

The Hundred Rolls for the Parish of St. Thomas, Oxford

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THE hundred rolls of 1279 for the part of the parish of St. Thomas which lay in the north-west ward of Oxford now form a roll of $2\frac{1}{2}$ membranes classified with the rest of the hundred rolls in the Public Record Office.¹ Originally it formed the second half of a single roll covering the whole of the north-west ward. The original roll was presumably still complete in the early 17th century when the antiquary Brian Twyne saw the description of St. Thomas's parish with the rest of the hundred rolls in the Tower of London,² but it had been split into its present two halves before the record commission edition of the hundred rolls was prepared at the beginning of the 19th century. The half dealing with St. Thomas's parish became separated from the other hundred rolls and was consequently not printed either in the Record Commission edition or in the edition prepared for the Oxford Historical Society by Rose Graham and published in 1905.³

The first half-membrane of the roll for St. Thomas's parish is the missing bottom half of the other roll for the north-west ward; apart from a large hole in the middle, the two halves of the original membrane fit together perfectly, and although the last few entries on roll 9a are fragmentary, no entry has been completely lost. The first 14 entries on roll 18 can to a large extent be completed from roll 9a, although gaps remain in the middle of most of them. The remainder of the roll presents few problems. The bottom 4 entries of the first half membrane are so faded as to be only partly legible, but the remaining 2 membranes are in good condition, apart from a badly rubbed patch towards the bottom of the second membrane, most of which can, however, be read under ultra-violet light. The roll is endorsed in a contemporary hand, *Rotulus Aldermania Andree de Derham*; the marginal note *Parochia Sci Thomi* stands almost at the top of the first half membrane. The names of the monastic houses receiving rents from the different properties have been added in the margin of the roll. The first compiler seems, however, to have been more interested in the values of the properties to their immediate owners than in their rents. The *valet* clause of many entries is separated from the rest of the entry by a gap, bringing it over towards the right hand edge of the membrane, presumably for ease of reference. Although in a few entries (nos. 17, 51, 65) the rents paid were inserted in the space before the

¹ S.C. 5/Oxford, Tower Series 18. The work on this roll, on which this article is based, was done in connexion with research for the coming volume of the *Victoria County History of Oxfordshire* on the City of Oxford. I am grateful to my colleague Mr. Andrew Butcher for assistance in checking the text of the roll.

² Bodl. MS. Twyne 22, 131; *ibid.*, 23, 5.

³ *Rot. Hund.* (Rec. Com.), ii, 788-805; R. Graham ed., 'Description of Oxford', *Collectanea*, iv (Oxf. Hist. Soc., xlvii), 3-63.

valet clause after the rest of the roll had been written, this does not seem to have been the writer's usual practice.

The area of the north-west ward described in roll 18 of the hundred rolls extended from the castle on the east to St. Thomas's chapel and the lane from Rewley to Oseney on the west, and from St. Thomas's Street on the south to Port Meadow on the north. The northern part of this area lay outside St. Thomas's parish; the southern portion of the parish, south of St. Thomas's Street, lay in the south-west ward, and contained the abbot of Oseney's 2 large and 22 other tenements described in that ward.⁴ Most of the houses in St. Thomas's parish were round the castle and in Stockwell Street, but there were also a number of houses in St. Thomas's Street and round the church. The survey began with the properties on Warham Bank (nos. 2-5) and then proceeded, presumably along St. Thomas's Street, to the properties round the church (nos. 18, 20). The next properties described were on the east of the lane running north from the church towards the site of Rewley Abbey (the modern Hollybush Row), and extended as far as the corner of Hythe Bridge Street. The next identifiable tenements lay near the castle and its mills (nos. 49-61). It is not clear where the intervening properties lay; they may have been on Hythe Bridge Street, but they were more probably on St. Thomas's Street: in 1772 the street had just over 20 houses on each side,⁵ and it may have been almost completely built up by 1279. From the area of the castle the survey moved north to the site of the Carmelite Friars, on the southern part of the modern Worcester College (nos. 70-74), and then along Stockwell Street and perhaps also Hythe Bridge Street, returning to the tenement immediately north of the Carmelite Friars, the property of the Hospitallers (no. 95). Twentyacre (no. 106) lay in the modern Jericho, probably at the bottom of the modern Little Clarendon Street which seems to be the lane leading to Twentyacre of some 13th century documents.⁶ The remaining entries on the roll describe the meadow of Medley, the hamlet of Binsey, and Port Meadow.

