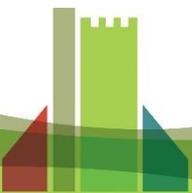


MOLENDINIS and DE DROKENESFORDS

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Late 12th century: ROBERT DE MOLEND' witnesses gift to Southwick Priory

Cur. Reg. c. 1210: ROGER DE MOLENDINIS, ELIAS SE LAMMERE, WILLIAM DE HERLESEIA, GILBERT DE LA DENNE to elect 12 Knights for a grand assize LG. Bp. Of Winchester v. Nigel de Broc re 1 Knight's service

Cur. Reg. 1211: ROGER DE MOLENDINIS represents HUGH DE NEVILL versus HUGH ESTURMI re. 2 parts of a Knight's fee

Cur. Reg. 1212: GEOFFREY DE MOLENDINIS represents RICHARD DE SIFFREWAST

Cur. Reg. 1212: JOHN DE MOLEND', "servient" of WALTER T[ORBERTUS], at inquest at Alton re. death of woman GODA

Cur. Reg. 1213: GEOFFREY DE MOLEND' represents RICHARD DE SYFREWAST versus Abbot/Abbey of Leicester (plea of assize)

Cur. Reg. 1214 (BUCKS): WALTER DE MOLEND' & CLEMENT DE SANTERDON' arrest Bailiff of WILLIAM DE WINDSOR

Cur. Reg. 1220: Great assize between CECILIA mother of GEOFFREY son of JOHN and PETER DE MOLENDINO re. 2 virgates of land & 1 mill in "ESENHINTON" (?ISINGTON). There came ROGER DE BALUM (BALUN), WALTER DE RUMES' (RUMSEY), HERBERT DE FROILE, ROGER son of HENRY, ADAM DE LA BERE and a day was given to them. The Sheriff ("vicecomes") has the bodies ("habeat corpora") of ADAM DE PORTESIA, THOMAS PEVEREL, THOMAS CROC, ADAM DE CORNHAMTON', WILLIAM SPILEMAN, WILLIAM DE LA FALEIS, THOMAS DE CORMAILLES, WILLIAM DE ARUNDEL, HUGH DE WINGEHAM, "etc". (This case went on till 1223).

Cur. Reg. 1223 (Surrey): (Peter des Roches, Bishop of Winchester v. Nicholas de ANESTY). WILLIAM son of UMFRIIDI represents the Bishop. ROBERT DE MOLENDINIS represents NICHOLAS.

Cur. Reg. 1223 (Surrey): Grand assize between REGINALD son of HUGH and ROBERT DE MOLENDINO (re. 15 acres land and 1 mill in WOLKNESTEDE)

Cur. Reg. 1224: PETER DE MOLENDINO v. NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINO re. "roberia": P withdrew his plea – he & his pledges in mercy (RICHARD DE BENEFELD' & THOMAS son of RALPH DE CHAUCUMB'. "Custodiantur". (In custody?))

Cur. Reg. 1225: RICHARD DE LEIRC' (LEICESTER') v. DIONISUS FORTIN, WALTER son of WALTER DE GLOUC', ROGER DE SYRLE (+ 8 others – none local to Droxford) re. plea of "maeimii (or maemer)" and of breaking the King's peace. None of them came – they were attached (arrested) by GODFREY DE LA GRAVE and ROGER DE MOLENDINIS, RICHARD DE WARNEFORD, GREGORY DE STANHAM, MARTIN DE LA MORE, MOISEM (MOYSEN) DE WINTONIA< PETER PIKARD DE WINTONIA< 11 others (not local to Droxford), HENRY DE FAR(E)HAM and AMICIUM (AMICUM) FORTIN.

Cur. Reg. 1225 (Berkshire): Case brought by RICHARD DE SIFREWAST v. HENRY son of GEOFFREY DE MOLENDINO (re. customs & services owed by HENRY to RICHARD).

Jan. 1224/5: NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS – ambassador re. HENRY 111's marriage (already in the King's service since at least 1215). (Witnessed gift to Southwick Priory in c. 1220).

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1228/9: NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS – Sheriff of Hampshire & Keeper of Winchester Castle (to March 1231/2).

