscellaneous grants

**170** Grant in free alms by William de Luveraz, for the health of his soul and that of Maud his wife, to the house of the blessed Mary of Lak', of a quarter of salt yearly, to be taken of the donor and his heirs at Lak on St. John the Baptist. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Paveilli, Sir Peter parson of Treubrig, Master Roger de Stok, Peter Withy, Philip de Depeford. [O.C. 18 and 63v.].

**171** [c. 1245] Notification by William Lungespee that he has quitclaimed

to Ela abbes of Lacok 80 marks, for the payment of which they fully satisfied him at Easter 29 Hen. III. [O.C. 23v.].

**172** 20 May 1265. Quitclaim and revocation, at the instance of Master Peter of Exeter, by Master John de Brideport for himself, his proctors and executors, to the abbes of Lacok, of a yearly pension of 40s. in which she was bound to him by her charter, which by these present letters he wholly revokes. Witnesses: Master John de Drayton, Sir John chaplain and rector of Schokebroc, Adam de Ylleg, Philip the clerk, Master Walter de Lecchelade. At Exeter morrow of St. Dunstan 1265. Since the abbes by the aforesaid charter was bound to do (*facere*) for the donor's soul after his death as for the soul of a nun, he wishes that in that part the charter may remain unimpaired (*integra*). [Ward. 2/94E/49].

**173** 10 July 1306. Memorandum that on the Seven Holy Brothers 34 Edw. [I] in the hall of the abbes of Lacok at Lacok, and in the presence of Henry the clerk, William Salip, Richard le Viker of Boude, and Walter de Walhop, Nicholas Spede did homage and fealty to Joan de Montfort abbes of Lacok for the tenements which he holds and claims to hold of her in the fields of Lacok and Beueleye. And he has a day before the next [court] to show what tenements he holds of her and what he has alienated and to whom. [O.C. 74v.].

**174** 3 May 1352. Agreement indented between the abbes of Lacok and Robert de Hungerford and Henry Russel, that the religious grant and promise in the faith of their profession, for a certain sum paid to them for carrying on their own arduous business, to celebrate solemnly the obit of John Goudlyne every year on 3 August with full service of the dead and mass with notes. If a legitimate impediment occur on that day, the obit is to be celebrated on another day within the following week. Each nun of the house is to say the seven penitential psalms with the litany, and on the same day to each of six nuns who shall be present at the obsequy shall be given a gallon of wine or 6d. for a pittance. This indenture shall be inserted word for word in their book of obits (*martilogio*) and read yearly in their chapter on the said day and on the first Monday in Lent, and John's soul shall be specially commended on other days among their benefactors. This indenture shall be shown in every diocesan visitation, and the religious bind themselves to perform all the abovesaid things, granting that for every default, in the judgment of whatsoever diocesan judges of the alms of that place shown in the visitation, they will pay 40d. In chapter 3 May 1352. [Ward. 2/94B/60].

#### Lacock: leases

**175** [1239–57] Ela abbes of Lacok to William de Treubrige for five marks, one virgate of land in Natton which William Seman formerly held. Rent,

10s. Clause for re-entry and retention if William be convicted of selling or alienating the land or any part of it, or destroying buildings. Witnesses: Sir Robert vicar of Lacoc, Robert de Holta clerk, Walter de Natton, Philip de Wike, Hugh le Franceis, Richard White, Alfred the smith, Robert Spede, Robert the carpenter. [E 40/8793; N.C. 28].

176 [1257–83] Quitclaim for 30s. by William son of Ranulf the merchant of Troubreg, to Beatrice abbess of Lak, of his right in all that land in the town of Natton which he held of her for his life. Witnesses: Robert de Holta clerk, Jordan de Hasdoneswik, Richard le Wite, Robert Withy, Simon de Wermenston, Richard Rodland, Robert the carpenter, Robert Sped, Walter Withy. [E 40/9254; O.C. 38v.].

O.C. has Ranulf de Troubreg.

177 4 June 1283. Alice abbess of Lacok to Edward Swein and Isabel his wife, of that burgage which Jordan de Haydonwik formerly held of her in the town of Lacok. Rent 12d. Lessees to maintain all the houses in the state they found them in on entry. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blund, John Withy, Simon Wormeston, Alfred Francis, Gilbert the clerk, Richard Rouland. Friday after St. Marcellus and St. Peter martyrs, year of grace 1283. [E 40/9244; N.C. 24v.].

178 [1290–1303] Agnes abbess of Lacok to Alexander Nash and Felice his wife, of all that messuage with croft adjoining which Peter Covenant formerly held of her in Lacok beside a croft of Alexander's called Stoukescroft. Rent, at Christmas 3d., at Easter 3d., at Midsummer 3d., and at Michaelmas 4½d. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Robert le Blunt, Alan Bretun, Robert de Bardeneye, Robert de Lacham clerk, John Withy, Nicholas Spede. [N.C. 29v.].

179 [22 Apr.] 1310. Joan abbess of Lacok to William le Chalener and Agnes his wife, of a messuage in Lacok which Maud Coppe formerly held. Rent, 3s. Witnesses: Walter de Wyke, Walter de Wollop, Thomas le Whyte, Roger le Draper, John de Nony. Wednesday [? before] St. Mark 3 Edw. II. [E 40/9392].

French.

180 2 Feb. 1305. Joan abbess of Lacok to Roger Gereberd for his long service, of a tenement in Lacok with curtilage adjoining as the bounds and divisions there regularly show. Rent, 1d. and 12d. to the sacrist of the house. Witnesses: Alan Ballon, Richard le Marschal, Richard Roulond, Thomas le Ferur, Thomas Ruscel. Purification 33 Edw. I. [Ward. 2/94E/92].

181 1 Aug. 1306. Joan abbess of Lacok to John de Fifhide and Joan his wife for the surrender, of John's own will, of a dwelling house (*mansum*) and lands and tenements which he held of the abbess for his life by a writing, of



all that house in Natton formerly of Robert de Bardeneie, except a grange and a place beside the grange enclosed by a wall; also a croft lying between the tenements of Robert le Wite and of Adam Hereward in Natton, 1a. of meadow in Northmede, and one virgate of land in the fields of Lacok and Natton, of which virgate 9a. lie upon Gavelhurche, 3a. in Camfurlange, 1½a. upon Wepewind, 2a. upon Helrigge, 3a. beside le Helmeheie, 2a. beside Prestweie, 1a. upon Waterslade, 4a. upon Damnecliue, ½a. beside Bidemulle, 1a. beside Lacbroke, 1½a. upon Dameforlang, ½a. in Priddefurlang, 1½a. upon Great Binlle, 1a. beside the way towards Hedinton, 1½a. beside Seuwelle, 1½a. in Pokforlange, 1½a. in Blakemerefurlange, 2a. in Denfurlange, ½a. in Langfurlange, 1½a. upon Prestweie, ½a. upon Weteworpe, ¼a. upon Nonedelve, and 1a. in Schithanger. Rent, 6s. 8d. The lessees to maintain at their own expense throughout their life the houses, buildings, walls, and enclosures being in the said manse without deterioration. Witnesses: Richard Crok, Sir Robert rector of Lacok, Robert le Wite of Natton, Robert de Bardeneie, John Withy. Monday St. Peter's Chains 34 Edw. I. [E 40/9547].

**182** 16 Mar. 1308. Joan abbess of Lacok to Agnes who was the wife of Henry le Geger and Joan her daughter, of a messuage in Lacok which Maud Coppe once held. Rent, 3s. Witnesses: Walter de Wellop, Thomas le Whyte, Roger le Draper, Walter de Wyke, John de Nony. Saturday after St. Gregory 1 Edw. [II]. [Ward. 2/94B/99].

**183** 3 May 1311. Joan abbess of Lacok to Richard Rolond of Lacok, Isabel his wife, and Richard their son, of a vacant piece of ground lying in the borough of Lacok between the tenements of the abbess and of the said Richard the elder, whereon he shall raise and build at his own expense a competent house covered with stones. To maintain at their own expense during the term. Rent, 1d. at Easter while Richard the elder lives, and after his death Isabel and Richard the son shall pay 3s. Witnesses: Alexander Nash, Thomas le Blount, William Salip, Alan Bruton, William Thomas, Robert Daly, John de Beuelegh. Invention of the Holy Cross 4 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/65].

**184** 2 Aug. 1313. Joan abbess of Lacok to Emoun le Fevre son of William Emoun of Stauntone and Edith his wife, of all the tenement with land which Thomas le Ferour has in Lacok of the abbess for life, which tenement is between the tenement of Robert Milcent and the bridge called Lacbrokesbrigg, saving to the abbess from the said land 1a. in Sothebury, 1½a. in Asshelegh, 1a. in la Inlonde in the field of Lacham near the abbess's demesne land, and 1a. of meadow near Glideford. To hold after the death of Thomas. Witnesses: John Turpyn, Adam Harding, John de Bourleye, Thomas le Whyte, Avery atte Brigge. Thursday after St. Peter's Chains 7 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/70].

French.

**185** 8 Jan. 1315. Joan abbess of Lacok to Roger Mody of la Woderewe and Isabel his wife, of a place of land which the abbess has in the field of la Woderewe which is called Luntlesleghe, which Alexander de Besille once held of the abbess. Rent, 2s. Clause for re-entry and retention, including growing crops, without action of recovery. Witnesses: Roger le Cras, Ralph le Cras, John de Lilleshulle, Roger Mauclerk, Robert atte Lupegate, John Lovel, Henry Vigerous. Wednesday before St. Hilary 8 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/13]. Endorsed: Luntyslyghe in Quenefeld. French.

**186** 13 Apr. 1316. Joan abbess of Lacok to Paulin le Barber of Lacok, Alice his wife, and John their son, for 40s., of a messuage with croft in Lacok which Robert Leg once held of the lessors in villeinage. To hold for their lives. Rent, 8s. Witnesses: Nicholas Selyman, Thomas le White, John de Bourle, Alan Brutoun, William Salip, William Thomas, Avery del Ebrigg. Tuesday after Easter Day 9 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/63].  
French.

**187** 30 Apr. 1321. Joan abbess of Lacok to Bernard le Bakere, Cecily his wife, and Stephen their son, of a messuage with curtilage 45 feet long and 33 feet broad between the tenements of Roger le Poleter and of William le Bakere. Rent, 2s. 6d. Eve of Apostles Philip and James 14 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/55].

**188** 22 Jan. 1322. Joan abbess of Lacok to Richard Mountagu and Idony his wife, of a messuage, garden, curtilage, and two crofts in the town of Nattone; also 4a. of arable land in the fields of Nattone, of which  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in the west field of Nattone in a furlong called Schythangere between the land late of Robert de Sauth and the land of William atte zete;  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in the same field in a furlong called Waterwarde between the land of Collard de Beueleghe and the land late of William Thomelyn;  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in the same furlong between the lands of Adam Spede and John le Freynsche;  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. lies in the same furlong between the lands of Dame Joan de Wyke and William ate ziete; and 2a. lie in the north field of Nattone in a furlong called Vernyeforlang, of which 1a. lies between the lands of Robert Belbowe and John de Cheyn and 1a. lies between the land late of Sir John Bluet and the land of Dame Joan de Wyke; also such common pasture in the fields, meadows, and pasture of Nattone as belongs to the messuage. Rent, 5s. Friday St. Vincent 15 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/102].

French.

**189** 21 Sept. 1329. Joan abbess of Lacok to John Vake of Whyteborn 'our polyter', for his service, of a tenement which William le Bakere late held of the abbess of Lacok. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Thomas le Whyte, Peter Salyp, Richard du Freyn, Avery Bridge. Thursday St. Matthew the Apostle 3 Edward III. [Ward. 2/94B/85].

French.

**190** 7 Jan. 1330. Joan abbes of Lacok to Walter Sealf of Seynde, of all the tenements with the curtilage which Edward le Swayn late held of the lessors in Lacok. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Thomas le Wyte, Peter Salip, Richard atten Hassshe, Adam Spede. Sunday morrow of Epiphany 3 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/80].

French.

**191** 26 Jan. 1332. Catherine la Cras abbes of Lacok, to Edward Dodyng and Joan his wife, of a messuage and a virgate of land in Natton in Lacok excepting 1a. of meadow and one croft of land. To hold after the death of Joan who was wife of John atte Broke. Heriot after the deaths of the lessees. The lessees will rebuild (*relevabunt*) suitable houses for the said tenure and will reasonably maintain them. Sunday before Purification 6 Edw. III. [E 40/10280].

**192** 10 May 1332. Joan abbes of Lacok to John Apert, the wife whom it pleases him to choose, and William Apert his brother, of a place of land lying near the tenement of Paulin le Barbor in Lacok, which Paulin formerly held for his own life and those of his wife and his son, and which they surrendered to the abbes by common assent and by their own will. Rent to the abbes during the lives of Paulin, Alice his wife, and John his son, 2s. 8d. After the deaths of Paulin, Alice, and John, rent to the abbes, 3s. 6d. 10 May 6 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/27].

French.

**193** 11 June 1332. Joan de Montfort abbes of Lacok to Roger le Draper, Alice his wife, and Walter their son, for 10s., of a messuage with curtilage in Lacok, formerly of William le Chepman, between the tenements of the said Roger and Richard le Mareschal, and containing in front next to the road 39 royal feet (*pedes regias*), and the top beside the curtilage of Richard le Mareschal contains 41½ feet, and the breadth beside the tenement of Richard contains 34½ feet, and the breadth beside the tenement of Roger contains 48½ feet. Rent, 16d. The lessors will maintain at their own expense the messuage with curtilage in as good a state as they received it or better. Thursday St. Barnabas the Apostle 6 Edw. III. [E 40/9228].

**194** 6 Aug. 1335. Sybil abbes of Lacok to William le Carpenter and Juliana his wife, of the south part of a messuage with curtilage in Lacok which Emme de Sweltenham built. Rent, 4s. Clause for re-entry in case of arrears or waste for want of a roof. The lessees to maintain the tenement in as good a state as when they received it or better. Witnesses: Ralph le Cras, Reynold Crok, John de Chippham, John de Nony, William Percehay. Sunday after St. Peter's Chains 9 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/56].

**195** 26 Feb. 1336. Sybil abbes of Lacok to Roger Badecok son of William

Badecok of Beueleghe, of a messuage and curtilage in Lacok which Walter le Pestour late had of the feoffment of John le Man. Rent, 4s. Witnesses: John de Chippeham, William Percehay, Reynold Crok, John de Bourleghe, Thomas le Whyte, Roger le Draper, Peter Salip. Monday after St. Peter's Chair 10 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/114].

French.

**196** 6 Aug. 1336. Sybil abbess of Lacok to John Sparkeman the younger, Margery la Yonge, Joan and Margaret their daughters, of the north part of a messuage with curtilage in Lacok, which tenement Emme de Sweltenham built. Rent, 6s. The lessees to maintain the state of the tenement. Witnesses: Ralph le Cras, Reynold Crok, John de Chippenham, John de Nony, William Parcehay. Sunday after St. Peter's Chains 9 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/72].

**197** 6 Oct. 1336. Sybil de Seynte Croys abbess of Lacok to William Spede and Agnes his wife, of all that land and meadow which Isabel Mody of la Woderewe holds of the lessors for the term of her life, in la Woderewe beside Melkesham in a field called Northfeld, and which ought to revert to the abbess after her death. Rent, 2s. Witnesses: Ralph le Gras, Robert atte Rhupeghete, John de Sandryg. Sunday after Michaelmas 10 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/48].

**198** 24 Dec. 1336. Sybil abbess of Lacok to John, son of Esmoun le Fevre of Lacok, of all the lands and tenements which Esmoun and Isabel his wife hold for life of the abbess in Lacok and which ought to revert to them, to remain to John for his life. To hold by performing the same services. Witnesses: John de Chippeham, William Percehay, Reynold Crok, John de Bourleghe, Thomas le Whyte, Peter Salip, Roger le Draper. Tuesday Christmas Eve 10 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/74].

French.

**199** 7 Jan. 1340. Sybil de Seyntcroys abbess of Lacok to William Spede of Beueleghe and Margaret his wife, of a tenement at Beueleghe which William formerly held of the abbey in the same town for the term of his life. Rent, 4s., viz. at Michaelmas 21d., at St. Thomas 9d., at St. Margaret 9d., and at St. John the Baptist 9d., and one day in the autumn to bear the rod during the time of the autumnal boon-works and another during the time of planting. Witnesses: John de Beueleghe, William Salip, Richard ate Nassch, Adam Spede, Thomas Bridge. Friday after Epiphany 13 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/126].

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**200** 5 June 1340. Sybil abbess of Lacok to John le Cran and Isabel his wife and their successors, for a certain sum of money, of a messuage with curtilage which Roger Badecok formerly held of the abbess in Lacok, along with the

reversion of a house which Eve Cochyng holds for the term of her life. Rent, 5s. Witnesses: Roger le Drapere, Edmund le Smyht, Edward le Cok, Andrew le Bakere, Robert le Taillour. 5 June 14 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/52].

**201** 27 Feb. 1346. Sybil de Seyntcroiz abbess of Lacok to William Spede of Beuelegh and Margaret his wife, of all that tenement in Beuelegh which William formerly held of the lessors in the said town. Rent, 4s., at St. Thomas the Apostle 9d., at the Annunciation 9d., at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 9d., and at Michaelmas 21d., and also one day in autumn to bear the rod about the autumn works and another day at the time of planting beans beyond the planters. After the death of the lessees the tenement shall remain to John their son for his life by the same services, and after his death to Margery his sister for life by the same, with reversion to the lessors. Monday after St. Mathias 20 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/97].

**202** 4 Sept. 1349. Sybil de Seyntcroiz abbess of Lacok to Thomas Baalom and Joan his wife, of all that tenement in Beuelegh which William Spede formerly held of the abbess in the same town. Rent, 4s., viz. at St. Thomas the Apostle 9d., at Lady Day 9d., at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 9d., and at Michaelmas 21d., and also one day in autumn for carrying the rod for the autumn works, and another day at the time of planting beans beyond the planters. Friday before Nativity of St. Mary 23 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/132].

**203** 10 Dec. 1349. Maud abbess of Lacok to John le Politer of Lacok and Juliana his wife, of a tenement with land which Edmund le Ferrour once held there, near the bridge called Lacbrokbrigg, together with a croft called Swaynescroft which lies between the land once of Reynold Crok and the way called Wyk Strete. Rent, 6s. 8d. Witnesses: Roger Haudeby, John de Sutton, Richard Aldebourne, Andrew le Bakere, Roger Blak. Thursday after Conception 23 Edw. III. [E 40/10368].

**204** 30 Dec. 1350. Maud abbess of Lacok to Christine who was the wife of Roger le Blake and John their son, of a messuage with curtilage along with la Tolselde, which messuage the said Roger late held of the abbess in the town of Lacok for life. Saving to the abbess the house which is called la Tolselde with free ingress and egress three days yearly for her fair of Lacok, viz. the eve of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr with the two days following [i.e. 6–8 July]. Witnesses: Peter de Testwode, John de Bourle, John de Sutton, Roger Sudeby, John Politer. Morrow of St. Thomas the Martyr 24 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/150].

French.

**205** 2 Oct. 1351. Maud de Mountfort abbess of Lacok to John le Lange smith and Agnes his wife, of a tenement with curtilage in Lacok between the messuages of Juliana Hychobon and Robert le Lather. Rent, 4s. If the

lessees are disturbed or obstructed (*citiantur seu impediuntur*) howsoever concerning the said tenement, restitution is to be made to them by the lessors with another suitable tenement in the town of Lacok to hold in form aforesaid. Witnesses: Roger Sudeby, John Boltford, John Sutton, Andrew le Bakere, Richard Aldebourne. Sunday after Michaelmas 25 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/77].

**206** 1 Oct. 1358. Agnes abbess of Lacok to Richard atte Kychene and Clarice his wife, of a tenement with curtilage beside the tenement of William Stotemont on the south and 3a. of arable land in the field of Lacok, of which 1a. lies in Byncroft between Tomelineslygh and Croukesligh, 1a. lies in Cokkislugh between the lands of Thomas atte Brigge and Walter Penory, and 1a. lies in Goudeligh between the lands of Peter de Cusaunce and William Cokkel. Clause for re-entry and retention in case of arrears or waste. Monday after Michaelmas 32 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/24].

**207** 1 Apr. 1363. Faith Selyman abbess of Lacok to John Grenhulle of Lacok, Margery his wife, and Christine their daughter, of all those messuages with curtilages which John Bulteforde and William Stotemond held of the abbess in Lacok between the messuage of Richard atte Cuchene and the way which leads towards a croft of hers called le Personescroft. Rent, 10s. Witnesses: William Budeston, Nicholas Crok, Henry Cokkesden, John Sutton, John Bulteforde. Saturday Easter Eve 37 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/36].

**208** 8 Nov. 1366. Faith abbess of Lacok to Andrew le Bakere, Maud his wife, Robert and Wartinell their sons, for 20s., of all that messuage with curtilage which Stephen de Malton held of the abbess in the town of Lacok between the tenements of Christine le Baker and William le Chalener. Rent, 6s. The lessees to maintain the messuage in the state in which they received it or in a better one at their own expense. Witnesses: Reynold Crok, Thomas le Wyte, Roger le Draper, Richard Roulond, Robert le Taylur. 8 Nov. 40 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/71].

**209** 25 June 1371. Faith abbess of Lacok to John Hobekyns of Bouedon, of the reversion of all lands and tenements with meadows and pastures which John Ponyter and Juliana his wife hold of the abbess for their lives with a croft at Wyke, which land and tenement Edmund le Smyth formerly held of the abbess. To hold to the lessee and his wife if he shall have one for life after the death of John Poynter and Juliana. Witnesses: Thomas Gore, John Sutton, Thomas Drapere, John Smith, Henry Collard. Wednesday after Nativity of St. John the Baptist 45 Edw. III. [E 40/9456].

**210** 5 Dec. 1384. Agnes abbess of Lacok to Agnes who was the wife of John Bouedonne, of all the tenement in Beueleigh beside Lacok which Stephen de Cosham chaplain first held of the lessors. Rent, 4s., and to find for the lessors yearly for one day in autumn one man competent to carry the

rod about the autumn works, and also one man in a similar way for one day at the time of planting beans beyond the planters. The lessor to maintain the tenement in a good state. Monday after St. Andrew the Apostle 8 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94B/84].

**211** 9 Jan. 1390. Agnes abbess of Lacok to John Chepman of Lacok and Alice his wife, of all that messuage with curtilage adjacent in Lacok which Thomas Bremel formerly held, between the messuages of John Garnet and Richard Taillour; also four selions of land in Lacok as they lie in a field called Southbyry between the lands of William Hunte and Thomas Sutton. Rent, 2s. 10d. Sunday after Epiphany 13 Ric. II. [E 40/9372].

**212** 19 Sept. 1390. Agnes abbess of Lacok to William Hunte fisherman of Lacok and Joan his wife, of all that messuage with curtilage in Lacok which William Kirkeby late held in the corner between the shop of Roger Cotel and the cottage which John Ropere late held; also a messuage with a small curtilage in Lacok which Juliana atte Croys late held, all of which the lessees held before of Roger Cotel and Stephen his son for the term of the lives of Roger and Stephen only. Rent to the abbess after the deaths of Roger Cotel and Stephen his son, 6s. Saturday after Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94B/75].

**213** 9 Jan. 1394. Agnes abbess of Lacok to William Bartlot and Joan his wife and Margaret their daughter, of a messuage with curtilage adjacent in Lacok which Christine Peuseye first held, beside the way which leads towards Reveacre on the west and the tenement of Robert Tayllour on the east. Rent, 6s. 8d. Clause for re-entry in case of arrears or waste. Witnesses: Nicholas Crook, Thomas Drapere, Robert Lacham, Thomas Brut, John Chepman. 9 Jan. 17 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94E/31].