The hundred rolls confirm the evidence from other sources, notably the rolls of the portmoot and the rolls of the justices in eyre,⁷ that the parish of St. Thomas, like that of St. Michael in the South which covered the area of the Grandpont, was an integral part of the borough of Oxford despite the fact that it lay outside the walls. It is particularly interesting that St. Thomas's parish should have formed part of the borough as the area was from an early date part of the d'Oilly and d'Ivri fees. In 1086 Robert d'Oilly held a manor comprising a total of 50 houses in Oxford, both within and without the walls, 30 a. meadow close to the walls, and the church of St. Peter's in the East. This manor included the island of Oseney and much of the area between it and the castle, all of which was later granted by various members of the d'Oilly family to their foundation of Oseney

⁴ *Rot. Hund.* (Rec. Com.), ii, 788.

⁵ *Survey of Oxford*, 1772, ed. H. E. Salter, 37-8.

⁶ H. E. Salter, *Survey of Oxford*, ii (Oxf. Hist. Soc., xx), Map. N III.

⁷ Oxford City Archives D 7 1b; P.R.O. Just 1/701, m. 12d.

Abbey.⁸ The northern part of St. Thomas's parish was presumably included in 1086 in Roger d'Ivri's 4 hide estate at Walton,⁹ certainly it later formed part of the honor of St. Valery which descended from d'Ivri's fee. In 1279 North Oseney was a separate manor of the honor, held by Edmund, Earl of Cornwall as lord of the honor. The manor of North Oseney was the administrative centre for a number of the Oxfordshire and Berkshire estates of the honor and courts were held for the earl's tenants, including a number of prominent Oxford men.¹⁰ In 1281, however, the earl of Cornwall granted all his land in North Oseney, except for a place to hold his court, to his foundation of Rewley Abbey.¹¹

St. Thomas's parish was fairly densely settled by 1279; it contained about 200 properties of different kinds. However, the proportion of cottages to other dwellings was much higher than in any other Oxford parish: there were 125 cottages to 63 tenements, houses and messuages in St. Thomas's, compared with 32 cottages to 605 tenements, houses and messuages and 148 selds within the walls and on Grandpont. The largest property-owner in St. Thomas's was Oseney Abbey which held 25 tenements, 19 cottages, and 4 vacant plots, worth a total of at least £7 9s 2d and received rents of £3 11s 10d from 17 other holdings, as well as £5 12s from Twentyacre and £6 15s 4d from Medley. The Earl of Cornwall received £3 9s 4½d rent from 27 properties, and the Templars of Cowley 15s 7d from 10 properties. The Carmelite Friars, whose house on the site of Worcester College was in the parish, and Littlemore Priory also had sizeable holdings. Very few laymen, other than the Earl of Cornwall, held more than one or two properties in the parish, although some of these properties consisted of 3 or more cottages. Twelve of those who held property in St. Thomas's also held property within the walls or on Grandpont, and 2 others held in the North Gate Hundred. Seven of the largest property owners in Oxford in 1279, Walter Goldsmith, Philip of Stockwell, Nicholas of Kingston, Henry Gamage, Geoffrey the Mercer, John Burgeys, and Walter Feteplace, held lands or rents in St. Thomas's, but their holdings there were small. The largest of their properties was that held by John Burgeys, who had a messuage worth 13s 4d and received rents worth 15s 6d from 9 cottages, a house and tenement as well as rents from 3 other cottages.