Cur. Reg. 1228 (Somerset): ROBERT DE HAGHENEBERG' summoned to answer to NICHOLAS DE MOL' (MUELES/MULES) why he "subtravit" (?removed) WILLIAM BEYVIN from the custody of NICHOLAS and married him (WILLIAM) to a certain daughter of his (ROBERT's) without NICHOLAS's will or assent. NICHOLAS seeks 40 marks damages. (ROBERT defended in some detail).

Cur. Reg. 1230: MATTHEW and HERBERT DE ENEMED' (?DENMEAD) versus ALEXANDER DE HO and ADINUM WALENSEM re. a breaking of the King's peace ... ALEXANDER was attached (arrested) by ADAM DE LA BERE, RICHARD DE LA BERE, WILLIAM DE HOW, JAMES (JACOBUS) DE NORTON', ROGER DE MOLENDINO, JOHN DE BERE (sic), ROBERT DE BERE (sic), ROBERT DE HOW (and 4 others).

Cur. Reg. 1230 (Hants): BASILIA who was wife of ADAM DE CORNHAMPTON appoints her son JOHN to act for her against WILLIAM DE MOLEND' and WILLIAM DE NORAIS in a plea of dowry.

In or after 1230: NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS marries HAWISE the widow of JOHN DE BOTREAUX (daughter of JAS. NEWMARCH of CADBURY). C.1232: born ROGER DE MOLENDINIS, son of NICHOLAS & HAWISE (his elder brother was JAMES DE MOLENDINIS).

1232: Holdings in CORNHAMPTON of WILLIAM DE MOLENDINO (and others)

C.CH.R. 14/8/1230: Gift by King Henry 111 to NICHOLAS DE MOLIS & his heirs of the King's manors of CARSWELL & DEDEFORD & advowson of the churches there to hold by service of fee of half a Knight.

c. 1230 to 1247: WILLIAM DE MOLENDINIUS has land in Kingston, Portsmouth.

1234: NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS made Sheriff of Devon (to 1236) & custodian of Channel Islands. Also witnesses grant of Soberton & Aexland to Beaulieu Ab.

Southwick C. 1235-1250: PHILIP DE MOLENDINIS alive

C.C.Rolls 28/2/1235: Bailiff of Southampton to permit departure of ship "LA TRAMEE" carrying "hernesium" of NICHOLAS DE MOLIS.

C.C.Rolls 18/10/1235: Order to JOHN DE "MONEM" (?Monmouth) to give NICHOLAS DE MOLIS 60 oaks in New Forest for rebuilding of NICHOLAS's houses in ALVINGEHAM' (near Louth, Lincs.) recently burned by fire (By the King's gift)

C.C.Rolls 13/8/1236: King orders "vicecomites" (sheriff) of Somerset to give NICHOLAS DE MOLIS full seisin by the King's gift of the manors of "Depeden" & Carswell.

Cur. Reg. c.1238 (volume XV1, p.144): "BUK" – PETER DE MOLENDINO and JOHN his brother versus WALTER DE MORTON & 5 others re. breaking of the King's peace.

1276: NICHOLAS DE MOLIS & RICHARD SIWARD "milites strenui" carried the two Royal sceptres at the coronation of Queen Eleanor.

Southwick C. 1240/1241: WILLIAM DE MOLENDINIS is Reeve of Portsmouth & witnesses sales/gift of house(s) & land in Portsmouth to Southwick Priory.

June 1243 to July 1245: NICHOLAS DE MOLIS was King's seneschal in Gascony.

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C.C.Rolls 1243: JAMES DE MOELS, son & heir of NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS to be educated with the King's son Prince Edward. James then about 12 – he died on or before 17.3.1252/3 (age about 21). Before his death he quitclaimed to Southwick Priory some land in PRIORS DEAN (Hants), formerly held by ALICE daughter of ALFRED DE MOLENDINIS and "amita" (? Kinswoman) of NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS, father of JAMES.

Southwick P c.1240: ALARD DE MOLENDINIS grants to Southwick Priory the rent of a house of his in Fareham.

1244: NICHOLAS DE MO'LIS inflicts a defeat on THIBAULT 1, the King of Navarre, and is at Bayonne watching him (HAWISE is still alive).

C.P.Rolls 12 May 1245: JOHN DE MOLENDINIS given safe-conduct by King Henry 111 for 4 years from Michaelmas 1245 as a Knight of the King's Kinsman the King of Navarre to go & return through Gascony. Sheriff of Kent ordered to pay for passage of JOHN DE MOLEND' (Knight of King of Navarre) and his men, horses and harness.

