

CHARTERS OF BATTLE ABBEY

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INTRODUCTION

For the Conqueror's Eigenkloster of Battle there survive some five hundred original charters of the thirteenth and early-fourteenth centuries, the majority of them in the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, which purchased them in 1923.¹ Today no such sale and dispersal abroad of English manuscripts and charters would be allowed. The Battle charters, rolls and books were sold by the Websters in 1831 to the bookseller, Thomas Thorpe, who listed many of them.² Subsequently they came into the collection of Sir Thomas Phillipps, from whose estate they were acquired by the Huntington, but thirty-five of the charters (including three strays) were sold separately at Sotheby's on 9 June 1931 as lots 373 and 375, where they attracted the attention of the sigillographer and collector and expert in seals, Captain A.W.F. Fuller. Without disrespect it could be said that what was appended to the seal was of minor interest to Fuller. Thus strangely, by an irony of history, a small but (as can be seen below) not unrepresentative collection of charters from the great Benedictine abbey of St Martin, Battle, has survived in this country, having been given to the University of London Library by Captain Fuller's widow in July 1965, through the National Art-Collections Fund, in memory of her husband and of her father-in-law, the Reverend Alfred Fuller.³

The charters which have been edited below extend in date from 1140 x 1170 to 1527 and come from the Battle archive.

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1. See Eleanor Searle, Lordship and Community: Battle Abbey and its Banlieu, 1066-1538 (Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Studies & Texts 26, Toronto, 1974), p.113. They occupy boxes 35 to 45 in the Battle collection in the Huntington Library and are listed in Thorpe (see note 2, below).
 2. Thomas Thorpe, Descriptive Catalogue of the...Muniments of Battle Abbey (London, 1835). The title page offers the note 'It is presumed that no collection of manuscripts of equal importance, in a national point of view, has ever been offered for sale'.
 3. The present press-mark of these charters is University of London Library Fuller Collection I/28/1-34b.

With one exception, all those from before 1309 are to be found listed in the late-thirteenth century Battle cartulary (Battle Abbey Papers vol.29=H) now in the Huntington Library, or registered in the Sacrist's cartulary (Battle Abbey Papers vol.30) also in the Huntington. The exception is an attestation concerning the lands of Sybil of Icklesham which was not registered probably because of its ephemeral interest. An endowment for two monks of Battle to say masses for the Hoo family, dated 1483, was too late to gain registration in these earlier books. Also in the collection are three charters, one of the fifteenth century and two of the sixteenth century, concerning the vill of Battle, and three strays, one a thirteenth-century charter from Robertsbridge abbey (whose deeds were also acquired by the Websters) and two sixteenth-century deeds from Ewhurst in Sussex. Some of the listed Battle deeds are registered in extenso in the earlier (thirteenth-century) Battle cartulary, now in Lincoln's Inn Library (Hale MS 87).

The charters of St Martin's, Battle, relate to the rape of Hastings, the leuga or lowy (the area within a league, that is one and a half miles, of the high altar) and the vill, which was marked, by the late thirteenth century at least, by the town crosses.¹ Two charters concern the rape of Hastings, five (plus the three later ones) come from the vill and from two of the borghs of the vill, Middleborough and Sandlake, and seven come from Iltonsbath in Sedlescombe, kept, as the cartulary tells us, in the leuga chest.² There are also charters from Broomham in the Park and from Bathurst and from Hemingfold within the leuga. The charters from outside the leuga deal with Barnhorne in Bexhill, Icklesham, Maxfield in Guestling, Barehurst in

1. Searle, op. cit., p.122.

2. No really satisfactory map of the leuga has yet been provided. Searle puts Iltonsbath just outside the leuga, but there is reason to suppose that, at least by the thirteenth century, the monks thought of it as within, being only a short distance beyond their home farm at Marley and connected with Battle by the river Brede.

Ticehurst and Whatlington.

The monastic archivists, who compiled the detailed lists in the general cartulary, now in the Huntington Library, filed the charters in separate cophini, or coffers.¹ The largest number of coffers were assigned apparently to the vill. Where the royal charters were kept, naturally of great importance at Battle although mainly forgeries, is not known. Those of the Æu family, lords of the rape of Hastings, and considerable patrons of Battle, seem to have been located, at least in the case of our two charters, in the coffer of Sedlescombe. Bathurst, Broomham and Iltonsbath were all in the coffer or coffers of the leuga, while Barnhorne and Barehurst probably had their own containers, as Whatlington certainly did. A charter of Sybil of Icklesham, granting the advowson of the church of Icklesham to the abbot and convent of Battle, however, found its place in a separate category dealing with advowsons and appropriations of churches and was not filed by location.

Probably at the time when the monks gave these charters their separate numbers, they also marked each one with a symbol closely resembling the arithmetical division sign (\div) if it had a seal.² If the symbol was preceded by a 'C' in the cartulary, it can be deduced that it was a gift (con-cessio), if by a 'Q', it was a quitclaim (quietumclamatio) and if by 'Con', then it was either a confirmation (confir-matio) or an agreement (conventio). These abbreviations were not, however, added to the dorse of the documents, only the seal symbol and the number in the location sequence. The whole working archive of Battle, as it was in the late-thirteenth century can thus be reconstructed before our eyes from the originals and from the cartulary or finding list, but for the full texts of some of the charters it is necessary to consult the thirteenth-century cartulary in Lincoln's Inn, a more conventional register of deeds. The

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1. Coffinus seems to suggest a basket-like receptacle, a wicker-work coffer or hanaper, which would have allowed the air to circulate amongst the documents.
 2. H f.102. This, perhaps, suggests that the seals had textile bags, although none survives.

details in H are no more than abstracts,¹ and in the case of the vill and leuga, indeed, with their numerous charters, they are scarcely more than headings, or titles, with the one exception of a full text for the advowson charter of Sybil of Icklesham, noted above, which was transcribed in full in the cartulary.

In spite of the smallness of the present collection, it has seemed desirable to return the charters to their original archival arrangement and order and this has been done as follows:-²

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| I | <u>Eu</u>
no.3 (Edition no.1)
no.5 (" " 2) |
| II | <u>Battle vill</u>
no.44 (Edition no.3)
no.57 (" " 4)
no.100 (" " 5)
no.101 (" " 6)
no.110 (" " 7) |
| III | <u>Broomham in the Park</u>
no.18 (Edition no.8)

<u>Bathurst (Bodherst) (in cophino de Leuga)</u>
no.3 (Edition no.9)
no.10 (" " 10) |
| IV | <u>Iltonsbath (in cophino de Leuga)</u>
no.2 (Edition no.11)
no.3 (" " 12)
no.4 (" " 13)
no.6 (" " 14)
no.7 (" " 15)
no.8 (" " 16)
no.11 (" " 17) |
| V | <u>Barnhorne in Bexhill (presumably own cophinus)</u>
no.28 (Edition no.18)
no.29 (" " 19)
no.30 (" " 20)
no.41 (" " 21) |

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1. This, therefore, has been noted in referring to cartulary H at the head of each charter.
 2. The numbers given first are the monks' endorsement numbers which accord with the entries in cartulary H. Those in brackets are the numbers used in the present edition and in this introduction. A concordance of the edition numbers and the Fuller numbers is provided on p.xiii.

- VI Barehurst in Ticehurst
no.1 (Edition no.22)
no.3 (" " 23)
- VII Icklesham (advowson section)
no.9 (Edition no.24)
- VIII Whatlington (own cophinus)
no.3 (Edition no.25)
- IX Maxfield in Guestling
Not in the cartulary (Edition no.26)
- X Hemingfold
Sacrist's cartulary ff.17v-18 (Edition no.27)
- XI Attestation concerning the lands of Sybil
of Icklesham (Edition no.28)
- XII Endowment of masses to be said for the
Hoo family (Edition no.29)
- XIII Battle vill
3 later charters (Edition nos.30-32)
- XIV Strays
Robertsbridge: 1 charter (Edition no.33)
Ewhurst: 2 charters (Edition nos.34-5)

The sections after VIII consist of charters of which we have no record in cartulary H. Section IX charter no.26 (Fuller no.22) is a charter of Ralph le Hay concerning Maxfield in Guestling and is endorsed: 'Ista non habet locum quia reditus qui in eo continetur per aliam cartam quieteclamatus est' and 'Vacat quia alibi facta est mentio'. Arranged after this come the Hemingfold charter, which was transcribed into the Sacrist's cartulary, the two unlisted charters, which are discussed above, the later vill charters and finally the three strays to the collection.

That the chronological arrangement was by no means a natural one to a thirteenth-century registrar is shown by the Iltonsbath charters which were grouped basically by donor and within that grouping possibly by the natural chronology that the charters of sons follow those of the father and so on. Thus the two charters of Gilbert of Etchingham (nos.14 and 15) are followed by a charter of his two sons (no.16). Gilbert's charters can be dated before 1220, whereas they were preceded by a charter concerning Richard de Ore of the late 1240s, and that of his sons is followed by an earlier

charter of Oliver of Westfield.

Dating the charters has presented very considerable problems. All save nine of the thirty-five are undated. On a larger collection it would have been possible to have used the punched card techniques described by Dr D.E. Greenway,¹ but on such a small number this could not be done. Professor Searle has contended that the majority of the charters could be dated 'within a year':² the opportunity awaits someone at the Huntington Library who is interested in the diplomatic of English charters. Several of the charters can be dated by the dates of the counts of Eu, of an abbot of Battle, or by the death of a donor or patron, but for the main group of charters dating has depended on two key witnesses, about whom it is necessary to say a few words.

Three charters depend for their date on the inclusion among the witnesses of Thomas de Kingesnade (of Kingsnorth), abbey bailiff for Wye, who is known to have died by 1220.³ Numbers 14 and 15 have identical witnesses, including Thomas de Kingesnade, and were probably made on the same occasion. Occurring with Thomas de Kingesnade, on each of the three occasions, is the ubiquitous Michael de Beche, burgess of Battle. Michael, the eldest of the five sons of Reginald de Beche, and hence the last to inherit according to the custom of Borough English, witnesses charters from at least 1220 until the early 1270s, and appears in fourteen charters in the present collection, often witnessing first.⁴ By 1273 he was dead; and, if the descent recorded in the Coram Rege Rolls is correct, no Michael de Beche who inherited the main Beche tenement occurs before him.⁵ In 1309, however,

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1. D.E. Greenway, 'The Use of Punched Cards in the Dating of Charters', Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research 1 (1977), pp.110-112.
 2. Searle, op. cit., p.115.
 3. Nos.14, 15, 17. Searle, op.cit., p.116 n.28 citing Curia Regis Rolls ix.373 and x.214 (x.12, as given in Searle, is incorrect).
 4. Nos.3, 5, 10-11, 13-17, 19-20, 23, 25-26.
 5. Sussex Archaeological Collections lxvi (1925), pp.81-2 citing Coram Rege Roll 5, m.8d (Trinity 1 Edward I).

another Michael de Beche appears, possibly a son of the first Michael and an elder brother of Richard, Michael's heir, or maybe Richard's son.¹ He witnesses with William de Penehurst, William de Hodesdale, Reginald de Beche (? his uncle or brother), Joyce de Ferne, Nicholas de Cokkesend, John atte More, Simon of Broomham, Robert le Bordere, John le Forster, Daniel le Taylour and Stephen the parson. Both Robert le Bordere and John le Forster occur in another charter dated 1294. This combination of witnesses has no relationship with those of the other Michael de Beche charters where the witness patterns usually include one or several of the following: Luke de Swinham, Philip of Ashford (Essetesford), Hugh de Flintham, Lambin King, Richard Marshal, Renger of Whatlington. Groups of these may be presumed to witness with the Michael de Beche who was dead by 1273 and, since we have no other specific terminal dates for any of these witnesses, the date of before 1273 has been preferred to rough dates such as early thirteenth century or mid-thirteenth century. Until detailed analysis of all the surviving Battle abbey charters is undertaken closer dating will not be possible.