**214** 24 Mar. 1398. Agnes abbess of Lacok to Thomas atte Mulle and Joan his wife, of a capital messuage with curtilage adjoining and 2 cottages which Andrew Cook and John Scot now hold by demise of Roger Cotel, and 8a. of land in Lacok which the said Roger holds for life by demise of Faith late abbess of Lacok, as appears by indentures made between them. To hold after the death of Roger. Rent, 7s. 6d. The lessees to repair and maintain the messuage and cottages with closes of the said curtilage at their own expense. Clause for re-entry and retention in case of arrears or waste. After the deaths of Roger and Thomas and Joan the premises to remain fully to Maud daughter of the lessees, to hold in the same way. Witnesses: Nicholas Crook, Thomas Draper, William Bartelet. Sunday before Annunciation 21 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94B/100].

**215** 24 Mar. 1398. Agnes abbess of Lacok to Thomas atte Mulle and Joan his wife, of the reversion of all lands and tenements with meadows and pastures which Juliana relict of John Poniter holds of the abbess for life, with

a croft at le Wyke, which lands and tenements Edward le Smyth late held of the abbess. To hold after the death of Juliana Ponyter. Rent after the death of Juliana, 6s. 2d. After the deaths of the lessees the premises to remain to Robert their son to hold for life. Witnesses: Nicholas Crook, Thomas Draper, William Bartlot. Sunday before Annunciation 21 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94E/44].

**216** 1 Oct. 1399. Agnes abbess of Lacok to John Walcote chaplain and John Bele the elder of Walcote, of the house within the abbey of Lacok which Christine Swayn formerly held. Also to John Walcote stable room for two horses throughout the year and, for the support of the two horses, four loads of good hay of the pulling of five horses from the meadows of the manor of Lacok at St. Peter's Chains yearly, with a house with a lock to keep the hay in, and sufficient litter for the horses and for John's own bed, to be renewed twice a year from the grange within the abbey. Also to John Walcote his keep (*custum*) within the abbey for four weeks in every quarter year at the provision of the abbey in food and drink according to his status in his lodging or the hall of the abbey, or at his choice pittances and deliveries in his lodging for food and drink for the sixteen weeks in the year as much as a nun takes by custom for such a period. Also to John Walcote a rent of £21 6s. 8d. out of the manor of Chitterne. Clause for entry and distraint on the manor in case of arrears. After the death of John Bele, John Walcote shall receive yearly four cart-loads of wood and six pounds of candles which John Bele first had for his life, if it happen that he uses so much at his coming. John Walcote's servant looking after the horses shall have food and drink with the abbey's servants according to his status. All to be held for John Walcot's life. At Lacok 1 Oct. 23 Ric. II. [Richard's reign actually ended on 29 Sept. of his 23rd year.] [Ward. 2/94E/91].

**217** 7 Dec. 1399. Agnes abbess of Lacok to John Solas and Margery his wife, of a cottage with curtilage and 2a. of arable land which Henry Brooke first held, also 3a. of arable land of the demesne, of which 1a. lies in Southbury between the lands of the Temple and John Frensshe, 1a. lies in Ayssheleye between the lands of William Houte and Thomas Drapere and is head land and extends towards the east upon the land of the lady, and 1a. lies in Cokkeleye between the lands of John Hopere and John Lytell. After the deaths of John and Margery the premises to remain wholly to Margaret daughter of William Bartlot, for life. Rent, 8s. Clauses for maintenance and distraint in case of arrears. Witnesses: Thomas Calston, Nicholas Crook, Thomas Drapere, Reynold Cole, William Bartlot. Sunday before Conception of B.V.M. 1 Hen. IV. [Ward. 2/94B/127].

**218** 6 Oct. 1523. Copy of court roll of the manor of Lacok recording the admission of Thomas Toker to a messuage, a grove, 1a. of meadow in Normede, 2 swaths in le Bournemedede, and 8½a. of land, late in the tenure of John Boke. To hold to him, his wife Margaret, and their son for their lives. Rent, 6s. 8d. Fine, 26s. 8d. [Ward. 2/94B/35].



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 Item at Wethwynd  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre  
 Item in Esyll furlong a acre  
 Item in the same furlong nere the myll, a acre  
 Item at Aldurslade a acre  
 Item at Cocley Pole a acre

**Bishopstrow: grants to the abbey**

**219** 5 May 1249. Gift made on Wednesday after Invention of the Holy Cross 33 Hen. III by William Maudut to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok and Abbess Ela, of common pasture for 200 sheep in his heath (*bruera*) at Warmenestre, through the whole heath all the year, except his close. Rent, 2s. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir Godfrey de Escudamor, Sir Roger de Sifrewast, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Ralph de Angens, Sir John de Vernon, Sir Richard de Derneford knights; William de Tenhide, Simon Park, Walter Bernard, Roger de Cromhal. [N.C. 73].

**220** 1249. Notification by Ela abbess of L[acok] that from the same day she is bound to pay to Sir William Maudut and his heirs 2s. annual rent for the same common pasture which he has granted to them charitably (*caritative*). Clause for distraint. Witnesses: the same and Geoffrey Huse. [Longleat MS. 8049].

**221** 15 Aug. 1254. Agreement made on the Assumption 38 Hen. III between Walter Selide and Brother Robert de Bissopestr bailiff of Ela abbess of Lacok, at Byssopestr. Walter has leased to Ela 4a. of land lying in the marsh at the west side of Putmed, of which 1a. is a head acre at Pukpole and 3a. lie next the ditch of Putmed in length. To hold from Michaelmas 1254 for 6 years, taking all the profit they can from them within that time. Brother Robert has paid Walter 7s. and 2 bushels of barley. If Walter die within the term of the lease, his executors shall have no administration of his goods until the abbess be fully satisfied for the residue of the term. Witnesses: Edward de Mideldon, Walter Swoting, Peter le Blund of Mideldon, William Wynebold, Randal Wynebold, John de Upton clerk. [O.C. 32].

**222** 15 Aug. 1254. Agreement made on the Assumption 38 Hen. III between William de Bereford and Brother Robert de Bissopestr bailiff of Ela abbess of Lacoc. William has leased to Ela 3a. of land, of which  $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. lie in the marsh at the west side of Pittmed next to the land of Walter Selide on the west side,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. at the nearer la Wanschirde of the land of Vincent de Bugeligh on the south side, and 1a. above Tunacre next to the house of Walter Selide. To hold from Michaelmas 1254 for 12 years, taking all the profit they can from

them within that time. Rent, 32d. Brother Robert has paid the first two years' rent. If the rent be in arrears William may resume (*diffugere*) his fee until it is fully paid. If William die within the first two years of the term, his executors shall have no administration of his goods until the abbess be fully satisfied of the 5s. 4d. already paid. Witnesses: John of the Market of Weremenistr, Edward de Mideldon, Walter Swoting, William Winebold, Randal Winebold, Peter le Blund of Mideldon. [Ward. 2/94B/3].

**223** Gift by Thomas Arnold Sweyn of Westbir to Adam de Westbir surnamed Sweyn, his nephew, of all the land he had and which descended to him by inheritance or could descend to him of that tenement which was of Ellis Serlon his uncle in Byssepestr, in lands, mills, and other things. To hold of the donor. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Robert Plugeny, John Michaelis, William Grouny, Roger the shoemaker, Thomas de la Doune, William the clerk, William the miller, Simon Horkedale of Westbyr, Edward de Mideldon, Gilbert le Messenger of Werem'. [O.C. 44; N.C. 74v.].

**224** [1257-83] Gift, for 6 marks paid by Abbess Beatrice, by Adam Sweyn son of Walter Swein of Westbiri to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of all the said [*sic*] land and of a moiety of the mill which he had in the manor of the abbess of Lacok at Bissopestr by gift of Thomas Swein son of Arnald, and also of whatever may come to him after the death of Anastasia relict of Ellis Serle. Excepting 2½a. which Adam has sold, viz. to Sir John Maudut 1a. in Pushulle, and to Andrew Godard 1a. in Wrthes and ½a. in Pushulle, from which the abbess may take in rents 1d. and 1½d. respectively. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de Escudamor, Simon Park, Walter Bernard, Ralph Bernard, William son of Henry, Jordan de Smalebrok, Walter Swoting, Robert son of Goscelin, Edward de Middeldon. [O.C. 31; N.C. 67].

**225** 10 Aug. 1259. Agreement made on St. Lawrence 1259 between Beatrice abbess of Lacok and William de Smalebroke. William has quitclaimed to the abbess all his part of the mill of Bissopestrewe and of the meadow, which were of Ellis de Byssopestr, and all right in them which may come to him after the death of Anastasia relict of Ellis. Saving to William all his part of the land which formerly belonged to the mill, and what may come to him in it after Anastasia's death. William is to pay a rent of 5s. to the abbey during Anastasia's life for all service, suit of court, and other customs. After her death the rent is to be 6s. 8d. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey le Eskedemor, Sir John de Vernun, Sir Ralph Danyrth knights; Alexander de Montfort, Walter Bernard. [O.C. 30v.; N.C. 68].

**226** 1259. Agreement made in 1259 between Beatrice abbess of Lacok and Anastasia relict of Ellis de Bissopestr. Anastasia has quitclaimed to the abbess all her part of the mill of Bissopestr which she holds in dower. The abbess is to pay yearly to Anastasia for her life a quarter of wheat in the octave of Easter and a half quarter of barley at Michaelmas, and she is to have free

multure in the mill and to be quit of the rent belonging to that part of the mill. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de Escudemor, Sir Ralph de Angers knights: Alexander de Montfort, William de Smalebroc. [O.C. 30v.; N.C. 67v.].

**227** [1257–83] Quitclaim for 40s. by Emme widow of Ellis Burgeys of Weremenistr in her liege widowhood to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of that mill and messuage in the town of Bissopestr which Ellis Serle formerly held, and that tenement which Anastasia his relict formerly held in dower. Witnesses: Hugh le Coc of Seroton, Eustace de Hull, Walter le Clerk of Sutton, John Bernard of Weremenistre, William son of Henry de Weremenistre, Herbert Stiward of Upton, John de Babeton, William Gerard of Dunyton, Robert Goscelyn of Byssopestr, Andrew de Byssopestr, John Swotyng. [N.C. 69].

**228** 24 June 1260. Agreement made on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 44 Hen. III between Beatrice abbess of Lacok and Sir John Maudut. The abbess has given to John 4a. of land in the field of Wermenistr', of which 1a. lies in Kenescumbe beside the land of the prebend, 1a. upon Blakhull beside the way from Wermenistr to Ymmer, and 2a. lie in the furlong called Rogeberge beside the land which was of Godfrey Waspail. In exchange John has given to the abbess 4a. of land in the field called le Mers, of which 2a. extend above the graveyard of the church of St. Aldhelm on the east, 1½a. extend above the way called le Holeway on one side and the graveyard of St. Aldhelm on the other side, and ½a. lies lengthwise beside Holeway. Each gift is to be held quit of all service. Witnesses: Sir William Maudut, Sir Ralph de Angiers, Sir John de Vern then sheriff, Sir Godfrey de Escudemor knights; Simon Park, Walter Bernard, William Wynebaud. [N.C. 72].

**229** Gift by Godfrey Waspail to Agnes his daughter of a messuage and lands which Master Walter the physician formerly held in Horspol, viz. the messuage with garden and crofts containing 6a. of land, 7a. of land above (*supra*) the croft of Jordan de Smalebrok in Eldefeld, 2a. of land above (*supra*) Mothull, 1a. of land on the south side of the church of St. Aldhelm of Bissopestre, 2a. of land at Rugberge, 1a. of land in Kenescumbe, and 1a. of land above (*super*) the head of la Langfordeshende, and 4 beasts and 1 runner (*affrum*) in his demesne pasture of la More, quit of herbage. Rent, 11b. of cummin for all service and suit of court. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de Escudemor, William de Corslegh, Geoffrey de Cundy, Walter le Droeys, Hugh de Droys, Nicholas de la Mare, William de Dun, Stephen de Brunarton. [N.C. 69v.].

**230** Gift by the same to the same of the same tenement. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Godfrey de Escudemor, Ellis de la Mare, Roger de Cromhal, Jordan de Gratel, Richard de Kent, Roger de Hupton, John de Savar. [N.C. 70v.].

This version reads 'la Langforhurdeshende'.

**231** [c. 1261] Gift by Agnes Waspayl to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of the same tenement. Rent yearly to the donor, a rose, and to the lord of the fee, 1d. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Angens, Robert de Holta, John Parcar, John Falconar, Robert son of Goscelin, Walter Swotyng. [N.C. 71].

**232** Michaelmas term 1261. Final concord made at Westminster in the octave of Michaelmas 45 Hen. III between Beatrice abbess of Lacok plaintiff, by Richard son of Ralph in her place, and Agnes Waspayl deforciant, of a messuage, 20a. of land, and pasture for 5 beasts in Horspol. Agnes acknowledged that it was the right of the abbess by her gift. Rent, a rose. Warranty. The abbess will receive Agnes into all the benefits and prayers to be performed in her church for ever. [Ward. 2/94B/29; C.P. 25(1)/251/20/11; O.C. 37; N.C. 71v.].

**233** [1257–83] Quitclaim by Edward son of Adam Serle to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of 2a. of land which he had by gift of Ellis Serle his brother, in the town of Bissopestre. Witnesses: Sir Peter de Escudemor knight; Sir Eustace de Hull, John Bernard, Thomas le Vineter, Henry de Tydulside, William de Smalebrok, John Swotyng, Ralph Durand, Robert Goscelyn, John Wynebold. [N.C. 68v.].

**234** [1257–83] Quitclaim by Roger the chaplain, son of Roger le Palmer of Bissopestr, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of all his right in the land formerly of Roger his father. Witnesses: Robert son of Goscelin, Andrew de Leya, Edward de Middeldon, Walter Swotyng. [O.C. 28v.; N.C. 69v.].

**235** [1290–1303] Quitclaim by Robert Swotyng to Agnes abbess of Lacok, of a croft at Samborn, with hedges and ditches belonging to it, above Hullewode. For this the abbess has given him 1a. of her arable land in the town of Bissopestr lying between le Churchewey on the west and his own land on the east and stretching in length from la Woghodich to the bank of Wyly, with full power when necessary to enclose and ditch that acre together with a way leading between his own curtilage and the bank of Wyli opposite the curtilage entirely for his own use. Witnesses: Nicholas de la Mare, Walter Park, Nicholas Malemeyns, Robert Goscelyn, Robert Mauger. [N.C. 73v.].

#### Bishopstrow: grants by the abbey

**236** 19 May 1241. Agreement made at Pentecost 1241 between Ela abbess of Lak and Goscelin son of Osbert and Adam son of Serle of Bisopestr. The abbess has granted that Goscelin and Adam may have a run (*chaciam*) for their sheep in her pasture of Bisopestr toward their pasture that they have of G. de Mandevill, where her bailiffs shall best ordain to her least damage, and at her pleasure. So that they acknowledge that they can have no entry into the run except by her will, and by buying it themselves, paying her 14s. each

year at Hock Day. Witnesses: Sir G. de Scidemor, Walter son of Bernard, William son of Henry, Jordan de Smalebroc, Godfrey Was-pail, Absolom de Northon. [O.C. 19, 60; N.C. 70v.].

**237** [1290-1303] Lease by Agnes abbess of Lacok to Peter son of Thomas Warston of Norton, and the first wife he shall marry, of all that tenement which Emme la zeonge formerly held in the town of Bissopestre, with pasture for 6 oxen quit of herbage and run (*cursu*) for 6 pigs quit of pannage in the common pasture of that town. To hold for their lives. Rent, 12s. Fine, 10 marks. Warranty. Lessees to repair. Witnesses: Robert Goscelin, Robert Mauger, Robert Swyting, William Winebalt, John le Butelier, Thomas Scharlet. [N.C. 74].

**238** [1290-1303] Lease by Agnes abbess of Lacok to John James of Norton and his first wife, of all that tenement with land and pasture which Adam le Hayward formerly held in the town of Bissopestr. To hold for their lives. Rent, 6s., and suit to the court at Byssopestr at the two law-days (*la zedaes*). Fine for entry, 4½ marks. Witnesses: Robert Goscelin, Robert Mauger, Robert Swetyng, Thomas Skarlet, William Winebaud. [N.C. 73v.].

**239** 5 June 1533. Lease indented by Joan Temse abbess of Lacok, to Robert Abathe and Elizabeth his wife, made in consideration of the great charges Robert has incurred and will incur in repairing and new building the farm, mill-house, and tenement, of the site of the manor of Busshoppestrowe and all lands belonging to it, as William Cabell held them. Also of 320 wethers, price 20d. each, the sheep-house and sheep pasture, a pasture and wood called Hyllwood, a leasow called Whyttwyllse and Hencotys, a cottage called Pallmers, a cottage and curtilage called Sheperds Tenement. Also of a fulling-mill, gig-mill, and grist-mill in Busshoppestrowe and the house belonging to it as John George held them. To hold from next Michaelmas for 99 years. Rent for the site, 20qrs. of wheat and 20qrs. of barley to be paid at Busshoppestrowe; for the sheep, 106s. 8d.; for Hyllwood, 5s.; for Wyittwyll, 5s.; for Pallmers, 3s.; for Shepherds, 8s. 4d.; for the mills, 43s. 4d. [Wilts. R.O. 132].

#### Bishopstrow: miscellaneous

**240** 11 June 1306. Inquisition taken at Warmenistr on St. Barnabas 34 Edw. I before Walter Park and Nicholas Malemains, concerning a certain suit which the abbess of Lacok owes twice a year at the hundred court of Wermenistr. Robert Goscelin, Robert Swoting, John Bastard, Thomas Scarlet, William Wynebold, William ate Mulle, John le Boteilyr, William Stiward, John de Sonnyngges, John le Palmer, Godfrey de Mer, John le Warrenner, and Edward Northman say on oath that the abbess's men of Byssopestr always used to come to the hundred court of Werm' twice a year

at the two lawdays, viz. at Martinmas and at Hock Day with four men of the tithing before the steward there, but they were not sworn nor did they present anything nor do anything more than appear. Sealed by Nicholas Malemayns. [O.C. 87v.].

### Heddington: grants to the abbey

**241** Notification by John de Rivers to his men of Hedinton, both in villeinage and free, that he has given to the church of Lacok all his land and rent of Hedynton for the support of two chaplains singing for the faithful dead to the end of time, and therefore they are to do service to the abbes in future. [O.C. 29; N.C. 76].

**242** Gift in free alms by John de Rivers to the church of Lacok of all his land of Hedinton for them to support two chaplains for ever who will celebrate daily divine service for his soul and the souls of all his friends and benefactors. Service to the chief lords of the fee. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Glanvill', Sir Arnold the chaplain, John de Subir', Henry de Sewell', Stephen de Beauchamp, Reynold de Goseye, William de Resye. [O.C. 30; N.C. 76v.].

**243** [1221-75] Gift by William Malger of Hedynton to Michael de Cheldrinton, for his service, of a virgate of land in the town of Hedynton which William held of the earl of Hereford. To hold of William to Michael and his heirs or to whom he wishes to sell or assign in fee. Rent to William, a pair of gloves or 1d., and to the earl of Hereford, 4s. yearly, and doing the service which belongs to the summons of knights in the due and accustomed places as done by Nicholas de la Wyk, who owes that service for all secular service to William or his heirs or the earl. Witnesses: Sir Richard de Wokes, Sir John de St. Aland, Sir Thomas Tirry, James Burel, Roger de Studelegh, Peter his brother, William de Tenhude, William his son, Richard de Escot, Robert de Potern, Robert de Walcoth clerk. [N.C. 77].

**244** [1221-75] Grant by Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex and constable of England, to Michael de Cheldrinton for his homage, of 4s. rent which William Mauger has been accustomed to pay to the earl out of a virgate of land which he held of him in Hedynton. To hold in fee, doing the serjeanty which William Mauger has been accustomed to do to the earl and his predecessors. Witnesses: Stephen de Harnhull, Alexander Cheverel, Alexander de Montfort, James Burell, Richard de Plessec, William de Tenhide, Matthew Turpin, Simon the clerk, Lancelin the marshal, John de Abelson. [N.C. 80].

**245** [1239-75] Gift, for 24 marks, by Michael de Cheldrinton to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of a virgate of land in the town of Hedinton which he had by gift of William Mauger; doing to the earl of

Hereford the service which William de Caneford was accustomed to do for Michael for that virgate. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Calna, Sir Ralph de Angeus, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Hamon de Bathamton knights; William de Tenhide, Philip de Comerwell, Roger de Stodley, William the writer, Roger Strot, Richard de Estcote, Roger le Blund, Walter Pak, Nicholas de Wyk. [O.C. 63v.; N.C. 76v.].

**246** [1239–75] Notification of an obligation by Nicholas le Frye of Hedyngton to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok to acquit the abbess against Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex for the service which Walter Mauger and his predecessors have been accustomed to do for a half-virgate of land in the town of Hedyngton. Witnesses: Gilbert de Roche, Geoffrey le Eyr, Geoffrey de Finemore, Gilbert le Blund, Henry Felippe, Richard de Caseworthe, Richard de la Forde. [N.C. 78].

**247** Gift in free alms, for 10s., by John Pie to the abbey of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of a marl-pit in Hesthas near the ditch of Cragleg on the south side, containing in length 6 perches and in breadth 5 perches (and it is a perch of 20 feet), to be taken and carried beyond Hesthas to marl the land of Wedham and Rocelinescrofte. If the marl-pit does not yield well to the improvement of the land of Wedham and Rocelinescrofte so to be marled, or if it is wanting, John and his heirs are bound to make an exchange of as many perches of land in another suitable place at the will of the abbess or her bailiffs. Witnesses: William the writer, Gilbert de Finemor, Henry Pinnoc, John the archer, Ralph de Bouedon, Richard Leeste, Robert Withy, Richard Roland. [Ward. 2/94B/98; O.C. 36; N.C. 78v.].

**248** [1239–57] Gift in free alms by Ralph de Angens to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok and Abbess Ela, of all his land which he had in the manor of Hedington, viz. that half-hide of land which he recovered against Adam Horn as his right and inheritance before the justices in eyre at Willton. Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Cheverel, Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir Hamon de Bathamton knights; William de Tenhide, John de Langeford, Michael de Edindon, William the writer, John le Schetere, Nicholas de Wik, Walter Pac. [Ward. 2/94E/94; N.C. 79].

**249** 18 Aug. 1319. Quitclaim by Geoffrey Roscelyn to Joan abbess of Lacok, of his right in all lands and tenements which she holds in demesne and service in Hedynton, at the making of this deed. Also quitclaim by Geoffrey to the abbess and to Master Roger de Chippenham for all his time (*pro toto tempore suo*) of his right in a croft which Roger holds for life by lease of the abbess in the same town. Witnesses: Robert Selyman, Ralph le Cras, John Turpyn, John Cayllewey, John Lovel, Nicholas Bubbe, Thomas le White, Adam Hardyng. At Lacock Saturday after the Assumption 13 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94E/18].

**Heddington: leases by the abbey**

**250** [1239–57] Agreement made between Ela abbess of Lacok and Roger de Cantilupo. The abbess has made a pond outside the gate toward the west near the graveyard of the church of Hedinton for the use of Roger and for the use of the abbess for watering their horses and other stock. The abbess shall maintain the pond and repair it well and honestly when and where need shall be, and shall at her own costs prepare a suitable way to the pond by view of Roger, so that his horses and other stock can water there without payment. For this Roger has quitclaimed to the abbess all the right which he had in her water-supply (*aquacione*) at Hedinton. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir Inigo de Clifton, Sir Henry de Hertham, Sir Ralph de Wanchi, Sir Robert de la Mar; Walter de Calna, William the writer, Robert the clerk. [O.C. 30].