1245,1246,1247: NICHOLAS DE MO'LIS back in England & engaged in the King's service in Welsh problems.

C.P.Rolls 21 Nov. 1247: JOHN DE MOLENDINIS has the King's permission to go and return through the King's land of Gascony "so long as the truce between the King and the King of Navarre shall endure".

Sept. 1248: NICHOLAS DE MO'LIS directed embarkation at Portsmouth of the knights (etc.) of SIMON DE MONTFORT (appointed to Gascony).

Feb. 1248/9: NICHOLAS DE MO'LIS added to the Commissioners to deal with the King of Navarre.

16 June 1252: NICHOLAS DE MO'LIS sent into Gascony as one of the Conservators of the Truce between SIMON DE MONTFORT and GASTON, Vicomte de Bearn

On or before 17 March 1252/1253: Death of JAMES, son of NICHOLAS DE MOLIS.

1253: NICHOLAS DE MOLIS allowed to appoint guardians for his under-age son ROGER (therefore born 1232 or later) and to arrange marriages for his daughters MAUD and AGNES (married WILLIAM DE BREWES as his Second wife).

July 1253: Death of King Thibault 1 of Navarre.

25 Aug. 1253: Safe-conduct to JOHN DE MOLENDINIS (knight) and his household (going to Navarre) until Easter 1254.

Southwick P. c.1245-1260: WILLIAM DE MOLENDINIS (wife OSANNA) – tenants of Southwick Priory

Southwick P. c.1246-1280: ROBERT DE MOLENDINIS (wife ALICE) – variously witness at Southwick Priory, & Reeve/Clerk/Bailiff of Portsmouth.

Droxford Custumal 1259/1260: JOHN DE MOLEND' holds 10 acres and land which Godwin held in Droxford

1264: ROGER DE MOELS (son of NICHOLAS DE MOLENDINIS) is adherent of King Henry 111 in war with Barons (? age 30 plus). (Per 'Ancestry' – his mother HAWISE died this year).

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1268: NICHOLAS DE MOELS refers in a lawsuit to HAWISE “formerly his wife”.

ROGER DE MOELS “de comitatu Suthamt” (? A councillor of King Henry 111). NICHOLAS DE MOELS a Verderer of Alice Holt/Woolmer Forests. (He probably died about now – aged 70 plus). JOHN DE MOELS born (son of ROGER and grandson of NICHOLAS).

Pontissara Register 1276: JOHN DE MOLENDINIS – a freeman of St. Swithun’s Priory

1277: Sir ROGER DE MO’LIS, Knight now of King Edward 1’s brother EDMUND, Earl of Lancaster (Busy in Wales & elsewhere at these times).

1278/79: MARGARET, daughter of JOHN DE DROKENESFORD, now widow of WILLIAM DE WINDSOR

1279/80: MAURICE LE BRUN born (son of WILLIAM & ISOLDA).

31 May 1282: JOHN DE MOLENDINIS “of TROKENEFORD” and wife AGNES “give” a message in Southampton to ROBERT LE BARBUR (of Southampton). Reference to “the heirs of AGNES” (? She married before).

1284 or earlier: JOHN DE MOLENDINIS holds property in Droxford Manor by charter from St. Swithun’s Priory (cf. 1276 above).

1285/86: JOHN DE DROKENESFORD is in Gascony as a clerk in the Wardrobe to help there.

Droxford Manor 1286: JOHN DE MOLEND’ rents two and a half acres “near “Brochurst” (also other JOHN entries). WALTER DE MOLEND’ pays 3d. annual recognisance.

1287: JOHN DE DROKENESFORD is “Clerk of the Marshalsea” (buying for stables).

23 Nov 1288: JOHN DE DROKENESFORD appointed Usher of the Wardrobe.

Droxford Manor 1289: Payment by WALTER MOLEND’; GALFRID’ MOLEND’; JOHN (son of) JOHN DE MOLEND’ (including 1 house, 1 ferling land, 3 acres land & 1 piece of meadow, all ex. JOHN son of PETER CL’IA); and by HENRY MOLEND’.

August 1289: King Edward 1 back from 3 years in Gascony – deals with corruptions.

01 March 1290: Sir ROGER DE MOELS made a co-Justice of forest trespasses.

May 1290: JOHN DE DROK’ made Cofferer of the Wardrobe.