Diplomatically the charters illustrate many of the main forms of land document which were in use between the thirteenth and the sixteenth centuries. The earliest charter, that of John count of Eu (1140-1170), so far as we know, has no exact parallels, but in spite of the curious phrase 'excepto capitali manerio' there seems little doubt that it is genuine.² In one charter (no.9) the name of the scribe is recorded, William de Lew' (presumably of Lewes), chaplain. The charter has a mistake which was clearly not spotted at the time it was written. The Christian name of one of the witnesses has been omitted. Fine seals of the thirteenth century remain for William son of Manasser de Herst, for John, one of the sons of Gilbert of Etchingham (that of his

1. No.8.

2. I am very grateful to Dr Neil Ker and Mr A.G. Watson who gave expert opinion as to the date and provenance of the charter assigning it to the 1140s. This date is perfectly coincident with the dates of John, count of Eu. A forgery during the count's lifetime would have been most unlikely. On the Battle forgeries in general, of which the first group belong to 1155-7, see E. Searle, 'Battle Abbey and Exemption: the Forged Charters', English Historical Review lxxxiii (1968), 449-80.

brother is lost), for Manasser de Herst of Scotney, and for Andrew le King.¹ The charter of Thomas Hoo, arranging for the provision of two monks of Battle to say masses for the souls of his family and their relatives, has thirty-one surviving fifteenth-century seals, and there is a loose seal of John (Climping) bishop of Chichester, in the Fuller Collection, which is presumably that which was originally attached to charter no.21 (the lot 373 referred to above). The Battle endorsements have been discussed at some length already: the Robertsbridge charter (no.33) bears the endorsement B III, which signifies Battle section 3 charter no.2, while the version in the Kent Archives Office is endorsed B III and thus preceded our charter in the sequence.²

As yet there is no collection of charters for any of the great English Benedictine houses in print with which to compare those edited here.³ Doubtless if there were they would exhibit variations. Female partible inheritance accounts for the number of small pieces of land, the 'particule terre',⁴ which were conveyed to the monks of Battle in the town, and the details of the burgess tenements are particularly interesting in what the late Professor David Knowles has described as 'the classic example in England of a medieval borough which owes its material and civic existence entirely to a black monk abbey'.⁵ No doubt the development of the monastic town (comparable probably only

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1. Nos.13, 16, 23, 25.
 2. C.L. Kingsford, 'On some Ancient Deeds and Seals belonging to Lord De L'Isle and Dudley', Archaeologia lxx (1913-14), pp.258-9; HMC Report on the MSS of Lord De L'Isle and Dudley preserved at Penshurst Place i (London HMSO, 1925), p.xviii & n.2.
 3. The nearest comparable collection is for the Cistercian house of Rufford: see C.J. Holdsworth, ed., Rufford Charters, 2 vols. (Thoroton Society Record Series xxix-xxx, 1970-3).
 4. Searle, op.cit., p.121.
 5. D. Knowles and J.K.S. St Joseph, Monastic Sites from the Air (Cambridge, 1952), p.27.

with Bury, Glastonbury and St Albans)¹ could be traced exactly through its charters, but this is no place to dwell on the historical contents of this tiny yet extremely varied and, in its way, representative collection.

In reconstructing this small portion of the Battle archive, our warmest thanks are due to the East Sussex Record Office and to Mr A.A. Dibben and Mrs Judith Brent for the loan of the microfilm of the Battle cartulary in the Huntington Library, and especially to Mrs Brenda Cluer, formerly at Lewes, who did considerable work on the Battle muniments, identifying the Fuller originals with the cartulary copies, and who allowed us to use her notes deposited in the Palaeography Room. Miss Joan Gibbs of the Palaeography Room, University of London Library, the custodian of the charters, made our task both possible and extremely pleasant and, indeed, suggested the project. Without her help and encouragement we would not have set out on this project, let alone completed it; nor would it have seen the light of day in type without the helpful services of Miss Janet Langbein. Mr R. Walker, Librarian to Lincoln's Inn, allowed us to consult the earlier Battle cartulary in the Library of the Inn, for which we are very grateful. Dr D.E. Greenway, expert in medieval charters, has patiently answered many of our queries, and we owe her our thanks. Finally we closed the project with a trip to Battle, where we became greatly indebted to Miss Jesanne Robertson (of the Battle and District Historical Society), Miss June R. Parker (headmistress of Battle Abbey School) and Mrs Ann Moore, whose detailed knowledge of the town, leuga and surrounding terrain, and especially of the place-names and field-names of the area, brought our charters down to the ground. The enterprise has thus been a joint one from beginning to end:

1. The size of the burgage tenements, whose occupiers are listed in the rental of the early twelfth century, possibly of the first decade, may well have been uniform in this planned Benedictine town. They find, apparently, no parallel in Canterbury, where Dr Urry has described the burgage tenements as of very varied shapes and sizes (W. Urry, Canterbury under the Angevin Kings (London, 1967), p.150).

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J.E. Sayers

CONCORDANCE

<u>Fuller Collection numbers</u>	<u>Edition numbers</u>	<u>Edition numbers</u>	<u>Fuller Collection numbers</u>
I/28/1	1	1	I/28/1
2	22	2	3
3	2	3	5
4	24	4	18
5	3	5	23
6	33	6	24
7	25	7	28
8	23	8	29
9	19	9	26
10	28	10	17
11	17	11	21
12	15	12	19
13	14	13	20
14	16	14	13
15	20	15	12
16	18	16	14
17	10	17	11
18	4	18	16
19	12	19	9
20	13	20	15
21	11	21	27
22	26	22	2
23	5	23	8
24	6	24	4
25	27	25	7
26	9	26	22
27	21	27	25
28	7	28	10
29	8	29	30
30	29	30	34b
31	31	31	31
32	34	32	33
33	32	33	6
34a	35	34	32
34b	30	35	34a

EDITORIAL NOTE

In editing the charters, we have followed the spelling of the Sussex Place-Name volumes in preference to that of the Ordnance Survey where they differ. Capital letters have been retained only for names of persons and places and for the deity. We have applied modern principles to the punctuation, which, in any case, has been kept to a minimum. The original spelling has not been altered in any way, but as the documents cover a wide period of time, we have rationalised the use of i/j, u/v and c/t. Square brackets have been used for conjectural readings and supplied words and letters. Dates have been given according to New Style. None of the charters has been printed previously.

Abbreviations

- abst. abstract
- Cart. H. Battle Cartulary in the Huntington Library, San Marino, California.
- Cart. L.I. Battle Cartulary in the Library of Lincoln's Inn, London.
- GEC The Complete Peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain and the United Kingdom, by G.E.C. [i.e. George Edward Cokayne], revised edn. by V. Gibbs et al. 13 vols. in 14. London, 1910-59.
- Searle Eleanor Searle, Lordship and Community: Battle Abbey and its Banlieu, 1066-1538. Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Studies & Texts, 26. Toronto, 1974.
- Thorpe Thomas Thorpe, Descriptive Catalogue of the... Muniments of Battle Abbey. London, 1835.
- Sussex P.N. The Place-Names of Sussex, by A. Mawer and F.M. Stenton, with the assistance of J.E.B. Gover, 2 pts. English Place-Name Society vols.vi & vii. Cambridge, 1930 and 1969.

Confirmation by John, count of Eu, to Battle abbey of whatever gifts his men have made or shall make in frankalmoign; saving the capital manor (excepto capitali manerio) and knight service.

1140 x 1170 (dates of John count of Eu: GEC Complete Peerage).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/1. Cart. L.I. f.49; Cart. H. f.127v - abst.

Measurements: 24 cm x 9.4 cm: plica 2.5 cm.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed: .iiij./§ comit' § Ov.

Ego Johannes comes de Ov concedo ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello quicquid mei homines et in Anglia et in Normannia dederunt vel dabunt eidem ecclesie in elemosina pro suis animabus excepto capitali manerio et servicio de milite et hoc concedo pro anima mea et anima patris mei et matris mee et pro animabus omnium heredum et parentum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum. De hac re testes sunt Tomas de Sancto Leodegario, Symon de Crivil, Engelramnus de Nordeie¹, Rogerius Moyn, Hunfredus presbiter, Petrus, Reimbertus et Mauricius de Bello, Gofridus del Gardin et alii multi.

1. Barred d used in 'Nordeie'. Witnesses omitted after this name in Cart. L.I.

Confirmation by Alice, countess of Eu, in her widowhood, to Battle abbey of whatever her men have given in frankalmoign or sold to the abbey in Glesham, Beckley and other specified places in the Rape of Hastings.

1219 x 1246 (Alice's widowhood:
GEC Complete Peerage).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/3. Listed in Thorpe pp.42-3;
Cart. L.I. f.59-59v; Cart. H. f.127v - abst.
Measurements: 20.8 cm x 26.2 cm: plica 1.6 cm (repaired).
No trace of sealing method (presumably tag).
Endorsed: .v./~~id~~.

Notum sit omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit quod ego Aelicia comitissa Augi in viduitate mea et libera potestate mea concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis in ea Deo servientibus quicquid homines mei eidem ecclesie et monachis dederunt in elemosinam pro salute animarum suarum aut vendiderunt. Et nominatim terram de Glesham quam Geroldus de Normanvill' eis vendidit pro viginti marcis argenti excepto uno villano qui jacet ad aliam terram que dicitur Flekelai. Et similiter terram de Dudilande et de Breggesell quam Anselmus de Frealvill' eis vendidit pro undecim marcis argenti. Et similiter terram et mariscum ultra Wincheleshe que Willelmus de Sancto Leodegario et Clarembaldus eis concesserunt tenenda de se et de heredibus suis per redditum viginti duorum solidorum per annum pro omni servicio. Et similiter terram de Bocstep quam Willelmus filius Wyberti eis in elemosinam dedit. Et redditum trium marcarum et dimidie annuatim percipiendum per manum Thome de Haremere et heredum suorum de dimidio feodo militis in Wetlingthon per distinctionem ejusdem dimidii feodi si necesse fuerit, quem redditum habent ex dono Simonis de Ecchingeham. Et similiter redditum dimidie marce annuatim percipiendum per manum Sefridi filii Ricardi coci et heredum suorum ex dono Willelmi de Munceaus. Et terram cum pertinenciis in Prumhell quam habent ex dono Roberti de Hastings. Et

2 (cont.)

terram cum pertinentiis in Hou et que vocatur Chelilande cum terra que dicitur Denne et cum duabus salinis in marisco ad eandem terram pertinente (sic) quam habent ex dono Reginaldi de Esburnham. Et terram de Bodherst et terram de la Grave et terram de la Beche cum hominibus et sequelis eorum et aliis pertinentiis quas habent ex dono Walteri le Boef. Et viam ad pratum de Bodiham et terram de Rette cum pertinentiis que¹ habent ex dono Willelmi de Bodiham. Et terram in Echene cum via ad pratum de Bodiham que habent ex dono Stephani le Borne. Et terram ad situm molendini de Iltonesbath cum stagno suo quam habent ex dono Willelmi de Ora. Et terram cum pertinentiis que jacet inter Enham et regalem viam de Iltonesbath et terram cum pertinentiis que dicitur Scottesland et quandam portionem prati de Gorwisse cum fossa sex pedum latitudinis et refluxum aque ad stagnum molendini de Iltonesbath que habent ex dono Roberti Basoc. Et terram cum pertinentiis in campo de Evre et parvum boscum inter Smalewisse et filum aque de Watlington et quandam partem de Smalewisse et brocum quem Radulfus de Hukestep' tenuit que habent ex dono Thome de Watlington. Et terram cum pertinentiis in Buland' quam habent ex dono Ricardi de Watlington. Et terram de Cornore et Boland cum pertinentiis et redditum duodecim denariorum que habent ex confirmatione Thome de Haremere in excambium viginti solidorum de redditu trium marcarum et dimidie quem eis debebat ex dono Simonis de Ecchingham. Et terram quam habent ex dono Ricardi de Croherst inter terram de Rette et viam que tendit de Bello versus Mundifeld. Et refluxum aque de Piperinghe super feodum de Cattesfeld que habent ex concessione Simonis de Sumery. Et terram de Berherst cum pertinentiis quam tenent de Mansero de Scoteny. Has antepredictas terras

1. In this and other cases the relative pronoun has been transcribed as in the text.

2 (cont.)

et redditus cum hominibus et sequelis eorum et cum omnibus pertinenciis necnon et warda castri cum omnibus que de predictis terris sive redditibus ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinent concedo et confirmo predictae ecclesie et monachis imperpetuum liberas et quietas ab omni consuetudine et omni servicio pro salute anime mee et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et pro anima domini mei Radulfi de Issold bone memorie quondam comitis Augi et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Hujus confirmationis mee testes sunt Thomas capellanus meus, Symon de Ecchingeham, Willelmus de Munceaus, Robertus de Hastings, Johannes de Auvernia, Rogerus de Sancto Amano, Robertus de Gassovill', Andreas de Elham tunc ballivus meus in rapo de Hastings et alii multi.

Gift in frankalmoign with warranty by Philip de Welde to Battle abbey of a messuage in the vill of Battle, lying between the messuage which was once held by Avice de Langerers on the north and that of William the baker on the south.

Before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/5. Cart. H. f.105v - abst.
Measurements: 18.4 cm x 6.3 cm: plica 1.3 cm.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: villa/—o/.xliiiij/Carta Philippi de Welde de quodam mesuagio in villa de Bello

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Philippus de Welde pro me et heredibus meis dedi concessi et presenti carta confirmavi abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum successoribus imperpetuum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum mesuagium cum domibus et omnibus pertinenciis in villa de Bello quod jacet inter mesuagium quod fuit Avicie de Langerers' ab aquilone et mesuagium Willelmi pistoris ab australi parte, habendum et tenendum predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus imperpetuum libere quiete pacifice. Et ego et heredes mei predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum succesoribus contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram. Et ad majorem securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Michaelde de Bech', Hugone de Flintham, Luca de Swinham, Jocio de Haremere, Ricardo de Bech', Johanne Godmefetth', Rengero de Watlingt', Henrico magistro scholarum, Galfrido King et aliis.

Quitclaim and gift by Roger Champeneys, chaplain, to Battle abbey for a consideration of 24 s., of land and tenements in the vill of Battle, lying between the messuage of Adam le Tailur and that of John son of Alexander, the cordwainer, except for the half messuage next to the said John's which he gives to his sister Margery for her lifetime, with reversion to the abbot and convent on her decease, except for a small room in the same which is to go to his brother John for his lifetime.

