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1335.

Manor of BENSTEDE (DROXFORD Parish)

(Calendar of Patent Rolls – 18<sup>th</sup> April 1335).

GRANT (by King Edward III) to (his) Queen PHILIPPA of the custody, during the minority of the heir (aged 3), of the lands late of JOHN DE SEINTCLER, tenant in chief, with the issue from the day of the death of the said JOHN and the marriage of the heir (i.e. JOHN's son JOHN).

Manor of BENSTEDE (in DROXFORD Parish) – 1335

“Extent” drawn up on inquisition post mortem of JOHN DE SE(Y)N(T)CLER – 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> Edward III. (PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE – ref. C135/44).

Inquisition made at WINCHESTER by WILLIAM DE NORTHO, escheator to the King in county of Hampshire ... of Peter DE PERESHUTTE (?), Lawrence ATTE MULLE, Peter SHELDE, John DAWGHE, Henry LE WHITE, John LE BOLE, William DE MYDLINGTON, Henry WHREY, Peter MAYSANT, John BORYE, William ATTE BROKE and Thomas LE FOREST (jurors) ... regarding the manor of BENSTEDE held, jointly with ALICE his wife, who still survives, by fine levied in the King's court, of JOHN DE SCURES, knight, by service of one knight's fee (the heir is JOHN, son of said JOHN and ALICE DE SE(Y)N(T)CLER, aged three years and more ... finds there one capital messuage valued at NOTHING each year after repairs; one garden of 2 acres in which there is no fruit on account of the dryness of the trees but the pasture of this is worth 18d. per year; one water-mill valued per year (apart from repairs) at 13s. 4d.; 120 acres of arable land valued at 50s. per year (60 acres at 6d. per acre and the other 60 acres at 4d. per acre); 8 acres of meadow worth 10s. 8d. per year (16d. per acre); 16 acres of separate pasture worth 4s. per year (3d. per acre); pasture for 60 two-year-old sheep, in separate pieces, worth 40d. per year; dense woodland of 2 acres, with pannage, worth 2s. when available, then in Autumn worth 12d. and the pasture of the same worth 6d. per year; assize rents from cottars 13s. 4d. due at the 4 terms of the year in equal portions, that is to say, of five [COTTERELL']; and there is owing from them two days at the Autumn harvest, either the Lord's wheat or oats, and there is valued in all at 20d., price for the work of each 4d.; the pleas and perquisites of court worth 12d. per year.

(Translated Aug. 1978 - G. SOFFE & BRIDGET JONES).

1346

Manor of BENSTEDE (in DROXFORD Parish) - 1346

(Calendar of Feudal Aids, Vol. II, page 335).

HUNDRED OF WALTHAM.

“The Bishop of WINTON holds the manor of WALTHAM and all his other lands “spectantes” to the said bishopric, and all lands which the Prior of Saint Swithin at WINTON holds in the said county (i.e. Hants), by 5 (knights') fees.

PHILIPPA, Queen of England, holds half a (knight's) fee in BENSTEDE and HALLIWELL by reason of her custody of JOHN SEYNTCLER, from which same half fee (“medietate feodi”) NICHOLAS DE LA BERE holds a twentieth part”.

Feudal Aid, 1346.

(Aid for Knighting the King's eldest Son - 20 Edward III).

“ In Hundredo de WALTHAM:

Episcopus WYNTONIENSIS tenet manerium de WALTHAM, et omnes alias terras suas ad dictum episcopatum spectantes, et omnes terras quas prior SANCTI SWITHIN WYNTONIE tenet in dicto comitatu, per v. feoda.

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PHILIPPA, regina Anglie, tenet in BENSTEDE et HALLIWELL di(midium) f(eodum) racione custodie JOHANNUS SEYNTCLER, de qua quidem medietate feodi NICHOLAS DE LA BERE tenet xxam partem.”  
 (Among those giving this information on oath is HENRICI SEYNTCLER).  
 “[Johannes de SCURES et Johanna de ROCHES] tenant in WYKHAM di(midium) f(eodum).”