Despite the survival, particularly among the Oseney records, of a number of charters and rentals for St. Thomas's parish, only about a third of the properties described in the hundred rolls can be identified with those described in other sources. The account of the parish in 1279 is clearly complete, unless properties were accidentally omitted from the survey; the difficulties of identification are probably due to frequent changes in ownership or tenure of properties, to the complexity of the tenures, and to the fact that the hundred rolls do not progress consistently from one tenement to its neighbour on the ground.

⁸ Domesday Book fol. 158, translated in *V.C.H. Oxon*, 1, 413; *Oseney Cart.*, 1 (Oxf. Hist. Soc., lxxxix), 1-2.

⁹ Domesday Book, fol. 159, trans. *V.C.H. Oxon.*, 1, 416.

¹⁰ *Ministers Accounts of the Earldom of Cornwall*, 1296-7 (Camden Soc., 3rd ser., lxvi), 142-8; P.R.O. S.C. 6/961/6; *ibid.*, 1095/13.

¹¹ *Cal. Close Rolls*, 1288-96, 290.

In the following text the paragraphs of the original have been retained, and the entries have been numbered for ease of reference. Standard abbreviations have been expanded without comment, but where there is doubt as to the correct expansion, the letters supplied are printed in italics. Words or letters printed in round brackets are interlined in the original; those in square brackets have been supplied by the editor. The words in the first 16 entries printed between asterisks are from roll ga.

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| | 1. | Walter Aurifaber tenet quoddam tenementum *per . . . Feteplace et ipse de dono patris suis et valet dim marcam* |
| Parochia Sci Thomi Osen' | 2. | Abbas Osen tenet iiiii cotagia iuxta aquam Thamesie que [fuerunt] . . . * nescitur a quo. Et valent xx s* |
| | 3. | Roger de Samford tenet i mesuagium de Abbate O[sen] . . . *v s nescitur quo modo abbas habuit et valet v s ultra* |
| | 4. | Johannes Roland tenet i mesuagium de feodo comiti [Cornubiae] . . . *per Roland patrem suum, et ipse de Ricardo Scot et Ricardo de Elya Lynge* Draper Reddendo dicto comiti xii s et Abbati Osen . . . nescitur quo modo et non valet plus Draper Reddendo dicto comiti xii s et Abbati Osen* . . . |
| Osen' | 5. | Ricardus Lyngedrauer tenet iiiii cotagia de Abbate O[sen] . . . *nescitur quo waranto abbas [sic] et non valet plus* |
| Osen' | 6. | Abbas Osen tenet i tenementum quod fuit Thomi . . . |
| | 7. | Robertus de Waits tenet i domum de dicto Abbate pro . . . *et non valet plus* |
| | 8. | Galfridus Carpenter tenet i tenementum per (Reyne) uxorem suam . . . *de Comite Cornubiae per iiiii s ii d et valet dimidia marci* |
| | 9. | Thomas de Seuckewrth tenet iii cotagia de Johanne Burgeis . . . *et non valet plus* |
| | 10. | Johannes Furbur tenet i tenementum per uxorem suam, et ipsa per A . . . *per Philippum Burgys. Reddit Johanne Burgeis v s et non valet plus* |
| | 11. | Duce Jop tenet v cotagia de Johanne Burgeis et ipse per Agnetam . . . *em suum. Reddit Johanne Burgeis v s et nihil [valet] ultra* |
| | 12. | Ricardus Bleth tenet i domum de Johanne Burgeis et ipse per Agnetam . . . *avunculum suum. Reddit Johanne Burgeis iii s vi d et non valet plus* |
| | 13. | Walter de Persorie tenet i domum per Isabellam filiam Radulfi et [ipse per] . . . *suum. Reddit capelle sancti Thomi ii d et* nescitur quo modo et valet viii . . . *ultra* |
| | 14. | Rogerus Parmenter tenet i domum per Emmam uxorem eius et ipsa per Radulfum Molendinarem, reddendo comiti Cornubiae . . . *xii d et Waltero Feteplace ii s et non valet plus.* |
| | 15. | Ricardus de Abindon tenet ii cotagia de Radulfum patre suo, reddendo Duce Jop iii s, et non valet plus |
| | 16. | Johannes le Tailur tenet i domum per Isabellam uxorem suam, et ipsa per Henricum patrem suum, reddendo Ricardi de Abindon iii d, et valet . . . *ii s ultra* |
| | 17. | Johanna (vidua) tenet i cotagium per Astrildam matrem suam, et ipsa per Radulfo patrem suum. Nihil reddendo, et valet ii s. |