Late thirteenth century:
definitely before 1304, the
death of Ralph Yevegod (Searle
p.153 n.74).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/18. Cart. H. f.106 - abst.
Measurements: 16.8 cm x 12.4 cm: plica 1.6 cm.
Tag for seal.
Endorsed: .lvii/villa

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus Champeneys capellanus pro me et heredibus meis concessi et quietumclamavi dominis meis abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum successoribus inperpetuum unum mesuagium cum pertinenciis in villa de Bello quod jacet inter mesuagium Ade le Tailur ex una parte et mesuagium Johannis filii Alexandri corvesarii ex altera, habendum et tenendum predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus integre et pacifice inperpetuum sine aliquo retinemento mei vel heredum meorum, salva medietate predicti mesuagii que proximo adjacet mesuagio predicti Johannis Margerie sorori mee quoad vixerit, tenendum libere a secta curie per redditum trium denariorum dictis abbati et conventui annuatim solvendorum ad festum Sancti Michaelis. Ita quod post decessum predictae Margerie totum predictum mesuagium integre remaneat dictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus inperpetuum salva parva camera in dicta medietate Johanni fratri meo quamdiu vixerit. Et pro hac concessione et quietamantia dederunt michi predictus abbas et conventus viginti quatuor solidos sterlingorum. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Dene, Henrico magistro scholarum, Radulpho Yevegod, Johanne Mone, Roberto Longo, Thoma de Locutorio, Johanne Champeneys fratre meo et aliis.

Gift with warranty by Fulk the cook, as a marriage portion for his daughter Isabella, to Henry son of brother Gilbert de Merile of the whole messuage in the town of Battle, which Fulk held of John le Vannur, between Fulk's own house on the north and the house which he gave to John de la Pende and his daughter Margery on the south, abutting Fulk's curtilage on the west and the street leading to St. Mary's church and Battle hospital¹ on the east; the couple to pay 12 d. a year to John le Vannur and his heirs and to Fulk and his heirs a clove of gillyflower at Christmas for a gabulum. Fulk also gives them a croft, with reasonable access assured, lying between his own curtilage to the north and the curtilage once belonging to Gilbert Dibilin to the south, the abbey ditch to the west and the curtilage of the house given to John de la Pende to the east.

Before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/23. Cart H. f.110 - abst.
Measurements: 19.2 cm x 14 cm: plica 2.7 cm.
Tag for seal.
Endorsed: villa . C/Bellum

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Fulco cocus dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Henrico filio fratris Gileberti de Merile in liberum maritagium cum Isabella filia mea totum mesuagium cum pertinentiis suis quod tenui de Johanne le Vannur in villa de Bello jacens inter domum meam propriam ex parte aquilonari et domum quam dedi Johanni de la Pende cum Margeria filia mea ex parte australi, et capitat ad curtilagium meum proprium ex parte occidentali et ad regiam stratam que ducit ad ecclesiam Beate Marie et ad hospitem de Bello ex parte orientali; habendum et tenendum eisdem Henrico et Isabelle uxori sue et heredibus eorum de se ipsis procreatis libere quiete bene in pace et jure hereditario in perpetuum; reddendo inde annuatim Johanni le Vannur et heredibus duodecim denarios ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis sex denarios et ad festum Beati Thome apostoli sex denarios et michi et

1. See D. Knowles and R.N. Hadcock, Medieval Religious Houses England and Wales, 2nd edn. (London, 1971) pp.313, 341: the hospital was founded c.1076.

5 (cont.)

heredibus meis unum clavum gariofili ad natale Domini ad forgabulum pro omnibus serviciis consuetudinibus donis et secularibus demandis ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinentibus in perpetuum salvo servicio capitalium dominorum. Concessi etiam eisdem Henrico et Isabelle uxori sue et heredibus suis de se ipsis procreatis unam croftam jacentem inter curtilagium meum proprium ex parte aquilonari et curtilagium quod fuit aliquando Gileberti Dibilin ex parte australi, et capitat ad fossam domini abbatis et conventus de Bello ex parte occidentali et ad curtilagium prenominate domus quam dedi prenominate Johanni de la Pende ex parte orientali cum rationabili via ad ingrediendum et egrediendum sicut metis et bundis est mensurata. Et ego prenominate Fulco et heredes mei prenominate Henrico et Isabelle uxori sue et heredibus suis de se ipsis procreatis totum predictum mesuagium et prenominate croftam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et viam prenominate per prenominate annuale servicium contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus et defendemus in perpetuum. Et ut hec omnia rata et stabilia in perpetuum permaneant presentem cartam meam sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus Willelmo Gefray, tunc senescallo de Bello, Willelmo de Dene, Michaele de Beche, Waltero filio suo, Thome le Waleys, Johanne le Mone, Joco de Watlingetun, Roberto Longo, Ada Picot, Petro de Ho, Ricardo bracciatore, Henrico clerico et multis aliis.

Gift in frankalmoign with warranty by Walter son of the late Henry le Tannour¹ to Battle abbey of the messuage and appurtenances and the small piece of land (boundaries as described in no.5)² situated in the borough of Sandlake in Battle.

Late thirteenth century (cf. no.7 for some of the same witnesses).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/24. Cart. H. f.110 - abst.
Measurements: 21.8 cm x 14.4 cm: plica 1.1 cm.
Tag for seal.
Endorsed: villa.Cj./ Bellum

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus filius quondam Henrici le Tannour dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Beati Martini de Bello et abbati et conventui ejusdem loci unum mesuagium cum pertinenciis in villa de Bello in borgha de Sandlak', et jacet laterando juxta regiam stratam versus orientem et juxta tenementum quod fuit quondam Fulconis coci versus occidentem capitando ad tenementum quod fuit predicti Fulconis versus boriā et ad tenementum quod fuit quondam Margerie atte Pende versus austrum. Dedi etiam et concessi Deo et ecclesie Beati Martini predictae ac abbati et conventui predictis quandam peciam terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa et eadem borgha, et jacet laterando juxta tenementum quondam predicti Fulconis versus aquilonem et juxta tenementum quod fuit quondam Gilberti Dybelyn versus austrum capitando ad fossam de quarera domini abbatis predicti versus occidentem et ad tenementum quod fuit predictae Margerie atte Pende versus orientem, habenda et tenenda Deo et ecclesie predictae et abbati et conventui predictis et eorum successoribus

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1. Son of Henry son of Gilbert de Merile (Cart. H. f.110).
 2. The small piece of land is described as a croft in no.5; one of its boundaries, the abbey ditch, is here described as the ditch of the quarry.

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in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete et integre imperpetuum, faciendo tamen inde annuatim capitalibus dominis feodi servicia inde debita et consueta. Et ego predictus Walterus et heredes mei predictum mesuagium et predictam peciam terre cum pertinenciis Deo et ecclesie predictae et abbati et conventui predictis et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes imperpetuum warantizabimus. In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Bromhamme, Reginaldo de Beche, Adam (sic) le Mone, Daniele le Tailour, Roberto de Beche, Stephano pessoner, Willelmo aurifabro, Thoma Fuk³, Petro Schirreve, Ricardo le Turnur, Ricardo le Vannur, Reginaldo atte Felde et aliis.

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3. Fulk the cook's second daughter Alice married Thomas Ivycherche of Battle who took his father-in-law's name of Fulk (Fuk). Together Alice and Thomas bought out the third daughter Isabella (see charter 5 above; and Searle pp.119-20 and n.47).

Grant and gift with warranty by Stephen son of Walter de la Cureye to Battle abbey of 12 d. annual rent, which Alan de la Cureye owed to him, with a certain piece of land in Battle, lying between the land of John le ...per to the north and the abbey land to the south and extending to the west opposite Stephen's curtilage and the abbey's wood to the east. In return the abbot and convent have paid him 50 s. gersuma.

20 February 1294

Original charter: Fuller I/28/28. Cart. H. f.110v.

Measurements: 19.3 cm x 10.3 cm: plica 1.1 cm.

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Endorsed: villa. c.x./Carta Stephani filii Walteri Ate Curye/
Villa de Bello

[Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Stephanus] filius Walteri de la Cureye dedi concessi et presenti carta confirmavi d[omi]nis [abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum] successoribus inperpetuum duodecim denarios annui redditus quos Alanus [de l]la Cury (.....) ¹ consuevit (.....) ² cum quadam pecia terre que jacet in longitudine inter terram Johannis le ...uper' versus north ex parte una et terram ipsorum abbatis et conventus versus suth ex altera et capitat versus west ex opposito curtilagii mei et boscum ipsorum abbatis et conventus versus east, habendum et tenendum eidem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus predictum redditum cum pecia terre predicta libere quiete bene et in pace inperpetuum. Et ego predictus Stephanus heredes et assignati mei predictis abbati et conventui et eorum succesoribus predictum redditum cum pecia terre predicta contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus inperpetuum. Pro hac autem donatione concessione et presentis carte confirmatione dederunt michi predicti abbas et conventus quinquaginta solidos in gersumam. In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Roberto de Parco,

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Roberto Border, Johanne Forester, Ada le Mone, Joco
Hunte, Willelmo aurifabro, Clemente le Webbe, Thoma
Fuk', Radulfo Yevegod et aliis. Dat' apud Bellum decimo
Kalendas Marci anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis
Henrici vicesimo secundo.

Gift with warranty by William of Broomham to Joyce son of William of Whatlington, of the whole of his tenement at Broomham in the parish of Catsfield, with all its rights to be held by hereditary right of the chief lords of the fee in return for the customary services. For the gift, warranty and confirmation Joyce gave William 100 marks sterling cash down as gersuma.

10 June 1309

Original charter: Fuller I/28/29.¹ Cart. H. f.111v - abst. ('xviii Bromham in parco').

Measurements: 25.3 cm x 11.6 cm: plica 1.6 cm.

Condition: holed in three places.

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Endorsements: none, document rebacked.

Sciant presentes et futuri [quod ego] Willelmus de Bromham dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Joceo filio Willelmi de Whatlintone totum integre tenementum meum apud Bromham in parochia de Cattesfeld cum omnibus juribus ut in terris domibus pratis boscis brueris pasturis aquis viis homagiis redditibus feoditatibus sectis curiarum herietis relevis escaetis serviciis et consuetudinibus et aliis quibuscumque pertinenciis ad predictum tenementum qualitercumque spectantibus absque ullo (.....) ² ad heredes meos, habendum et tenendum totum predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis predicto Joceo et heredibus suis vel cuicumque (.....) ³ quomodo assignare voluerint integre libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de j[ure con]sueta. Et ego predictus Willelmus et heredes mei totum predictum tenementum cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis ut predictum est eidem predicto Joceo et suis heredibus ac

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1. See Searle p.160, for what appears to be a corresponding quitclaim.
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eciam assignatis suis quibuscumque contra quoscumque mortales warantizabimus imperpetuum. Pro hac autem donatione concessione warantizacione et hujus carte confirmatione sigilli mei impressione roboratis (sic) dedit michi dictus Joceus centum marcas sterlingorum premanibus ad gersumam. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Penehurst, Willelmo de Hodesdale, Reginaldo de Beche, Michaele de Beche, Joceo de Ferne, Nicholao de Cokkesend, Johanne atte More, Simone de Bromham, Roberto le Bordere, Johanne le Forster, Daniele le Taylour, Stephano persona et aliis. Dat' apud Bromham die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Barnabe apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi secundo.

Gift in fee by Peter de Campis to his uncle Reginald de Beche of all the land of Bathurst (in Battle) and appurtenances in return for an annual payment of 6 d. Reginald is to pay 2 s. to Battle abbey as Peter's father Geoffrey de Campis had done.

Late twelfth or early thirteenth century.

Original charter: Fuller I/28/26. Cart. H. f.119v - abst.
 Measurements: 19.8 cm x 8 cm: plica 1.5 cm.
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 Endorsed: —o .m. beche/d'Camp'/d'Camp'

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Petrus de Campis dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Reginaldo de Beche avunculo meo totam terram de Boteherst cum omnibus pertinenciis suis pro homagio et servicio suo, tenendam de me et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui in feodo et hereditate libere et quiete pro omni servicio quod ad me vel ad heredes meos pertineat, reddendo inde michi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui annuatim vj denarios infra octabas Sancti Michaelis, salvis duobus solidis quos pater meus Galfridus de Campis reddidit domino abbati de Bello et ejusdem loci conventui. Et ut hec donatio mea rata sit et stabilis hanc cartam meam sigillo meo confirmavi. Testibus hiis Michaele clerico de Apeltreham, Willelmo filio Aldit de eadem villa, Simone de Cattesfeld, Simone de Sumeri, Radulfo fratre ejus, Roberto et Waltero fratribus suis, Guidone pellipario, Reginaldo de Beche et Daneis¹ fratribus, Stephano de Esseburneham et Willelmo de Lew[es] capellano qui hanc cartam scripsit et multis aliis.

1. Oger Daneis follows Reginald de Beche in the witness-list to a charter described in Thorpe on p.16: his Christian name was presumably inadvertently omitted by the scribe here.

Quitclaim by Walter de Scotney to Battle abbey of Roger son of Walter of Filsham (in Hollington), his bondsman, with all his family (sequela) and chattels.

Before 1259 when Walter de Scotney died (Archaeologia Cantiana xvii, p.39).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/17. Cart. H. f.120 - abst.

Measurements: 14.7 cm x 8.1 cm: plica 2.2 cm.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed:  . x. /Walter de Scotenia.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Walterus de Scotenia salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra me concessisse et quietum clamasse de me et heredibus meis inperpetuum Rogerum filium Walteri de Filesham nativum meum cum omni sequela sua una cum omnibus catallis suis abbati et conventui Sancti Martini de Bello sine aliqua reclamatione vel contradictione mei et heredum meorum. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Michaele de Beche, Luca de Swinham, Willelmo de Hastings, Johanne de Yham, Ricardo Marscallo, Rengero de Wetlingetun, Willelmo de Bromham et aliis.