1348/9: The Black Death in DROXFORD

#### RECEIPTS

Year to Michaelmas	1348	1349	1350	1351
REEVE's NAME:	RALPH DE GOSEWELLE	JOHN ATTE HATCH	JOHN ATTE HATCH	???
Arrears (paid up)	£4-13-0.75	£10-4-2.25	£27-3-8	£9-3-9
Assized rents	25-3-9.5	25-4-3.5	25-4-3.5	25-4-3.5
Less: Acquittances	0-5-4	0-3-4.5	0-5-4	0-5-4
Defects (through pestilence)	NIL	? NIL	0-16-3	NIL
(NET RENTS REC'D)	(24-8-10.5)	(24-10-11)	(23-12-0)	(24-8-11.5)
ISSUES OF THE MANOR	£6-15-4.75	£5-2-9.25	£5-17-1.75	£6-4-0.5
FINES & MARRIAGES	4-5-8	46-12-6	4-9-4	4-12-8
HERIOTS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
PERQUISITES OF THE COURT	2-3-6	0-14-5	???	0-15-10
SALE OF STOCK	6-3-7.75	9-17-9	11-18-5	8-4-11.5
SALE OF CORN	17-0-6	6-8-9	20-6-7.75	14-13-9.75
SALE OF WORKS	9-6-10.5	9-6-10.5	9-6-10.5	9-6-10.5

#### EXPENSES

COST OF PLOUGHS	£1-5-5	???	£1-6-0	???
COST OF CARTS	2-2-0	???	1-0-4	???
CORN BOUGHT	NIL	???	NIL	???
STOCK BOUGHT	9-9-6	???	3-12-0.75	???
DAIRY	NIL	???	0-9-9	???
SHEEPFOLD	1-17-3.5	???	1-7-10	???
HOUSEHOLD	1-0-4.5	???	0-6-7	???
BUILDINGS	0-12-1	???	NIL	???
THRESHING	1-9-3	???	1-5-4	???
AUTUMN WORKS	5-11-10	???	5-18-4	???

Source: Miss A.E LEVETT: “The Black Death on the Estates of the See of Winchester”, pp. 59, 105 & 164).

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1349

FROM A CHARTER OF EDWARD III (A.D. 1349) RE. ST. GILES FAIR, WINCHESTER  
(ed. G.W. KITCHIN, D.D.).

“And very many of the Bishop’s tenants, who hold lands and tenements of him by service of making suit at the Pavilion\*, are bound to come and shall come thither on each Vigil of St. Giles, before 6 in the morning, to make their suit of service at the Pavilion, and shall be prepared with horses and arms as often as may be needful. From among them the Justiciaries shall, at their pleasure, select 3 or 4 (or more or fewer, as they may see it will be needful) to serve and tarry in the Fair during its continuance, and to carry out the executions and precepts of the said Justiciaries in all places within the 7 leagues, and at Southampton, as often as shall be needful for the safeguard of the peace and the Fair, and this at the wonted charges of the Bishop”.

(\* PAVILION COURT/HALL stood on St. Giles Hill (now “Palm Hall” – tent in which the Bishop’s Justiciaries dispensed (well-nigh) summary justice in all cases during the Fair from the Fair itself and from any place within the 7 league circuit on any local or stranger).

11 & (?) May 1349 (III Ed. 20).

INDENTURE made at MIDDLEINGTON on this date Between WILLIAM DE HULHAMPTON and CECILY his wife, JOHN DE RUMSEY and JOHANNA his wife and JOHN DE GARTON and JOHANNA his wife, Being a Final Division of all the Lands, Tenements, Curtilages, Gardens, and Dovehouses, and the Rents and Services, as well of free Tenants, as of Bondmen, Reliefs, Wards, Marriages, Escheats, Mills, Waters, Fisheries, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, Woods, Underwoods, Quick Hedges, Rows, with all other the Appurtenances not named in the VILLAGES of MIDDLEINGTON, HILL, LOMER, SWANMORE, SOBERTON and PRESHAW.

To the said WILLIAM DE H., JOHN DE G.,

After the death of ALICE, Daughter and Heir of RICHARD DE MIDDLEINGTON

As the Right of the said CECILY, JOHANNA and JOHANNA, Cousins and next Heirs of the said ALICE, Now Assigned to and with the Consent of the Parties,

By certain honest Men of the Neighbours, thereunto specially required to be personally present.