- Osen' 18. Abbas Osen tenet v cotagia iuxta capellam sancti Thomi De quo tenet nescitur, et valet xv s.
19. Johannes de Sibbeford tenet i cotagium per Petrum de Sibbeford, et ipse per Adam le Bolter, reddendo comiti cornubiae ii s, et non valet plus.
- Osen' 20. Abbas Osen tenet v cotagia cum gardino in puram elemosinam de feodo Doyli, et valet xx s.
21. Mabilia Elys tenet i mesuagium de Elyia Lingedraper et ipse de Walter Perle, reddendo comiti cornubiae xx d, et valet v s ultra.
22. Abbas Osen tenet i vacuum placiam de Rogero de Comenor et ipse de Thoma Elis, et Thomas de patre suo, reddendo dicto comiti xii d, et valet vii s ultra.
23. Henricus de la Wyk tenet i cotagium per Elyiam patrem suum qui emit de Ricardo Innen' reddendo Ricardo filio Henrici ii s et nihil plus [valet].
24. Ricardus filius Henrici tenet iii cotagia per Aliciam filiam Ricardi, et ipsa per patrem suum, reddendo comiti cornubiae xl d et valet xl d ultra.
25. Ricardus Coc tenet ii cotagia de Johanne de Pesie, et ipse de Ioia sorore Lucas, reddendo dicto Johanni ii d, et valet v s ultra.
26. Johannes de Pesie tenet iiii cotagia de dicta Ioia, reddendo Henrico de Gamage xxxii d, et valet . . . ultra
- Osen' 27. Abbas Osen. tenet i cotagium de Rogero de Comenor, et ipse de Henrico Ayrlle et ipse de Roberto filio Ioie, reddendo comiti Cornubiae ix d, et valet xiiii d ultra.
28. Ricardus Coc tenet ii cotagia de Hugoni filio Rogeri, et ipse de Rogeri patre suo, nihil reddendo, et valet iii s.
29. Matilda Cupere tenet i cotagium de Ricardo patre suo, reddendo capelle sancti Thomi vi d nescitur quo modo, et valet viii d plus.
30. Cristina Damel et Alicia Damel tenent iii cotagia per Adam patrem earum, et ipse per Lucas, reddendo Henrico Gamage ii s, et valet ii s ultra.
31. Johannes de Pesie tenet i cotagium reddendo dicto comiti o[bol], et valet ii s ultra.
32. Johannes Warthem tenet i cotagium reddendo dicto comiti xx d, et valet x d ultra.
33. Henricus Gamage tenet i cotagium per Henricum avunculum suum et ipse per Lucas, reddendo dicto comiti ix d, et valet vi s ultra.
34. Willelmus Brid tenet i cotagium de Nicholao Wyting pro ii s per annum et non valet plus.
35. Johannes Warchem tenet ii cotagia per Willelmum Kepeharm et ipse per Henrici ? Vyrlet et ipse per Philipum Sipman, et ipse per Johannem patrem suum reddendo dicti comiti xl d. Et non valet plus.
36. O . . . tenet i cotagium per Thomam patrem suum, et ipse per Clement de Scappe, reddendo dicto comiti ii s iii d, et non valet plus.
37. . . . et ipse per Reginaldem Gamage, reddendo dicto comiti x s, et non valet plus.
38. . . . ii cotagia per Beatricam uxorem eius, et ipsa per Willelmum patrem suum, reddendo dicto comiti xl d, et valet iii s.