Agreement between Richard de Ore and Battle abbey, following a lawsuit before the justices at Lewes in 1248-9, that in return for 20 s. the abbot and convent keep the mill pool of Iltonsbath (in Sedlescombe) at its former height for 20 s. immediate payment and 6 d. yearly for the overflow.

1248 x 1273: presumably shortly after 1248-1249.

Original charter: Fuller I/28/21. Cart. H. f.118v - abst.
Measurements: 19.2 cm x 8.9 cm: plica 1.2 cm.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: —o/.n./Ric̄d[us] de Ore/Iltonsbath/Sedleskumbe

Sciant omnes gentes quod ego Ricardus de Ore miles concessi pro me et pro heredibus meis abbati et conventui de Bello pro viginti solidis sterlingorum quos michi dederunt pre manibus quod ipsi stagnum molendini sui de Iltonsbath unde eos implacitavi de exaltatione ad nocuumentum liberi tenementi mei in Sedlescumb' coram justiciariis itinerantibus apud Leawes anno regni domini regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo tertio habeant et teneant in eodem statu et cum eadem exaltatione quam prius habuerunt absque omni reclamatione vel calumpnia mei vel heredum meorum vel alicujus sive aliquorum ex parte nostra, reddendo annuatim michi et heredibus meis pro refluxu aque sue sex denarios ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro rebus omnibus. Et ego Ricardus et heredes mei predictum refluxum aque sue predictis abbati et conventui per predictum redditum sex denariorum per annum contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus in perpetuum. Hiis testibus Thome filio Godefridi, Willelmo de Sokeness', Roberto Basok, Michaele de Bech', Simone de Sumery, Daniele de Kechenham, Willelmo filio Galfridi, Rengero de Watlington, Luca de Swihinham, Johanne de Hocstep, Willelmo de Colinton, Johanne de Sedlescumb', Thome de Herst et aliis.

Gift in frankalmoign with warranty by Robert de Herst to the abbot and convent of Battle of 1 acre of meadow in or near Iltonsbath (in Sedlescombe).

? late thirteenth century.

Original charter: Fuller I/28/19. Cart. H. f.118v - abst.

Measurements: 18 cm x 9.9 cm: plica 1.5 cm.

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Endorsed:  .m. Ilintonesbeth

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Herst pro me et heredibus meis dedi concessi et presenti carta confirmavi abbati et conventui de Bello in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam a[cram] prati cum pertinenciis [in Sedle]s[cum]be [qu]e jacet in l[on]g[um] laterando ad [pra]tum dictorum abbatis et conventus versus west et ad pratum [meum versus] east et [capitat vers]us s[outh ad] cursum a[qu]e de Iltonsbath et versus north ad pratum Willelmo [Melkere] (...)¹ acram prat[i.. (... ..)]² is] predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus (... ..)³ in perpetuum (... ..)⁴ he[re]des sive assignati mei pred[icti] acram p[rati] in (... ..)⁵ succ[essores] (... ..)⁶ contra] omnes gentes wara[n]tiza[b]imus acquietabimus et defendemus (... ..)⁷ in puram et perpetuam elemosinam (... ..)⁸ ego et heredes sive assignati mei (... ..)⁹ in fossatis et claustris [inter] pratum meum et pratum predictum inperpetuum. Et ad majorem securitatem presentis carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Dene, Johanne le¹⁰, Thoma de Watlington, Ada Pikot, Ada filio ejus, Johanne le Mone, Radulfo [Albin?], Willelmo mel[k]ere et aliis.

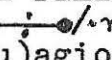
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Quitclaim by William son of Manser de Herst to Battle abbey of 1 messuage with houses and appurtenances near Iltonsbath stream (in Sedlescombe) situated between the highway and the mill of the abbot and convent, for 20 s. sterling.

Before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/20. Cart. H. f.118v - abst. Measurements: 21 cm x 6.3 cm: plica 1.7 cm.

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Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Manseri de Herst pro me et heredibus meis concessi et quietumclamavi abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum successoribus inperpetuum unum mesuagium cum domibus et pertinenciis quod de eis tenui juxta aquam de Yltonsbath quod situm est inter regiam stratam et molendinum dictorum abbatis et conventus de Yltonsbath, habendum et tenendum predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus integre libere quiete bene et in pace inperpetuum. Et pro hac concessione et quietaclamantia dederunt michi predicti abbas et conventus viginti solidos sterlingorum et ad majorem securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Thoma de Herst, Johanne de Settlescumbe, Rogero filio suo, Johanne Basoc, Roberto de Herst, Michaelae de Bech', Ricardo de Bech', Reginaldo forestario, Johanne le Mone et aliis.

Grant with warranty by Gilbert of Etchingam, son of Adiltha, to Battle abbey of 3 acres of land near Iltonsbath (in Sedlescombe) between the lands formerly held by William Tinekere and Walter de Putilande to the east of the Iltunesbath highway, in perpetuity in return for a rent of 3 d. yearly and 12 s. gersuma.

Before 1220 (death of Thomas de Kingesnade).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/13. Cart. L.I. f.57v; Cart. H. f.118v - abst.

Measurements: 15.1 cm x 9.7 cm: plica 1.8 cm.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: —:—o /.vi./Carta Gileberti de Echeham. /Iltunesbeht.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Gilebertus de Echeham filius Adilthe concessi dimisi et hac presenti mea carta¹ confirmavi deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis ibidem deo servientibus tres acras terre que jacent in latum inter terram quam Willelmus tinekere tenuit et terram que fuit Walteri de Putilande et in longum a regali via de Iltunesbeche versus orientem, habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis tres denarios infra octabas Sancti Johannis Baptiste super ipsum tenementum pro omni servicio et exactione sectis et rebus cunctis. Ego vero Gilebertus et heredes mei warrantizabimus et defendemus predictae ecclesie et monachis predictas acras per predictum servicium contra omnes homines et² feminas. Pro hac igitur concessione dimissione et presentis carte mee confirmatione dederunt michi predicti monachi duodecim solidos sterlingorum in gersumiam. Hiis testibus³ domino Laurencio de Mundifeld, Michaele de Beche, Johanne Lumbard, Lambin (sic) King, Ricardo Marscallo, Osbarno filio Hugonis, Willelmo panetier, Girardo de Branford, Thoma de Kingesnade, Thoma filio Ricardi Lucet, Picot pistore, Ricardo Burgeis et multis aliis.

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1. Two words reversed in Cart. L.I.
 2. 'omnes' added in Cart. L.I.
 3. Cart. L.I. witnesses 'domino L. de Mundifeld, Mich' de Beche, Lambin King et aliis'.

Gift with warranty by Gilbert of Etchingam to Battle abbey of a parcel of land lying beyond the highway from Iltonsbath (in Sedlescombe) eastward, between the land of Oliver of Westfield and the water course, in return for a rent of 1 d. yearly and 2 s. gersuma.

Before 1220 (death of Thomas de Kingesnade).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/12. Cart. L.I. ff.57v-8;
Cart. H. f.118v-9 - abst.

Measurements: 14.2 cm x 8.7 cm: plica 1.5 cm.
Tag for seal.

Endorsed: —o /.vii./Carta Gileberti de Echeam/iltonesbeth

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Gilebertus de Echeham concessi dimisi et hac mea presenti carta¹ confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus quandam particulam terre mee que jacet ultra regalem viam de Yltunesbethe versus orientem inter terram Oliveri de Westefeld et filum aque scilicet quicquid ibi habui, tenendam et habendam de me et heredibus meis libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis pro omni servicio et exactione sectis et rebus cunctis² unum denarium in die translationis Sancti Martini infra portam curie de Bello. Ego vero Gilebertus et heredes mei warrantizabimus et defendemus predictae ecclesie et monachis predictam terram per predictum servicium contra omnes homines et³ feminas. Pro hac igitur concessione, dimissione et presentis carte mee confirmatione dederunt michi predicti monachi duos solidos sterlingorum in gersumiam. Hiis testibus⁴ domino Laurencio de Mundifeld, Michaele de Beche, Johanne Lumbard, Lambin (sic) Ching, Ricardo Marscallo, Osbarno filio Hugonis, Willelmo panetier, Girardo de Branford, Thoma de Kingesnade, Thoma filio Ricardi Lucet, Picot pistore, Ricardo Burgeis et pluribus aliis.

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1. Cart. L.I. 'hac presenti carta mea'.
 2. Cart. L.I. 'aliis'.
 3. Cart. L.I. adds 'omnes' again.
 4. Cart. L.I. 'R. Marescallo, O. filio H., W. Paneter et pluribus aliis'.


Gift with warranty in frankalmoign by Richard and John, sons of Gilbert of Etchingam to Battle abbey of half an acre and one virgate of meadow and appurtenances, east of Iltonsbath bridge lying longitudinally between the water of Iltonsbath on the north and the meadow of the prior of Hastings on the south and latitudinally between the meadow of the abbot and convent of Battle on the west and that of Thomas Russel on the east.

Mid-thirteenth century to before
1273 (death of Michael de Beche).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/14. Cart. H. f.119 - abst.

Measurements: 20.5 cm x 9 cm: plica 1.8 cm.

Originally two seals: (left) slit for seal tag; (right) seal of light brown wax (varnished) on tag: vesica-shaped approx. 2.9 cm x 2 cm (repaired). Device: Fleur de lys (good impression). Legend: .OHIS DE ECI... (Lombardic).

Endorsed: .viiij. /  / Carta filiorum Gileberti de Echeham / Iltonsbeth/et Setlescumbe

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Ricardus et Johannes filii Gilberti de Echeham pro nobis et heredibus nostris dedimus concessimus et presenti carta confirmavimus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum successoribus imperpetuum dimidiam acram et unam virgatum prati cum pertinenciis ab oriente pontis de Iltonsbach jacentis in longitudine inter aquam de Iltonsbach a parte boreali et pratum prioris de Hasting' a parte australi et in latitudine inter pratum dictorum abbatis et conventus ab occidentali et pratum Thome Russel ab orientali, habendum et tenendum predictum pratum cum pertinenciis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus integre libere quiete bene et in pace inperpetuum. Et nos et heredes nostri predictum pratum cum pertinenciis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes warantizabimus aquieta- bimus et defendemus inperpetuum sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem presenti carte sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus Roberto Basoc, Michaelde de Bech, Luca de Swinham, Goceo de Haremere, Rengero de Watlington, Roberto de Bromham, Thoma Russel, Johanne de Bosco et aliis.


Gift in frankalmoign with warranty by Oliver of Westfield to Battle abbey of a meadow which lies between the water-course of Iltonsbath and a meadow of the canons of Holy Trinity, Hastings, and between a parcel of meadow belonging to Battle by the gift of Gilbert of Etchingam, which borders the highway, and a meadow held by the same Gilbert, and also of land formerly held by William le tynekere and lying between the meadow of the canons and the land of the said Gilbert.

Early thirteenth century and definitely before 1220 (death of Thomas de Kingesnade).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/11. Cart. L.I. f.58; Cart. H. f.119 - abst.

Measurements: 15.3 cm x 10.7 cm: plica 1.8 cm.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed:  / .xj . / Carta Oliveri de Westfeud' / Apud Iltonsbeth

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Oliverus de Westefeld pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis in ea¹ Deo servientibus pratum quod jacet inter cursum aque de Iltunesbech et pratum canonicorum Sancte Trinitatis de Hasting' et inter particulam prati quam abbas et conventus de Bello habent de dono Gileberti de Echeham juxta regalem viam et pratum quod ipse Gilebertus tenet. Preterea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi predictis abbati et monachis de Bello terram quam Willelmus le tynekere tenuit que jacet inter pratum predictorum canonicorum de Hasting' et terram predicti Gileberti de Echeham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Et ego Oliverus et heredes mei warantizabimus prefatis abbati et monachis predictum pratum et terram cum pertinenciis et defendemus versus omnes homines et feminas sicut liberam elemosinam nostram. In cujus rei testimonium hanc cartam eis dedi sigilli mei appositione

1. Cart. L.I. 'ibidem' for 'in ea'.

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roboratam. Hiis testibus² Roberto Basoc de Sedelescumbe, Paulino de Winchelese, Johanne de Bosco, Michaelae de Beche, Osbarno filio Hugonis de Tentuordenne, Galfrido filio Alredi, Willelmo panetier, Thoma de Kingesnade, Pichot pistore, Lambin (sic) King, Ricardo Marschallo, Willelmo Cordewainer, Thoma Lucet et multis aliis.

2. Cart. L.I. 'R. Basoc de Sedelescumbe, M. de Beche, O. filio H. et aliis'.

Quitclaim by Hamo, son of Elias Dun, of Barnhorne for himself and his heirs to Battle abbey of the tenement and appurtenances which his parents, Isabella and Elias, had held in Barnehorne, in return for annual payments throughout his life of a seam of wheat, a seam of marsh oats, half a seam of rye and half a seam of beans.

Mid-thirteenth century, definitely before 1275 by which time Hugh de Coding was dead (Hundred Rolls, Rec. Comm. ii. 216).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/16. Cart. H. f.132v - abst.

Measurements: 17.2 cm x 12 cm: plica 1.6 cm.

Tag for seal: traces of green wax.