10 April 1290: JOHN DE DROK’ presented by the King to the church of Moneweden in Norwich diocese (vacant by felony of THOMAS DE WEYLAUND). Starts acquiring land and lending money.

20 Nov 1290: JOHN DE DROK’ made Controller of the Wardrobe.

1291 Droxford Manor Roll: 3d each from WALTER & GALFRID MOLEND’; 21d from JOHN son of JOHN DE MOLEND’ for land which was “JONIS PET CL’IA” who held at the Lord’s will for works relaxed; 2s from JOHN MOLEND’ for half a virgate of land (ex JOHN LE KREPSE).

By 1290/1291: RICHARD DE DROK’ born (brother of JOHN DE DROK’).

1291: JOHN DE DROK@ acquires Manor of Crux Easton (Hants).

08 May 1293: JOHN & wife AGNES DE MOLENDINIS transfer by gift to their son JOHN DE DROK’ and his heirs 2 messuages & 3 acres of land in Southampton.

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1292 & 1293: Sir ROGER DE MOELS busy, including Keeper of BRADENE Forest, Wilts (nr Malmesbury)

15 March 1293/4: JOHN DE DROK' given church of Childeswell by the King but he is under age (? under 24, therefore born 1269 or later).

24 Nov 1294: Sir ROGER DE MOELS to Wales as Marshall of the Army.

Dec 1294: GILBERT DE DROK' instituted to Crux Easton (Hants).

By 1295: JOAN DE DROK' born (sister of JOHN, son of MICHAEL brother of Bishop JOHN).

25 June 1295: Sir ROGER DE MOELS dies (age 56 – 63). Heir is his son JOHN.

27 June 1295: JOHN DE DROK' gets some land from his father JOHN DE MOLENDINIS (? died) and some by grant from the Bishop of Winchester plus a grant from that Bishop of permanent lease of Droxford Mill.

By 1295: MICHAEL DE DROK' born (son of Bishop JOHN's brother MICHAEL DE DROK').

20 Nov 1295: JOHN DE DROK' made Keeper of the Wardrobe (JOHN DE BENSTED is now the Controller).

Circa 1295: JOHN DE DROK' acquires "PALACE MEADOW" from RICHARD DE MIDLINGTON.

July 1297: JOHN DE DROK' serves in Flanders with King Edward 1 – he heads a retinue of 3 knights and 29 troopers. (Also there are JOHN DE BENSTED, Controller of the Wardrobe, and JOHN DE MOELS, 1st Lord MOELS and son of the late Sir ROGER DE MOELS – both with their retinues).

14 March 1298: The King and his army back from Flanders to Sandwich. The King assembles 12,500 infantry and 2,400 horse for the Scottish war against WILLIAM WALLACE.

July 1298: JOHN DE DROK' at Falkirk with the King – also with him in his retinue are WALTER DE WYNDESORE (valletus) and JAMES (JACOBUS) DE MOLENDINIS (valletus). Also with the King are JOHN DE BENSTED (Controller of the Wardrobe) and JOHN, Lord MOELS, and their retinues. Also there in JOHN DE DROK's retinue is his brother MICHAEL DE DROKENESFORD.

30 July 1299: ROGER DE DROK' (brother of JOHN and MICHAEL made Rector of Childwell – aged between 18 and 25 (therefore born 1274 to 1281).

Circa 1300: JOHN DE DROK', "son of JOHN DE MOLENDINIS", grants land in Southampton to ROBERT LE HORD(I)ER.

1301: JAMES DE "MOLYNS" acts for JOHN DE DROK' to acquire weapons and send them to the King's army in Scotland.

Aug 1302: The King gives land in Woolmer (Hants) to JOHN DE DROK' and JAMES DE MOLYNS.

23 Oct 1302: JOHN DE DROK' acquires house in Binsted near Alton (now called "Roxfords" – a witness to this is JAMES DE MOLENDINIS.

20 June 1303: Royal Treasury at Westminster broken into and robbed – JOHN DE DROK' sent from Scotland by the King to investigate.

1305 to 1308: JOHN DE DROK' acquires lands in Meonstoke and Soberton.

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01 July 1308: JOHN DE DROK' is now "late Keeper of the Wardrobe".