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39. Johannes de Godestow tenet i domum per Aliciam le Fevre, et ipsa per Ricardum patrem suum, et ipse per Rogerum Bille, reddendo dicto comiti xl s, et non valet plus.
40. Agneta Forn tenet iii cotagia per Ricardum Fabrum, et ipse per Ricardum Innene, reddendo dicto comiti xx d, et valet xl d ultra.
41. Nicholas de Kingeston tenet i mesuagium et i cotagium per Julianam Perle, et ipsa per Adam filium Ricardi, et ipse per Ricardum filium Nicholi, et ipse per Ricardum Asceme, et ipse per Fromund, reddendo dicto comiti xx d, et valet xl d ultra.
42. Johannes de Godestow tenet i domum per Petronillam et ipsa per Matildam matrem suam, et ipsa per Robertum Mangulo, reddendo dicto comiti xvi d, et non valet plus.
43. Willelmus de Bunseie tenet i mesuagium per Henricum patrem suum, reddendo dicto comiti xl d, et valet xl d ultra.
44. Nicholas Wyting tenet i mesuagium per Willelmum patrem suum, reddendo dicto comiti xl d, et valet xl d ultra.
45. Agneta et Emma tenent iii cotagia per Willelmum patrem suum, et ipse per Nigellum, reddendo dicto comiti xii d, et valet vi d.
46. Matilda filia Radulfi tenet i cotagium per dictum Radulfum, reddendo dicto comiti xl d, et valet xl d ultra.
47. Nicholas Wyting tenet vacuam placiam per Willelmum patrem suum, et ipse per Nicholo But, reddendo dicto comiti xii d, nihil [valet] ultra.
48. Idem Nicholas tenet iii cotagia per Willelmum patrem suum, reddendo dicto comiti i d, et valet vi s ultra.
49. Gilbertus Faireie tenet iii cotagia per Feliciam matrem suam, et ipsa per ? Clement, reddendo dicto comiti xxxv d, et valet xiii d.
50. Hugo Carpenter tenet i cotagium per Reginaldum patrem suum, reddendo Johanni Warthem xii d, et non valet plus.
51. Galfridus Carpenter tenet i cotagium de Johanne capellano, et ipse de Marsillus pro i d, et valet xii d.
52. Matilda Cupere et Henricus Tonerur tenent ii cota de Dionisia Cupere, reddendo capelle sancti Thomi ix d, nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s vi d ultra. 53. Thomas de Weston tenet ii cota de Abbate Osen pro iii s, et non valet plus.
- Osen' 54. Abbas Osen tenet ii vacuas placias, una fuit Willelmi Molendinarem et alia Roberti de Gersuindon, nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s.
- Osen' 55. Ricardus Heymonger tenet i cotum de Willelmo de Sypton et de Alicia et Matilda, et ipsi per Willelmum patrem suum, reddendo Abbatum Osen vi d, nescitur quo modo, et valet vi s.
- Osen' 56. Idem Ricardus tenet i cotum de dicto Abbate pro iii d per annum, nescitur quo modo et valet xii d.
- Osen' 57. Abbas Osen tenet iii cota iuxta pontem castelli, de dono Thomi vicarii de Cokeswell et ipse emit de Thome Porter Osen et ipse de Roberto Pole, reddendo vicario de Cokeswell x s, et Johanni Burgeis ii s, et Abbatisse de Godestowe ii s, nescitur quo waranto. 58. Idem Abbas tenet i vacuam placiam que fuit Walteri le ?Tanner in puram elemosinam, et valet iii s.
- God' 59. Robertus de Wytham tenet i domum de Alicie filia Hugoni, et ipsa de dicto Hugone, reddendo dicto Abbati ii s, nescitur quo modo, et valet vi s.