Endorsed: oxxviiij/Carta Hamonis filii Helye Dun de Bernehorn'

Notum sit omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit quod ego Hamo filius Elye Dun de Bernehorne et filius Isabelle uxoris ejus pro me et pro heredibus meis remisi et quietum clamavi dominis meis abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum succesoribus in perpetuum totum tenementum cum pertinenciis suis quod predictus Elyas pater meus et Isabella mater mea vel aliquis antecessorum meorum aliquando tenuerunt in Bernehorne sine aliquo retenemento michi vel heredibus meis, habendum et tenendum totum predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis predictis abbati et conventui et eorum succesoribus libere quiete bene et pacifice absque contradictione et calumpnia mei vel heredum meorum in perpetuum. Et pro hac remissione et quieta clamantia dabunt michi predicti abbas et conventus singulis annis quoad vixero unam summam frumenti, unam summam avene marisci, dimidiam summam siliginis et dimidiam summam fabarum percipiendas ad curiam ipsorum abbatis et conventus apud Bernehorne ad duos terminos anni videlicet medietatem ad purificationem Beate Marie et medietatem ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Hugone de Codinge, Johanne de Peplsham, Roberto de Sumery, Simone de Catefeld, Johanne de Codecumbe, Roberto de Bromham, Ricardo de Beche, Josceo de Whatlington, Rengero de Whatlington, Thoma Scyret et aliis.

Quitclaim by Simon, son of Elias, of Barnhorne to the abbot of Battle of a tenement in Barnhorne and Cooden¹ which his father Elias held. For this concession the abbot granted Simon and his heirs a tenement in 'Suthinton' (? Southeye in Bexhill)² which formerly belonged to Warner de Suthinton and which he demised to Battle, in return for an annual rent of 3 s. 6 d. Suit and other services are to be rendered at the hundred of Bexhill.³

Mid-thirteenth century.

Original charter: Fuller I/28/9. Cart. H. f.132v - abst.

Measurements: 10 cm x 18.5 cm: plica 1.5 cm.

Tag for seal.

Endorsed: Carta Symonis filii Helye de Bernehorn'/.xxix./
—• /Bernehore/B'

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Simon filius Helye de Bernehorn pro me et heredibus meis concessi et quietum clamavi abbati de Bello et successoribus suis imperpetuum totum tenementum cum pertinenciis quod Helyas pater meus tenuit in Bernehorn et Cotingel' in terris et aquis pratis et pasturis marisco et suseyno viis et semitis cum domibus et gardinis et cum omnibus pertinenciis sine aliquo retinemento mei vel heredum meorum, habendum et tenendum dictum tenementum cum pertinenciis predicto abbati et successoribus suis libere quiete integre pacifice imperpetuum. Et pro hac concessione et quietacclamatione predictus abbas pro se et successoribus suis dedit michi et heredibus meis imperpetuum totum tenementum de Suthinton cum pertinenciis quod Warnerus de Suthinton aliquando tenuit et predicto abbati et ecclesie sue dimisit, habendum et tenendum dictum tenementum de Suthinton de dicto abbate et successoribus suis imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim dicto abbati et successoribus suis tres solidos et sex denarios sterlingorum apud Bellum ad duos terminos scilicet ad Pascha xxi

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1. Sussex P.N. p.491, n.2. Cotingel' (Cooden) survives in the name Cooden Down.
 2. Sussex P.N. p.494.
 3. Thorpe (p.35) lists a charter of Warner to the abbey which might concern the tenement referred to in this charter.

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denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis xxi denarios et
faciendo de dicto tenemento de Suthinton ad hundredum
de Bexl' sectam et alia servicia debita et consueta.
Et ad majorem securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum
apposui. Hiis testibus Michaelae de Bech', Hugone de
Coding', Radulfo de Greston, Roberto de Sumery, Jocio
de Haremere, Luca de Swinham, Johanne de Godecumbe,
Johanne de Peplesham et multis aliis.

Quitclaim, by Paina, widow of Elias of Barnhorne, to Battle abbey of her rights in her late husband's tenancy of land (unspecified) in Barnhorne. In return the abbot and convent will provide her during her lifetime with three and a half seams of grain each year - at Christmas, two bushels of wheat, two of rye and half a seam of marsh oats, at Easter, two bushels of wheat and two of rye and half a seam of barley, at the nativity of St. John the Baptist, half a seam of winter oats, and at Michaelmas, half a seam of beans and half a seam of marsh oats - with one cartload of hay, one of brushwood and one of broom and with pasture for one cow.

Before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/15. Cart. H. f.132v - abst.
Measurements: 18 cm x 11 cm: plica 1.7 cm.
Slit for seal tag.
Endorsed: Carta Paine de Bernehorn' .xxx/Bernehore/B'

C I R O G R A P H U M

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Paina relicta quondam Helye de Bernehorn' in ligia potestate et libera viduitate mea remisi et quietum clamavi imperpetuum dominis meis abbati et conventui de Bello totum jus et clamium quod habui vel habere potui nomine dotis post decessum predicti viri mei in terra cum pertinenciis quam de eis tenuit aliquando in Bernehorn ita quod nec ego nec aliquis ex parte mea in prefata terra cum pertinenciis quicquam vendicare vel exigere poterimus imperpetuum. Pro hac autem remissione et quietaclamatione concesserunt michi predicti abbas et conventus singulis annis quoadvixero tres summas bladi et dimidiam percipiendas apud Bernehorn' ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad natale Domini duos busellos (sic) frumenti et duos bussellos siliginis et dimidiam summam avene de marisco et ad Pascha duos bussellos frumenti et duos bussellos siliginis et dimidiam summam ordeï et ad nativitatem Beati Johannis Baptiste dimidiam summam avene hyemalis et ad festum Sancti Michaelis dimidiam summam fabarum

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et dimidiam summam avene de marisco. Preterea concesserunt michi singulis annis quoadvixero unam careatam feni et unam careatam genest' et unam careatam bruerie quas ego proprio custo teneo preparare. Item concesserunt michi quoadvixero pasturam ad unam vaccam in j pastura eorundem. Et ad majorem securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Michaele de Bech, Hugone de Coding, Luca de Swinham, Radulfo de Greston, Joceo de Haremere, Rengero de Watlingt' et aliis.

Quitclaim by John (Climping) bishop of Chichester to Battle abbey of the service of 2 s. annually which he demanded from them for the tenements given them by Sybil of Icklesham and by Sanfred de Sumery in Barnhorne and Cooden (in Bexhill). The tenants are to continue to do suit at the bishop's hundred of Bexhill for chevage.

20 March 1261/2

Original charter: Fuller I/28/27. Listed in Thorpe p.47;

Cart. L.I. f.74; Cart. H. f.134-134v - abst.

Measurements: 18.5 cm x 7 cm: plica 1.6 cm.

Condition: stained but legible.

Tag for seal. (A detached seal of J. bishop of Chichester survives in the Fuller Collection and is presumably the one that was originally attached to this document.)

Endorsed: Johannis Cicestris' episcopus/.xli. dx/duplicatur/bernehore

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes miseracione divina Cicestr' episcopus salutem in domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra [nos]¹ pro nobis et successoribus nostris remisisse et quietumclamasse viris religiosis abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum successoribus imperpetuum omnimodam sectam quam exigebamus ab eisdem de tenementis cum pertinenciis que habent de dono Sibille de Icklesham et de dono Sanfredi de Sumery in Bernehorn et Codingel' pro duobus solidis annui redditus quos annuatim solvent ad curiam nostram de Bixl' ad duos terminos scilicet ad Pascham duodecim denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios: hoc salvo quod si qui tenentes predicta tenementa inhabitaverint sequantur hundredum nostrum de Bixl' pro capitibus suis quamdiu fuerint residentes ibidem. In cujus rei testimonio presenti scripto sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi. Dat' apud Bissoppeston' die Sancti Cutberti anno domini millesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo primo.

1. In Cart. L.I.

Gift in fee by Walter de Scotney to his brother William de Scotney of the land of Barehurst (in Ticehurst) with one acre of meadow at Hammerden (in Ticehurst) and one acre of meadow at Crowhurst (in Burwash and possibly also in Ticehurst) in return for half a pound of pepper annually. Walter's brother, Henry, yielded all this and in return William of Scotney gave Henry one braccarium.⁴

1140 x 1170 (dates of John count of Eu).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/2. Cart. H. f.125 - abst.
 Measurements: 22.5 cm x 13 cm.
 Condition: document much repaired.
 Slit for seal tag.
 Endorsed: .I./~~o~~/beh'rt.

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus de Scoteni dedi et concessi Willelmo de Scoteni fratri meo pro servicio sibi et heredibus suis terram de Berherste cum omnibus pertinenciis suis scilicet unam acram prati de Hamerden et item unam acram prati apud Croherste. Et hec omnia ei concedo et confirmo libere et quiete tenenda jure hereditario de me et heredibus meis per recognitionem dimidie libre periperis² in anno pro omni servicio. Et hoc totum concessit coram me Henricus frater meus et pro hac concessione dedit ei Willelmus frater meus unum braccarium. Hoc donum et hanc confirmationem feci W. fratri meo apud Riam coram domino meo J. comite de Ov et comitissa Athel'. His testibus Alwredo de Sancto Martino, Roberto de Hast', Henrico de Scoteni fratre meo, Sansone de Gest', Wartero de Fuch', Seviri camerario meo, Ricardo de Fucarín', Girardo de Sut'.

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1. ? a hound: see R.E. Latham, Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources, fasc.I A-B (London, 1975).
 2. Presumably 'piperis'.

Quitclaim by Manasser de Herst with the consent of Thomas, his eldest son, to Battle abbey of the tenement of Barehurst (in Ticehurst) and all right to it, in return for an annual payment of 3 s. and half a pound of pepper to be paid inside the gate of the court of Battle twice yearly, 18 d. within the octaves of St. John the Baptist and 18 d. and the half pound of pepper on St. Thomas the apostle's day. For this concession the abbey paid Manasser 4 marks and Thomas 40 d.

Before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).


Original charter: Fuller I/28/8. Cart. L.I. f.54-54v; Cart. H. f.125v - abst.

Measurements: 16.6 cm x 12 cm: plica 1.8 cm.

Seal of white wax (varnished) on tag: round 4.4 cm (repaired).

Device: lion rampant (good impression). Legend: + SIGIL[LUM]

.....[D]E SCOTENIE (Lombardic).

Endorsed:  / .iij./Manesserus de Heste/B[ere]h[ers]t

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Manasserus de Herst assensu Thome filii mei primogeniti dimisi et concessi et quietum clamavi pro me et heredibus meis Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus tenementum de Bereherst cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, et totum jus quod ego et heredes mei in predicto tenemento et pertinenciis suis habuimus vel habere potuimus, habendum et tenendum prefatis monachis inperpetuum plenarie integre libere et quiete, reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis tres solidos sterlingorum et dimidiam libram piperis intra portam curie de Bello scilicet in octabis Sancti Johannis Baptiste decem et octo denarios et in die Sancti Thome apostoli decem et octo denarios et dimidiam libram piperis pro omni servicio et exactione. Et ego et heredes mei aquietabimus predictum tenementum de omnibus serviciis forinsecis. Pro hac autem dimissione et concessione et quieta clamantia dederunt michi predicti monachi quattuor marcas argenti, et Thome filio meo quadraginta denarios. Et ut hec mea dimissio et concessio et quieta clamantia inperpetuum firma permaneat et stabilis eam presenti scripto

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et sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus
Laurencio de Mundifeld', Willelmo de Hout'¹, Philippo
de Essettesford', Michaelae de Beche, Baldewino de Cant',
Radulfo de Anestie, Galfrido Eilred, Lambino King,
Ricardo venatore et pluribus aliis.

1. Cart. L.I. - these two and Michael de Beche.

Gift and grant in frankalmoign with warranty by Sybil, lady of Icklesham, in her widowhood, to Battle abbey of all the land and appurtenances which Peter de la Strode held from her in the vill of Icklesham and of the advowson of the church of Icklesham.

1227-9 x 1247.¹

Original charter: Fuller I/28/4. Cart. L.I. f.68v; Cart. H. f.75v (no.9 of charters concerning churches) - in full.
 Measurements: 18 cm x 11.5 cm: plica 1.9 cm.
 Tag for seal: traces of red wax.
 Endorsed: *l* / b/ Sibille de Ikelesham/ *IX*

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Sibilla domina de Ikelesham intuitu Dei et pro salute anime mee in libera viduitate et ligia potestate mea dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis Deo ibidem servientibus totam terram cum pertinenciis quam Petrus de la Strode de me tenuit in villa de Ikelesham et advocacionem et jus patronatus ecclesie de Ikelesham cum omni jure quod in eisdem habui vel habere potui in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Et ego Sibilla et heredes mei totam predictam terram cum pertinenciis et cum advocacione et jure patronatus dicte ecclesie sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram dictis monachis contra omnes gentes in perpetuum warantizabimus. In cujus rei testimonium² presentem cartam sigillo meo signatam eisdem concessi. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Echtingeham, Willelmo de Moncell', Willelmo de Wodeham, Willelmo de Sancto Leodegario, Roberto de Hasting', Roberto Basoc, Waltero de Scoteny, Simone de Sumery, Roberto de Manekes', Sampson de Levesham, Radulfo le Brett, Willelmo de Gilling', Gerardo le Brett et aliis.

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1. C.R.R. xiii nos.318, 1722 refer to Sybil's husband Nicholas Haringod as alive in 1227 and dead by 1229. Abstract of Feet of Fines, comp. L.F. Salzman (Suss. Rec. Soc. ii (1902)) no.433, for 31 Henry III (1247), refers to this grant of the advowson by Sybil.
 2. Cart. L.I. 'etc. Hiis testibus W. de Echingeh', W. de Monceaus, R. de Hast' et aliis pluribus'.