09 Nov 1309: JOHN DE DROK' consecrated Bishop at Wells.

13 Jan 1309-10: JOHN DE DROK' writes letters at Droxford to his Bailiff at Droxford (also there 1310 and 1311 and 1312).

05 Nov 1310: A PHILIP DE DROK' inducted to Droxford (+ 7 years licence to study).

21 Dec 1315: MICHAEL DE DROK' (son of MICHAEL DE DROK' the brother of Bishop JOHN DE DROK') inducted to Droxford.

1314 to 1316/17: Very bad weather years – many deaths in Winchester area of people and cattle (? north and south aisles added to Droxford church about now – Bishop of Winchester gives Bishop JOHN DE DROK' licence to consecrate chapels at Droxford).

Aug 1315: Sir JOHN DE CLYVEDON appointed Seneschal to Bishop JOHN DE DROK' (Sir John married by 1319 MARY DE DROK', daughter of Bishop JOHN's brother PHILIP DE DROK').

Oct 1315: Bishop JOHN DE DROK' is at BORWARDESCOTE (Buscot, Wilts).

21.12.1315: MICHAEL DE DROK' (son of Bishop JOHN's brother MICHAEL DE DROK') is inducted to the Rectory of Droxford (and remained Rector to his death in 1361).

1316: Manor of BEDENHAM (north side of Gosport, Hants) recovered by Bishop JOHN.

19.04.1316: Bishop JOHN appoints JAMES (JACOBUS) DE MOLENDINIS "valettum nostrum" to be his Bailiff for Wells.

By 08.09.1316: RICHARD DE DROK', Chancellor of Bath & Wells, is dead. (He was appointed Dec. 1313, "our youthful Kinsman").

02.10.1316: MICHAEL DE DROK', clerk (son of MICHAEL DE DROK', Bishop JOHN's brother) collated to the Stall of DULTECOTE (at Wells).

DR 16 & 21. Feb 1316-17: Bishop JOHN DE DROK' is given licence by the Bishop of Winchester to consecrate newly restored altars at Droxford.

DR 173. 24.04.1317: Bishop of Winchester licences Bishop JOHN to ordain PHILIP DE DROK' and his brother ANDREW (sons of Bishop JOHN's brother PHILIP DE DROK') and their kinsman ("consanguinees") NICHOLAS, RICHARD and THOMAS DE DROK' (presumably at Droxford).

DR 14. Aug 1317: MICHAEL DE DROK' (son of MICHAEL, brother of Bishop JOHN) is admitted to the benefice of CHEDZOY (Somerset) but has to be removed 5 months later as he is "not a priest" (? under age of ? 24 years).

DR 145. 1320: Sir JOHN DE CLYVEDON re-appointed as Bishop JOHN's Seneschal.

DR 201. April 1321: Bishop JOHN collates ANDREW DE DROK', acolyte and son of PHILIP DE DROK' (Bishop JOHN's brother) to the Stall of Yatton (at Wells).

DR 202. June 1321: Canon MICHAEL DE DROK' collated (? or re-collated) to the Stall at Dultecote.

Oct 1321: Bishop JOHN is in Devon – "too weak" to go rapidly to London.

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DR 196. Jan 1321/22: Canon MICHAEL DE DROK' granted a house in Wells.

DR 23. 07.08.1322: Bishop JOHN's nephew ANDREW DE DROK' is a Prebendary at Wells and is in the University.

18.12.1322: MICHAEL DE DROK' is Rector at Droxford.

DR 215. 31.03.1323: Canon ANDREW DE DROK' (Prebendary) holds the Rectory of ST. MAUGAN (Cornwall).

DR 209. 16.12.1323: Gift to Bishop JOHN from Sir JOHN DE CLYVEDON and his 2 heirs of lands at OKEHAMPTON, Somerset (Okehampton Farm is in the parish of Wiveliscombe. The Farm lies some 2 miles north of Wiveliscombe on the west side of the B3188).

DR 227. Dec. 1323: MICHAEL DE DROK' resigns his house in Wells (see 1322 - ? because he is now Rector at Droxford)

DR 235. Sept 1324: Sir JOHN DE CLYVEDON now 'Custos' of the Channel Islands, therefore no longer Bishop JOHN's Seneschal.

DR 235. Sept & Oct 1324: Bishop JOHN at 'BODEHAM' (ie. BEDENHAM), now Portchester.