WHEREBY amongst other lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments;

The Fishery of the River at MIDDLEINGTON, and the Pasture there being for Beasts, Sheep and Hogs, and the Amerciaments and Issues of the Courts of the Same; And Common of Pasture for one bull and twelve beasts, going in the Woods of the BISHOP OF WINCHESTER;

And for One Boar and twelve Hogs, going in all the Places there, within the Manor of DROXFORD;

And Pasture for One Hundred and one Sheep, going in all the Places there, in the Manor of the said BISHOP;

And also Common in the Woods of the said BISHOP, called HORDERSWOOD,

Was Assigned to the said Parties, and confirmed by Fine levied in the Court of our SOVEREIGN LORD THE KING;

A Part of which Indenture was then delivered to each of the Parties, and attested by NICHOLAS DE LA BEERE, ROGER DE INGFIELD, THOMAS SWERARD, JOHN DAWE, HENRY SIMBER, ROBERT LE CLERKE, JOHN ATTA DALRE, and divers others; dated at MIDDLEINGTON 12 May, Anno Regni EDW (DI), 3 (LII), 20’.

(Taken from an “Abstract of Title” in H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/98 or IOS – uncertain which).

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1367 to 1374.

Sir RICHARD DE HAMPTONE - Parson of Droxford.  
(Winchester Coll. MSS. 13277/100)  
(per Miss F.B Collins).

1374/1375

JOHN DOUNAY to the Church of Droxford on the death of Richard de Hamptone 1374.

1375/1376

John Dounay clerk to the church of Abyngeworthe on a lapse. Richard Gomfrey clerk to Droxford on resignation of John Dounay.

1375/6 to 1377

RICHARD GOMFREY. 1375/6: Collated to the church of Droxford on the resignation of John Dounay.  
1377: Instituted to the canonry and stall of Shareshull in collegiate church or free chapel royal of Penkerith on exchange with Roger Briclesworthe: under com: of Roger Archbishop Dublin, dean of the said collegiate church.  
(Per Miss F.B Collins).

Circa 1377.

Inquisition post mortem at Winchester on 24 July in 50 Edward III re. JOHN DE GARTON of EREHITHE, citizen of London, deceased, mentions:-

“MIDDELTON: A toft, 25 acres arable, 1 acre meadow, 3.5 acres woodland and 19 shillings rents, held of the Bishop of Winchester, as of his manor of DROKENESFORD, in right of his church, by service of a third part of 32s. 8d. yearly rent and a third part of a quarter of wheat yearly called ‘cherchet’ and also by ploughing a third part of 4 acres of land as ‘beynhurth’ and giving pannage of pigs for his men”.

(C. Edw. III. File 257(2). E. Ing. P.P. File 41(24).

[Re. “third part” above - see MAY 1349].

1385 – DROXFORD PHILLIPI

Account of JOHN TUTTE, Steward at Droxford Phillipi from Michaelmas 9 Richard II to Michaelmas 10 Richard II.

INCOME:

Last year's arrears	16s.4d.
From rent of Tenants to the Feast of St. Michael	4s.6d.
From increased rent of JOHN MOYSENT for diverse lands demised	17s.0d.
From increased rent of THOMAS ATTE DENE for diverse lands demised	7s.0d.
From increased rent of WILLIAM ORPLYNGTON for diverse lands demised	14s.0d.
From increased rent of ROBERT ATTE DENE for diverse lands demised	13s.4d.
From increased rent of WALTER PYLAT for diverse lands demised	8s.0d.
From increased rent of WILLIAM KYNGE for diverse lands demised	3s.8d.
From increased rent of WILLIAM CARTER for diverse lands demised	3s.4d.
From increased rent of WILLIAM WATERES for diverse lands demised	3s.0d.
From increased rent of JOHN TUTTE (? Steward) for diverse lands demised	4s.0d.
From increased rent of ISABEL TRIMERS for diverse lands demised	4s.0d.
From increased rent of JOHN MOYSENE for diverse lands demised	16s.8d.
From increased rent of WILLIAM WATERES for diverse lands demised	3s.0d.
From increased rent of ROBERT BRIAN for diverse lands demised	30s.0d.

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From increased rent of HENRY DANYEL for diverse lands demised (for certain lands which were JOHN ATTE DENE's).	33s.4d.
From increased rent of ROGER BREWERE for certain closes adjoining tenement	7s.0d.
From other revenues of land (detailed)	35s.6d.
From corn issuing from the produce of the mill	73s.4d.