Quitclaim by Andrew le King to Battle abbey of the land and appurtenances which he held from Renger de Watlingt' called 'Greggeslond' (in Whatlington) in return for 12 s.; the abbey to render customary services to Renger.

Before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).


Original charter: Fuller I/28/7. Cart. H. f.114 - abst.

Measurements: 18.1 cm x 8.1 cm: plica 1.4 cm.

Seal of brown wax on tag: vesica-shaped 3.6 cm x 2.2 cm.

Device: fleur de lys (very good impression). Legend:

S[IGILLUM] ANDEREW 1'. KING (Lombardic).

Endorsed:  / .m. / Carta Andr' le King de tenemento in Watlingtun'

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Andreas le King pro me et heredibus meis dedi concessi et quietamclamavi domino abbati et conventui de Bello et eorum successoribus imperpetuum totam terram cum pertinenciis quam tenui de Rengero de Watlingt' que vocatur Greggeslond cum omni jure quod in dicta terra cum suis pertinenciis habui vel habere potui imperpetuum, habendam et tenendam dictam terram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis dictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus integre libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum, faciendo inde dicto Rengero et heredibus suis servicia debita et consueta. Pro hac autem donatione concessione et quietamclatione dederunt michi predicti abbas et conventus duodecim solidos sterlingorum. Et ad majorem securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Michaele de Bech', Jocio de Haremer', Hugone de Coding', Radulfo de Greston', Rengero de Watlingt', Thoma de Watlingt'. Thoma de Herst, Roberto le Hore, Thoma de Padiham, Benedicto de Padiham et multis aliis.

Lease by Ralph le Hay to Battle abbey, for the use of the almonry of the site of — and a purpresture which Ralph of Maxfield held and a croft lying between the house of Levota — and the same purpresture and also of 1 acre lying to the west of the said land and the road [leading to?] the spring called 'Stocwelle' in the manor of Maxfield (in Guestling) rendering 13 d. yearly to Adam le Hay his eldest brother and the latter's heirs and to the King and the count 3 d. in the mark more or less plus 1 d. castle ward.⁴

Mid-thirteenth century: definitely before 1273 (death of Michael de Beche).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/22. Not in any of the cartularies.

Measurements: 14 cm x 9 cm: plica 1.5 cm. On right '·xxvi· sol'. Condition: top right hand corner, approx. 2.5 cm x 3 cm, torn away.

Slit for seal tag.

Endorsed: Ista non habet locum quia reditus qui in eo continetur per aliam cartam quieteclamat(us) est/ De purprisio et curtillagio. Rad' Mexefeld. Vacat quia alibi facta est mentio/ X

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus le Hay dimi[si et conc]essi et hac presenti carta [mea confirmavi] Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello ad usus elemosinarie ejusdem ecclesie situm d(.....) ² et purprisio quod Radulfus de Mexefeld tenuit et unam croftam que jacet inter domum Levote i(.....) ³ et predictum purprisium et insuper unam acram terre que jacet ab occidentali parte predictae terre et viam (.....) ⁴ fontem qui vocatur Stocwelle, habenda et tenenda libere et quiete inperpetuum: reddendo inde an[nuatim Ade] le Hay fratri meo primogenito et heredibus suis tredecim denarios infra octabas Sancti Michaelis pro omnibus serviciis consuetudinibus sectis et demandis salvo servicio domini regis et comitis scilicet tres denarios ad marcam et ad plus plus et ad minus minus et ad wardam castri unum denarium. Predictus autem Adam frater meus warrantizabit omnia predicta prefate ecclesie et elemosinarie per predicta servicia contra

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1. See Searle p.162 and n.101.
 2. 2 to 3 words missing.
 3. ? 2 words missing.
 4. 1 to 2 words missing.

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omnes homines et omnes feminas. Et ut hec mea dimissio et concessio firma et stabilis inperpetuum permaneat eam presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus: Philippo de Essettesford, Radulfo de Muscamp, Michaelae de Beche, Roberto Machun, Adam (sic) le Hay fratre meo, Ricardo Marescallo, Willelmo de Northie, Rogero Tupin, Willelmo Panet, Hugone de Flintham, Roberto de Altun', Thoma Lucet et multis aliis.

Gift in frankalmoign with warranty by John Mowyn, knight, lord of Wilting' (in Hollington) to Battle abbey for the uses of the sacristy, of 12 s. annual rent from 2 wists formerly held by Edwin Dod and now held by Ralph of Hemingfold in Hemingfold (in Battle), and of 2 s. from land held of John by Robert of Breadsell in Breadsell (in Battle), situated between the road from Wilting to the east and Ralph de Therlingnexe's land to the west, with Roger de Egelond's land called 'Knelle' to the south and the monks' demesne to the north. Ralph and Robert are to continue to perform their feudal services, including castleward and scutage.

Probably before 1277;¹ definitely before 1285 (death of John Mowyn).

Original charter: Fuller I/28/25. Sacrist's Cart. (Huntington Library Battle Abbey Papers vol.30) ff.17v-18; and see f.12 (referring to the Breadsell arrangement).

Measurements: 22.5 cm x 16.1 cm: plica 1.9 cm.

Tag for seal: traces of green wax.

Endorsed: Helmyngfold.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Mowyn miles dominus de Wilting' pro me et heredibus meis dedi concessi et presenti carta confirmavi pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam in usus sacristarie ejusdem loci duodecim solidos annui redditus cum pertinenciis percipiendos de Radulfo de Helmingefold et heredibus sive assignatis suis ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet ad natale domini tres solidos ad Pascha tres solidos in festo nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste tres solidos et ad festum Sancti Michaelis tres solidos, de duabus wistis cum pertinenciis quas de me tenuit in Helmingefold quas quidem antiquitus Edwynus Dod de antecessoribus meis tenuit. Item duos solidos annui redditus cum pertinenciis percipiendos de Roberto de Breggesell et heredibus sive assignatis suis ad tres anni terminos, videlicet ad natale domini octo denarios ad Pascha octo denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis

1. Mathew of Hastings, one of the witnesses, seems to be the man of that name who died in 1277 (V.C.H. Sussex ix p.82).

octo denarios, de terra cum pertinenciis quam de me tenuit in Breggesell' que jacet in latitudine inter regiam stratam que tendit de Wilting' ad Bellum versus est et terram Radulfi de Therlingnexe versus west et capitat ad terram Rogeri de Egelond que vocatur Knelle versus suth et dominicam terram predictorum monachorum versus north, cum omni jure quod in eisdem redditibus seu terris cum pertinenciis habui vel habere potui, habendos et tenendos predictos redditus unacum homagio predicti Radulfi cum sectis releviis heriettiis wardis esscaetis et omnibus ad me vel heredes meos pertinentibus predictis monachis et eorum successoribus libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum salvo servicio domini regis et baronis ad dictas terras pertinente quod predicti Radulfus et Robertus et heredes sive assignati sui solvent, scilicet predictus Radulfus ad quamlibet wardam castri quatuor denarios et obolum et ad Justicesled² per annum quatuor denarios et ad scutagium xl solidorum quatuor solidos octo denarios et predictus Robertus ad quamlibet wardam castri obolum et ad scutagium xl solidorum septem denarios ad plus plus et ad minus minus. Et ego et heredes sive assignati mei predictos redditus cum omnibus pertinenciis predictis monachis et eorum successoribus contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus domino Mathia de Hasting',

2. On justicesled see E.J. Courthope and B.E.R. Formoy, 'Lathe court rolls and view of frankpledge in the Rape of Hastings', Sussex Record Society xxxvii, pp.xxiv, 183 and 186.

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domino Ricardo de Ore, militibus, Ricardo de Esburneham, Ricardo de Regg', Johanne de Pising, Willelmo de Sneylham, Stephano de Bosinton, Willelmo de Dene, Symone de Bodiham, Thoma de Watlington et aliis.³

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3. Witnesses to the Breadsell arrangement are Michael de Beche, Hugh de Coding, John de Pising, Richard de Regge, Robert de Bromham, William de Dene and Bartholomew de Hantton.

Attestation by William atte Knell, Alan atte felde, William atte Grene and others that the lands called 'Pleine', 'Schebbecroft' and 'Roberdus marsh', containing 12 acres of unenclosed land are included in the sale of Hamo son of Elias Dun, as appears by the attached charter¹, which is confirmed by Sybil of Icklesham.

Mid-thirteenth century.

Original charter: Fuller I/28/10. Not in any of the cartularies.

Measurements: 19 cm x 3.3 cm.

Condition: repaired by backing with a piece of parchment. No endorsements.

Testificatum est per Willelmum ate Knell, Alanum ate felde et Willelmum atte Grene et alios quod terre vocate Pleine, Schebbecroft et Roberdus mersch continentes 12 acras terre campestralis sunt de vendicione Hamonis filii Elie Dun ut patet per cartam suam annexam que quidem carta confirmatur per Sibillam de Ikelesham.

1. There is no longer an attached charter.

Confirmation by Edward (Story), bishop of Chichester, Thomas Arundell, lord of Matravers, and others of an arrangement (by an indenture of 21 September 1480) whereby Thomas Hoo, esquire, had pledged himself to pay 20 marks annual rent from the manors of Roffey, Shapwike, Egle, Compton and West Marden in Horsham, Rusper, Boxgrove and Fairlight to Battle abbey. Two monks are to be maintained at Battle to pray for the souls of Thomas Hoo, knight, formerly lord of Hoo and Hastings, and his parents, for Thomas Hoo, esquire, and Alice, his present wife, while they live and after their death, and for the souls of Alice, his former wife, and Walter and Wilhelmina Urrey, parents of his first wife, and all their relatives.

30 December 1483

Original charter: Fuller I/28/30. Not in any of the cartularies.

Measurements: 48 cm x 35.6 cm: plica 3.8 cm.

31 surviving seals of red wax on 74 tags (originally 15).

From no.8 onwards the tags are double tags but nos.11 and 13(a) and (b) do not survive. See Appendix for full descriptions.

No endorsements.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Edwardus permissione divina Cicestrensis episcopus, Thomas Arundell miles dominus de Matravers, Johannes Wode miles thesaurarius Anglie, Henricus Roos miles, Johannes Scot miles, Willelmus Boleyn miles, Guido Fairfax miles, Johannes Catesby miles justiciarius domini regis, Rogerus Tounesende serviens ad legem, Johannes Dudley armiger, Edwardus Berkeley armiger, Philipus Lewes armiger, Thomas Belyngeham armiger, Johannes Apsey armiger, Ricardus Leukenore de Brembiltye armiger, Thomas Combes armiger, Henricus Kyghley armiger, Thomas Leukenore de Goryng, Johannes Wode de Manwode, Thomas Oxenbrigge, Johannes Devenyssh armiger, Johannes Goryng, Willelmus Covert, Thomas Sherman, Thomas Danvers, Willelmus Danvers, Ricardus Alfrey, Henricus Asshborn, Thomas Butsyde, Johannes Baker, Thomas Rotes, Willelmus Ploufeld, Willelmus Est, Thomas Agas, Ricardus Wodesell,

Robertus Hurst, Thomas Maunsell, Henricus Newdygate et Robertus Whytewell salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum Thomas Hoo armiger seisitus fuerit in dominico suo ut de feodo de manerio de Rowhey in parochiis de Horsham et Rowspare et de terris et tenementis vocatis Maleherbys, Hurstlond, Gobelottys et Fosters in Rowspare, que quidem manerium terre et tenementa nuper fuerunt Walteri Urry armigeri, ac de diversis terris et tenementis in Horsham per ipsum Thomam Hoo de diversis personis nuper perquisitis, scilicet de uno mesuagio et decem acris terre vocatis Edwardys perquisitis de Thoma Hertle et Johanne Cloterwyn de terra vocata Mastot' perquisita de Willelmo Cloterwyn de terra vocata Gawtron perquisita de Johanne Gawtron de decem acris terre perquisitis de Willelmo Waller de terris et tenementis cum gravis et gardinis continentibus decem acras terre perquisitis de Jacobo Bonewik de tribus acris terre perquisitis de Johanne Mighell de terra et grava continentibus duodecim acras terre perquisitas de feoffatis Johannis a Deane de septem acris prati vocatis Turnours et Aylewyns perquisitis de Willelmo Waller seniore et Willelmo Waller juniore; ac de illis terris et tenementis apud Rowghey per dictum Thomam Hoo perquisitis de feoffatis et executoribus testamenti Henrici Boteler, videlicet de decem acris prati vocatis Elliotis de duodecim acris terre vocatis Cokhuntysgrove de terris cum bosco continentibus quadraginta acras terre vocati Hothlond de quinque acris terre vocatis Segrymes; necnon de illis terris et tenementis ibidem per dictum Thomam Hoo de diversis aliis hominibus perquisitis, scilicet de uno mesuagio cum gardino perquisito de Roberto Stanys de alio mesuagio cum gardino vocato Oldecloterwyns perquisito de Thoma Hertle de terra perquisita de Willelmo Lower filio Walteri Lower de terris et tenementis perquisitis de Alicia Reyner de terra et