DR & DNB. 06 Dec. 1325: Bishop JOHN adds his signature to letter from the Bishops to Queen Isabella, asking her to return to her husband King Edward 11.

DR 252. Nov. 1326: Bishop JOHN collates his nephew RICHARD DE DROK' to the Stall of YATTON at Wells (see April 1321 – ANDREW DE DROK' dead?).

DR 269. 07.06.1327: Bishop JOHN appoints Sir JOHN DE CLYVEDON, Knight, to be the Steward of his Manors.

DR 269. June 1327: RICHARD DE DROK', Acolyte, collated to the Prebend of YATTON and to the Precentorship of Wells, from which he is removed as he is not a priest ("late Precentor" in August 1327).

DR 273. Sept 1327: Bishop JOHN pleading weakness.

(? Oct) 1327: Lay Subsidy Rolls show (Hants): PHILIP DE DROK' to pay; 3 shillings at Droxford, 5 shillings at Corhampton and 3 shillings at South Tidworth. MICHAEL DE DROK' to pay 30 shillings at Afton (Isle of Wight). (AFTON, near Freshwater, acquired by JOHN DE DROK' as Keeper of the Wardrobe from Sir RICHARD AFTON in 1307, per VCH, Hants). MICHAEL DE DROK' to pay 4s.3d. at Crux Easton – see 1291. (Most of the people assessed under this Subsidy on one twentieth of their "Moveable Goods" were of upper or middle class, probably free tenants or customary tenants holding 5 or more acres of land. "Moveable Goods" included horses, cattle, sheep, all grain produce, hay and honey. Exempt were fixed capital, working capital, subsistence goods and personal effects).

13 Jan. 1327/28: At the Guildhall, London – Bishop JOHN DE DROK' and very many others of all ranks swore an oath to safeguard Queen Isabella and Prince Edward (later Edward 111) against HUGH LE DESPENSER the Younger and ROBERT DE BALDOCK. Among the Clergy were 2 Archbishops and 12 Bishops. Among the Knights of the Shires there was Sir JOHN CLIVEDON. (I would imagine that about this time the horse harness pendant bearing THOMAS OF LANCASTER's arms was lost in the field above Palace Meadow).

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Jan. 1327/28: Bishop JOHN collates his nephew THOMAS DE DROK' (by proxy) to the Stall of Ilton at Wells.

Feb. 1327/28: Bishop JOHN gives Canon RICHARD DE DROK' his nephew a house in Wells.

Aug. 1328: Bishop JOHN collates MICHAEL DE DROK' to the house in Wells held by RICHARD his brother (therefore MICHAEL also nephew of Bishop JOHN). (? Is RICHARD now dead).

DR 306b. 17 March 1328/29: Bishop JOHN endows a chantry at Wells cathedral for daily masses for his soul and others'.

09 May 1329 (7 weeks later): Bishop JOHN dies at his episcopal manor house at DOGMERSFIELD (Hants). Buried in Wells Cathedral. His heir is his brother PHILIP "aged 40 years or more" (therefore born in 1289 or earlier). VCH (Hants) states that CRUX EASTON (Hants) passed to the Bishop's brother MICHAEL DE DROKENESFORD.

1329: A MICHAEL DE DROK' and his wife ALICE (N.B. 1332 below) have enfeoffed part of their property in Winchester by this year.

Inquisition post mortem. 06 May 1330: PHILIP DE DROK', brother and heir of Bishop JOHN inherits (amongst others): BEDENHAM (near Gosport); 100 shillings of rent in MEONSTOKE; Manor of 'WAUTUNE' (Surrey), held from Earl of Gloucester; OCKHAMPTON hamlet in the manor of WYVELESCOMBE (Somerset), held of the Bishopric of Bath and Wells; 5 houses in Wells Borough; the advowson of EXFORD (Somerset); 10 acres of meadow and the manor of CHEDDAR; The Lordship of "DODDYNGGESHELES" in COMBEWYCHE and OTERHAMPTON in the loo of CANYNGTON (Somerset). N.B. The Inquisition Post Mortem shows Bishop JOHN's brother and heir PHILIP held BEDENHAM (Hants) at Bishop JOHN's death "of the late JOHN DE SANCTO JOHANNE (JOHN DE ST. JOHN) of BASING by the service of one Knight's fee. Also on BISHOP JOHN's death there passed to PHILIP DE DROK' his brother and heir the Manor of RUSSELL FLEXLAND in Soberton (HANTS), now "RUSSELLS FARM" in Soberton parish.