OUTGOINGS

Rent to LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER at the Court of DROKENESFORD annually	45s.0d.
Rent to SAME for fee farm of the MILL annually	60s.0d.
In default of rent of lands and tenements which were JOHN MOYSENE's – rent from produce annually	17s.0d.
In default (all ditto)	16s.8d.
In default ditto which were ROBERT BRYAN's for certain lands and tenements as above – rent from produce annually	30s.0d.
In default ditto which were ROGER BREUERER's	7s.0d.

HOUSES

One roof of straw for covering all defects of the houses within the COURT [MANOR] And defects of the house of the MILL, together with laths, lathnails and spars ... by a certain agreed payment	23s.8d.
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MILL

To 1 carpenter for making a conduit and repairing "LES BAYES" of the MILL and for making "LES FLOO(D)GATES" of same, together with felling timber and sawing bo(a)rds – by a certain agreed payment	12s.4d.
To 1 cart to carry said timber from wood to MILL for 2 days	2s.0d.
To 400 "GEFFES SPIKYNGS" for same (at 16d. per 100)	5s.4d.
To 6 men (1 day each) emptying water of the MILL (3d. each)	18d.
To 1 man to dig the mud (or clay) to fill the cart for 4 days for packing foundation of MILL (3d. per day)	12d.
To 8 men for 2 days packing foundation of house and under "LES FLOD GATES" (3d. each per day)	45s.0d.
To MASTER NICHOLAS OF WYKEHAM by hand of HENRY VERNEFORD	66s.8d.

1390 - BENSTEDE (in DROXFORD Parish)

(Calendar of Charter Rolls, vol. 5, 1916, page 320).

From Westminster – 6 December, 14 Richard II (1390).

GRANT, for the King's soul and those of his ancestors and successors, to WILLIAM DE WYKEHAM, Bishop of WINTON, and to his successors of free chase and warren in all their demesne lands and woods of the manor of BENSTEDE SEINTCLERE, in the county of Southampton, which adjoins the King's forest of BERE. By p.s.

1390 to 1394

JOHN DE SWAFHAM

1390: Collated to Droxford. Was William of Wykeham's private secretary. (Wykeham Reg., f.203).

1392: Rector of Droxford. (Winchester Coll. MSS. 13239/64).

1394: Died

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1393

BENSTEDE in DROXFORD

(H.C.R.O., Eccles. Comm. II 159465/1, etc.).

To JOHN POCOK for carpentry, cutting staples and for building from new one new granary for the lord's wheat (4d. per day) 4s.6d  
(13.5 days)

To 32 boards purchased 4s.4d.

To 250 board nails purchased 12.25p.

To same JOHN for building one new stall in the lord's cow-house (4d. per day) 2s.4d.  
(7 days)

To JOHN COX (POCOK crossed through) for covering the roof and repairing the defects of the Manor House: over the hall and chamber at the North end of the hall; also over the Kitchen in divers places as required (4d. per day) 18d.  
(4.5 days)

To 12 men employed for up to 2 days for cutting and pulling up thorns and other undesirable weeds in the lord's garden by the instructions and assignment of the lord and the old men received 3d. per day 6s.0d.

(Total: 19s.8.25d.).

1394

WILLIAM NORTON: Collated to rectory of Droxford on the death of John de Swafham. Also canonries of Salisbury and Wells.

(Per Miss F. B Collins).

1395

BENESTEDE in DROXFORD.

(H.C.R.O., Eccles. Comm. II, 159465/1, etc.).

To 1 roofer for roofing and repairing the many defects over the hall and the North chamber (4d. per day for 6 days) 2s.0d.

To 1 youth employed in the rebuilding (2d. per day for 6 days) 12d.

To 4 bushels of lime for the same work 4d.

To 1,000 pegs (CAVILL') for the same 2d.

(Total: 3s.6d.).

(Contains reference to NICHOLAS ATTE BERE farming lands in the tithing of HILL and expenses of 12d. Also 22 shillings allocated by writ to the same farmer, freeing (Rector) WILLIAM NORTON "gardrob" hospie dm" (? Keeper of the lord's guesthouse wardrobe) for the expenses and mending of this same guesthouse as directed in this audit.