60. Nicholas Crabbe tenet i mesuagium per Nicholem Molendinarem, et ipse de Abbate Osen pro iii s, reddendo heredi dicti Nicholi ii s, et valet iii s ultra.
- Hosp' Bar. 61. Fratres Hospitali sancti Bartholomei tenent ii cota de dono Nicholi Franceis, et ipse de Willelmo patre suo, reddendo Nicholem Crabbe xii d, et valet ii s ultra.
62. Ricardus Carpenter tenet i vacuam placiam de domino rege in capite, reddendo ad scaccarium ii s per annum.
- Osen' 63. Ricardus Heymonger tenet i domum de Abbate Osen pro v s quam abbas habuit per Andream Aucupem, et valet xii d obol.
- Osen' 64. Radulfus Cupere tenet i cotagium de Alicia de Wytteinei et ipsa per Willelmum patrem suum, reddendo dicto abbati vi d, nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s ultra.
65. Magister Henricus tenet i vacuam placiam de Philipo de Stockwell pro i d.
- Osen' 66. Rogerus de Osen tenet i domum cum Alicia filia Roberti, reddendo abbati Osen vi s, nescitur quo waranto, et non valet plus.
- Osen' 67. Johannes Sclatte tenet i domum de dicto abbate pro x s, et vii cotagia subeodem redditu, nescitur quo modo, et valet x s ultra.
- Osen' 68. Alicia Forn tenet i mesuagium cum vi cotagia de dicto abbate pro xx s, nescitur quo modo, et nihil valet plus.
- Lutlemor' 69. Priorissa de Lutlemore tenet ii cotagia de dono Nicholi de Stokwell unde ipsa capit per annum.
- Lutlemor' 70. Nicholas Forstull vendidit fratribus de Carmelo quandam domum que solebat reddere dicte priorisse iii s.
71. Sibilla Kam tenet i vacuam placiam que solebat [reddere] dicti priorisse iii s. 72. Item dicti fratres tenent i domum de dono Nicholi de Stokwell que solebat reddere dicti priorisse iii s.
- Lutlemor' 73. Willelmus de Eynesham tenet i domum per Henricum patrem suum, reddendo dicti priorisse iii s, et nescitur quo modo. 74. Item predicti fratres de Carmelo *appropriaverunt* sibi plura tenementa, nescitur quo modo nec quo waranto.
- Lutlemor' 75. Willelmus Wilde tenet i domum per Johannam uxorem eius, et ipsa per Robertum Bard, reddendo dicti priorisse iii s, nescitur quo modo.
76. Agneta filia Rogeri tenet i domum per Rogerum patrem suum, et ipse per Ricardum de Sum(d)ford, reddendo Agathe filie Ade xx d.
77. Robertus de Halenton tenet i domum de Johanna filia Osberti et ipsa de patre suo, reddendo Agathe filie Ade xii d, et capello sancti Thomi xii d, nescitur quo modo, et valet xii d ultra.
- Godest' 78. Abbatissa de Godestow tenet i cellarium cum solarium de dono Hugoni le Hore, reddendo Agathe filie Ade xii d, et valet ii s ultra.
79. Agneta de Pistrino tenet ii cotagia per Randulfum le Bolter, et i furnum per Willelmum filium Elye, reddendo dicte priorisse iii s, et nescitur quo modo.
- Lutlemor' 80. Item ii vacuo placio iacent ibi, que nichil reddunt, et nullus vendicat eas.
- Coflea 81. Walterus ad Scappe tenet i cotagium de Johanne Furbur et ipse de Johanne Boreshulle, reddendo Templariis de Coflea xiiii d, nescitur quo waranto, et valet ii s plus.