OTHER DROKENESFORD OR MOLENDINIS EVENTS AFTER BISHOP JOHN'S DEATH

VCH (Berks). 1332: MICHAEL DE DROK' (brother of Bishop JOHN) is now dead. His widow ALICE (see 1329 above) is shown in VCH (Hants) as holding one third of CRUX EASTON manor as her dower. She was the mother of JOHN DE DROK' (son and heir of MICHAEL, the brother of Bishop JOHN) and therefore presumably also of MICHAEL DE DROK' (Rector of Droxford c.1322 to c.1361) and of RICHARD DE DROK' (see 1327). ALICE was also the mother of JOAN DE DROK', sister to JOHN above: JOAN married PHILIP CROCH of CRUX EASTON and was the mother of another JOAN who married a WILLIAM AVENEL – who was at FLEXLAND, Soberton (Hants) at 1327 Lay Subsidy and charged 5 shillings.

Also 1332: PHILIP DE DROK' Junior (son of PHILIP the brother and heir of Bishop JOHN) has a document seal bearing "Quarterly four conical hats in chief and a label of three points" and the wording "S' (i.e. sigillum) PHILIPPI DE DROKNES...". Another seal of his shows a stag and the words "TIMETE DEUM" (Fear God).

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Close Rolls. 1334: A JOHN DE DROK' (probably above son of MICHAEL and ALICE) refuses to accept a Knighthood.

Sept. 1336: PHILIP DE DROK' Junior (Bishop JOHN's nephew) grants lands (etc) at 'BYNSTEDE' (BINSTED, near Alton, Hants) to MARGARET FROMOND, daughter of RICHARD Fromond of Sparsholt (Hants), a Bailiff of the Bishop of Winchester.

01 July 1337: Mention of Master ROGER DROK' deceased.

16 Oct. 1337: King Edward 111 licences PHILIP DE DROK' (brother to Bishop JOHN) to enfeoff his son and heir PHILIP DE DROK' with property at Meonstoke (? is this PHILIP Junior marrying MARGERAT FROMOND above).

1340: A JOHN DE DROK' and his wife MARGERY are living in a Winchester house outside the North Gate of Winchester and next to the City ditch.

Inquisition Post Mortem. Feb. 1341/2: JOHN DE DROK' dies (son and heir of MICHAEL the brother of Bishop JOHN and a Tenant-in-Chief of the King). His son and heir was THOMAS DE DROK' "aged 22 and more". (THOMAS's marriage was granted to ROBERT DE BURGHCHER). At his death this JOHN (son of MICHAEL) was holding (1) rents and a windmill in Somerset, (2) two parts of a messuage, 210 acres and 106s. 9d. rents in 'FYNCHESELE' and HENDON in Middlesex, (3) the manors of CRUX EASTON (Hants) and AFFETON (Isle of Wight), (4) the manor of 'ESTWYK ATTE FLORE' (Herts) via MARGARET his wife, and (5) the manor of 'STAPILFORD TANY' (Essex) also via MARGARET (she was daughter of ROGER DE TANY and sister of LAURENCE DE TANY – she was born in 1301 and JOHN DE DROK' had married her by 1326/1327). Note: JOHN held the manor of CRUX EASTON for his and his heirs' lives from MICHAEL DE DROKENESFORD his father (brother of Bishop JOHN).

15 July 1346: THOMAS DE DROK' (son of JOHN above) was overseas (with WALTER DE MAUNY, a soldier of Queen PHILIPPA) on the King's service. (N.B. Battle of Crecy on 26 August 1346 and Siege of CALAIS September 1346 to 04 August 1347).

1348 to 1350: Black Death years

29 Jan. 1348/9: PHILIP DE DROK' (brother of Bishop JOHN or his nephew PHILIP, son of that PHILIP) given licence by the Bishop of Winchester for oratories at DROXFORD and BEDENHAM.

28 Jan. 1349/50: PHILIP DE DROKENESFORD holds a Knight's Fee at BEDENHAM (near Gosport). On the same day he grants to HENRY STURMY of ELVETHAM (4 miles northeast of Odiham) his properties at Droxford and Meonstoke "once PHILIP my father's" (did he die in the Black Death?). This grant was executed at BEDENHAM (did PHILIP Junior think himself and family now safer there?). (Re: above STURMY – see 1211).