**251** [1290–1303] Lease for 10 marks by Agnes abbess of Lacok, to Roger le Moulk of Hedinton and Parnel his mother, of all that tenement which Robert le Wode formerly held of the abbess in the town of Hedinton, with a house called Mabili Croft containing 1a. 1r., and a virgate of land, of which virgate 1a. lies in la Langelonde between the land of Thomas the clerk and the land of Adam le Longe; in the west field 1a. at Schottes between the land of Richard Symond and the land of Nicholas Tredgold, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 1r. above Brodelye between the land of Roger Hellak and the land of Edith Howe, and 1a. in Hangerlonde called Ballesaker between the land of Nicholas Dunstan and the land of Richard Purlomb, and 2a. above Cattesburne, of which 1a. is called Brodeaker at la Crois between the land of Robert de Wytgate and the land of Humphrey le Bole, and the other 1a. lies on the west side between the land of Humphrey le Bole and the land of Roger le Frere and they extend above Blakdonweye, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. above Reveballe between the land of Walter le Knyzt and the land of Roger Elys, and 1a. on Windesham between the land of Nicholas Dunstan and the land of Richard le Draper, and 1a. in Schoutforlange between the land of Adam le Longe and the land of Humphrey le Bole; in the east field, 1a. in Schoutforlange between the land of Nicholas le Bonde and the land of Walter le Knyzt, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Nyneakere between the land of Nicholas Rolf and the land of Alfred the smith, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Nyneakere between the land of Richard Symond and the land of Roger le Monek, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Middelforlonge between the land of Nicholas le Bonde and the land of Walter le Knyzt and extends towards the thorn, and 1a. upon Eggeshull called Angereslongaker between the land of Roger le Monek and the land of Walter Wolwy, and 2a. upon Gabbellesballe between the land of Walter Dauwey and the land of Humphrey Russel, and 1a. in Dichforlong between the land of Walter Warin and the land of Thomas the clerk, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. on Blakhull between the land of Sir Robert de Cantilupo and the land of the parson of Hedyngton, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. at Godemannesakere between the land of Richard le Draper on each side, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 1r. on Ockeregge between Wodenesdich and the land of Walter le Knyzt, and 1a. on Blakenhull between the land of Roger le Monek and the land of Denis le Draper, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Balkebreche above



Gretebench called Hevedhalve, and 1a. in Balkebrech between the land of Walter Walwy and the land of Felice Pynnoks, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. on Loverdesballe between the land of Walter Logeman and the land of Denis le Draper, and 1a. in la Folde between the land of Felice Pinnoks and the land of William Pouke, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. in la Folde between Akerdich and the land of Adam le Cartere; also  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. and 1r. of meadow in la Brodelye between the meadow of Roger Hellak and the meadow of Edith Howe, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. at Wodestret between the meadow of Richard Symond and the meadow of Walter Dawe, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. at Rouwemedede between the meadow of Nicholas le Frie and the meadow of Richard Symond, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. and 1r. of meadow between the meadow of John Pucke and the meadow of Thomas the clerk. To hold for their lives. Rent, 10s. Witnesses: Walter Danwe, Adam Chamberleyn, John de Roche, John Pentelon, Nicholas le Blount. [N.C. 80].

**252** [1299–1332] Lease by Joan abbess of Lacok to Roger le Monck and Margery his wife, of the same house and lands as in No. 251, which Roger surrendered after the death of Parnel. To hold for their lives. Rent, 10s. The lessees are to cause to be erected at their own costs a suitable house in a fitting place beside the garden of the tenement, and to maintain it. Witnesses: John la Roche, Nicholas le Heyr, William le Wite, Roger de Foxangr, Walter Dawe. [Ward. 2/94E/30].

### Shrewton

**253** 28 Dec. 1241. Letters patent of Robert bishop of Salisbury, with the assent of the chapter, appropriating to the abbess of Lacok the tithe of sheaves of the whole parish of Winterborn Sureueton and the demesne meadow and chief house of the church there, of which the abbess is patron, the grant to take effect on the resignation or death of Hosbert the present rector. The vicar is to hold the house until he is provided with a suitable one. The remainder of the issues of the church shall sustain the ordinary burdens belonging to it, and extraordinary burdens shall be shared between the abbess and the vicar according to the size of their portions. The right of patronage of the vicar is reserved to the bishop and his successors with the assent of the abbess. Meanwhile the rector is to pay two marks yearly to the abbess as a pension. Witnesses: Robert dean of Salisbury, Giles archdeacon of Berks., Stephen archdeacon of Sarum; Master Ralph of York, Thomas de la Wile, Walter de la Wile, Peter de Cumb, Geoffrey de Bedeford canons of Sarum; Master Richard de Brenham, Peter de Wimborn chaplain, Master Roger de la Grene, Robert de Wichampton. 5 Kal. Jan., 13th year of pontificate. [E 40/12126].

**254** [1239–57] Gift by Osbert rector of the church of Winturburn Sireueton, 'informed by divine charity', to Ela first abbess of Lak, of two silver marks by name of a pension as is contained in a charter of the lord Bishop Robert, the

dean, and all the chapter of Salisbury. Witnesses: R. dean, R. chancellor, H. treasurer, Master Giles archdeacon of Berkshire, Master S. archdeacon of Salisbury, canons of Salisbury. [O.C. 18v.; N.C. 60v.].

**255** Gift in free alms by Ives the merchant with the consent of Sybil his wife, to the abbey of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of a tenement with rents and reliefs belonging to it which he held of Hugh Burgoyne and Maud his wife in the manor of Winburnesireveton. Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Cheverel, Sir Henry Daubeny, Ralph de Angens, William de Tynhide, Philip de Depeford, Richard the parson of Orcheston, Nicholas de Rolveston, Walter the merchant, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 15 and 70; N.C. 61].

**256** [1242] Grant in free alms by Hugh Burgoyne and Maud his wife to the abbey of St. Mary and blessed Bernard of Lacok, of 20s. rent in the manor of Winterburnesireuetone which Ives the merchant was accustomed to pay for two virgates of land held of them. Witnesses: Sir Ellis Giffard, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir William Bastard, William de Tenhid, Ralph de Augens, Philip de Depeford, John de Depeford, John de Langeford, Thomas son of Master Adam, John le Fauconer, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 35; N.C. 61v.].

**257** [1242] Notification by Hugh de Burgoing and Maud daughter of Gilbert de Waldehal, that between Michaelmas 26 Hen. III and Lady Day following they are bound to warrant in the king's court the charter which they had made to Ela abess of Lak, of 20s. of rent in the manor of Winterburn Sireveton in free alms. If they do not, they grant that the abess may hold all their land in the manor of Portun for six years after the end of that time, without any contradiction or plea which may in any way arise, and they renounce any remedy of law either civil or canon. 'And for this being firmly observed we have both affirmed in the hand of Master Thomas de Ebelesburn'. Witness: Master Thomas de Ebelesburn. [O.C. 20].

**258** Nov. 1242. Final concord made at Westminster in the octave of St. Martin 27 Hen. III between Ela abess of Lacok plaintiff, by Robert de Holt in her place, and Hugh le Burgenun and Maud his wife impediants, of 20s. rent in Winterborn Shyreueton, which Hugh and Maud acknowledge to be the right of the abess by their gift, and the abess will receive them into all benefits and prayers to be performed in the church for ever. [N.C. 62].

**259** 7 Dec. 1313. Grant by Joan abess of Lacok that, whereas Walter the clerk of Wynterbourne Schyreuetone late held for life by her demise (as appears more fully in a writing made between them) a messuage with curtilage in the town of Wynterbourne Schyreuetone at a rent of 4s. 4d., she has granted that the messuage and curtilage as enclosed with hedges and a wall, with all benefits thence arising as fully as Walter held it, shall remain after his death to Walter and John, his sons, for their lives. Rent, 4s. 4d., and the services and customs which Walter the father was accustomed to perform.

Walter, brother of John, is to hold the messuage with curtilage separately during his lifetime with remainder to John for life. Witnesses: Nicholas Selyman, Nicholas de Wyk, John de Langeford, Robert le Boor, Nicholas de Rolveston, John Rykeman, Roger de Stok, Adam Bertelot, John the marshal. At Lacok Friday after St. Andrew the Apostle 7 Edw. II. [E 40/9345].

**260** 10 Jan. 1322. Lease by Joan abbess of Lacok to Walter son of Walter Roger of Shyreueton, Walter and John his sons, and Alice, John's wife, of a messuage and curtilage next to the parsonage barton of the town of Wynterburne Shyreueton and a piece of land lying on the west side of the hall and stretching to the grange of the parsonage and to the path outside the close. To hold as enclosed with hedges and ditches, for their lives. Rent, 4s. 6d. Witnesses: Nicholas de Rolveston, Adam Bertelot, John Rykeman, Alexander Giffard, Roger de Stek, John Hamelyn, William Bynnebury, William Rychard. At Lacok Sunday after Epiphany 15 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/57].

**261** 15 Mar. 1350. Lease by Maud abbess of Lacok to William Partrich, William his son, and Margar[et?] Luydes, of a messuage with curtilages and pasture adjacent to la Grenheye which Walter de Schereueton formerly held of the lessors in the town of Wynterborneshereueton. To hold for their lives and by their heirs or assigns for one year after their deaths. Rent, 5s. 4d., saving to the lessors the said pasture of (*de*) la Grenheye yearly entire (*integra*) from the Gules of August to Michaelmas. At Lacok in chapter Monday after St. Gregory 24 Edw. III. [E 40/9394].

#### Chitterne: grants of the manor

**262** [1236-7] Agreement made 21 Hen. III between Sir William Longspee and the prioress of Lacok. William has granted to the prioress all the manor of Cetre with all its appurtenances, except all knights' fees belonging to it, to hold as long as Ela countess of Salisbury, who shall have taken the habit of religion there, shall live. After her death it shall revert to William and his heirs without dispute, saving to the prioress her chattels, namely corn and stock, and all secular service as long as Ela lives. If after her death the nuns shall presume to detain the manor or impede William in his seisin, the prioress binds herself in the penal sum of £100 to be paid to William, and she shall also restore any costs that William shall be put to to recover his seisin. The prioress allows to William that his men of Cetre may make summonses and distrains on the knights' fee as they have been anciently accustomed to do. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Paveilly, Sir Nicholas Malemeins, Sir Stephen and Sir Richard Longespee, Sir Henry Daubeny, Sir Baldwin de Akiny, Sir John Daco knights; Master Adam rector of the church of Gatesdene, Roger de Lond then steward to William Lungespee, Philip de Depeford, Peter Withy, Ralph Dangier, Thomas Makerel clerk. [O.C. 11].

**263** [1237–50] Grant by William Lungespee that Ela countess of Salisbury, his mother, may have and hold the manor of Cettre, with all appurtenances except knights' fees, as long as she lives, whether she remains in the religious order or not, for the support of her livelihood. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Godarville, Sir Nicholas Malemeins, Sir John de Moul, Sir Roger de Bacrevile; Master Thomas de Eblelesburn, Peter parson of Treubrege, Peter de Saucey, Thomas Makerel, Valentine, Philip of Depeford clerks. [O.C. 22v.].

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**264** [1242–8] Gift in free alms by William Lungespei to the church of the blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, and the Abbess Ela, of all his land of Cettra, except knights' fees with their services, and a virgate of land which Walter de Welhop held, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow toward the south which extends to the head of the meadow of the vicar of the church of the blessed Mary of Cettre, and all the land of Ela countess of Warwick. Witnesses: Sir Stephen Lungespeie, Sir Everard the German (*teutononico* [*sic*]), Sir Alexander de Cheverel, Sir William le Bastard, Sir Henry de Hull knights; Ralph de Angens, Philip de Depeford, John de Depeford, John de Langeford, Robert de Holta, John le Facuner, John le Parker, Walter Coleman. [O.C. 21; N.C. 43v.].

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**265** 12 July 1248. Royal *inspeximus* and confirmation of No. 264. Witnesses: W. archbishop of York and primate of England, Bishops R. of Lincoln, W. of Winchester, W. of Salisbury; R. earl of Cornwall, our brother, S. de Montfort earl of Leicester, H. earl of Hereford and Essex, Peter de Rabaud, William de Cantilupo, Bertram Crioyl, John de Lessinton, Paulin Preeiure, Geoffrey de Langeleya. At Westminster 12 July 32 Hen. III. [O.C. 21; N.C. 43v.].

**266** [1242–8] Quitclaim in her liege widowhood by Ela countess of Warwick to Sir William Lungesp' her brother, of all the land she had in the manor of Cettra as his right and inheritance. Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Montfort, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Ralph de Angens, Sir Henry de Hertham knights; William de Tenhid, John Owein, Michael de Tenhid, Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, John son of Roger of Cettra, Roger Dalewey, Walter Coleman. [O.C. 25; N.C. 44v.].

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**267** [1247–8] Gift in free alms by William Lungesp' to Ela abbess of Lacok, of all the land which Ela countess of Warwick, his sister, held in dower (*maritagio*) in the town of Cettra, which she quitclaimed to him, and the homage and service of Robert de Holta clerk for the tenement which he held of him in the same town. Witnesses: William bishop of Salisbury; Sir Richard Lungesp', Sir Godfrey de Escudamore, Sir Roger de Sifrewast, Sir

Ralph de Angens, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Henry de Hertham, Sir Richard de Derneford knights; William de Tenhide, John Oweyn, John the parker, Robert de Holta clerk, John son of Roger of Cettra, John le Fauconer, Walter Coleman. [Ward. 2/94b/146; O.C. 23v.; N.C. 44v.].

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**268** Octave of Trinity 1249. Final concord made at Wilton in the octave of Trinity 33 Hen. III between Ela abbess of Lacock plaintiff, by Nicholas de Hedinton her attorney, and William Lungesp' impeding, of 5 carucates of land in Cettra. William recognized Ela's right as by his gift, to hold in free alms. Ela received William into all spiritual benefits and prayers. [O.C. 26v.; N.C. 45].

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**269** [1247-8] Order by William Lungesp' to Ralph de Angens that on sight of these letters he is to give Ela abbess of Lacok full seisin of the land which was of Ela countess of Warwick in the town of Cettra. [O.C. 28].

#### Chitterne: other title deeds

**270** 28 Jan. 1257. Royal letters patent granting to the abbess of Lacock free warren in her demesne lands of her manor of Cettr', as long as it is not within the bounds of the royal forest, so that none may enter to hunt or take whatever belongs to the warren without her permission under a penalty of £10 to the king. Grant also of a weekly market at Cettr' on Mondays, and of a yearly fair lasting eight days on the eve and feast of St. Peter and St. Paul and for the six following days, unless they be to the detriment of neighbouring markets and fairs. Witnesses: Peter de Saband, Guy de Lezignan, Geoffrey de Lezign', William de Valenc' our brothers; John de Warenn, Peter de Montfort, Robert Walerand, William de Grey, Walter de Merton, Waukelin de Aerdern, Nicholas Seymour, Ralph de Bakepuz. At Windsor. [O.C. 21v.].

**271** 3 Feb. 1247. Gift in her liege widowhood by Ela countess of Warwick to Osbert, son of Patrick of Wichford, for his homage and service, of a virgate of land with a house in the manor of Chittra which Alexander le Tumere formerly held, and common pasture for 50 sheep, ewes and rams (*mares*), with the donor's sheep, so that they may return on to Osbert's own land or where else he wishes to put them in his own fold (*ovile*) or elsewhere. Common pasture also for 4 oxen, a horse, and 6 pigs in the fields and woods with the donor's pigs without payment of pannage. Rent, 6d. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Golaf'r steward of Countess Ela, Richard de Taneworth, John le Archer, John de Dofford, John the parker, Robert de Holta, William the cutler, Richard dispenser of Countess Ela, Henry her chaplain. At Hokenorton morrow of the Purification 31 Hen. III. [O.C. 28; N.C. 45v.].

**272** [1247-57] Confirmation by Ela abbess of Lacok to Osbert de Wichefeld of all the land and pasture which Lady Ela countess of Warwick granted to him and his heirs in their manor of Cettra, as her deed witnesses. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Bisendon, Sir Walter de Bradeford, Sir William de Gatesden then our chaplains, Robert de Holta clerk, then our steward, John de Langeford, Jordan de Haydoneswyk, John the parker, John le Faukoner, Simon de Gatesden. [N.C. 55].

**273** [1247-57] Gift for 12 marks by Osbert son of Patrick to Sir Nicholas de Hedyngton clerk, of that virgate of land and pasture for 50 sheep which he had by gift of Ela countess of Warwick, in the town of Cettr', doing yearly to the abbess of Lacok the accustomed service of 6d. Gift also of Osbert's deeds, both the gift from the countess and a confirmation by the abbess. If in future any deed of the premises be found in the possession of Osbert, it is to be of no account. Witnesses: Bartholomew de Mereden, John de Babeton, Robert de Holta clerk, John de Cettra son of Roger, Roger Dalewey, Walter Coleman. [N.C. 46v.].

**274** [1247-57] Gift by Nicholas de Hedinton clerk, to Walter Waz son of John le Wayte, of a virgate of land with houses in the town of Cettra which Osbert son of Patrick formerly held, and pasture for 50 sheep which Osbert had by gift of Ela countess of Warwick in the town of Cettr', and pasture for 4 oxen and one horse, and common pasture for 6 pigs. To hold to him and his heirs as the deed of the said Ela witnesses. Rent to the abbess of Lacok, 6d. Witnesses: Sir Roger and Sir Richard Syfrewast knights; Robert de Holta clerk, John Silvester, Walter Coleman, Roger and Ralph Daleway. [O.C. 27v.; N.C. 55v.].

**275** [1247-57] Notification by Ela abbess of Lacok that she ratifies the gift of Nicholas de Hedyngton to Walter Waz son of John la Wayte. Witnesses: Sir Roger and Sir Richard Syfrewasteri knights; Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, John Sperner, John the falconer, Walter Coleman. [N.C. 56].

**276** Gift for 15 marks by Walter Wace son of John de la Wayte, to Robert de Holta son of Richard, and Alice, Robert's wife, of a house and land in the town of Cettra which he had by gift of Sir Nicholas de Hedyngton and by confirmation of the abbess of Lacok. Doing the yearly service to the abbess. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Angens, Richard de Clive, John the parker, John le Fauconier, John de Cettra son of Roger, William de la Lese, Walter Coleman, Roger Dalewey, John Silvestr'. [N.C. 47v.].

**277** Quitclaim in her liege widowhood by Alice de Cettra who was wife of Robert de Holte, to the church of the blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of all her right in a virgate of land which was of Walter Waz in the town of Cettra, and in a house and place which was formerly la Pontfalde in Lacok before the gate of the graveyard of the abbey. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de

Escudemor, Sir Hugh Druelys, Simon de Hymmere, John Howeyn, Adam de Yaye, Richard then bailiff of Melkesham, William de la Lese, John de Cettra, Richard de Wyk, Hugh the clerk. [N.C. 49].

**278** Gift for 7s. by Roger, son of Walter de Cettra, to Walter de Wellop, of 1a. of land which lies in Helohe. Rent, a pair of white gloves, price  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Witnesses: Sir Reynold the chaplain, Walter de Winterburn, John the parker, John the falconer, Walter Coleman, Roger de Serenton, Robert de Waddone. [N.C. 50].

**279** [1239–57] Gift and confirmation by Ela abbess of Lacok, to Robert de Holta son of Richard, and his heirs by his betrothed wife, of that virgate of land which Walter de Wellop formerly held in the town of Cettra, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow which lies next to the meadow of the vicar of the church of the blessed Mary of Cettra and all the pasture which Robert formerly held of Ela countess of Warwick. Rent, 28s. Reversion in default of heirs to the abbey. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de Escudamor, Sir Alexander de Chiveral, Sir John de Vernon, Sir Ralph de Angens, Sir William de Droys knights; William de Tunhide, Michael de Tunhide, John de Langefort, John the parker, John le Fauconier, John de Cettra. [N.C. 48v.].

**280** [1239–57] Gift by Ela abbess of Lacok, to Robert son of Richard, of a virgate of land in the town of Cettra which William de Petra formerly held. To hold to him and his heirs by his wedded wife. Rent, 8s. Reversion to the abbey in default of heirs. Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Cheverel, Sir William le Bastard, Sir Henry de Hull knights; William de Tinhide, Ralph de Angens, Philip de Depford, John de Depford, John de Langeford, John le Fauconer, John le Parker, Ralph the clerk. [N.C. 56].

**281** Gift for 12 marks by Simon de Gatesdene to Sir Nicholas de Hedinton clerk, of that virgate of land he had by gift of Lady Ela countess of Warwick, in the town of Cettra. Doing yearly to the abbess of Lacok the accustomed service of 1d. Gift of deeds as in No. 273. Witnesses: Bartholomew de Meresdene, John de Meresdene, John de Babeton, Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, John the falconer, John de Cettra son of Roger, Roger Dalewey, Walter Coleman. [N.C. 47; O.C. 29].

**282** Quitclaim from the same to the same. Witnesses as No. 281, excluding John de Babeton, John the falconer. [N.C. 47v.; O.C. 29v.].

**283** [1239–57] Agreement between Ela abbess of Lacok and John the falconer. The abbess has released to John the service which he owed for three virgates of land in the town of Cettra, viz. the mewing (*mutacionem*) of one sparrow-hawk and of one falcon. For this he will pay [instead]  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark yearly, and will hold the land with all liberties which he and his predecessors had when they did the former service. Witnesses: Bartholomew de Mereden, John de

Langeford, John de Mereden, John de Depford, Robert de Holta, John le Parker, John son of Roger of Cettr', Walter Coleman, Geoffrey Pollard. [N.C. 56v.; O.C. 61].

**284** [1257-83] Quitclaim by John the falconer, son of Walter de Cettra falconer, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of 5a. of land in the east field of Cettra of which 2a. lie in a furlong called Haythur, and 1a. there next the furlong of the abbess, and 1a. next the down, and 1a. in Hulkestede. For this the abbess gave him 4½ marks, 4qrs. of wheat and 5qrs. of barley. Witnesses: Godfrey de Eskudemor, Ralph de Angens, William Mancel knights; Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, John son of Roger, John Silvestr', Walter Swoting, Walter Coleman. [O.C. 29; N.C. 57].

**285** 30 May 1249. Quitclaim made at Wilton in the eyre of the justices at Trinity 33 Hen. III, by Alice de Cormailles in her liege widowhood, to Ela abbess of Lacok, of the rent of cheese which she and her predecessors have been accustomed to receive out of the manor of Cettra. Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Godfrey de Escudemor, Sir Henry de Hertham, Sir Walter de Pavely knights; William de Tenhid, Simon Park, James Heose, Geoffrey Heose, Robert de Cormailles, Walter Bernard, Jordan de Smalebrok. [O.C. 39v.; N.C. 57v.].

**286** Notification by John the parker that he and his heirs ought to pay to the abbess of Lacok 8s. a year for their land in Cettra, and that the bailiff of Cettra can distrain for it by land and chattels. Witnesses: Robert de Holta son of Walter, Richard de Wyk son of Ralph, Robert de Holta clerk, Walter Streche, John le Fauconer, John de Cettra son of Roger, Roger Dalewei, Walter Coleman. [O.C. 60; N.C. 57v.].

**287** 20 Feb. 1289. Quitclaim for 20s. by William de Horton to Juliana abbess of Lacok, of a house and 2 carucates of land in Cettra which he claimed by royal writ against the abbess before Sir Solomon of Rochester and his fellow justices in eyre at Wilton on the morrow of St. Hilary 17 Edw. I on the grounds that his right descended to him through Nicholas de Sawe his kinsman. Witnesses: Sir Robert de Vernon, Sir Peter de Skydemor, Sir Philip Strug, Sir Thomas le Rous, John de Tynhide knights; Richard Pyg, Roger de Combe, Thomas Oweyn, Peter de Baldenham, John de Depford. At New Salisbury Sunday before St. Peter's Chair 17 Edw. I. [N.C. 58].

**288** 20 Feb. 1289. Similar quitclaim, also for 20s., by Margery relict of Edmund le Rous of Bremham, in her liege widowhood, to Juliana abbess of Lacok, of all her right in the same lands, which she claimed against the abbess at the same eyre as her right descending from her brother Nicholas de Sawe. Witnesses: as No. 287 and Peter de Lavyntone. Date: as No. 287. [B.L. Add. Ch. 28662; N.C. 58v.].