tenemento vocatis Langherst perquisitis de Georgio Brykis; ac de sex acris terre vocatis Redynsmore et Bryncheleysmede et de medietate illorum terrarum et tenementorum vocatorum Oldepark et Homepark; ac etiam de illis terris tenementis et maneriis per dictum Thomam Hoo perquisitis de Johanne duce Norf' per finem in curia domini regis inde levatum, videlicet de centum acris terre vocatis Coldestaple et de octo acris terre vocatis Askesbornesfeld apud Rowhey predictam et maneriis de Shapwike, Egle, Compton et Westmarden in comitatu Sussex' et de terra vocata Croftlond in parochia de Bosgrove; ac de terra et tenemento vocatis Wattislond in parochia de Farlegh cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, et sic inde seisitus per quandam cartam suam indentatam cujus datum est vicesimo primo die Septembris anno regni domini Edwardi nuper regis Anglie quarti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo dederit concesserit et carta illa confirmaverit Johanni abbati monasterii Sancti Martini de Bello et ejusdem loci conventui quendam annualem redditum viginti marcarum percipiendum de maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis predictis cum pertinenciis, habendum et tenendum et percipiendum dictum annualem redditum viginti marcarum de et in omnibus predictis maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis cum pertinenciis prefatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum ad festa nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste et Natalis Domini equis portionibus solvendum ad sustentationem duorum monachorum monasterii predicti futuris temporibus cotidie celebraturorum ac ad alia divina obsequia per abbatem et conmonachos dicti monasterii in ecclesia ejusdem monasterii annuatim peragenda pro animabus Thome Hoo militis nuper domini de Hoo et de Hastyng et parentum suorum ac pro bono statu dicti Thome Hoo armigeris et Alicie uxoris sue dum vixerint et pro

animabus eorundem Thome et Alicie cum ab hac luce migraverint necnon pro animabus Alicie nuper uxoris ejusdem Thome et Walteri Urrey et Willelmine uxoris sue parentum ipsius Alicie et pro animabus omnium parentum amicorum benefactorum et consanguineorum ipsorum jam defunctorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum in plenarium complementum ultime voluntatis dicti Thome Hoo militis secundum effectum quarundam indenturarum inter prefatos abbatem et conventum et dictum Thomam Hoo armigerum inde confectarum, quarum datum est vicesimo primo die Septembris anno regni dicti nuper regis vicesimo; ita quod si contingeret predictum annualem redditum viginti marcarum in parte vel in toto a retro existere insolutum per quindecim dies post aliquod festum festorum predictorum quo solvi deberet, extunc et totiens bene liceret prefatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis et eorum assignatis in omnibus predictis maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis ac in manerio de Burghunt in comitatu Sutht' et qualiter inde parcella cum pertinenciis distringere et distractiones sic captas, effugare abducere et asportare ac penes se retinere quousque de predicto annuali redditu et arreragiis inde eis plenarie fuerit satisfactum et persolutum; et si contingeret predictum annualem redditum viginti marcarum in parte vel in toto a retro fore insolutum ut premittitur, ita quod predicti abbas et conventus necesse habeant distringere pro redditu illo sic a retro existente, extunc totiens quotiens contingeret redditum illum ita a retro existere bene liceret dictis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis in predictis maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis ac in dicto manerio de Burghunt, tam pro dictis viginti marcis de annuali redditu quam pro quinque marcis nomine pene pro predicto redditu viginti marcarum

sic a retro existente distringere et districtiones sic captas penes se retinere quousque de eisdem viginti marcis de annuali reddito ac de dictis quinque marcis nomine pene eisdem plenarie fuerit satisfactum et persolutum prout in dicta carta indentata inde eis confecta plenius continetur; cumque predictus Thomas Hoo armiger postea inter alia terras et tenementa de predictis maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis superius expressatis cum pertinenciis in comitatibus predictis seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo in forma predicta inde per quasdam cartas suas feoffaverit nos prefatos episcopum, Thomam Arundell, Johannem Wode, Henricum Roos, Johannem Scot, Willelmum Boleyn, Guidonem Fairfax, Johannem Catesby, Rogerum Tounesende, Johannem Dudley, Edwardum Berkeley, Philipum Lewys, Thomam Belyngeham, Johannem Apseley, Ricardum Leukenore, Thomam Combes, Henricum Kyghley, Thomam Leukenore, Johannem Wode, Thomam Oxenbrigge, Johannem Devenyssh, Johannem Goryng, Willelmum Covert, Thomam Sherman, Thomam Danvers, Willelmum Danvers, Ricardum Alfrey, Henricum Asshborn, Thomam Butsyde, Johannem Baker, Thomam Rotes, Willelmum Ploufeld, Willelmum Est, Thomam Agas, Ricardum Wodesell, Robertum Hurst, Thomam Maunsell, Henricum Newdygate et Robertum Whytewell, habenda nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum prout in eisdem cartis plenius continetur; sciatis jam nos prefatos episcopum Thomam, Johannem, Henricum, Johannem, Willelmum, Guidonem, Johannem, Rogerum, Johannem, Edwardum, Philipum, Thomam, Johannem, Ricardum, Thomam, Henricum, Thomam, Johannem, Thomam, Johannem, Johannem, Willelmum, Thomam, Thomam, Willelmum, Ricardum, Henricum, Thomam, Johannem, Thomam, Willelmum, Willelmum, Thomam, Ricardum, Robertum, Thomam, Henricum et Robertum virtute feoffamentorum predictorum seisitos

inter alia terras et tenementa de predictis maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis superius expressatis cum pertinentiis in dominico nostro ut de feodo ex assensu et ad requisitionem dicti Thome Hoo armigeri concessisse ratificasse approbasse et confirmasse prefatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis predictum annualem redditum viginti marcarum et totum statum suum inde volentes insuper et concedentes per presentes quod quotiens contingat predictum annualem redditum viginti marcarum a retro existere in parte vel in toto non solutum per quindecim dies post aliquod festum solutionis inde prelimitatum totiens liceat prefatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis tam pro redditu illo sic a retro fore contingente ac qualiter inde parcella et arreragiis inde quam pro dictis quinque marcis nomine pene ut predicatur pro redditu predicto a retro existente, in omnibus predictis maneriis pratis boscis mesuagiis terris et tenementis superius expressatis ac in dicto manerio de Burghunt et qualiter inde parcella distringere et distractiones sic captas effugare abducere et asportare ac penes se retinere quousque eis de predicto annuali redditu viginti marcarum et quinque marcis predictis plenarie fuerit satisfactum et persolutum proviso semper quod presens nostra concessio ratificatio approbatio et confirmatio nullo modo se extendat ad onerandos personas nostrum predictorum episcopi Thome, Johannis, Henrici, Johannis, Willelmi, Guidonis, Johannis, Rogeri, Johannis, Edwardi, Philipi, Thome, Johannis, Ricardi, Thome, Henrici, Thome, Johannis, Thome, Johannis, Johannis, Willelmi, Thome, Thome, Willelmi, Ricardi, Henrici, Thome, Johannis, Thome, Willelmi, Willelmi, Thome, Ricardi, Roberti, Thome, Henrici et Roberti nec personam alicujus nostrum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus. Dat' penultimo die Decembris anno regni regis Ricardi tercii post conquestum Anglie primo.

Gift with warranty by James Bole and Alice his wife to John Ceman and Elena his wife of a messuage in the town of Battle, lying between the tenement of Stephen Sharshell and the lands of the abbot and convent of Battle, which they had received as a gift from John atte Park and Matilda his wife.¹

5 March 1404

Original charter: Fuller I/28/34b. See Thorpe pp.94-5 for a quitclaim to James Bole of February 1404 of possibly the same messuage.

Measurements: 30.7 cm x 13 cm: plica 2.9 cm.

Seal of red wax on tag: oval approx. 5.5 cm x 3 cm (much repaired). Device: ? a monogram.

No endorsements.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Jacobus Bole et Alicia uxor mea dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni Ceman et Elene uxori sue de Bello quoddam mesuagium cum suis pertinenciis sittuatum in media borga de Bello predicto inter tenementum Stephani Sharshell ex una parte et terram domini abbatis et conventus de Bello ex altera parte quod quidem mesuagium nuper habuimus ex dono et feoffamento Johannis atte Park et Matilde uxoris sue, habendum et tenendum predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni Ceman et Elene uxori sue heredibus et assignatis suis libere quiete integre bene et in pace de capitali domino feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta imperpetuum. Et nos vero predicti Jacobus et Alicia uxor mea heredes executores et assignati nostri predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni Ceman et Elene uxori sue heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et defendemus

1. For this charter see Thorpe pp.94-5, although Matilda is there described as the widow of John atte Park.

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imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presente
(sic) carte sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus
Stephano Sharshell², Stephano Dalynghton, Johanne
Copyn, Willelmo Spaldynge, Johanne Penbroke et multis
aliis. Dat' apud Bellum quinto die mensis Marcii anno
regni regis Henrici quarti quinto.

2. A Stephen Sharsell was beadle of the abbey from 1396
to 1399 (Thorpe pp.91-2).

Gift by Richard Henley of Battle to John Addams, William Frensshe and Luke Pylcher of one parcel of land called 'Weners', with appurtenances, in the parish of Battle, the lands of the manor of Estbeche lying to the north and east and William Boys' land to the south and land formerly of the manor of Westbeche to the west. This parcel with other lands and tenements Richard held jointly with Thomas Staple, yeoman, and others now dead, by the gift of John a Myll of Battle. Edward Feld is appointed his attorney to deliver seisin.

3 December 1509

Original charter: Fuller I/28/31.

Measurements: 28 cm x 14.5 cm: plica 1.8 cm.

Condition: repaired; top left-hand corner missing.

No trace of sealing method, probably tag.

Endorsed: Carta Ricardi Henle de terris vocatis Weners in Bello anno regis Henrici viii primo.

[Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Henley de Bello tradidi dimisi et hac presenti carta mea deliberavi Johanni [Addams Willelmus F]rensshe et Luce Pylcher unam parcellam terre vocatam Weners jacentem in parochia de Bello predicto [ad terram m]anerii de Estbeche versus boream et orientem ad terram Willemi Boys versus austrum et ad terram manerii de Westbeche olim d' versus occidentem quam quidem parcellam terre inter alia terras et tenementa simul cum Thoma Staple yoman, Johanne Hordenay jam defunctis conjunctim habuimus ex dono et feoffamento Johannis a Myll' de Bello predicto prout in quadam [carta] sua inde nobis confecta plenius patet; habendam et tenendam predictam parcellam terre vocatam Weners cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Addams, Willelmo Frensshe et Luce Pylcher heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitali domino feodi illius per redditus et servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Ordino insuper dilectum michi in Christo Edwardum Feld verum et legitimum meum attornatum ad intrandum pro me vice

et nomine meo in predictam parcellam terre cum
pertinenciis ac seisinam inde nomine meo capiendam
necnon seisinam illam sic captam et habitam plenam
seisinam et possessionem inde prefatis Johanni Addams,
Willelmo Frensshe et Luce Pylcher vice et nomine meo
deliberandam secundum vim formam et effectum presentis
carte mee, ratum et gratum habentes et habituri totum
et quicquid dictus attornatus meus nomine meo fecerit
in premissis per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium
huic presenti carte cum scripto littere attornati in
eadem contente sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Bellum
predictum tercio die Decembris anno regni regis Henrici
octavi post conquestum Anglie primo.

Gift with warranty by Ralph Ayling to Robert Mede, Nicholas Morant and John Byrchett of 2 houses with gardens (bounds specified) and appurtenances in the town of Battle.

25 May 1527

Original charter: Fuller I/28/33.

Measurements: 24.8 cm x 14.4 cm: plica 1.8 cm.

Seal of red wax on tag: oblong 2 cm x 1.8 cm (repaired).

Device: the monogram 'R'.

No endorsements.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus Aylyng de Bello vendidi dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto Mede, Nicholao Morant et Johanni Byrchet unum mesuagium cum gardino et pertinenciis in Bello, situatum in media burga inter tenementum Willelmi Boys nuper Johannis Bokelond ex parte una et tenementum Willelmi Eston senioris nuper Nicholai Mylward ex parte altera, et extendens a regia strata ibidem ex parte occidentali usque gardenum Johannis Fayrman ex parte orientali. Vendidi etiam dedi et concessi eisdem Roberto Mede, Nicholao¹ et Johanni Byrchet unum mesuagium cum gardino adjacenti et suis pertinenciis jacens et existens in burga predicta inter tenementum Johannis Fayrman nuper Willelmi Parker ex parte australi et tenementum Johannis Aylard nuper Henrici Myll' ex parte boreali et extendens a regia strata ibidem ex parte occidentali usque parvum parcum de Bello predicto ex parte orientali, habenda et tenenda predicta duo mesuagia cum gardinis et omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Roberto Mede, Nicholao Morant et Johanni Byrchet heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum prefati Roberti Mede et heredum suorum ac ad ultimam voluntatem suam inde perimplendam imperpetuum de capitali domino feodorum illorum per redditus et servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego vero predictus Radulfus

1. Surname omitted.

Alyng et heredes mei predicti duo mesuagia cum gardinis et omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Roberto Mede, Nicholao² et Johanni Byrchet heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum ut prefertur contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Bellum predictum vicesimo quinto die Maii anno regni regis Henrici octavi post conquestum Anglie decimo nono. Hiis testibus Willelmo Love, Johanne Fayrman, Johanne Vynagh, Roberto Trollop, Roberto Swane, Johanne Alen et aliis.

2. Surname omitted.

Confirmation by Ingram de Mainieres to Robertsbridge abbey of the land and tenement of Footland (in Sedlescombe) with lands and appurtenances belonging to it¹, given to them by Matilda, mother of Ingram, to be held perpetually in frankalmoign except for service to the king and count.