(VCH, Hants). 1349: THOMAS DE DROK', Knight and patron of CRUX EASTON, presents RICHARD DE BRADEWELL to the church there. In this year also Sir THOMAS DE DROK' made provision for his brother MICHAEL, granting him an annuity of £10, the gift of a robe or 20 shillings each Christmas and permission to reside for his lifetime in either of his (T's) manors of EASTWICK (Herts), STAPLEFORD (Herts) or CRUX EASTON (Hants).

1353: Reference found to "THOMAS DE DROKENIFFORDE" and his wife EMMA.

1353 (20 June): A THOMAS DE DROKESFORD", parson of BUSCOT (see Oct. 1315 (BORWARDESCOTE), exchanges living for NORTH TIDWORTH.

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1354: A THOMAS DE THROKENESFORD” holds 3 Knights’ Fees in Hertfordshire from JOHN, Earl of Kent.

28 Sept. 1354: Reference in Winchester College Manuscript to “MICHAEL, Rector of Droxford” (nephew of Bishop JOHN).

Inquisition Post Mortem. Whitsun 1355: Death of PHILIP DE DROKENESFORD, son of PHILIP DE DROK’ (died 1349). PHILIP (Junior’s) heir is his son JOHN DE DROKENESFORD, aged 20. The Inquisition Post Mortem (not held until 1360) shows that PHILIP (Junior)’s son JOHN was then “now aged 20” (therefore born c. 1340) and that PHILIP held the manor of BOURGHWARDESCOTE (BUSCOT, Berks, near Faringdon) from EDWARD THE BLACK PRINCE as part of the Honour of Wallingford.

(Black Prince’s Register). 13 July 1359: Appointment of WALTER CATEWY, THOMAS CATEWY and LANCELOT their brother to seize into the Prince’s hand and keep safely until further order the body of the son and heir of PHILIP DE DROKENESFORD deceased who held of the Prince in chief; as the said heir is a minor and the keeping of his lands and body has long been concealed from the Prince.

(Black Prince’s Register) 06 Nov. 1361: Order to JOHN DE BAMPTON to deliver to the Prince’s yeoman HENRY DALDRINGTON ... the body of the daughter and heir of Sir THOMAS DE “THROKENESFORD” deceased, who held of the Prince in chief: the said heir is a minor and her wardship and marriage belong to the Prince (Heir is daughter ANNE, age 4 plus).

1361: MICHAEL DE DROK’, Rector of Droxford, has died and his successor on 14 December 1361 is RICHARD DE HAMPTON. MICHAEL was also nephew of Bishop JOHN and Prebendary of Doultcote (in the diocese of Wells). (Note: From May to November 1361 the Plague returned).

08 Jan. 1361/2: NICHOLAS DE DROKENESFORD, clerk, grants lands in OD(E)STOCK (Wilts) to Bishop Edyndon of Winchester.

(Black Prince’s Register). 12 Nov. 1363: Reference to all lands in BURWARDESCOTE (BUSCOT) held of the Prince in chief by the late NICHOLAS DE DROK’, seized into the Prince’s hands by reason of the minority of ELIZABETH, daughter of Sir THOMAS DE DROKENESFORD and Kinswoman and heir of the said NICHOLAS.

By 20 Feb. 1375/6: ANNE DE DROKENESFORD (daughter above of THOMAS) is married to THOMAS MAUNDEVILLE (of Essex) and together they grant “MICHAELSCOURT” in BUSCOT to THOMAS and JOAN CATEWY (see 13 July 1359 above).

(Feudal Aids, Berks). In 1428: A NICHOLAS DROKENEFORDE and his brother EDWARD hold half a Knight’s Fee in BURWARDESCOTE (BUSCOT) which MICHAEL “BROKENESFORDE” and his brother JOHN held from the Earl of “CESTRIE” (? Chester, ? Gloucester, or ?).

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Abbreviations used:

C.CH.R - Calendar of Charter Rolls

C.C.R - Calendar of Close Rolls

C.P.R - Calendar of Patent Rolls

CL'IA - ? Clerk

DR - Droxford Register (item number, eg. 227)

DNB - Dictionary of National Biography

VCH - Victoria County History

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