**289** 20 Feb. 1289. Similar quitclaim, also for 20s., by Maud relict of John de Merweden, in her liege widowhood, to Juliana abbess of Lacok, of all her right in the same land, which she claimed against the abbess at the same eyre as her right descending from her brother Nicholas de Sawe. Witnesses: as No. 287, omitting John de Tynhyde and adding William de Wyteclive. Date: as No. 287. [N.C. 59].

#### Chitterne: miscellaneous deeds

**290** [1239–57] Grant by Ela abbess of Lacok, to the prior and canons of Bradenestok, that they and their men of Cettra be quit for ever of all services, suits of court, pleas, customs, and demands belonging to her hundreds and courts in Cettra, and that in future they shall suffer no injury by her or her bailiffs, but hold their lands there in free alms. Grant also that 60 of the canons' sheep which have usually risen up and lain down (*levare et cubare*) in the abbess's fold may in future do so in the canons' own fold in the town of Cettra, together with 100 sheep which they now have and before had in that town by gift of W. earl of Salisbury, her father, with free egress and ingress to the pasture and fold. [O.C. 73v.].

**291** 20 May 1347. Notification that, whereas a plea was moved between Sybil abbess of Lacok and Richard prior of Bradenstoke about a liberty of view of frankpledge of the tenants and residents both in the demesne and in the lordship of the prior in Chitterne, which liberty the abbess called in question, during this plea the prior showed a royal charter and a charter of W. late earl of Salisbury which witnessed that the prior and his predecessors ought to have and have been accustomed to have the liberty of view of frankpledge and of all articles arising with the liberty belonging to the prior's chapel in that town from time beyond which there is no memory to the contrary; it was therefore agreed that the abbess has remised all right which she had in such a liberty of view of frankpledge, and that the prior has quitclaimed to the abbess the pasture of fifteen sheep of the whole [number] which he ought and has been accustomed to have in the demesne pasture of the abbess, saving to him his right to a number beyond this fifteen. [O.C. 79; B.L. Stowe MS. 925, ff. 96v.–97].

Stowe gives the date Whit Sunday 21 Edw. III.

**292** 7 Apr. 1421. Note that on Monday after St. Ambrose the Doctor 9 Hen. V, in the hall of the abbess of Lacok and in the presence of the vicar of Lacok, John Walcote rector of the church of Nony, Walter rector of Haselbury, John Drapere, and John Lyle the abbess's bailiff, John Ceele did homage and fealty to Eleanor de Montfort abbess of Lacok, for all lands he holds and claims to hold in the fields of Chittern. And he has a day to show what tenements he holds, and what tenements he has alienated, and to whom. [O.C. 79v.].

**293** 23 Apr. 1249. Agreement made at Wilton on St. George's day 33 Hen. III, between Ela abbess of Lacok and Nicholas de Hedington clerk of the one part, and William de Droys and William de St. Martin of the other part. Whereas William and William . . . [*reading not clear*] so that they may withdraw from their writs, it is agreed that Ela and Nicholas shall on their part choose four lawful men who have no relationship with them (*qui eos nulla affinitate contingant*) and William and William shall choose two [more] men, who shall honestly [join] with them [to] make reasonable metes and bounds between the lands of all the parties at Cicheld. If the parties cannot be unanimous and agreeable by the ordering of the ten chosen men, they ought to seek a royal writ for making reasonable divisions. And the sheriff by reason of his office may make the divisions if he can, and if he cannot they ought by their common assent and at their common and equal costs to seek a royal writ for a perambulation. For keeping this agreement Nicholas has sworn for himself and for the abbess, and William and William have sworn for themselves. The metes and bounds ought to be made in the week of Pentecost if they can be made by the ten or by the sheriff. If not the parties ought to seek a writ of perambulation as quickly as they can. If any of them be found guilty of unjust detention or vexation by the ten men or by the sheriff, he ought to make amends for the damage, if any be done, by the provision of the ten men. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavilly, Sir Ralph de Aungens, Michael de Cheldrington, William Girebert, Randal de More, Matthew de Chilmerech, Robert de Holte clerk. [E 40/9387; O.C. 31v.; N.C. 51v.].

**294** 18 Feb. 1268. Final concord made at Wilton on the Saturday before St. Peter's Chair 52 Hen. III between Master Walter Giffard by Simon of the Isle his attorney, the priors of Brommore and Ferleg, William le Droys, Simon de Brokebir, and Benedict Silvestr for themselves and their men of the one part, and Beatrice abbess of Lacok by Hugh Tursteyn her attorney of the other part. The parties of the first part have granted for themselves and their men of Boyton and Cortinton that the abbess may have and hold her inclosure at Cyclet, both the old close which was the close of le Archer and the new one containing about 20a. adjoining the old one, as she has them at present, and as long as they are inclosed so that the animals of the said men may not enter. If they do enter by defect of the inclosure, they may be taken away without damages. For this grant the abbess has granted that, as long as the inclosure be not laid open by any man's importunity, she will not common with her sheep in the abbey's wood of Cyclet nor in the assart outside the inclosure, nor shall the sheep of other men common there, saving to her her run for the sheep in coming and going in the wood and the assart. The abbess may in one year fell a third part of the same wood and hold it inclosed for three years, within which time if the animals of the said men shall enter by defect of the inclosure they may be taken away without damages. When the three years have elapsed the said parties and their men of Boyton and Cortinton may freely enter the said third part of the wood to pasture in it

except with sheep. If within the three years the inclosure shall be violently dug up or cut down by any of the said men, and they can be convicted of it by trustworthy men, the abbeſs by her ſervants can impound ſtock found there, and take from it reaſonable damages. Witneſſes: Sampſon de la Boxe, Walerand de Bluntesdon, John de Langeford, John de Babinton, Nicholas Cynnock. [O.C. 46; N.C. 52v.].

**295** [1257–83] Quitclaim by Joan daughter of William le Archir, in her liege power, to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of all her right in the land and tenement and in the cuſtody of the wood of Chicled which were of her father at Chicled. For this quitclaim Beatrice abbeſs of Lacok has given her that houſe which was of Walter ſon of Mabel and 10a. of land and paſture for 3 beaſts and 15 ſheep in her manor of Cettra. Witneſſes: Sir Ralph de Angyns, John de Langeford, John de Angyns, John Silveſt', Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, John le Faucunnir. [N.C. 53v.; O.C. 68].

**296** [1257–83] Notification by Hugh Druéis rector of the church of Obeton that, whereas Beatrice abbeſs of Lacok has out of her ſpecial grace and liberality given him permiſſion to build a certain piggerie (*porcheria*) in her wood of Ciclat and to hold it as long as he pleaſes, he wiſhes it to be known that he could not have built a piggerie on the abbeſs's land either within the wood or outside it without her permiſſion, and that his ſucceſſors as rectors may not preſume to raiſe any claim to build a piggerie in the wood becauſe of the permiſſion granted to him. Witneſſes: Sir William Druéis, Sir William de St. Martin knights; Ralph de Mere, Nicholas Cynnoc, William Lodok, John the clerk, William of the Paſture, John le Parker, Walter le Hauecare, Hugh the clerk. [O.C. 45; N.C. 54].

**297** Quitclaim for 2 marks by Walter le Fauconer of Cettra to the bleſſed Mary and the church of St. Bernard of Lacok, of a yearly cart of faggots, formerly belonging to the tenement he holds of them in Cetr', in their wood of Chiklad. Witneſſes: John le Parker, John Dalewey, John Leſperner, Roger Coleman, Roger Dalewey. [N.C. 54v.].

**298** Notification by Walter le Fauconier of Cetr' that, whereas he has quitclaimed [as in No. 297], he now grants that if in future the abbey ſhould be on any pretext troubled by him or his heirs or any others contrary to the tenor of the quitclaim, that they are bound to pay to the abbeſs 2 marks within a month of the troubling, which may be diſtrained from their goods by the abbeſs's bailiffs of Cetre, together with the damages and expenſes ſhe ſhall have ſuſtained. [N.C. 54v.].

## Chitterne: leases

**299** [1226–39] Lease in her liege widowhood by Ela countess of Salisbury to Walter de Wellop, of a virgate of land in her manor of Cettra, to hold for the lives of Walter and his wife. Rent, 8s. Witnesses: Sir Alexander de Cheverel, Sir Henry Daubeny knights; Master Thomas de Eblesburn, Master Adam parson of Gatesden, Peter Withy, Philip de Depeford, John the parker, Roger de Cettra. [N.C. 48].

**300** [after 1242] Lease for 2½ marks by Ela countess of Warwick in her liege widowhood to Robert de Holta and Alice his wife, of all the pasture which Walter de Wallop formerly held of the donor's fee in the town of Cettra. To hold for their lives. Rent, 20s. Witnesses: Alexander de Cheverel, Ralph de Angens, John le Archer, John le Parker, John le Fauconer, John de Cettra, Walter Coleman, Simon de Gatesden, Osbert de Wyhford, Geoffrey Pollard. [N.C. 51].

**301** 1245. Agreement between Ela abbess of the church of the blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacock and Nicholas de Hedinton clerk. The abbess has granted to Nicholas all the land which she had in the manor of Cettra by gift of William Lungesp', to hold for his life. Rent from Michaelmas this year for six years, 10 marks a year; after six years, £10 a year. Reversion to the abbey of all the land and half the stock which shall be found on the land [at Nicholas's death]. The other half of the stock shall remain for performing Nicholas's will, and his executors shall have full jurisdiction in it without impediment from the abbess and her bailiffs under pain of 100 marks, of which 50 marks shall be paid to the church of Salisbury, and the other half shall fulfil the will of Nicholas. Sealing clause. Witnesses: Sir Stephen Lungesp', Sir Nicholas de Hamersham then sheriff, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir William de Droys, Sir Henry Daubeny knights; William de Tinhid, Ralph de Angens, Bartholomew de Mereden, John and Philip de Depeford, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 27v.; N.C. 50].

**302** Octave of Trinity 1249. Final concord made at Wilton in the octave of Trinity 33 Hen. III between Ela abbess of Lacok plaintiff and Nicholas de Hedington deforciant, of 3 carucates of land in Cettr'. Nicholas acknowledged that the land was the right of the abbess, and she granted it to him to hold for his life. Rent, 14 marks. At his death reversion to the abbess of all the land and half the stock. The abbess granted that after the death of Nicholas she will find a chaplain who shall celebrate divine service in the chapel of St. Edmund the Confessor for the souls of Nicholas and of all his benefactors for ever, and also that she will find all things necessary for one free servant, whom Nicholas shall have nominated in his will, in the abbey for as long as the servant shall live after the death of Nicholas. [C.P. 25(1)/251/16/77; O.C. 27; N.C. 52].

**303** [1257–83] Lease by Beatrice abbess of Lacok to Alice who was wife of Robert de Holte, of that virgate of land which was of William de Petra, and

that virgate of land which was of William de Wallop in Cetrre, and the pasture which Robert de Holte formerly held, and the meadow next to the meadow of Sir Ralph then vicar at Cetrre'. To hold for her life. Rent, as Robert de Holte her husband used to pay. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Angers, Sir Godfrey de Escudemor, Sir Ralph then vicar at Cetrre, Richard then bailiff of Melkesham, Simon de Hymmere, William of the Pasture, John de Cetrre', Ralph Dalewey, Hugh the clerk. [O.C. 45v.; N.C. 49v.].

### Upham

**304** Notification by Geoffrey Comespartici that he has rendered (*reddidi*) to Hubert de Clere one hide of land in Huppeham which Master Andrew and Godfrey held of Godfrey's ancestors. To hold of Geoffrey and his heirs freely, quit in wood, in plain, in meadows and pastures, and in all liberties, uses, and customs as Master Andrew and Godfrey held it. Rent, 10s. Also gift to Hubert of a burgage in Audiborn, for which Hubert gave 20 marks of silver. Witnesses: Hugh de Valnosia, Hugh de Tabaria, Roger de Longbridge, Otes de Lormaria, Hugh de Houpeham, Herbert de Mortain, Gerard the clerk. [O.C. 46v.; N.C. 86].

**305** [1232-50] Gift in free alms by William Lungespeye to blessed Mary and the church of St. Bernard of Lacoc, of all the land which was formerly of Nicholas de Hampton in Hupham, with William's body (*cum corpore mea*). Witnesses: Sir Philip Basset, Sir James de Aldetheleg, Sir Ernald de Boys, Sir Geoffrey de Beauchamp, Sir Richard de Mundevil, Sir Richard Lungsp', Sir William de Beauchamp, Sir Hugh of the Forest, Sir William Muredac, Sir Randal de Mundevil, Sir John Bee, Sir Robert de Horkele knights; Thomas Gulafre, Richard Gubiun. [O.C. 58v.; N.C. 86].

**306** 8 Nov. 1378. Letters of John of Gaunt king of Castile and Leon, duke of Lancaster, to Walter Haywode his steward in Wiltshire. Whereas it was found, by an inquisition taken at his manor of Aldebourne on 18 May last and returned to his council at Gloucester on 6 November, that the abbess of Lacok and her predecessors have had 4 dozen coneyes a year by livery of the warrener there by gift of the Earl Warenne, formerly lord of the manor, in compensation for damage done to the abbess's land adjoining the warren, this livery is to continue. At Gloucester 8 Nov. 2 Ric. II. [O.C. 77].

**307** Gift in free alms by Stephen Lungesp' to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of 2a. of meadow in Niweham in his manor of Wanburge which lie next to the land of the men of Ludeemewyk and extend on the land of William de la More. Witnesses: Sir Richard Lungesp', Sir William le Dun knights; Richard Lungesp' my nephew, John de la Grave, Walter le Sauser, Roger le Grant, Ellis le Paumer, William de la More, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 25; N.C. 86v.].

## Westlecott

**308** Gift for £40 by Roger Lof to Dame Catherine Lovel, of all his land of Wyclescote which he had or ought to have there, with all homages, liberties, and free customs and escheats. To hold of Roger and his heirs by the rent of 11lb. of cummin. Witnesses: Sir John Lovel, Sir William de Caune, Sir William de Torny, Sir Richard Pipard, Sir Robert Bluet knights; John Helys, William Everard, Richard Stworne, Hugh Huse. [O.C. 33].

**309** [1257-71] Gift in free alms by Catherine Luvel in her liege widowhood for her soul and the souls of John Luvel her late husband and her ancestors, to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of all her land in Wyclescote which she bought of Roger Lof. Witnesses: Sir John Luvel, Sir Matthew de Columbers, Sir William de Caune, Sir William Torny, Sir Richard Pipard, Sir Robert Bluet, Hubert de Rully, John de Cormaylles, Hugh Hose. [O.C. 32v.; N.C. 82].

**310** [1257-71] A different version of the same gift. Witnesses: the same except 'Humbert' de Ruly. [O.C. 32v.].

**311** [1257-71] Another version of the same gift, naming Beatrice as abbess, and reserving a rent of 11lb. of cummin to Roger Lof. [Ward. 2/94c/5].

**312** [1257-71] *Inspeximus* and confirmation of the same gift by Philip Basset brother of the donor. Witnesses: Sir William of the Isle, Sir Roger de Sandford, Sir Robert de Pinkeny, Sir Henry de Pinkeny, Sir Robert le Chamberleng, Sir Thomas de Arderne, Sir Geoffrey Foliot. [O.C. 58v.].

**313** [1257-71] Quitclaim by Philip Basset to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of all suit owed to him in his manor of Wotton for the land of Wekelescot, which she has by gift of his sister Dame Catherine Lovel. The abbess and her successors may buy lands and tenements which are of the fee of the said land of Wekelescot without contradiction by him or his heirs, and possess them without doing any suit. Witnesses: Sir John Lovel, Sir Robert Bluet, Sir William de Caln, Sir Robert le Chamberleng, Sir Thomas le Blund knights; Richard Pig then steward. [Ward. 2/94b/8; O.C. 33; N.C. 83].

**314** [1286-8] Quitclaim for 5 marks by Roger Lof, son of William Lof of la Rigge, to Alice abbess of Lacok, of a messuage and one hide of land in Wyklescote which Dame Catherine Lovel formerly gave to Beatrice late abbess of Lacok, and which Roger sought against the abbess in the king's court before the justices of the bench by writ of entry 14 Edw. I. Witnesses: Sir Simon de Thorny, Sir Robert Daudele, Sir John Walrand knights; Peter Bluet, Philip de Gay, Thomas Tyeis, Silvester Doynnel, Walter Maudut, Nicholas of the Isle. [N.C. 83v.].

**315** [1286–8] Quitclaim by John Lof son of Roger de la Rigge, to Alice abbess of Lacok, of a messuage and one hide of land which Roger sold to Dame Catherine Luvel who gave it to Beatrice late abbess. For this quitclaim the abbey gave to John and Joan his wife a nun's allowance (*unam liberationem monialis*), as is witnessed by a charter they had of the abbess. Witnesses: as No. 314. [N.C. 84].

**316** 28 Apr. 1286. Final concord made in the quindene of Easter 14 Edw. I between Roger Lof plaintiff, and Alice abbess of St. Bernard of Lacok tenant, of a messuage and a hide of land in Wyckescote. Roger recognized this to be the right of the abbess, and quitclaimed it to her, for which she gave him 5 marks. [O.C. 73v.; N.C. 84v.].

**317** 21 Nov. 1299. Confirmation for 50 marks by Hugh le Despenser of a charter of the late Catherine Lovel made to the abbess of Lacok of her tenements in Wyckescote which she held of Hugh's ancestors by the service pertaining to half a knight's fee and which she gave to the abbess in free alms. Quittance by Hugh of the abbess against all chief lords of the said tenements in Wyckescote of homages, scutages, reliefs, [and] reasonable aids for making their eldest sons knights and marrying their eldest daughters. Witnesses: Sir Peter Malorre, Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John de Holte knights; Peter Bluet, Richard Styne, John Jukyn, Roger de Thornhulle. At la Vasterne Saturday the morrow of St. Edmund king and martyr 28 Edw. I. [Ward. 2/94E/75; E 40/9357; N.C. 84v.].

**318** 2 Apr. 1258. Agreement made Hock Day 42 Hen. III between Peter Lof of la Rigge and Gilbert and William le Paumer of Weckescote, that Peter has leased a half-virgate of land in the town of Weckescote to Gilbert and William. To hold to them or their heirs or assigns, for seven years. Rent to the chief lords, 12d., and to Peter, 12d. For this Gilbert and William have given Peter 23s. Witnesses: Roger Lof, William son of the clerk, Thomas de Blacgrave, William Lof, Henry Bluet, Richard Gric. [Ward. 2/94E/50].

**319** 20 Mar. 1262. Agreement made on the feast of St. Cuthbert 46 Hen. III, between Roger Lof son of William Lof of the one part and Hugh the clerk, son of Nicholas of the Mill of Worston, of the other part, viz. that Roger has let to Hugh all that land with meadow, pasture, homages, and rents and crofts which he has in the town of Weckescote, to hold to Hugh, his heirs and assigns except those persons by whom disherison might arise (*exceptis hiis personis per quas exhereditatio posset oriri*), to the end of ten years. For this Hugh gave Roger 25 marks, and Hugh is to discharge all service belonging to the land save [that to] the justices in eyre. Roger and his heirs may not give, sell, alienate, or pledge the land to any others during the term if Hugh or his heirs shall incur damage by default of Roger, and Roger and his heirs shall restore such damage. If Hugh and his heirs make houses or buildings on the land in the term, Roger and his heirs shall restore the expense

to them at the end of the term by the view of legal men, or else Hugh and his heirs shall be at liberty to take them away. Hugh and his heirs shall give up the land and meadow and dwelling houses they found there in the same state in which they were found or in a better. [O.C. 71v.].

### Uffcott

**320** [c. 1274] Gift in free alms by Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex, constable of England, to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok and Abbess Beatrice, of a rent of 20s. 4d., viz. 5s. of Walter Maudut of la Frithe for his tenement and half of half a hide of land in the fields there held of the donor, and 6s. 8d. of Walter de Okeburne for his tenement and a virgate of land at Hofchote, and 6s. 8d. of Peter Bonhamme of Hofchote for his tenement and a virgate of land in the fields of Hofchote, and 12d. of the prior of the hospital of St. John of Calne for his tenement and a virgate of land in the fields of Hofchote, with the homages, fealties, reliefs, wards, marriages, and all aids and other things which can arise or issue from the said tenements or their tenants and their heirs for ever. Also quitclaim of 12d. rent which the abbess pays for the tenement she holds of Humphrey in the town of Hedynton, with all that might arise from the said tenement, and also of all the service which Walter Mauger was accustomed to do for the tenement that he formerly held in the same place, with all that might arise from the said tenement. Witnesses: Sir Miles de Boun, Sir Roger le Rous, Sir Baldwin de Boulers, Sir William Bluet of Lacham knights; Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Wyk, Nicholas Long, Gilbert de la Roche. [O.C. 6v.; N.C. 87].

**321** 2 Feb. 1274. Notification by Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex and constable of England, to Walter Maudut of la Frithe, that because he has given the tenement which Walter holds of him in the fields of la Frithe to the abbess of Lacock in fee, Walter is to do to her as he has been accustomed and ought to do to Humphrey. At Harsefeud the Purification 2 Edw. [N.C. 87v.].

**322** 2 Feb. 1274. Similar notification to Walter de Okeburn in respect of a tenement and a virgate of land at Hofcote. Same place and date. [N.C. 88].

**323** 2 Feb. 1274. Similar notification to Peter Bonhome of Ofchote in respect of a tenement and a virgate of land in the fields of Ofchote. Same place and date. [N.C. 88].

**324** 2 Feb. 1274. Similar notification to the prior of the hospital of St. John of Calne in respect of a tenement and a virgate of land in the fields of Ofchote. Same place and date. [N.C. 88v.].

**325** [c. 1274] Notification by Beatrice abbess of Lacok that, whereas



Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex and constable of England gave to the abbey [the rent of] Walter Maudut of la Frith, and Walter freely did homage and service to the abbey, the abess is bound to warrant and defend Walter's tenement in la Frith just as the earl and his ancestors were bound to warrant and defend it for Walter and his ancestors. Further the abess has relaxed the suit which Walter and his ancestors were accustomed to do for the tenement every three weeks at Farlegh, he doing suit twice yearly at Lacok at the courts next after Michaelmas and Easter. [O.C. 73].

**326** 25 Jan. 1280. Record of a plea in the king's court by writ of customs and services between Beatrice abess of Lacok plaintiff, and the master of the hospital of St. John of Caln defendant, on the Conversion of St. Paul 8 Edw. The master came to Lacok and in full court acknowledged for himself and his successors that he was bound to the abess in 12d. rent for a tenement in Ofcote held of her in chief, and that he should do suit at the court of Lacok every three weeks, with scutage when it should arise. The abess, moved by divine charity and love, and for the health of Ela, patron of the house, released to the master the suit he owed twice a year to the said court with the payment of 12d. scutage *secundum maius vel minus* payable to the abess. Witnesses: Henry de Montfort, Richard Horn, William de Calna the writer, Walter Maudut, William Percehaye, William de Chelfhurste, John Turpin. [N.C. 89v.].

**327** [1275-98] *Inspeximus* and confirmation by Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex, constable of England, of the charter of his grandfather, No. 320. Witnesses: Sir Henry de Boun, Sir Richard Fillol, Sir Ralph de Wudebergh, Sir William Bluet, Sir John de Besille, Sir Richard Cotele knights; Lawrence de Boys, Robert le Blunt, Hugh de Lacok clerk. [Ward. 2/94E/57].

**328** 21 Dec. 1330. Note that John Mauduyt son and heir of Robert Mauduyt did homage and fealty to Joan de Montfort on St. Thomas the Apostle 4 Edw. III for a messuage and half of half a hide of land in la Fryth which he claims to hold by rent of 5s. Relief, nothing because he is in the abess's wardship for 12 years because of his being a minor. [O.C. 88].

**329** 2 Nov. 1331. Note that Nicholas le Clerk of Offecote came to Lacok on All Saints 5 Edw. III and did homage to Joan de Montfort for a messuage and a virgate of land in Offecote which he claims to hold by homage and fealty and 6s. 8d. rent, and seven years have passed [since] he did fealty [and paid] a relief.