Probably 1215 x 1235²

Original charter: Fuller I/28/6. See Thorpe p.24.³
 Measurements: 19 cm x 11.4 cm: plica 1.9 cm.
 Slit for seal, tag and tag for seal with traces of green wax.
 Endorsed: B.III./ Ingerrannus de Mayners⁴

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ingerrannus de Mainieres filius Reginaldi de Mainieres concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et beate Marie et abbacie et monachis de Ponte Roberti pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et heredum meorum totam terram et tenementum de Fudiland' cum pertinenciis cum terra [de] Wicham et Pokelesherse et Todeherst et Bissopesland' et Betenesse et Hodlege cum omnibus aliis terris et tenementis ad predictum tenementum de Fudiland' pertinentibus, que Matidild' (sic) de Mainieres mater mea in libera viduitate sua eisdem monachis dedit et carta sua confirmavit in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, ut habeant et teneant omnia predicta tenementa bene et in pace libere et quiete integre et plenarie et absolute ab omni seculari exactione et consuetudine et servicio

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1. 'Wicham', 'Pokelesherse', 'Todeherst', Bissopesland' (Bishop's Lane in Salehurst), 'Betenesse' (Battenhurst in Ticehurst) and 'Hodlege' (Hoadley Wood in Ticehurst).
 2. Now in Kent A.O. (De L'Isle MSS.T264/437). See HMC, De L'Isle and Dudley MSS i.71 (no.437) - now in Kent A.O. with reference De L'Isle MSS.T264/437 - for a similar charter, with some different witnesses, including Richard abbot of Battle, which can therefore be dated 1215 x 1235 (The Heads of Religious Houses England and Wales 940-1216, ed. D. Knowles, C.N.L. Brooke and V.C.M. London, Cambridge, 1972, p.30).
 3. The witnesses given in Thorpe are: Peter de Scotigniis, Simon de Sumeri, Robert de Maneriis, Laurence de Mondefeld 'and others'.
 4. The endorsement on the Maidstone charter reads B.III. and is a Robertsbridge press mark for the preceding charter to this one.

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quod ad me et ad heredes meos pertinet in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, salvo servicio domini regis et comitis per manus monachorum predictorum regi et comiti faciendo. His testibus Petro de Scotegniis, Willelmo de Cyrenth', Roberto de Bosrohad, Symone de Sumiis (sic), Roberto de Maneriis, Laurentio de Mondifeld', Helya Foleth, Alano filio Roberti, Radulfo de Ferne et pluribus aliis.

Gift with warranty by Thomas a Crouche of Ewhurst to John Badcok and Petronilla his wife and to Thomas and Gregory Sawyer of 1 tenement, a garden and 2 acres of land called Hobbys alias Prallys in the parish of Ewhurst, which Thomas acquired from the late Thomas Pyers in his lifetime. The lands of Henry Cobbey's heirs lie to the east and west, the road from Ewhurst church to Staple Cross to the south and the land of Nicholas Tufton called Smott to the north.

6 August 1526

Original charter: Fuller I/28/32.

Measurements: 22.6 cm x 14.4 cm: plica 2 cm.

Seal of red wax on tag: round 2 cm (repaired - fragment only).

Endorsed: 6th August 1527 6th August 1627 / hiis testibus
Johanne Baron' de Ewhurst, Wyllelmo Sayer, Roberto Pyper,
Thoma Byschappe, de eadem cum multis aliis.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas a Crouche de Ewherst dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni Badcok de Ewherst predicta et Petronille uxori ejus Thome Sawyer et Gregorio Sawyer unum tenementum unum gardinum et duas acras terre cum suis pertinenciis vocata Hobbys alias Prallys scituata jacentia et existentia in parochia de Ewherst predicta ad terram heredum Henrici Cobbey versus orientem ad regiam stratam ducentem a (sic) ecclesia de Ewherst usque Stapull Crosse versus austrum ad terram dictorum heredum Henrici Cobbey versus occidentem et ad terram Nicholai Tufton vocatam Smott versus boriham (sic), que ego predictus Thomas a Crouche nuper perquisivi de Thoma Pyers nuper de Iden' dum vixit, habenda et tenenda predictum tenementum, gardinum et duas acra terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni, Petronille, Thome Sawyer et Gregorio heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum predictorum Johannis et Petronille et heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego vero

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predictus Thomas a Crouche et heredes mei predictum tenementum gardinum et duas acras terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni, Petronille, Thome Sawyer et Gregorio heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum predictorum Johannis et Petronille heredum et assignatorum suorum contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Dat' apud Ewherst predictam sexto die Augusti anno regni regis Henrici octavi post conquestum Anglie decimo octavo. Hiis testibus.¹

1. See endorsements.

Quitclaim with warranty by John Cobie of Lewes to Thomas Brigden of Northiam of 1 messuage called 'Prallestenement',¹ 2 crofts called 'Cobies Crofts', 2 pieces of land called 'Gonnes', 2 parcels of land called 'Homes' and a parcel of marsh called Padgham marsh, all in Ewhurst (with bounds given), following a fine which had been made in the Easter term of 1599 (41 Elizabeth) between Thomas Brigden, plaintiff, and John Cobie, deforciant. No consideration given.

1 June 1599

Original charter: Fuller I/28/34a.

Measurements: 25.8 cm x 30.6 cm: plica 1.5 cm.

Seal of white wax (varnished) on a tag: round approx. 2 cm (much repaired). Device: a monogram ?JC. Written on plica and tag 'John Cobie'.

Endorsed: Sealed and delyvede in the presence of / Stephen Batthurst and George Bysshop / 1st June 1599

Sciant presentes et futuri me Johannem Cobie de Lewes in comitatu Sussex generosum remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis quietum clamasse Thome Brigden' de Northyham in predicto comitatu Sussex yoman in sua plena et pacifica possessione ac seisina existenti totum jus meum statum titulum et demandam que unquam habui, habeo seu quovismodo in futurum habere potero de et in uno mesuagio sive tenemento vulgo appellato sive cognito per nomen de Prallestenement, scituato in Ewhurst in comitatu Sussex predicto, ac de et in omnibus horriis edificiis terris pratis pascuis² pasturis boscis subboscis et hereditamentis quibuscumque in Ewhurst predicta eidem mesuagio sive tenemento adjacentibus, spectantibus sive pertinentibus cum suis pertinentiis universis jam in tenura³ sive occupatione cujusdam Johannis Bright vel assignatis suis et bundant et buttant modo et forma sequenti, videlicet ad regiam viam ducentem inter Pralle Crouche et ecclesiam de Ewhurst

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1. Prawls Farm probably takes its name from the family of Pralle; cf. Sussex P.N. p.520.
 2. 'pastu' here deleted.
 3. 'tnura'.

predicta versus boream ad terram Johannis Tufton armigeri vocatam Sherhams et Catewarde ad terram Thome Boot' generosi et ad terram Thome Peirce generosi vocatam Fynches versus orientem ad terram customariam Johannis Randall tentam de manerio de Ponte Roberti et ad terram customariam Edwardi Sheather tentam de manerio predicto et ad terram Willelmi Jordaine vocatam Brasses versus austrum et ad terram predicti Willelmi Jordaine vocatam Brasses et ad terram customariam predicti Johannis Randoll versus occidentem prout mete et bunde undique dividunt et demonstrant, ac etiam de et in duobus aliis croftis terre vulgo appellatis sive cognitis per nomen de Cobies Croft' continentibus per estimationem tres acras terre sive majus sive minus inde habeatur jacentibus et existentibus in Ewhurst predicta, videlicet ad regiam viam ducentem de Staple Crosse usque Bodiham versus occidentem ad terram Johannis Tufton armigeri et ad terram Thome Peirce generosi versus orientem ac ad terram predicti Thome Peirce et ad terram Willelmi Jordaine vocatam Brasses versus boream et ad terram Johannis Snowe versus austrum prout mete et bunde inde demonstrant, necnon de et in duabus aliis peciis terre vulgo appellatis sive cognitis per nomen de Gones continentibus per estimationem quatuor acras sive majus sive minus inde habeatur pariter jacentibus et existentibus in Ewhurst predicta et bundant et buttant ad terram Johannis Tufton armigeri versus boream ad regiam⁴ viam ducentem de Staple Crosse usque Ewhurst versus austrum ad terram Thome Peirce generosi et ad terram Willelmi Jordaine vocatam Brasses versus occidentem et ad terram vocatam little Pralles versus orientem prout mete et bunde inde undique demonstrant; ac insuper de et in duabus aliis parcellis terre vulgo appellatis sive cognitis per nomen de Homes continentibus per estimationem

4. 'reginan'.

sex acras sive majus sive minus inde habeatur pariter jacentibus et existentibus in Ewhurst predicto ad terram Johannis Tufton armigeri versus boream ad regiam viam ducentem de Ewhurst predicto usque Staple Crosse versus austrum ad terram supradictam vocatam litle Pralles versus occidentem et ad terram customariam⁵ heredum Nicholai Partridge versus orientem; ac etiam de et in tota illa parcella terre marisci in Ewhurst predicta vulgo appellata sive cognita per nomen de Padyham Mershe continenti per estimationem tres acras sive majus sive minus inde habeatur jacenti ad terram Johannis Tufton armigeri versus boream austrum et occidentem et ad quendam rivulum vocatum the mill streame versus orientem prout mete et bunde inde undique dividunt et demonstrant. De quibus premissis quidam finis levatus fuit in termino pasche anno regni domine nostre Elizabethhe regine nunc quadragesimo primo inter prefatum Thomam Brigden querentem et eundem Johannem Cobie deforsiantem per nomen unius mesuagii duorum horreorum⁶ unius gardini unius pomarii sexaginta acrarum terre sex acrarum prati quadraginta acrarum pasture quinquaginta acrarum bosci et quatuor acrarum marisci cum pertinenciis in Ewhurst, habenda et tenenda omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinenciis prefato Thome Brigden heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum; ita videlicet quod nec ego predictus Johannes Cobie nec heredes mei nec aliquis alius nec aliqui alii per me pro me sive nomine meo sive nomine heredum meorum aliquod jus statum⁷ titulum usum interesse sive demandam de aut in predictis premissis cum suis pertinenciis aut de vel in aliqua inde parcella de cetero exigere⁸, clamare seu vindicare poterimus nec debemus quovis modo infuturum sed ab omni actione juris

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5. 'customr'.
 6. 'horreum'.
 7. 'stat' here deleted.
 8. 'eigere'.

status tituli clamei usus interesse et demande inde petenda sive exigenda totaliter sumus (sic) imperpetuum exclusi per presentes. Et ego vero predictus Johannes Cobie ac heredes mei omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinenciis prefato Thome Brigden heredibus et assignatis suis contra me heredes et assignatos meos warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat' primo die Junii anno regni domine nostre Elizabethae dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regine fidei defensoris et quadragesimo primo 1599.

APPENDIX

Description of the seals of Charter 29

Thirty-one surviving seals of red wax on fourteen tags (originally fifteen). From no.8 onwards the seals are double tags but numbers 11, 13(a) and 13(b) do not survive. The names of the owners of the seals are written on the tags: they are given below in italics.

1. Episcopus. 1 seal on tag. Round. 2 cm. Device ?
2. Ma[u]travers (Thomas Arundell). 1 seal on tag. Round. 0.9 cm. Device: lion rampant (good impression).
3. Thes[aurarius] (John Wode). 1 seal on tag. Octagonal. 0.4 cm. Device ?
4. Roos. Tag for seal. Traces of red wax.
5. Scot. 1 seal on tag. Round. 0.9 cm. Device: a martlet (poor impression).
6. Boleyn. 1 seal on tag. Round. 1 cm. Device: a pelican (surmounting a fish?).
7. Fairfax. 1 seal on tag. Octagonal. 0.5 cm. Device: ? a cross and a circle or a monogram.
8. 4 seals on a double tag: (a) (c)
(b) (d)
 - (a) Catesby. Round. 1.3 cm. Device: three oak leaves on a branch. Legend: a motto; not clear.
 - (b) Sherman. Round. 0.9 cm. Device: a bee on a flower.
 - (c) Townesende. Round. 1 cm. Device: a leaf. Legend: ? a motto; not clear.
 - (d) Th. Danvers. Round. 1.3 cm. Device: a wolf devouring a man (very good impression).

13. Double tag: (a) and (b) lacking, being originally sealed with the seals of (a) T. Leukenore and (b) Agas.
- (c) Wode (de Manwode). Round. 1.3 cm. Device ?
- (d) Wodesell. Oval. 1.3 cm x 0.8 cm. Device: a monogram W, surmounted by a frond.
14. 4 seals on a double tag: (a) (c)
(b) (d)
- (a) Oxenbrigge. Round. 1.2 cm. Device: a fleur de lys.
- (b) Hurst. Oval? 1.2 cm x 1 cm. Device: a monogram W.
- (c) Devenyssh. Triangular. Approx. 1 cm. Device: ? a bird or a beast.
- (d) Maunsell. Oval. 1.2 cm x 1 cm. (Repaired, fragment only.) Device: a Lombardic M, surmounted by a coronet.
15. Double tag: (b) lacking, being originally sealed with the seal of Newdygate.
- (a) Goryng. Round. 1.4 cm. Device: a female figure.
- (c) Covert. Approx. 3 cm. on shapeless wax. Device: a small cross or star.
- (d) Wytewell. Round. 1.2 cm. Device: the horned and bearded head of a man.

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