On the same day John atte Oke of Offecote did fealty for a messuage and a virgate of land in Offecote which he claims to hold by the same service, and he paid 6s. 8d. for a relief and his fealty was respited. [O.C. 88].

## Amesbury

**330** 29 Sept. 1238. Agreement made Michaelmas 22 Hen. III between Nicholas Letiapper and the prioress of Lak, that Nicholas has leased to the prioress all the land he has in West Ambresbur with meadows and pastures, with 12d. rent which Ralph Wigod has been accustomed to pay him. To hold for five years unless Ralph should die within the term, in which case the land shall revert to Nicholas except the 12d. rent which shall remain to the prioress. *Et sciendum quod falda lat super dictam terram per annum quanta pastura dicte terre extendere possit et debat [meaning not clear]*. For this the prioress paid Nicholas 40s. Witnesses: William de Derneford, Richard de Derneford, John Bisshop, Ralph de Angers, Walter de Nettone, Guy Ginun, Richard Curwine, Walter de Wollop, Robert de Waddone. [Ward. 2/94E/19].

**331** [c. 1239] Notification by Philip de Depeford and Maud his wife that they are bound to Ela abbes of Lacok for the payment of 30 marks, viz. at the purification 24 Hen. III [1240], ten marks, at St. John the Baptist following, ten marks, and in the Nativity of the Blessed Mary following, ten marks. If they should make default in any of the payments they bind themselves in the penalty of five [*sic*] marks payable to the abbes. If the abbes shall be put to any costs to obtain the said money or the penalty if it become payable, they shall answer for the costs together with the money. For this they have found sureties, Bartholomew de Meredene and John de Depeford, who both bind themselves for the payment of the money and the penalty if it become payable if death should come to me [*sic*] before full payment. They release and quitclaim to the abbes all profit she received of Maud's land when she held it. They renounce all appeal and privilege and cavil and royal prohibition and all remedy of law. Sealed by Philip and the two sureties. Witnesses: William de Tenhide, Walter de Wellop, John de Wellop, Jocelin de Bisopestre, Adam de Bisopestre, Nicholas le Trappere. [O.C. 14v.].

**332** [c. 1239] Notification by Philip de Depeford and Maud his wife that they and their heirs are bound to pay the abbes of Lak 40s. a year in the town of Westhambresbir for the land which was Maud's, which land Ela abbes Lak gave up (*reddiderunt*) to Philip and Maud. In the course of the next year Philip and Maud will make a final concord in the king's court to the abbes at their own cost, so that she may be secure in receiving the rent from the said tenement. If Philip and Maud wish to give or sell the land or are ejected in a plea of seisin, they are bound to assign another 40s. rent in its place. They bind themselves in 100 marks to the abbes if they should make default in making a final concord to her, and if the abbes be put to any costs to obtain the penalty Philip and Maud shall answer to the abbes both for the costs and the penalty. If Philip should die before the final concord and Maud and their heirs should presume to go against the final concord, all the land shall revert to the abbes. *In cuius rei testimonium ego Phillipus de Depeford et Matillida uxor mea presentem cartam sigillis nostris communimus*. Witnesses: William

de Tenhide, Bartholomew de Meredene, John de Depeford, Walter de Wellop, John de Wellop, Jocelin de Bisopestr, Adam de Bisop, Nicholas le Trappere. [O.C. 15v. and 60; N.C. 63v.]

**333** Gift in free alms by Maud Everard to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok of all her land in the manor of Amberesbur. Witnesses: Sir Henry Daubeny, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Robert de Hokessam, Sir William de Derneford knights; Rayner de Bungee, Hugh Goldrun, Warin le Saucer, Eudes Goiun, Richard Kitewin, William le Frankelein, Robert de Holta and Walter de Bradeford clerks. [E 40/10230; O.C. 36; N.C. 63v.]

O.C. has last two witnesses as Philip de Depeford and Robert de Holta clerks.

### Box

**334** Grant in free alms by Joan de Osevilla, in her widowhood, for the soul of William de Rugdun formerly her husband, to the house of the blessed Mary and Bernard of Lacok, of a yearly rent of 40s. out of the tenement which Walter de la Slada held in the parish of Boxa, and of the said Walter, and of all service which might arise from the tenement or from Walter in homage, relief, wardship, escheat, etc. Witnesses: Master T. de Ebelsburn, Master Adam de Gatesden, Sir Henry Daubeny, Richard le Eveske, Walter Huse clerk. [O.C. 70v.; N.C. 99].

**335** *Inspeximus* and confirmation of No. 334 by Walter de Paveilli. Witnesses: Sir Humphrey de Scevil, Sir Henry de Waddona, Sir Roger de Bascrevil, Sir Walter de Benigtona knights; William de Tenhide, William de Bradeleg, Walter Sewale, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 16v., 69v.; N.C. 99v.]

**336** Quitclaim from Richard Leveske to the prioress and convent of Lak of Walter de la Slada and all his brood (*sequela*) which he bought of Dame Joan de Osevilla. Witnesses: Robert Belet, Henry de Turre, Henry Harding, Simon Horn, Robert de Duriard, Walter de Netton, Walter de Soldun. [O.C. 18v., 63, 65; N.C. 100].

**337** Quitclaim in free alms by Walter de Godarvilla to the abbess of St. Bernard of Lacok of the suit which Walter de la Slade, her man, and his ancestors have been accustomed to do him in his hundred of Chipaam every three weeks. Witnesses: [blank]. [O.C. 70; N.C. 100].

**338** [1239–41] Gift for 10s. by Henry Croc to the nuns of Lacok of all the quarry which lies between the land of Sir Samson de la Box and of Walter Campeden, situate by bounds made in his presence (*per metas sitas coram me ipso*) between their lands, with free ingress and egress to it as long as it shall last (*quam diu ipsa durare poterit*). Witnesses: Sir Thomas parson of Haselbur,

Walter Campedene, Walter de la Plestoe, Robert de Mara, Roger le Quarreur, Walter King, Everard le Quarreur. And be it noted that all the witnesses were present at the placings of the limits (*terminorum positionibus*). [Ward. 2/94E/100; O.C. 36v.; N.C. 30v. and 34v. (cancelled because above)].

**339** [1239–48] Notification of a gift by Brother Robert called the abbot of Stangeleg in Wiltesir, to Ela abbess of Lak, of a part of his quarry of Haselbury, in length 76 feet and in breadth whatever hers is beyond the bounds between hers and that part towards the west, to take as much stone from as she can, in exchange for that quarry which the abbess bought from Henry Crok in the year in which Earl Richard sailed to the Holy Land, which lies next to the quarry which the donor bought from Henry Crok in the same year. Witnesses: Robert then chaplain of Lak, Henry de Horton, Richard le Eveske, Brother David the convert of Stangle, Brother William of Lak, Everard the quarryman. [O.C. 19].

### Calne

**340** Grant by Richard Blakeman the elder to Herbert son of Peter, of  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of arable land between the acre of Richard the marshal called Goyacre and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of the said Herbert, in exchange for  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of the said Herbert beyond (*ultra*) Pewlle. Witnesses: William the chaplain, Roger Aldwyn, Reynold Pal, Joseph de Pateford, William Parax, Walter the goldsmith, Stephen de Caleston, William Vitun, Reginald Godwine. [O.C. 67].

**341** Gift for 10s. 8d. by Alexander de Stodleigh to Herbert son of Peter, of all Alexander's land which lies between Herniestret and the lands which Gille the baker and Humphrey Bere hold of Alexander in the town of Calna. Rent, 8d. Witnesses: Reynold de Calna, William Lufel, Alexander de Thesewyth, Roger Aldwin and Thomas and Walter his sons, Bartholomew de Marleberg, Bartholomew Pal and Reynold and Bartholomew his sons, Adam Cussin and Richard his son, Walter the baker. [N.C. 91].

**342** Gift for three marks by Walter son of Matthew Lebret to Galiana who was wife of Herbert son of Peter, of 2a. of land in the north field of the town of Caln in a furlong called Hengesforlan, of which 1a. lies between the land which belongs to the chapel of St. Giles of Beueresbroc and the land which William the porter formerly held, and the other in the same furlong between the land of Reynold Pal which he holds of the same tenement and the land which Walter Aldwyne formerly held. Rent, 3d. Witnesses: William son of the clerk (*clerico filio*), Ralph Franceis, Reynold Pal, William and Hugh the merchants, William the cook, Joseph de Pateford, Walter Clobbe, Walter the baker, Reynold the baker. [O.C. 44; N.C. 91].

**343** Grant and confirmation by Bartholomew de Quemerford to Galiana

who was wife of Herbert son of Peter, of all the grant and sale which Walter son of Matthew le Bret made to her of 2a. of land in the north field of the town of Caln in the furlong called Hegesforlong, of which 1a. lies between the land which William Portar formerly held and the land of Richard Miblonk, and the other between the land of Reynold Pal and the land which Walter Aldwin formerly held. Witnesses: Roger Aldwin, William the writer, Reynold Pal, William the cook, William and Hugh the merchants, Walter the baker, Richard Bridge, Joseph de Patteford. [Ward. 2/94B/113; O.C. 67; N.C. 94].

**344** Gift for ten marks by Nicholas de Cynnoc to Galiena, relict of Herbert son of Peter of Calna, of 7a. of arable land, of which five lie together (*simul iacent*) between the place of the king and Chastle in the field of Stocke and two lie together in the same field of the fee of Bartholomew de Quemerford. Rent, 7d. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Calna, Sir William Lovel, Gilbert de Finemore, Gilbert de Chelfurste, Jocelin then bailiff of the hundred of Calne, Roger de Stodleg, Roger Aldwyn, Reynold Pal, Richard Cussin of Gildehalle, Martin Balle, William de Calna clerk. [O.C. 42; N.C. 91v.].

**345** Grant and confirmation, for half a mark, by Bartholomew de Quemerford to Galiena who was wife of Herbert son of Peter of Kaln, of the gift and grant which Nicholas de Cynnoc made to her of 2a. of arable land of Bartholomew's fee in the field of Stoke. [O.C. 46].

**346** Gift for ten marks by Bartholomew son of Herbert Peter (*Herberti Petri*) to Galiena his mother, of a messuage in the town of Caln in Churchestrete next between the messuage which Philip Panculf held and the messuage of Roger Rufus weaver, and a stall in the same town next the stalls which Adam Cusin formerly held on the north, and all the 'ham' (*hammam*) at Chuye which Herbert had of Henry son of Bartholomew Crede, and the southern half of all that land which Herbert had of Alexander de Stodl' which lies next between Hernewyestrete and the lands which Gille and Humphrey le Bere held, and 2a. of land above la Penne which Herbert had of Nicholas de Cinnoc of the fee of Alexander Pinel, and 3½a. and ¼a. of land of the fee of the parson of the church of Caln, viz. 1a. next the meadow called Abbrey, and 1a. in Rixfurlunge next the land of Richard Blakeman on the north side, and 1a. at Berustude, and ½a. on Suthulle, and ¼a. on Wenhulle, namely the northern part. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Sir Roger de Caln, William the writer, Reynold Pel, William and Hugh the merchants, Walter Clobbe, William the cook, Walter the baker, Richard Bridge, Robert le Limere, Osbert le Macun, William de la Gren clerk. [O.C. 68v.; N.C. 92v.].

**347** Gift for twenty marks by Bartholomew son of Herbert to Galiena his mother, of his messuage in the town of Caln between the messuage of Richard Hugun and the messuage of Roger de Stodleya in Portstrete. Rent, 1d. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir William his son, Sir Ralph de Wanci, Sir Robert de la Mare knights; Roger de Studleye, William de Horton,

Gilbert de Chilfurste, Walter de Bathampton, William the writer, Reynold Pel, William the cook, Walter Clobbe, William de la Grene, Thomas Audwyne, Thomas Baldwyne, John the clerk of Terdebige. [O.C. 41v.; N.C. 93].

**348** Quitclaim for two marks by Richard son of Humphrey le Luche to Galiena who was wife of Herbert son of Peter, of the right and claim which he had in a messuage in the town of Caln between the messuage which Tibbald Palmer formerly held and the messuage which Walter the miller held. Witnesses: Roger Aldwyn and Thomas his son, Walter the baker, Martin Balle, Richard Bridge, Reynold Pal, William de Caln clerk. [O.C. 67v.; N.C. 93v.].

**349** Grant in free alms by Roger de Stodleghe to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of 8d. rent which Galiana, relict of Herbert son of Peter, is accustomed to render him for the tenement she holds of him in the town of Caln. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir William de Caln, Andrew de Stratton, William the writer, Reynold Pal, Hugh the merchant, Roger Clackere, John le Schetere, Robert de Holta clerk. [Ward. 2/94B/139].

**350** Gift in free alms by Galiena de Caln in her widowhood to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of a messuage in the town of Caln of the king's fee lying towards the mill between the messuage of Eve daughter of Yngulf and the messuage of Maud the daughter of Gunilda, and a messuage in Churchestrete between the messuage which Philip Panculf held and the messuage of Roger Rufus, and 1a. of land in Rixforlonge next the land of Richard Blakeman on the north side, and 1a. at Bernestede, with a certain messuage and 6a. of land which she bought of Nicholas Cynnoc, and 2a. of land which she bought of Walter son of Matthew le Bret, and all the land which lies between Hernewiestrete and the lands which Gille the baker and Humphrey Bere held. Paying yearly 6d. to the king at Michaelmas, 12½d. to the rector of the church of Calne, 6d. to the heirs of Nicholas Cynnoc and the royal service as is contained in his charter, 3d. to the heirs of Walter son of Matthew le Bret, and 8d. to the heirs of Alexander de Stodle. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir Ralph de Wylinton, Sir William de Caln knights; Roger de Stodleye, William the writer, Andrew de Stracton, Reynold Pal, Hugh the merchant, John le Schetere, Robert de Holta. [O.C. 41v.; N.C. 94v.].

**351** [c. 1242] Gift for ten marks by Galiena relict of Herbert de Caln to the abbey of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of a messuage in the town of Caln between the messuage of Richard Hugun and the messuage of Roger de Stodleye in Portstret. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir William his son, Sir Ralph de Wanci, Robert de la Mare, Philip Dawtrey, Roger de Stodleye, William de Horton, William the writer, Reynold Pal, William the cook, Walter Cobbe, Walter de la Grene, Robert de Holta clerk. [N.C. 95].

**352** 1242. Agreement made in 1242 between Abbess Ela and Galiena relict of Herbert de Calna, that the abbess shall lease to Galiena a messuage between the messuage of Richard Hugun and the messuage of Roger de Stodleg in Portstrete for her life unless she take the habit of a religious, paying yearly 7s. After her death the messuage shall revert to the abbess. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Calna, Sir William his son, Sir Ralph de Wancy, Sir Robert de la Mara, Philip Dawtrete. [O.C. 41].

**353** Notification by William the clerk, son of Ralph le Franceys, that, if he or his heirs shall at any time be impleaded concerning 10a. of land which he holds outside the town of Calna by gift of Abbess Ela of Lacoc which she had by the gift of Galiena relict of Herbert de Calna, he will not call the abbess or her successors in warranty. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Calna knight, Sir Nicholas de Hedinton, Roger de Stodleya, Gilbert de Finemore, Reynold Pal, William the merchant, Hugh le Mercer, Robert le Coche, John the archer, Richard Bridge, Walter Swein, William de Pateford. [O.C. 32; N.C. 95v.].

**354** [1242-57] Gift, for his service, by Ela abbess of Lakoc to Roger le Clackere, of all that part of that messuage in Kaln in Portstrete which was formerly of Herbert son of Peter, which Galiena his relict gave to the abbey, with a croft lying at the eastern head (*capud*) of the messuage of the fee of Roger de Stodleg extending as far as the place called Hernewyestrete. Rent, 9s., viz. for the croft, 12d., and for the houses [*sic*], 8s. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Kaln, Roger de Stodleg, William the writer, Reynold Pil, William and Hugh the merchants, Walter Clobbe, Richard Bridge, Walter the baker, William de Patteford clerk. [E 40/9282].

**355** [1242-57] Another version of the same gift, mentioning a consideration of 100s. and reserving a rent of 12s. for the whole property. Witnesses omit Richard Bridge and add Herbert Thurstayn, John Cusin, William Leured, Richard Cusin, Thomas the miller. [E 40/9385].

**356** 2 Oct. 1354. Lease by Maud abbess of Lacok, to Thomas atte Ford and Margaret his wife, of a messuage with curtilage in Calne in Churchestret between the messuage formerly of Nicholas le Scryvayn and the messuage of Thomas de Roude. To hold for their lives. Rent, 2s., and to the rector of the church of Calne, 6d. The lessees to maintain the messuage at their own expense. The lessors to resume and keep the messuage if the rent be four weeks in arrear or in default of maintenance. At Lacok Thursday after Michaelmas 28 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/92].

### Chippenham

**357** Gift, for his homage and service, by Mary daughter of William de Ruggedon, to Sir Walter de Godardvilla, of a half of a croft in the town of

Chippeham lying between the land which Rocelin formerly held and the acre called Fokena. Rent, a pair of gloves. Witnesses: Nicholas vicar of Chippeham, Thomas Burel, Richard Evesque, Henry Harding, John de Barra, William Weyta, Simon Horn, Reynold the smith, Pain the reeve, John the clerk. [O.C. 36v.; N.C. 96].

**358** Gift for 40s. by Dame Agnes de Roudon in her widowhood, to Master Henry de Bekamton, of a messuage with croft in the town of Chippenham which Roger Soppe once held, except a third part which Wall the dyer holds, the head of which abuts towards the way and extends beyond Fokene in length, and abuts on the land of Michael le Vesk. Rent, 6s. Suit of court twice a year at the court of Roudone, at St. Martin and Hock Day. Witnesses: Adam Lucas, Henry Ardig, Richard Horn, Henry de Bourle, Thomas Bubbe, Michael le Vesk, Robert de Waus, John le Champiun. [O.C. 65v.; N.C. 96].

**359** Gift in free alms by Agnes de Roudon to the abbess of Lacok, of all the land which Roger Soper formerly held with buildings in the town of Chippeham and a place of land which extends as far as the land of John le Champiun on one side, and to the water called Fokane next the street on the other. Witnesses: Sir Henry Hardyng, Richard Horn, Henry de Burley, Roger le Tabler, Walter the smith, Richard Payen, Ralph de la Hyde, Roger Hardyng, Robert de Wall. [O.C. 37; N.C. 96v.].

**360** [1257-83] Quitclaim for 8s. by Henry de Bechamton clerk, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of all his land and tenement in the town of Chippham which he had by gift of Dame Agnes de Ruggedone. Witnesses: Richard Horn, Henry de Burleg, Thomas Bubbe, Michael Leveske, Richard de Gatestert, Robert de Vall. [O.C. 70v.; N.C. 97].

**361** [1257-83] Gift in free alms by Henry Seymour to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of all the rent which he receives from the land which Henry de Becheamton and Walter le Castelein hold over (*super*) Fokene. To hold with escheats. Witnesses: Master Robert de Sefeld, Richard Horn, William le Deuelis, Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Gatestert, Richard Payen, Henry de Burleg. [O.C. 70; N.C. 97v.].

### Trowbridge

**362** Gift by Adam the goldsmith, with the assent of Agnes his wife and of his heirs, to Ralph Francis, of his land in the town of Troubrig with 2½a. in Fughelden, to hold of Adam and his heirs as freely in the town and market and all other places as he held it. Rent to Adam and his heirs on the feast of St. James in Troubrig, a pair of gloves or 1d. for all service, save a pound of pepper yearly to the chief lord of Troubrig. Witnesses: Geoffrey Veel, Robert



the physician, John de Hulprington, Walter the miller of Troubrig, Ralph de Westbur', William de la Grave, Hugh Aleboud, John son of Gregory, Stephen de Hulprington. [O.C. 71; N.C. 98].

**363** [c. 1243] Gift in free alms by Ralph le Franceys with the assent of Lucy his wife, to the abbey of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of that burgage and all the land which he had by gift of Adam the goldsmith in the town of Treubrege, paying yearly to Adam's heirs 1d. at the feast of St. James, and to the chief lord a pound of pepper. Witnesses: Ralph de Augier, William de Bradeleye, Walter the miller, William de Delagrave, Roger the franklin of Hulpringtona, Stephen de Hulprington, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 39v.; N.C. 98].

**364** 1243. Agreement indented made in 1243 between Ela abbess of Lacok and Ralph le Fraunceys and Lucy his wife, that Ela has leased to Ralph and Lucy that burgage between the burgage of Richard Purchaz and the burgage of Richard Tinfuel, and 2½a. which were of Adam the goldsmith in Fouldene, for their lives, paying yearly 1d. on the eve of St. James and 1lb. of pepper at Michaelmas. Witnesses: Ralph de Augens, William de Brackeleya, Walter the miller, William de la Grave, Roger the franklin of Hulprington, Stephen de Hulprington, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 60v.].

**365** [c. 1243–1257] Gift by Ela abbess of Lakoc to Henry de Rude son of Hamon, of that messuage in the town of Trobrigge and 2½a. of arable land in Vogheldene between the land of Walter the miller and that of William Lilie. To hold in fee, paying yearly 5s., and 1lb. of pepper to the chief lord of the town. Witnesses: Sir Ralph Augers then steward, Andrew son of Ellis, Walter Lovel, Walter the miller, William de Grava, Richard Walewain, Roger le Frankelain of Hulprington, William Foliot, Robert de Holta clerk. [E 42/345].

### Westbury

**366** Grant in free alms by Anastasia de Pavely in her widowhood, for her soul and the soul of Roger de Baskervil her husband, to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of a rent of 20s. in the manor of Westbyr', viz. from Ralph the miller, 9s., from Richard Campiun, 9s., and from Denis de Laston, 2s. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Pavely, Sir Adam de Greinvil, Sir Richard de Anesia knights; William de Bradeleg, William de Tenhid, Walter Cheney, Reynold Sewale, Thomas de Bradeleg, Ralph de Stoke. [O.C. 38v.; N.C. 65].

**367** Confirmation by Walter de Pavely to the abbess of Lacok of the rent which his daughter Anastasia de Baschervile gave, viz. 9s. which Richard Cumpain used to pay her, 2s. which Denis de la Stana used to pay her, and

9s. which Ralph the miller used to pay. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey Escudimor, Sir Henry de Hertham, Walter Cheney, William de Bradeleg, Reynold son of Sewele, Walter his son, Thomas de Bradeleg, Robert de Winterburn, Ralph de Stok. [O.C. 39; N.C. 65v.].

**368** Grant in free alms by Walter de Pavelli, for his soul and those of his father, mother, and ancestors (*parentum*), of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark to maintain a lamp burning day and night without cease in the church of the Virgin Mary and St. Bernard the Abbot before the altar of Lak', for performing which he has assigned  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark from the rent of William de Ruggedun and Joan his wife and their heirs, payable yearly. Witnesses: Godfrey de Escudemor, Roger de Bascervil, William de Ruegdon, Simon Park, William Waweyn, William de Bienacre, Roger de Sagh, Roger Sewale. [O.C. 16 and 39].

**369** *Inspeximus* and confirmation by Reynold de Pavely son of Walter, of the gift in No. 368, and grant that the abbess's messenger may take the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark from the hands of the bailiff or reeve of his manor of Westbyr in the church there before the third hour on Palm Sunday. For this payment he binds himself, his heirs and assigns, and the said manor to the distraint of Wiltesyrie, or of any other judge whatsoever chosen by the abbess, to compel him to satisfy her for the payment and for any damage she might have suffered because of the failure to pay at the specified time. Witnesses: Sir William de Caune, Sir William de Bingham, Nicholas Burdun, Alexander de Aundevil, Thomas le Tablier, Sir William le Dun, Sir Peter de Eskidemor, John de Bathamton, Walerand de Bluntesdon, Richard de Gatesterte, John de Langeford, John de Rabeham. 'And it is to be noted that this is a gift in free alms'. [O.C. 64v.].

**370** Gift for 4 marks by Walter le Intur to William Beauchamp, servant of Master Simon de Bristoll formerly canon of Westbur, of all that messuage called Purpris in Cumba next Westbury with all arable land, meadow, and pasture belonging to it, and also all that pasture which extends from Payneslade as far as Clevelesslade. To hold of Peter de Walingford and Iselia his wife and her heirs in fee, paying them 5s. yearly for all service save reasonable suit to their courts at Westbur. Witnesses: William de Veym, William Sauvage, Roger le Butiller, William Batecok, William Champeneis, William de Stok, Adam le Steward. [O.C. 91\*].

**371** 10 July 1340. Lease by Reynold de Pavely lord of Brok, to William de Grinstede, of two water-mills in Westbur with all their suit (*sequela*), and pasture for one draught beast in all places in which Reynold's sheep and cattle are depastured. William is to have great and small timber in all Reynold's woods in the hundred of Westbur by view of his bailiffs and reeves to keep up and repair the mills, in waters as in housing, with straw and thatching-spars (*virga*) to roof them whenever necessary. Lease also of pasture on Melkhulle and Emphelt, and all the rent of the lands and tenements which William

holds of Reynold in the hundred of Westb'. To hold for three years from the next Lady Day. Rent, £10, and to the abbess of Lacok, 9s. for Reynold's rent for Colesmulle, both rents to be paid first at Midsummer next. Reynold is bound to keep the heads of the ponds (*capita stagnorum*) of the mills in a satisfactory state. From the date of this deed until next Lady Day William is quit of all service for a certain sum paid beforehand. At Ippesdene Monday after St. Margaret 14 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94B/62].

### Woodmancote

**372** 14 Jan. 1191. Agreement made on the morrow of St. Hilary 1190 at . . . between G. de Naples prior of the hospital of Jerusalem in England, and William de Lega son of William, that William has granted to the prior his land of Calemundesdene, viz. all his house and all the pasture of Aldesgare, and 2½ virgates of the villeinage, viz. one which Simon the priest of Culne held and 1½ which Martin held, and all his right in the premises. To hold in fee farm, paying yearly three marks. Saving the service of the lords as much as belongs to the 2½ virgates, because the demesne and the pasture are quit of foreign service. Saving also to William and his heirs the land which Walerand held, and the service of Henry de Chavingewurd, which he has retained. And the brothers shall do the foreign service to William as much as belongs to 2½ virgates. Witnesses: William de la Mare, Robert de Cyrecestr', Richard Golafr', Simon de Sollers, John le Blake, William son of Guy, Adam son of Hugh, Henry de Hanlea, William son of Andrew, Reynold de Trussarivill, Thomas de Leg', Robert de Sanford, Randal de Westwell, John de Hereford, Walter and Angod clerks of the hospital. [O.C. 62; N.C. 106].

**373** Grant in free alms by Constance de Lega in her widowhood, for the souls of her father and her mother Mabel de la Mare, to the abbey of nuns in the town of Lak' 'which I wish to be called the place of the blessed Mary', of her rent of Calemundesden, viz. 35s. which the hospitallers of Jerusalem are accustomed to pay. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir John Daco, Sir Henry Daubeny knights; Master G. the penitentiary, Master Thomas de Ebelesburn, Master Adam parson of Tdewrthe; Walter de Soliers, Peter de Saucey, Reynold Peverel, Hugh le Dol. [O.C. 17v.; N.C. 106v.].

**374** 29 Sept. 1230. Agreement made at Michaelmas in the year after the consecration of Master Robert de Bingham as bishop of Salisbury, between Dame Maud de la Mare and Robert vicar of Wiccham, vicar of Laumton [*sic*], that Maud has granted and let to farm to Robert de Wiccham all her land of Gares in meadows, pastures, rents, free men, and villeins (*rusticis*), for his own use, except the half part of the fines which shall be made for entry to lands by free men or villeins, or for the alienation of women, which half part Maud will retain for her own use. To hold for ten years; rent, 100s. and 1lb. of pepper. [O.C. 68].

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**375** 1233. Final concord made at Westminster in three weeks from Easter 17 Hen. III between Wymark prioress of Lacok plaintiff, by Nicholas de Hedyngton in her place, and Constance de Lega deforciant, of two carucates of land in Wodemonecote, whereof a plea of warranty of a charter was summoned between them, viz. that Constance recognized the land to be the right of the prioress by her own gift to hold in free alms and will warrant the same. The prioress will receive Constance and her heirs in all benefits and prayers to be performed in future in her church of Lacok. [N.C. 118].

**376** [1239–57] Agreement between William de Mara of Rindecumbe and Ela abbess of Lacoc. William has quitclaimed to the abbess and her successors for ever the demand which he made to them for homages, reliefs, and suits of the heirs of Dame Constance de Leg arising out of the manor of Wodemanecot which the nuns had by her gift, so that he may make no distraint on them. Saving to him and his heirs 6d. a year rent and the royal service and suit of all his men of Wodemanecot, and the services and customs owed and accustomed by the men to him, and the suit which the abbess ought to do twice a year at the view of frankpledge in William's court herself or by her attorney appointed and removed at her will by her letters patent, which she will transmit to William and his heirs. She may make no attorney who ought to do suit for himself in that court, and William and his heirs ought to demand no other suit from the abbess unless any plaint of the abbess should arise in his court. Witnesses: Ellis Gifford, Peter de Eggeswrth, John le Brun, Stephen de Harehall, Richard de Baggindene, Richard de Bakinton, William de Solers, Walter le Hod, William de la Forde, William of the stable, Robert Segar, William Marsh, Geoffrey de Mara. [E 40/9250; O.C. 14v.].

**377** [1280–95] Letter of attorney from A. abbess of Lacok to I. de E. to do suit at the two views of frankpledge a year at the court of G. de Clare earl of Gloucester and Hertford, of Rendecumb. [O.C. 73].

**378** 1 May 1269. Memorandum that a plea was moved between Beatrice abbess of Lacok and William de la Mare of Rindecumbe, about a reasonable aid which William sought from the abbess to make his first-born son a knight. Both parties put themselves to the arbitration of Sir Nicholas de Turri, whom the abbess chose by Hugh the clerk her attorney, and of Sir Walter de Heliun whom William de la Mare chose, as to whether William ought by right to raise such an aid of the abbess by reason . . . [*reading not clear*]. If Nicholas and Walter should not agree or not be able to agree, two other upright and discreet men should be chosen by the abbess and William for making the arbitration, and they should do so before Michaelmas in the 53rd year of the king's reign. Meanwhile William, nor any others for him, may make no distraint on the abbess or her men of Wodemancote, nor implead her by reason of the aid, nor may the abbess vex or implead William. For observing this agreement made

at Glocestr in the eve of the Ascension in the said year the parties have made declaration (*affidaverunt*) and William and the attorney have sealed the parts of it. Witnesses: Sir Robert de la Mare, Walter de Chiltham rector of Ameneie, Absolom the clerk, James the forester, Philip Harold, Henry the clerk. And if within the said time they be not agreed, then each may thenceforth do what seems proper. [E 40/9378].

**379** [1269–83] Quitclaim for 17 marks by William de Mar of Ryndecumbe to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of homage, fealty, relief, heriot, and tallage belonging to him, of works (*auxilia*) of ploughing, sowing, harrowing, hoeing, reaping, and carrying, and of all kinds of escheat, and suits of all courts belonging to him except suit at the view of frankpledge of the earl of Gloucester twice a year at Rendecumbe. Also all distrains made or to be made, aid for making his first-born son a knight, and for marrying his first-born daughter, all scutage and military service, a rent of 6d., and all demands which can from any cause be made on the abbess concerning the manor of Wodemanecote and the free and servile tenants in it. Witnesses: Walter de Chiltham steward of Cyrencestr', William George, Thomas de Rodeberwe, Walter Frary, Thomas Maleward, Jordan Stotmodi, Walter Wyth, John son of Hugh of Fayreford. [O.C. 5v.; N.C. 107].

**380** [1239–57] Quitclaim for 10 marks by Nicholas de Mara rector of the church of Thotesthorn, to Ela abbess of Lak', of all his right in two carucates of land and 21s. rent in Wdemanecote, which he claimed of them by a writ directed in the county of Gloucester 24 Hen. III. To hold, doing the accustomed service to the lord of Rinddec'. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de Schidemor, Sir John de St. Quintin, William de Mars; Richard Bishop, Geoffrey de Mara, Thomas de Cherletona, John de Husseburn, John de Wellop, William de Tonhide, William de Soliers, Henry de Mara. [O.C. 15; N.C. 107v.].

**381** Gift by Mabel de Mara, with the assent of Constance her daughter and heir and for one bezant paid to each of them, to Reynold Peverel, of a virgate of land in Wodemanecote which Nicholas the reeve held. To hold to him and his heirs or to whomsoever he wishes to give, sell, leave, or assign it. Rent, 7s. Witnesses: Sir Thomas de Mara, William de Soliers, Geoffrey de Mara, William son of Robert, Walter Lohout, Alan de Boys, William de Boys, William son of Guy, Joseph de Mareis, William de Mareis, Henry de Mora. [O.C. 43; N.C. 109].

**382** Confirmation for one bezant by Constance de Lega daughter of Mabel de Mara, of her mother's gift and grant to Reynold Peverel (No. 381) as is contained in a charter made between them by which he was enfeoffed of the same land. Witnesses: Sir Thomas de Mara, William de Soliers, Geoffrey de Mara, William Wood, William son of Guy, Joseph de Mareis, William de Mareis, Henry de Henleg, Roger son of Niel. [N.C. 109v.].

**383** Gift in his liege power by Reynold Peverel to Henry his son, of all his land in Wodemannecot, to hold by hereditary right, paying to the chief lord 7s. a year for all service saving the royal service as much as belongs to such a free tenement. Witnesses: William de la Mare, William de Soliers, Geoffrey de la Mare, Walter de Soliers, Robert de Calemundesden, Thomas son of William. [O.C. 43v.; N.C. 109v.].

**384** Gift and quitclaim, for 8s., by Juliana relict of Reynold Peverel, to Henry Peverel of Wodemanebote, of all her land which she had or could have in the town of Wodemanebote with house and curtilage, with all right and claim which could come to her by name of dower from Reynold's tenement. Witnesses: William de Crupes, John de Chauligwurpe, Geoffrey Peverel, Walter Wyth, John de Soliers. [N.C. 110].

**385** Gift and quitclaim, for 8s., by Juliana wife of Walter de Haudyngton, with her husband's assent, to Henry Peverel of Wodemanebote, of all the land which she had in the town of Wodemanebote with house and curtilage, and all right and claim which could arise by way of dower out of the tenement of Reynold Peverel formerly her husband. Sealed with her husband's seal. Witnesses: William de Crupes, John de Chavelingworth, Geoffrey Peverel, Walter Wyht, John de Soliers, John the clerk. [N.C. 117v.].

**386** Quitclaim for 2 marks by Geoffrey Peverel to Henry Peverel, of all his right in that virgate of land in Wodemannecot which Henry had by gift of Reynold his father, paying 6d. yearly to Geoffrey and his heirs, and 7s. to the chief lords of Wodemannecot. Witnesses: Sir William de Mara of Rindecumb, Sir Walter de Lowald, William de Escrupes, Walter Wyhd, Thomas de Rindecumbe, John de Soliers, Robert Malewarde, Henry de Mara. [O.C. 71].

**387** Lease, for 15s. for the donor's urgent business, by John Gerard of Wodemanebote with the assent and will of Sybil his wife, to Henry Peverel, of 6a. of land in the field of Morcumba, of which 2a. lie in Middeforlang below the way which leads from Colesburn to Cirencestr, and 1a. in Wodefolde next to the land of Meriot, and 1a. at Heynesthorn next to the land of Robert Malewarde, and 1a. at Rugwey next to the land of Walter son of the chaplain, and 1a. on Doune next to Gores. Also of 6a. in the other field of Burcumba, of which 1a. lies on Doune next to the land of the parson of Northcerney, and Brodacra in front of the grove next to the land of Robert Malewarde, and 1a. in Burkeling nearest Wodemanebote, and 1a. above Stilhangre next to the land of Richard Crochun, and Pykede acre in Botterug, and 1a. which extends in Fildenewey. To hold for Henry's life and the life of any other man or woman to whom he should wish to give, leave, sell, or assign it in health or sickness. Rent, 12d. Witnesses: Gilbert White of Bagingedon, Reynold Peverel, Gilbert de Henley, Geoffrey Peverel, Thomas son of the reeve of Rinddec, William Basil, Roger the clerk. [N.C. 115v.].

**388** Gift for 20s. by John Gerard of Wodemannecot to Henry Peverel, of 12a. of land, viz. in the field of Morcumba 6a., of which 2a. lie in Middilfurlunge beneath the way leading from Colesburne towards Cyrencester, 1a. in Wodefolve next to the land Mariot, 1a. at Hethuertham next to the land of Robert Maleward, 1a. at Rugweye next to the land of Walter son of the chaplain, and 1a. over Dune next to Gores; and 6a. lie in the other field of Burcumba, of which 1a. is called Brodacre next to the land of Robert Maleward in front of the grove, 1a. in Bureklinch nearer Woddemancote, 1a. over Stilhangie next to the land of Richard Crochun, 1a. called Pikedacre in Bocrugge with the pasture of the acre at the head (*cum pasture dicte acre ad capud*), and 1a. extending in FilddineweYe. To hold of the donor and his heirs to Henry and his heirs or to whomsoever he should wish to give, sell, leave, or assign them to in sickness or in health, paying yearly a pair of gloves, price  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Witnesses: Sir William de la Mare, William de Soliers, Walter de Soliers, William de Crupes, J. de Chenrungwrth. [O.C. 42; N.C. 116].

**389** Quitclaim, for 5s. for most urgent business, by Sybil relict of John Gerard, to Henry Peverel, of all her right in land which he bought of John, viz. 4a. of land belonging to her dower in the fields of Wodemannecote, of which 2a. lie in the field of Borecumb, one called Brodacra next to the land of Thomas Maleward in front of the grove, and one called Pikacra in Boterrugge, and 2a. lie in the field of Morecumb, 1a. in Middelfurlung between the land of William de Crup, and 1a. in Wodefold next to the land Mariot. Witnesses: Adam the chaplain of CerneYe, William de Crupes, Geoffrey Peverel, John de Calemundesden, Walter Wyth, Gilbert de Henleye. [O.C. 43v.; N.C. 116v.].

**390** Gift in free alms by Henry Peverel of Wodemannecote to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of 12a. of arable land in Wodemannecote which he bought of John Gerard, of which 6a. lie in the field called Morcumbe, 2a. in Middelwurlunge beneath the way leading from Colesburne towards Cyrencestr, 1a. in Wodefolve next to the land Mariot, 1a. at Heynesthorn next to the land of Robert Maleward, 1a. at Regway next to the land of Walter son of the chaplain, and 1a. over Dune next to Gores; and 6a. in the other field of Burcumbe, 1a. over Dune next to the land of the parson of Nortcerneie, 1a. called Brodacre next to the land of Robert Maleward in front of the grove, 1a. in Burekling nearer Wodemannecot, 1a. over Stilliangre next to the land of Richard Croscun, one called Pikedacre in Rot Regge with pasture at the head of the said acre, and 1a. which extends in FildeneuweYe. Paying yearly to Sir John Gerrard a pair of gloves, price  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., when he asks for them at the donor's house in Wodemannecote. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Angers knight, William Deuelys, Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Wyke, Richard Purchaz, Jordan de Wyk, Richard Sweyn, Thomas Malewarde, William de Crupes. [O.C. 42v.; N. C. 117].

**391** Quitclaim by Henry Peverel of Wodemannecote with the consent of Alice

his wife, to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of all the tenement which he held of the nuns in the town of Wodemannecote, to hold to them in free alms, paying yearly to Geoffrey Peverel and his heirs 6d. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Angers knight, William de Scrope, William Deuelys, Thomas Bubbe, Richard de Wyk, Richard Swayn, Thomas Malewarde, Nicholas Wood, Nicholas de la Haycrofte, John Scotmodi, Robert de Soliers. [O.C. 43; N.C. 118].

**392** Gift in free alms by Ralph de Maurachin to the church of St. Mary and the blessed Bernard of Lacok, of a certain meadow which he had in the manor of Wodemannecote which lies next to the bridge of Bereford and is called Malewardesham. Witnesses: Sir Jordan la Warre, Sir William of London, Sir Richard de Rivers, Sir Stephen de Harenhulle; William de Burton, Humphrey de la Barre, Robert Brachel, Andrew de Culne, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 62; N.C. 111v.].

**393** [1257–83] Gift by Agnes relict of Ralph de Maverdin, to Beatrice abbess of Lacoc, of the third part of a certain meadow called Malewardsham which fell to her by reason of dower by the death of her husband. Witnesses: Walter de Solers, William de Cropes, Henry Peverel, Gilbert de Enle, Walter son of the priest. [Ward. 2/94B/37; O.C. 66v.; N.C. 112].

**394** Gift by Mabel de la Mare with the assent of Constance her daughter, to Roger son of Niel, of half a virgate of land and 6a. which Ralph son of William Walsh held, and 1a. of her demesne which Reynold Wykint held in Wodemonecota. To hold in fee; rent, 1lb. of pepper or 12d., whichever he chooses, at Michaelmas. Witnesses: William de Soliers, William son of Guy, William son of Robert, Geoffrey de la Mare, Henry de Hanleg, Reynold Peverel, John son of Gerard. [N.C. 108].

**395** Confirmation by Geoffrey de Abetot and Constance his wife of the preceding deed. Same witnesses. [N.C. 108v.].

**396** Gift of six marks by Roger son of Niel, to Walter son of Walter the chaplain, of all his land and right in Wodemonecote which he had by gift of Mabel. Witnesses: Peter de Egesworth and John his brother, John Gerard, Reynold Peverel, Walter the chaplain of Dunteshun, Geoffrey de la Mare, Michael de la More. [N.C. 108v.].

**397** Gift by Constance de Lega to Walter son of Walter the chaplain of Edeswurthe, of half a virgate of land and 6a. which Ralph son of William Walsh held, and 1a. of her demesne which Reynold Wyking held in Wodemonecote, to hold of her and her heirs to him and his heirs or to whom he should wish to assign them to except religious houses, with all liberties and free customs, paying yearly 1lb. of pepper or 12d. as Walter shall choose. Witnesses: Sir Peter de Egesworthe, Richard his brother, James de



Egeswurthe, William de Sollers, Simon de Sollers. [N.C. 110v.].

**398** Gift, for 1 mark for the donor's great business and 1 bezant to his wife, by Gilbert de Henley son of Henry de Henley, to Walter son of the chaplain of Wodemancote, of one quarter of 1a. of land nearer [i.e. nearest] to the messuage of Walter and the croft of Reynold Peverel in the same town. Witnesses: William de Soliers, Geoffrey de Mara, Reynold Peverel, Walter With, John Gerard, William son of Basil, Geoffrey Peverel of Northcerney, John Baudint. [N.C. 115].

**399** Quitclaim by Walter called the son of the chaplain of Egeswrthe, to the church of blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of all the land which he had in Wodemancote. For this the nuns have granted Walter and Mabel his wife an allowance for their lives, as is contained in a writing made between them. [O.C. 45v.; N.C. 111].

**400** [1257-83] Notification by Beatrice abbess of Lacok that she is bound to Walter son of the priest of Wdemancote and Mabel his wife to provide them a suitable dwelling-house in Lacok as long as they or either of them shall live, and to keep it in repair and roof it at her own cost. She is also bound as long as they both live to provide each day two white loaves, one [of the kind provided for a] nun and the other what is called *pleynpayn*, and two gallons of nuns' beer, and a dish of food (*ferculum*) from her kitchen such as belongs to two nuns, and at supper (*senam*) as much as belongs to two nuns out of the family allowance. And, as long as they both live, 6s. a year for their clothes and other things, and four cart-loads of fuel a year, one at Michaelmas, two at Christmas, and one at Easter, and four bundles of staw 'of a reasonable man' (*quatuor festiculos litere hominis racionabilis*), two at Michaelmas and two at Easter. No subtraction or diminution of any of the allowances or payments laid down is to be made on account of the absence of one of them as long as they are both alive. When one of them is dead, half of the allowance and payments shall cease except that the survivor shall have the nun's loaf every day. If Walter dies and Mabel seeks for her dower after his death, the payment of the allowances and payments shall cease forthwith. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Aunger knight, Sir Adam de Ylleie, William de Crup, Geoffrey Peverel, John de Calmundesdene, Walter Wych, Sir Adam the chaplain of Cerneye. [E 40/9389].

**401** [1257-83] Gift for 11s. 10d. by Gilbert de Henlie son of Henry, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of 2a. of his arable land in the fields of Wodemancote, of which 1a. lies in the west field at Bedcombesale between the lands of the abbess and of Walter Wihth, and in the north field at Respiete  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. between the lands of the abbess and of Walter son of the priest, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. which lies upon 1a Done between the lands of the abbot of Teukesbiri and of Richard Crochon. Witnesses: William de Crupes, John de Soliers, Henry

Peverel, Walter son of the priest, John de Chaveligeworpe. [E 40/9494; O.C. 40v.; N.C. 112].

**402** [1257–83] Gift for 20s. by Gilbert de Henleye of Wodemannecot, to blessed Mary and the church of St. Bernard of Lacoc and Beatrice the abbess, of 4½a. of his land in the fields of Wodemannecot, viz. 2½a. in the furlong called Rukeberg between the land of the abbess and of John Doli, and 1a. in the furlong called Houketoleg next Pikacre on the north side, and 1a. in the same furlong between the land of the abbess and of William Martin. Witnesses: Sir Stephen and Sir Richard Longespee knights; Robert de Holta, Robert de Holta clerk, William de Caln clerk. [O.C. 40: N.C. 112v.].

**403** [1257–83] Quitclaim from Gilbert de Henleg to the abbey, of the same lands. Witnesses: Sir Stephen and Sir Richard Longespee knights; Robert de Holta, Robert de Holta clerk, William de Caln clerk of the county of Wiltesyr, W. de Crupes, John Chavelingekeworth, John and Walter Soliers, Robert Malreward, Henry Peverel, Walter son of the chaplain. [O.C. 40v.; N.C. 113].

**404** [1257–83] Gift for 43s. 6d. by Gilbert de Henleya to Beatrice abbess of Lacoc, of 10a. of arable land in the town of Wodemannecote, of which 2a. lie in the furlong of Bespeyece next to the abbess's land, ½a. on Langedon between the land which was of Geoffrey of the Cross and the land which was of Roger Crochun, ½a. in Swyftesdon Glade next to the land of Henry Peverel, 1a. in Longfurlong between the land of the abbot of Teukesbur and the land of Richard Crochun, and ½a. on Shortesdon between the land of Adam Godman and the land of Walter son of the priest, and ½a. on Waggessawe, and ½a. in Middelfurlong between the land of Henry Peverel and of Geoffrey of the Cross, and 1a. in the west field, towards the abbess's wood called Pikedaker, and ½a. in the east field towards Despeyece on Longedon between the land of Thomas Maleward and of Walter Wych, and 2½a. in the south field on Swyftesdon between the land of the abbess and the royal way called Portwey, and ½a. in the east field next to Destinghorn between the land of Henry Peverel and Thomas Maleward. Witnesses: Thomas Maleward, Walter de Solers, William de Crupes, Henry Peverel, Walter son of the priest, Robert the clerk. [O.C. 65v.; N.C. 113v.].

**405** [1257–83] Gift for 8s. by Gilbert de Henleya to Beatrice abbess of Lacock, of 2a. of arable land in the fields of Wodemannecote, of which 1a. lies between the land of William Martin and the land of the abbess at Oldedych, and 1a., which is called a head acre, lies at Sidehaleberuwe between the land of the abbot of Teukesbur and the land of the abbess. Witnesses: Richard de Cnyntinthin, John le Brun, H. Peverel, Walter son of the chaplain, Henry the clerk. [N.C. 114].

**406** [1257–83] Gift for 10s. by Gilbert de Henleya to Beatrice abbess of

Lacock, of 2a. of arable land in the town of Wodemannecot, of which 1a. lies in the field of Rispiate between the land of the abbot of Teukesbyr and the land of the abbess of Lacock, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. extends on Gosfurlang and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. extends on the down (*super montem*) between the land of Juliana de Cimiter and the land of Geoffrey of the Cross. Witnesses: Thomas Maleward, Walter de Solers, William de Cropes, Henry Peverel, Walter son of the priest, Hugh the clerk. [O.C. 39v.; N.C. 114v.].

**407** [1257–83] Notification by Gilbert de Henleg that he has granted to Beatrice abbess of Lacock that he will not sell any land or any of his tenement for a term nor for ever without her licence or that of her successors, and that if he does the abbey should have free ingress into all his lands and tenements and hold them for ever. [O.C. 46v.; N.C. 115v.].

**408** Quitclaim by Margery who was wife of Thomas Maureward of Purytone, to Edward de Lacok and Isabel his wife, of her right in the name of dower in all lands which Edward and Isabel formerly bought from Thomas both within and without the town of Wodemanecote, out of which she recovered her dower judicially before the royal justices. Edward and Isabel shall pay Margery 5s. a year for life. If it should happen that Henry de Henlegh and Margery his wife, or Adam Doby and Alice his wife, should die while Margery survives, Edward and Isabel allow that Margery may have the third part of the entry fine (*ingressu*) and of the escheats and heriots of the said two portions [i.e. the holdings of Henlegh and Doby] into whatsoever hands they shall come. Witnesses: Robert Maureward, John le Frye, William de Hoggeslane, William de la Hoke, Roger Hasard, Adam Wyberd, Richard Parfet, Roger la Warr. [E 40/9376].

**409** 20 Mar. 1314. Gift by Thomas de Cokelberwe chaplain and John de Menstreworthe, to Joan de Mountfort abbess of Lacok, of all the lands and tenements in Wodemannecote which they had by the gift and feoffment of Isabel once wife of Edward Swayn of Lacok, and which they hold of the abbess by assignment from Isabel. Witnesses: John de la Mare lord of Ryndecombe, Roger de Calmondesdene, Thomas de Bertone, Peter *deyns la porte*, Jordan de Baudyntone, John de Hanekyntone, Nicholas de Dimeford. At Wodemannecote Tuesday St. Cuthbert 6 Edw. II. [E 40/9363].

**410** 22 Feb. 1315. Royal writ to the sheriff of Gloucestershire regarding a complaint by the abbess of Lacok that Henry de Lancast and Maud his wife and Richard le Baileif of Kynemersford have disseised her of her free tenement in Kynemersford. The sheriff is ordered to restore the abbess into possession and to empanel a jury, before Henry Spigurnel, William de Mortimer, and Richard de Rodeneye, to take a view of the matter. [Ward. 2/94E/76].

**411** 1 Aug. 1280. Lease for two marks, made Thursday St. Peter's Chains

8 Edw. I, by Beatrice abbess of Lacok, to William Hynor and William his son born of his first wife Isabel, of 12a. of arable land in the west and north fields in Wodemannecote which Henry Peverel had by gift of John Gerard. To hold for their lives; rent, 6d. Witnesses: Sir William de la Mare knight, William de Solers, William le Croupes, Walter Locholt, Walter Maudut, William Percehay. [Ward. 2/94b/58].

**412** 1 Aug. 1280. Lease for two and a half marks, made Thursday St. Peter's Chains 8 Edw. I, by Beatrice abbess of Lacok, to Walter le Gynnor and Adam his son born of his first wife Agnes, of 18a. of arable land in the west and north fields in Wodemannecote, of which 12a. were late of Walter son of the priest, and 6a. were late of Richard le Schyreve. To hold for their lives; rent, 12d. Witnesses: as No. 410. [Ward. 2/94b/59].

**413** 9 Sept. 1332. Lease by Catherine abbess of Lacok, to John atte Forde, Alice his wife, and Agnes their daughter, of all lands and tenements which Geoffrey Crochon formerly held of the lessors in Woodmancote. To hold for their lives; rent, 10s., and to pay heriot after the death of any of the lessees. The lessees will re-raise (*relevabunt*) and build anew two competent houses for the aforesaid tenure and suitably maintain them for life. The lessees may not demise the tenements howsoever without the assent of the lessors, and if they should do this the lessors may re-enter the said tenements. Chapter at Lacok Morrow of Nativity of B.V.M. 6 Edw. III. [E 40/9358].

**414** Gift by Robert de Cotes to Godfrey his brother, of a half-virgate of land in the town of Cotes which Alexander son of Heudebrand held, with a messuage, and also another messuage which was of Alice daughter of Seer. Rent, 11b. of cummin. In the south field in Inhok 1a., ala Stok 1a., in Smalelande 1½a., at Bradeweve 1a., in Morchot 4a. next to the land Sperver towards the south sides. In the field of North, at Blakehulle 1a., in Wetelande ½a., in Berfurlang ½a. and a certain part opposite Sumerlese on the downs (*super montes*), 1a. in Hamfurlang, 1a. towards the grove beyond Bradeweve, 1a. in Cotsetleham, ½a. of meadow, and one little pasture which lies next to the pasture of Hugh de Cotes which Eve the widow used to hold, and his part of a moor which lies behind his croft, and a horse in the lord's free pasture with his horses. Witnesses: Robert de Mora, Thomas Maudut, James de Potern, Roger son of Heverard, Luke de Cainges, William Malewein, William son of Sybil, William Esperver, Hugh de Cotes, William de Cotes. [O.C. 67v.].

### Hatherop

**415** [1232-9] Agreement between Hugh abbot of Cyrencestr and Wymark prioress of Lak, that the abbot has granted that his bailiffs shall come twice a year to Heperop to hold the view of frankpledge in the prioress's court, about St. Martin and Hock Day, for the pleas belonging to the king's crown and all

others pertaining to the usage of frankpledge, which court the bailiffs shall cause to be summoned. So that all men living within the liberty of the prioress of Lak, unless they have a reasonable cause why they are not able to come, shall come on those days and shall bring up all pleas belonging to the view of frankpledge to the abbot's bailiffs, and they shall be determined by view of the bailiffs. The men living within the liberty of the prioress shall on each of the two days give to the abbot 30d. whether they be amerced at the court or not, for all matters and amercements belonging to the view of frankpledge, and the amercements, if any arise there, shall remain to the prioress. If a thief and stolen goods be taken within the liberty of the prioress, they shall be taken without delay to the prison of the abbot of Cyrest' and there be received and judged. Similarly, if the hue and cry be raised within the liberty of the prioress, and by the foolishness of the prosecutor (*stulticiam conquerentis*) or by force of the sheriff or his bailiff the plea be taken away (*trahatur*) to the county court of Gloucester and the same plea be brought back (*extrahatur*) by the abbot or his bailiffs, or if any other complaint be raised within the liberty of the prioress and attached by her bailiffs or the abbot's bailiff, the abbot shall have the attachments and amercements of all those who dwell outside the liberty of the prioress which arise by occasion of such complaints, and the prioress shall similarly have the attachments and amercements of all who dwell within the liberty. Also if any plea shall be raised by any person about draught beasts taken and kept against pledge and surety from the prioress or any other dweller in her liberty, the abbot shall have the pleas and amercements arising. Further if any shall be found in the liberty who is not in frankpledge and remains there beyond a year and a day without licence from the abbot's bailiffs, the abbot shall have the amercements if any arise. And all who ought to enter into a tithing should do so before the abbot's bailiffs, saving the tithing entrance penny to the tithingman of the prioress. And all other pleas shall remain to the prioress. [O.C. 16v.]

416 30 Sept. [1249] Agreement made 30 September between Ela abbess of Lacok and Nicholas de Hedinton clerk, by which Ela let to Nicholas at farm all her manor of Hatherop; to hold to Nicholas or to whomsoever he shall wish to give or lease it for seven years, so that whatever might come to the abbess in that time shall come to him. Rent, £16. Nicholas shall render to the abbess at the end of the term sixteen oxen, or for each ox 7s.; four cows or for each cow 6s.; a hundred ewes or for each 12d.; fourteen wethers and four sheep or for each 12d.; forty-two ram lambs or for each 8d.; and forty ewe lambs or for each 8d. It shall be at the choice of the abbess whether she receive the stock or the price. Nicholas shall also render to the abbess 228a. fallowed for wheat and oats, and 5a. ploughed for a third time (*rebinata*). He shall also render thirty quarters of wheat for sowing, and eighteen quarters of barley for the same and thirty quarters of barley for the allowances of the work-people. If it should happen that the abbess should be indebted to Nicholas and should owe him any money and not pay it, then Nicholas may have the farm and hold it but not pay the rent of £16 at the stated terms until he has the full payment

of the money, observing the agreement in all other respects. In the last year all the corn shall remain to Nicholas except the seed and the allowances, and all the barton (*bretona*) with granges and all easements until St. Peter's Chains. Warranty. If by defect of the warranty Nicholas should lose anything, he ought to be made full recompense to the value of his loss. Witnesses: Sir Reynold de Caln, Sir William de Calne, Sir Henry de Hertham, William de Tenhid, Roger de Stodleye, William the writer, Walter de Sterkle, Robert de Holta, Sir Walter de Netherton chaplain, Andrew de Coln, William Edrich. [O.C. 25v.].

**417** [1239–50] Agreement between Ela abbess of Lacok and Nicholas de Hedinton clerk, whereby Ela has leased to Nicholas the services of Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, Simon de Gatesden, Osbert de Wyhford, Oliver son of William with all his brood, Margery the relict of Fodwyn with all her brood, John Redhod with all his brood, Gervase with all his brood, Sybil with all her brood, Maud the relict of William le Freke with all her brood, William le Bormer with all his brood, Edward son of Adam Massor with all his brood, Thurstan with all his brood, William Niweman with all his brood, John Spirgayn with all his brood, Roger Eylrich with all his brood, Mabel the weaver with her [brood], and Lucy the relict of Walter the shoemaker, and all the land which Ralph the marshal formerly held. To hold for all the days of his life with guards, reliefs, escheats, and all other things belonging to the said holdings. For this grant, and for the land which Ela gave to Nicholas de Sagh, Nicholas's nephew, Nicholas has discharged Ela for fifty marks against William Lungesp'. The abbess has also given to Nicholas de Hedington the house which belonged to Thomas de Ebelesburn with all the close, to possess for his life, so that none may live in it except with his permission. Witnesses: Sir Godfrey de Eskedemor, Sir Alexander de Cheverel, Sir Ralph de Angens, Sir John de Vernun, Sir William le Droys knights; William de Tunhid, Michael de Tunhid, John de Langeford, Robert de Holta clerk, John the parker, John de Cettre. [O.C. 26].

**418** [c. 1249] Agreement between Ela abbess of Lacok and Ela countess of Warwick, by which the abbess leased and granted to the countess all her manor of Hathrop with escheats and all other things which they had or could have, to hold for her [the countess's] life, paying yearly 100s. Witnesses: Sir Philip Basset, Sir William de Odingeseles, Sir John Lovel, Sir Adam de Puriton, Sir Alexander de Chiverel, Sir Roger Sifrewast, Sir Ralph de Angens, Sir Henry de Herham knights; Andrew de Culne, William de Stokes, Richard le Faukener. [O.C. 24v.].

**419** Octave of Trinity 1249. Final concord made in the king's court at Wilton in the octave of Trinity 33 Hen. III between Ela abbess of Lacok plaintiff, and Ela countess of Warwick impediend, of the manor of Heytrop. The countess recognized the manor to be the right of the abbess, for which the abbess granted it to the countess for her life, paying the abbess 100s. a year.

For this the countess quitclaimed to the abess all the right which she had in twenty librates of land which she [the countess] first held of William Longesp' in Cettre. [N.C. 105v.].

**420** Gift by Ingram le Waleys to Ela Longespee countess of Warwick, of all his land of Hatherop with all villeins and their broods. To hold of the abess of Lacok. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Heliun, Sir Robert de Mesy, Sir Nicholas de Lusteshulle, Sir Richard de la Rivere, Sir John Walrond of Bluntesdon knights; William de Soliers, Adam de Budeford, Roger de Writele, Roger de Radenham. [N.C. 104].

**421** Gift in free alms by Ela Longespeye countess of Warwick, to the abess of Lacok, of all the land which she bought of Sir Ingram le Waleys in the town of Hatherop with all villeins and their broods. To hold of the countess. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Heliun, Sir Robert de Meysi, Sir Nicholas de Lusteshull, Sir Richard de la Rivere, Sir John Walerond of Bluntesdon knights; William de Solers, Adam de Budeford, Robert de Britele, Adam de Rugham. [N.C. 104v.].

**422** 4 May 1284. Royal licence to Ela countess of Warwick, to give a messuage and twelve virgates of land in Etherop to the abess of Lacok in mortmain. At Karnarvan 4 May 12 Edw. I. [N.C. 105].

**423** 22 Nov. 1287. Quitclaim by Ela Longesp' countess of Warwick, to the church of blessed Mary and blessed Bernard of Lacok, of the manor of Hatherop, which she had by grant of Ela formerly abess of Lacok, for her life. For this the abess shall pay Ela the countess, or her attorney by letters patent delivered to the abbey, £20 a year for life, that is £10 at Easter and £10 at Michaelmas, under a penalty of £10 to be paid to the subsidy of the Holy Land for each term not paid, together with any damages and costs which the countess shall sustain by reason of the non-payment such as she shall be able reasonably to prove or state. If the abess shall cease to pay the rent at the stated terms the countess may distrain on all goods and chattels on the abess's lands in Hatherop, both those which were of Sir Ingram le Waleys and those which are the subject of the present quitclaim, to the full extent of the arrears and damages. For the greater security of this, the abess subjects herself to the distraint and coercion of the sheriff of Gloucester and of the bailiffs of the hundred of the abbot of Cyrencestr, so that they may distrain on the goods and chattels found in the manor of Hatherop, retain them, and for each distraint of each part [*sic; meaning not clear*] pay 20s. to the countess of her attorney until she be satisfied. At Lacok Saturday after St. Edmund the Martyr 16 Edw. I. [N.C. 103v.].

**424** [1235-6] Quitclaim for 50s. by Hugelina formerly wife of Randal Sandebroil, to the prioress of Lak, of one third of a hide of land in the town of Hatherop which she claimed in dower. The quitclaim was made at Gloucester

before the royal justices in the 20th year of Henry III. [O.C. 19 and 66v.; N.C. 103].

**425** 22 May 1248. Notification by Walter son of Avery (*Aufreus*) the miller of Alurinton, that he has demolished a fulling-mill, which he built to the detriment of Ela abess of Lacok in Hethrop and to the detriment of William de Stok in Nether-ton, on the Friday before Ascension 32 Hen. III in the eyre of the justices at Gloucester, so that he or his heirs may never rebuild it except by licence of the abess and William and their heirs, and if he shall presume to do so he shall pay the abess 100s. and William 40s. for their damages and expenses which they shall say they have received, and that this shall be believed by their simple word without the burden of further proof. Walter further grants that he and his heirs shall be liable for all their lands and chattels to be distrained by the sheriff of Gloucester and the bailiffs of Hethrop without any contradiction or plea, and for the greater security of this agreement he has sworn an oath on the gospels and found as pledges to the abess Simon le Mazun of Leche [and] Peter of Hatherop the son of Richard. Witnesses: Robert de Evereus, Hugh de Faireford, Ralph de Leche, William de Leche, Swettus de Fifhide, Walter Bolle, Adam le Grant, Andrew de Culn, William Edrich. [O.C. 63; N.C. 102v.].

**426** [1239-57] Notification by William le Fauconer of Hethrop that he has bound all his land in the manor of Hethrop and all which belongs to it to Ela abess of Lacok, to hold without any hindrance if in any way it shall happen that she suffer damage because the title of the house of Lacok *ad ordinem presbiteri episcopo Wygorn me presentaverunt*. Witnesses: Robert de Hatherop chaplain, Andrew de Culne, Robert de Holta, William de Nether-ton clerk. [O.C. 71; N.C. 103].

**427** 24 June 1306. Homage of Henry de Brut. On Friday St. John the Baptist 34 Edw. I in the hall of the abess at Lacok, in the presence of the Lady M. countess of Lincoln, Sir John de la Grave parson of Nony, Walter de Walhop, and Walter de Wyke, Henry le Brut did homage and fealty to Joan de Montfort abess of Lacok, for the tenements which he holds and claims to hold of her in Ameney Sancte Crucis of the barony of Hatherop in the county of Gloucester. By this homage Henry is bound to satisfy the abess of the heriots of his predecessors, reliefs and marriages, and other matters. [O.C. 74].

**428** 20 Dec. 1377. Lease for 60 years by Faith abess of Lacok, to Sir John Waterus parson of the church of Hathrop, of a toft with croft and land which Henry Roolf formerly held of the lessors in Hathrop. Rent, 2s. The lessee to build in the toft a competent house within seven years. At Lacok in the chapter-house 20 December 1 Ric. II. [Ward. 2/94B/112].

**429** 24 Apr. 1524. Notification by John Yong rector of the parish church of Hatherop in the diocese of Worcester, that he is bound to pay Joan Temms



abbess of Lakoke, and her successors, a rent of 6s. 8d. At Lakok 24 April 1524. [N.C. 75v.].

### Hanham and Bitton

**430** Gift for three marks by Parnel first-born daughter of Robert de Daminevilla, in her liege widowhood, to Walter de Burgh, of that mansion which Sweyn the reeve formerly held in the town of Hanum with all the crofts and all the meadow and all the close and all the grove and all the land of Norgerston and half the land in the arable fields and 2a. in la Moucrofte belonging to the mansion, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Kineworthe Gerstone, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. which lies under Laberga. Also 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of meadow in Holemede of the meadow Hordolf next to the meadow of Adam Malet son of Adam Malet. Rent, 6d. for all service save the royal service as much as belongs to three parts of a virgate of land in that fee. Witnesses: Robert de Hanum, Robert Joyce, Adam Malet, Martin de Aldelande, William de Churchelega. [O.C. 34; N.C. 119].

**431** Gift in free alms by Parnel first-born daughter of Robert de Damenevilla, in her liege widowhood, to the church of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of 22a. of arable land of her demesne land in the manor of Button, viz. in Northefelde 5a. in Cleyfurlang, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. in Yaulcumbe next to the acre of Nicholas le Hayward, 1a. which was of Walter Padel on Rededon,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. at Holegref,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. before the messuage of Benceline de Culihale, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. called Dunhalfaker, and in Suthfelde 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. on Bydoneshevede, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. at Hundeswelle, and on the west of the green way 6a. which extend on Swanemed on the south side, 1a. which extends on Holemed, and 2a. of meadow in Deulonde, and also all the claim which she has to the homage and service of Walter de Burgh and his heirs by reason of the tenement he holds of her in that manor, and Robert le Wyvel and all his brood, and all the land he held of her, and the messuage of Richard le Peleter, and pasture for all manner of animals which they may have in the said manor both in woods and in other common pastures. Quit of all secular service belonging to the king and his bailiffs. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Wyhton, Sir John de Acton, Sir Walter de Wyke knights; James Lawarre, Robert de Hanum, William Earl, William Marmiun, Ellis Beket, Martin de Aldelonde, Walter de Burgh, Robert de Holta clerk. [O.C. 33v.; N.C. 119v.].

**432** Gift in free alms by Parnel de Damenevilla in her liege widowhood, to the abbey of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of all her land in the manor of Buttone. Witnesses: Sir Henry de Hertham, Sir Peter parson of Trubrege, Walter de Tenhide, Adam Malet, Martin de Hertham, Walter de Burgh, Roger de Holta, Jordan de Hedeneswyke. [O.C. 34v.; N.C. 120].

**433** [1257-83] Quitclaim for 40s. by Robert Marmiun son of William Marmiun, to Beatrice abbess of Lacok, of all his right in the lands and

tenements which Robert Perpunt once had and held at Hanum. Witnesses: Sir Adam de Greivile, Sir Richard de la More, Sir William Bluet knights; Henry de Montfort clerk, Adam Maleth, Richard Pointel, Hugh the clerk. [O.C. 35v.; N.C. 120].

**434** [1257-83] Lease by Beatrice abbess of Lacoc to Maud Tursteyn of Stowa and Hugh her son, 'our clerk', of that half virgate which Walter de Burgh formerly held in Button at Hanum, and all that land called Bordlond *apud nos*. To hold for their lives. Rent for Bordlond, 12d. The lessees shall maintain the houses at Hanum in the condition they found them, or better, at their own cost unless a case of burning by an inopportune fire shall arise, or decay, nor may they fell any tree except for the maintenance and amendment of the houses, and then only with permission. Witnesses: Adam de Kersie then steward at Lacok, Robert Marmiun, Adam Maleth, Martin the clerk, Richard Pointel, Jordan de Lacok, Roger de Hedinton, Robert Gocelin. [O.C. 35].

**435** 7 July 1288. Lease for 100s. by Juliana abbess of Lacok, to John son of Reynold de Wydihull, of all that tenement which Hugh de Lacok and Agnes his mother formerly held of the abbess for their lives at Hanum in the manor of Button, viz. a house and half a virgate belonging to it, and another half virgate called Borlaund without a house. To hold the house and all the land with meadows and pastures, and also with a certain *virgulto* belonging to the house, for life. Rent, 12s. John is to maintain the house, viz. the hall with chamber, grange, ox-house, and a certain little house outside the gate, in the state which he received them, or better, at his own cost. He is not allowed to fell any great trees growing there except for the repair of the buildings, nor to do waste or destruction in the *virgulto*, but he is allowed reasonable estovers therein. Witnesses: Peter de Baldemere, Adam de Rugham our steward, Thomas de la Boxe our clerk, John Chanu of Upton, Robert de Putot, Ellis Brown, Thomas le Knyzt of Aldelonde. Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr 16 Edw. I. [N.C. 120v.].

**436** 29 Sept. 1298. Lease for 12s. made Michaelmas 26 Edw. I by Agnes abbess of Lacok, to Walter le Massun and Mabel his wife, of all that tenement which Roger le Wyvel held in the town of Hanum. To hold for their lives. Rent, 12s. Walter and Mabel are to keep the houses, hedges, ditches, and enclosures of the tenement in repair at their own costs, and shall live in it continually for their lives. Clauses for distraint and re-entry. Witnesses: Sir Stephen de la More knight, David le Blund, John de Wydehull, Thomas de la Grave of Bristoll, John Russel of Bristoll. [N.C. 121].

**437** 27 Sept. 1325. Lease by Joan abbess of Lacok, to John Flye of Button and John his son, of a messuage and curtilage with 2a. of land in Button which John de Brugges formerly held of the abbey, of which 1a. lies between the land of John Marmyon on the side and the royal way on the other, and the other

lies in Kyremarecoumbe between the land of Richard en la Gorstes and the land of John Delrobe. To hold for their lives. Rent, 3s. at St. Denis. The lessees are to well and honestly build and edify the tenement between Michaelmas 1325 and Michaelmas 1326. Witnesses: Sir Stephen de la More knight, John de Santemareys, Benet de Wydihull, Richard le Blunt, Henry Chanu. Wednesday before Michaelmas 19 Edw. II. [Ward. 2/94B/2].

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**438** [1350-1] Lease by Maud abbess of Lacok, to Geoffrey Broun and Edith his wife, of all lands and tenements in . . . Hanam. To hold for their lives. Rent, 13s. 4d. . . . The lessees to maintain . . . the lessors to distrain . . . . Lacok. Tuesday before . . . 24 Edw. III. [E 40/9416].

**439** 11 Feb. 1516. Lease by Joan abbess of Lacok, to John Taylour and Juliana his wife and William their son, of a tenement with curtilage and a virgate of land and closes of meadow and pasture in the parsih of Button which John Jones and Agnes his wife formerly held for their lives, with a cottage and garden and acre of land in Button. To hold for their lives, taking competent housebote, haybote, ploughbote, and firebote from the trees and fuel growing thereon. Rent, 13s. Clauses for maintenance, distraint, and re-entry. Nicholas Yong attorney to deliver seisin. Witnesses: John Staunton and Humphrey Lewellyne gentlemen, John Rugevale husbandman. At Lacok in the chapter-house 11 February 7 Hen. VIII. [B.L. Add. Ch. 26480].

**440** 5 Mar. 1530. Lease by Joan Temmys abbess of Lacok, to John Taylour the elder, Philip and William Taylour his sons, of a tenement and a virgate of land in Button which John Jones and Agnes his wife late held for their lives, and a cottage, garden, and 1a. of land in Button. To hold for their lives. Reserving to the abbey all great trees and their underwood with free ingress and egress to cut and carry them, the lessees to take housebote, haybote, ploughbote, and firebote from the residue of the wood and underwood. Also reserving to the abbey all coals within and on the land with free ingress and egress with all necessaries for digging and carrying them. Rent, 13s. Covenants for maintenance, distraint, and re-entry. Nicholas Yong attorney to deliver seisin. [B.L. Add. Ch. 7703].

**441** Gift in free alms by Agnes relict of Athelin Germund, in her liege widowhood, to the church of St. Mary and blessed Bernard of Lacock, of two stalls in the town of Bristoll between the house of John la Warre and the stall of the abbess of St. Edward and the stall of Hawise Rag between the two royal ways (*itineraria regalia*). Rent to the king, 12d. Witnesses: Sir Ellis Long then mayor of Bristoll, Gilbert de Merleberge then reeve, Nicholas de Limis then likewise reeve, Thomas de Bercham, Roger de Bercham, William de Becham, Richard de Bercham, Robert de Kilmeynam, Hamon the clerk, John Tike, Walter de Monemue. [O.C. 59v.; N.C. 123].

**442** Gift in free alms by Maud daughter of Athelin, to the church of St. Mary and blessed Bernard of Lacok, of 2s. rent payable by her and her heirs out of her house between the house of Gerard le Franceys and the church of St. Lawrence. Witnesses: as No. 441. [O.C. 63v.; N.C. 123].

**443** Gift in free alms by John Tike of Bristoll, to the abbey of St. Mary and St. Bernard of Lacoc, of a house which he held between the houses of Eve de Brianer and of Thorold, facing towards Monekebrige, with the vacant land (*terra vacua*) belonging to it which Ralph le Turnur sold to John's father, Maurice Tike. Witnesses: Sir James la Warre then mayor of Bristoll, Sir William the clerk, Sir Thomas Lonoers, Sir Richard Young, Sir Ellis Long, Sir Gilbert de Merleberge, Sir Walter de Paris, Sir William de Beumunt, Sir Simon the clerk, Sir Walter de Munemue. [Ward. 2/94E/40].

**444** [1280-8] Grant by Alice abbess of Lacok, to William Spik and Christine his wife, of certain land between the land of Margery Tresor and that which was of Thorold de Monekebrugg, extending in length from the street in front as far as the wall of the town behind. Rent, 3s. In default of rent the donors shall be permitted to enter the donees' abode and distrain the goods found therein. Witnesses: Thomas de Hameledon then mayor of Bristol, Walter Franceys, Richard le Ropere then bailiff of the same, Reynold Parmenter, Adam Spik, William le Hattar, John le Wode, John Boydin clerk, Nicholas Gang. [Ward. 2/94B/90; O.C. 78v.; N.C. 124].

### Shorwell

**445** Gift for 36s. by Giles of St. Stephen to Amice countess of Devon, of a messuage in the town of Schorewell lying between the land which Roger Brun formerly held and the messuage which William Beaumont formerly held, and also 1a. lying in the same town in the furlong called Suere between the land which was Simon de Northewede's and Amice's demesne land. Witnesses: Sir William of the Isle, Sir William de Glamorgan, Sir Adam de Compton knights; Adam de Repling bailiff of the Isle, Jordan de Kyngston, Ralph de Welwarton, Jocelin de Barevill, Walter le Sergeant. [N.C. 127].

**446** Quitclaim by Jordan de Kyngeston to Lady Amice de Rivers countess of Devon, of his right in a meadow which Sir Robert de Schorewell formerly held of him in the manor of Kyngeston in the Isle of Wight. Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey de Fanecourt, Sir Walter of the Isle, Sir William de Glamorgan, Sir Reynold de Cundy, Sir Adam de Compton knights; Thomas Makerel, Ralph Bardulf, Eustace Fulcher, Adam de Rypling bailiff of the Isle. [N.C. 126v.].

**447** Quitclaim by Sybil who was wife of William de Kyngeston, to Lady Amice de Rivers countess of Devon, of as much right as she could have for her

life by name of dower in a meadow which Sir Robert de Schorewill formerly held in the manor of Kyngeston in the Isle of Wight. Witnesses: as above, No. 446. [N.C. 127].

**448** Quitclaim by Sir Adam de Compton knight, to Lady Amice de Rivers countess of Devon, of a tenement and meadow which William de Scorewill and Robert his brother formerly held of him in Arrefeld, which is called *terra travers* in the Isle of Wight. Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey de Fanecourt, Sir Walter of the Isle, Sir Reynold de Condey, Sir William de Glamorgan knights; Thomas Makerel, Ralph Bard, Jordan de Kyngbeston, Eustace Fulcher, Adam de Rypling then bailiff of the Isle. [N.C. 126].

**449** [1245-65] Gift in free alms in her widowhood, by Amice countess of Devon and lady of the Isle, for her soul and those of Gilbert de Clare earl of Gloucester, her father, Isabel countess of the same, her mother, Baldwin earl of Devon her husband, Baldwin earl of the same, her son, and all her sons, brothers, and sisters, and all living and dead bound to her by any kinship for whom she is specially bound to pray, to the church of St. Bernard of Lacok, with her heart, of her manor of Schorewell with all men living there with their broods, to hold disafforested, so that they may not be impleaded on any matter of forest or warren. Witnesses: Sir Matthew de Columbers, Sir Geoffrey de Fanencurt, Sir John Britasch, Sir John de Montalt, Sir John de Kernet, Sir Adam de Cumpton knights; John de Brummor, Jordan de Kynggeston, Eustace Foucher, Gregory the marshal, Jocelin de Barnevill, Ralph Brael, Richard de Farnehull. [O.C. 61; N.C. 128v.].

**450** Agreement made at Blummore between Lady Amice countess of Devon and lady of the Isle, and Nicholas de Depeden, concerning the manor of Schorewell which Nicholas claimed in the king's court as his hereditary right as Robert de Schorewell formerly held it. Nicholas now quitclaims all his right in return for £33 6s. 8d. to be paid at Christchurch in four equal instalments at the usual terms starting at Midsummer. If it should happen that Amice should need the advice and help of Nicholas to acquire the property, he is bound personally to give it at Amice's costs. If the lady should die before the full payment, her executors are bound to the same. For the keeping of this agreement Ralph Bardolf, for the lady, and Nicholas have pledged their faith. Witnesses: Sir Simon prior of Br[ummore], Sir Geoffrey de Hanecourt, Sir J. de Kernet knights; Master Ralph de Suwyk, Ralph Bard, William de Dupeden, Robert de la Burch, Roger de Hardel, Alan la Wace clerk, Eustace Fulcher. [N.C. 125v.].

**451** Quitclaim by Nicholas de Dupeden to Amice de Rivers countess of Devon, of all his right in the manor of Schorewell with all its appurtenances wherever they may be situated in the Isle of Wight which he had through Robert de Scorewell or any other of his ancestors. Witnesses: Sir S. prior of Brummore, Sir Geoffrey de Fanecourt, Sir Walter of the Isle, Sir William de

Glamorgan, Sir Reynold de Cundey, Sir Adam de Compton knights; Thomas Makerel, Ralph Bardulf, Eustace Fulcher, Adam de Rypling then bailiff of the Isle. [N.C. 125].

**452** Notification of Nicholas de Dupeden that he is bound to give support to Lady Amice de Rivers countess of Devon, at her costs, whenever and as often as it should be necessary, to support her rights to the manor of Schorewell, and if she should be disturbed so that she suffer any damage through his negligence or malice, he submits himself to the distraint of the bailiff of Richard earl of Cornwall of the honor of St. Walric, who can compel him to the payment of one tun of wine as often as this happens, with no denial, to the use of the said earl, and also to the making good of the damage to the countess by the judgment of upright and legal men and without any process of law. Witnesses: as No. 451. [N.C. 127v.].

**453** [c. 1265] Grant and confirmation in free alms by Isabel de Forz countess of Aumale and Devon and lady of the Isle, for the souls of her parents, and of William de Forz formerly earl of Aumale her husband, and of Baldwin formerly earl of Devon her brother, to the church of the blessed Mary and St. Bernard of Lacok, of the manor of Shorwell which they had by the gift of Amice countess of Devon with her heart. Witnesses: Sir Matthew de Columbers, Sir Geoffrey de Fanencourt, Sir John Bretaske, Sir John de Montalt, Sir John de Kernet, Sir Adam de Cumpton knights; John de Brummor, Jordan de Kingeston, Eustace Fouchier, Gregory the marshal, Jocelin de Barneville, Ralph Brael, Richard de Farnhull. [O.C. 59v.; N.C. 129v.].

**454** 13 Jan. 1265. Quitclaim in free alms by the same countess for the same souls to the church of Lacok, of suit of courts, ward, and relief which are due to her out of the manor of Shorewell. Witnesses: as last. At Brummor 13 January 1265. [O.C. 59; N.C. 130].

**455** Notification that, whereas there has arisen a difference about certain liberties in the Isle of Wight between Isabel de Forz countess of Aumale and Devon and the abbess of Lacok, at length Isabel, for her soul and those of her mother Amice formerly countess of Devon, and her sister Margery formerly a nun of Lacok, has granted to the abbess that she may have in future all the ameracements of her men of her manor of Schorewell, which she had by gift of Amice, as often as they shall happen to be amerced in her [i.e. Isabel's] court of Newport, and the abbess shall levy the ameracements by estreats which she shall receive in the court from Isabel's bailiffs, saving however to Isabel ameracements arising in any way from trespasses done to her, her bailiffs and ministers, by the abbess or her men. All the abbess's men of her manor of Schorewell shall come to the view of frankpledge or law-day (*Lagheday*) or hundred of Westmedine at Caresbrok twice a year before Isabel's bailiffs as touching the king's peace, and shall there make presentments and answers as

others of the hundred do concerning all the articles which belong to the view of frankpledge according to the custom used in those parts. And if any of the men or tenants of the abbess ought to be punished corporally for breaking the assize of bread and ale or for any other crime for which they merit judgment by the bailiffs and the consideration of the court, let judgment be carried out on them according to the law and custom of the realm. The abbess grants that if in future any writing should be found in her hands by which her men and tenants ought to be quit of or accustomed to leave Isabel's hundred which is called law-day (*Lagheday*) or view of frankpledge, or by which the abbess could hold a view of frankpledge for her men and tenants, then that writing shall be held for nothing as far as it concerns the matter of view of frankpledge, because by this writing the abbess has remised and quitclaimed all her right or claim to hold it to Isabel for ever. Witnesses: Sir John of the Isle, Sir Jordan de Kynggeston, Sir Richard de Affeton, Sir Robert de Glamorgan, Sir William de Estur knights; Otes de Cumpton, Geoffrey del Idle, William de la Clive, William de Godeshull. [N.C. 130].

**456** [c. 1286] Quitclaim for 30 marks by William de Polden chaplain, called Husi, to the abbess of Lacok, of all his right and claim to the manor of Northschorewell, which Amice de Rivers, countess of Devon and lady of the Isle, formerly wife of Baldwin earl of Devon and lord of the Isle, gave to the abbess, and which manor William claimed before the justices of the bench by writ *de avo* in the 13th year of King Edward. Witnesses: Sir William de St. Martin, Sir Henry Trenchard, Sir Jordan de Kynggeston, Sir William Lestur, Sir Robert de Glamorgan, Sir J. de Heygne knights; Hugh de Chinkehull, Otes de Cumpton, J. de Chevereden, J. de Wolvereton, William le Brode, Robert de Hareslade. [N.C. 131].

**457** Easter term 1286. Final concord made in the king's court at Westminster one month from Easter 14 Edw. I between William Huse of Poledon plaintiff, by Peter de Bereford his attorney, and Alice abbess of St. Bernard of Lacok tenant, by William Laurenz of Wilton her attorney, concerning a mesuage and two carucates of land in North Schorewell, which William recognized to be the right of the abbess. For this she gave him thirty marks. [N.C. 131v.].

**458** 25 Mar. 1298. Agreement made Lady Day 26 Edw. I between Agnes abbess of Lacok, and Simon archpriest of the house of the Holy Trinity, Burton, that, whereas the abbess demands of the prior [*sic*] suit at her court in her manor of Schorewell by reason of a tenement which he holds of her at la Wallepanne in the said manor, the abbess has granted that the prior shall be quit of the suit for 12d. a year. Clause for distraint. Witnesses: Robert de Hareslade, William Brode, Robert Bosse, Philip Peny, John Passelewe, William de Heringgefurd, Nicholas Crethamkyng, Thomas Kyngot. [N.C. 134].

**459** Trinity term 1300. Note of an allowance made to the abbes of Lacok at the king's Exchequer at York in the account of Humphrey de Dunsterre constable of Karesbrok in Trinity term 28 Edw. [I] as follows.

Payment made to the abbes of Lacok for ameracements of her men raised by estreats in the knights' court in the

23rd year	15s.
24th year	17s. 6d.
25th year	18s. 6d.
26th year	20s. 6d. [O.C. 74].

**460** 8 June 1315. Royal writ to the treasurer of the Exchequer. The abbes of Lacok has alleged that she holds the manor of Schorewell in free alms and not by military service, by which reason it was not obliged to pay the aid of 40s. from each of the knights' fees in the kingdom to Edward, the king's father, for marrying his eldest daughter, yet the sheriffs have molested and distrained on the abbes; it is now ordered that the charter of gift of Amice countess of Devon, and the royal confirmation of it, should be inspected, and if it is evident that she holds in free alms, she is to be quit of the aid and the distraint is to be relaxed. At Thundele 8 June 8 Edw. [II]. [O.C. 2v.].

**461** 16 June 1315. Writ to the sheriff of Southampton ordering him to respite the claim for the aid and relax the distraint until his next account, and meanwhile to order the abbes that she should be at the next account at the Exchequer to prosecute the claim and show her charters, or after the account the aid will be levied from her goods and chattels without delay. [O.C. 3].

**462** June 1315. Two similar writs concerning the scutages for the Scottish armies of 28, 31, and 34 Edw. I (the second addressed to the collectors of the scutage). [O.C. 3-3v.].

**463** Royal writ to John de Amnery bailiff and farmer of the hundreds of Westmedewe and Estmedewe in the Isle of Wight or his under-bailiff, reciting the gift of the manor of Shorwelle, and the agreement that the abbes should have all the ameracements of her men (No. 455 above), which until recently she has had without hindrance; order to allow her to receive them as before, to return any collected unjustly to her, and to answer at the Exchequer why a previous order was disregarded. Witness: H. Lescrof, at Westminster 12 May 5 Hen. [O.C. 57].

**464** Gift by Robert de Schorewell to William, son of William de Kyngeston, of a furlong of land in his manor of Schorewell called seven acres, and 3a. of demesne land in the furlong called Langelond, with all the land lying between the said 3a. and the land of Jordan de Kyngeston; also all the land which John le Bonier, Thomas de Slocumbe, John Nash, Gilbert Baret, William Mokedyhs, and William le Careter held of Robert in the manor with common



of pasture for 150 sheep, and the said men and all their broods. To hold to him and his legitimate heirs. Rent, a pair of gloves price 1d. Also for the maintenance of the messuage which Thomas de Slocumbe held, two carts of thorns and one of twigs yearly in the wood of the manor. If William should die before Robert without issue, the lands may remain to Adam his brother and his heirs. If William outlives Robert he can give the lands etc. to any of his brothers to whom he should wish to give it. If he die without issue and has not given it to any of his brothers, it is to return to his legitimate heirs. Witnesses: Geoffrey of the Isle, Walter of the Isle, Jordan of the Isle, Walter de Tycheburne, William Clamorgan, Adam de Compton, Jordan de Kyngeston, Gervase de Wlverton, Jocelin de Bareville, Master Thomas Crispyn who composed this charter. [O.C. 75].

**465** Quitclaim by Beatrice who was the wife of Giles of St. Stephen, to the abbess of Lacok, of her right in land called Sydewynes furlang in North Scorewell which she had by grant of Sir Robert de Scorewell for her life. Witnesses: John de Wolverton, Robert de Hareslade, William le Brode, John Hug, Robert the smith, Nicholas Mariot. [N.C. 128v.].

**466** Gift for half a mark by William de Schorewelle to Ralph son of Robert Godwyn, of all that land of Rugerig which Richard Ruffus formerly held which was of the fee of Walter of the Isle, and also pasture for a hundred sheep in his common pasture upon la Rigge, and fuel for his hearth. Rent, 6s. Witnesses: Ralph Maskerel, Otes de Tubton, Herbert de Walpann, Gilbert Ruffus, Walter Park, Robert de Butebrige, Richard the clerk. [N.C. 125].

**467** [1257-83] Gift for 100s. by Walter, son and heir of Ralph Godwyne of Ruffrige, to Beatrice abbess of Lacoc, of a messuage and all the land and tenement [*sic*] with common pasture which he held of his inheritance in Ruffrige of the abbess, to hold as her right belonging to her free manor of Norsorewall. Witnesses: Sir Jordan de Kyngeston, Otes de Compton, John de Heyne, William de la Mare, William le Coffreville, Richard de Suthe, William le Brode, Robert le Carpentar. [O.C. 73].  
O.C. reads Ruthbrigg [*sic*] and Ruthrigg; Heyno; William de Cornvil; Richard Suke; and adds Giles of St. Stephen.

**468** 16 July 1266. Notification by Nicholas le Someter that of his own free will he has caused Beatrice abbess of Lacok to have a transcript of a certain charter of his as follows.

Gift by Robert de Schorewell to Richard le Someter for his homage and service, of all the hill (*montem*) of Chiveredon belonging to his [Robert's] free tenement of Schorewell as the metes and bounds which are there show; also one croft in la Brok which extends from the land which Richard del Brok held as far as the ditch on the eastern side of the sheep-fold (*bercherie*) which the monks of Quarrareria made, and on the north to the way called Cumbwey, and on the south as far as the land which Richard

de Brok held and the land which Wystan and Geoffrey Huberd held; also a heath (*bruciam*) on the north side of la Cumbewey and extends on the east over the land which Richard le Noble and Herbert de Solocumba held, and on the west equally as far as the above-named croft, and on the north as far as the metes and bounds go; also common pasture in Solocumba for two horses, 15 draught beasts, and 100 sheep, with free ingress and egress to the lands, pastures, and heath. To hold in fee; rent, a pair of gilt spurs worth 6d., or 6d., at Richard's choice, for all service, save the foreign service, namely 2d. when a mark should be given for a knight's fee in the Isle, and so in proportion. Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey of the Isle, Sir Thomas de Haila, Th. de Evercy, Sir Henry Trenchard, Ralph Masterrell, J. Pavely, Walter Park, Richard the goldsmith, Geoffrey the fat (*grasso*), J. the fat. At Nicholas's instance Robert abbot of Glastonbury has also appended his seal provisionally (*ad cautelam*). At Glastonbury 17 Kal. August 1266. [O.C. 62v.; N.C. 132].

**469** 26 July 1266. Agreement between Nicholas le Sumeter and Beatrice abbess of Lacok that, whereas Nicholas claims the pasture rights in the abbess's common pasture in Slocumb according to the charter made by Robert de Sorewelle lord of the manor, to Richard, Nicholas's father, now of his own free will he grants and quitclaims to the abbess pasture for one horse, five draught beasts, and a hundred sheep, retaining pasture for one horse and ten draught beasts but no sheep, 7 Kal. August 1246 [*recte* 1266]. Witnesses: the abbot of Glastonbury, Sir Geoffrey de Fanecurt, Sir William de Glamorgan, Sir Thomas Oak, Sir Richard de Afton, Sir Sampson de Boxe knights. [O.C. 64].

**470** Quitclaim in free alms by Jordan de Kynggeston to the abbess of Lacok, of one virgate of land in Schorewell which Thomas de Slocumbe formerly held of Jordan, excepting two cart-loads of thorns and one cart-load of twigs (*virgarium*) which he [Jordan] receives yearly in the abbess's woods in Schorewell. To hold so that the convent may have a mark yearly at Candlemas towards a pittance (*ad pitanciam*). Witnesses: Robert de Kynggeston Jordan's son, John de Chivereden, John de Wolvereton, Robert Carpenter, William le Brode, Giles of St. Stephen, William Kyngot. [N.C. 132].

**471** 12 July 1304. Quitclaim by Walter de Wollop to Joan de Montfort abbess of Lacok, of a message, 2d. rent, and 15a. of land which he had by gift of John Symon of Northwode, saving to him a rent of 40s. for his life. At Lacok Sunday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr 32 Edw. I. [N.C. 135v.].

**472** [1296-7] Note of a plea held at Basengestok before Roger de Hengham and John de Datesford justices of assize, 25 Edw. I, in which John de Mirifeld claimed that he had been disseised by John Symon de Northwode,

Walter de Wollop, Richard de Ranecombe, William de Hedyngton and Geoffrey Swayn of Schamelode, of a messuage and 13a. of land which were his free tenement in Nothschorewell. John Symon and Walter Wollop came, the others not. Walter answered as tenant, and said he had entry by John Symon, and called him to warranty, and John freely warranted him. And John Symon and Walter Wollop for themselves and the others denied the disseisin and put themselves on the assize. And the jurors said that John de Mirifeld never had seisin as a free tenement, and so could not be disseised. John Symon and the others are *sine die*, and John de Mirifeld in mercy for a false claim. [O.C. 56v.].

Two writs connected with this case are at OC. 89\*v. and 89\*+.

**473** [1298-9] Inquisition taken 27 Edw. [I] by the oaths of all the customary tenants of the abbes concerning the tenement and land of Walter Dauwe, who said that he held of the abbes a toft with a croft towards Swuneholke extending towards the tenement of Walter which he held of the earl of Hereford; also a croft called Inhok; also a meadow called More between the meadow of Walter Hogeman and the land of Walter le Knyzt in la Langebreche; also  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land at Whitezete between the land of William Wheybole and the land of Walter Nichole; also  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. of land in the furlong called le Folde between the land of William Pouke and Nicholas Pede; also 1a. of land in Blakenhullessweye between the land of the abbes and that of Robert de Cantelupo. [Stitched to the foot of O.C. 59v.].

**474** [1290-1303] Lease by Agnes abbes of Lacok, to William Gyles of Northschorewell and Sarah his wife, of 7a. of land lying together in a furlong called Sydewynesforlang which Giles of St. Stephen formerly held of the abbes. To hold for their lives; rent, 6s. Witnesses: John de Wolfuinton, Robert de Hareslade, William le Brode, J. Hwne, Thomas le Kyng, Robert Wych, Nicholas Mariot. [N.C. 133v.].

**475** 21 Sept. 1344. Whereas Sybil abbes of Lacok leased to Edith daughter of Ralph of the Cross of Suthshorewell, for the term of her life with remainder to Richard her brother for the term of his life, a messuage with curtilage and one virgate of land with common pasture in Northshorewell, and afterwards Edith and Richard surrendered to the abbes the premises together with the writing, the abbes has leased the same premises in survivorship to Thomas le Wythe of Lemmerston and the said Edith. Rent, 6s. 8d. Suit to the lessor's court annually, and heriot when it may arise. Reversion to the abbes saving the goods, chattels, and crops (*bladiis*) growing, which shall remain to their executors. Witnesses: John William, Thomas de Vaus, Thomas Hareslade, Robert Hugh, Henry Wyth. At Lacok St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist 18 Edw. III. [Ward. 2/94E/63].

**476** 15 Sept. 1443. Lease by Agnes Fray abbes of Lacock, to John Payn and Thomas his son, of the manor of Shorwell, to hold for their lives; rent, £16. [Jantzen Catalogue 105/1971].

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