- Coflea 82. Robertus Vilus tenet i cotum de dictis Johanne et Johanne, reddendo dictis Templariis xiiii d, nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s ultra.
- Coflea 83. Henricus de Comenor tenet i cotum de Rogero patre suo, reddendo dictis Templariis xiiii d, nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s ultra.
84. Ricardus Carpenter tenet i domum de Philipo de Stokwell pro vii s per annum, et valet iii s ultra.
- Coflea 85. Willelmus de Eynesham tenet i domum de Henrico patre suo, reddendo dictis Templariis xiiii d, nescitur quo modo, et valet xii d ultra.
86. Item quedam vacua placia iacet ibi que solebat reddere dictis Templariis xiiii d, nescitur quo modo.
- Coflea 87. Willelmus de Isteslape tenet i domum per Matildam Fillendon, reddendo dictis Templariis xiiii d, nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s ultra.
88. Galfridus le mercer tenet ii cellarii cum ii solaria et i placiam vacuum per Galfridum patrem suum et ipse per Aliciam matrem eius, reddendo Philipo de Stocwell iiii s, et valet iii s ultra.
- Coflea 89. Reginaldus de Kingeston tenet i domum cum i cotagium de Galfrido le mercer pro v s, et ille dictis Templariis iii d, nescitur quo [modo].
- Coflea 90. Johannes le Furbur tenet ii cotagia et i solarium de Templariis de Coflea et ipsi de Thome talebot, reddendo dictis Templariis ii s et valet ii s plus.
- Coflea 91. Johannes de Boreshulle tenet i cotum de Templariis pro vi d, et Templariis tenet ibi ii cotagia in dominico, et valet iii s, nescitur quo waranto.
- Coflea 92. Johannes le Furbur tenet i mesuagium cum ii cotagiis de dictis Templariis pro v s iiii d, nescitur quo modo, et valet xvi d plus.
- Coflea 93. Radulfus de Wynchesdon tenet i mesuagium de Alicia filia Agathe, et ipsa de Nicholo tailur, reddendo dicte Alicie iiii s, et cuidam de Euesham iiii d, (nescitur quo modo) et dictis Templariis xiiii d nescitur quo modo, et valet ii s vi d plus.
94. Alicia Tareter vendidit i cotagium Ricardi de Cantebur' et ipse fratribus de Carmelo, reddendo Waltero Aurifabrum i d.
- Ierlm' 95. Fratres Hospitali de Ierusalem tenent i magnum tenementum et . . . nescitur quo modo nec quo waranto.
- Osen' 96. Elyas de Weston tenet i mesuagium de Abbate Osen pro iii s, [nescitur] quo modo abbas. 97. Idem Elyas tenet i cotum de dicto Abbate pro xviii d, et valet vi d plus.
- Osen' 98. Johannes Weston tenet i domum de eodem pro xviii d, et nescitur quo modo, et valet vi d plus.
- Osen' 99. Adam de Derham tenet i domum de dicte Abbate pro viii s vi d, nescitur quo modo, et valet xviii d plus.
- Lutlemor' 100. Johannes de Langeport tenet i mesuagium de Priorissa de [Lutelmor] [reddendo i] marcum, nescitur quo modo, et idem Johannes habuit illud de dono Andream patris sue, et ipse de Alicie de Stokwell, et ipsa de Thomas filio ? Decani, et valet xx s ultra.
101. Idem Johannes tenet i cotum de Nicholo Dewy, et ipse per Dionisiam Burewald, reddendo dicto Nicholo i d, et valet iiii s ultra.
102. Johannes Burgeis tenet i mesuagium de hereditate patris sui pro servicio dimittendi carectas hospitalarias ire per unum diem

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- Osen' cum feno per curiam suam, et valet (marc). 103. Item Johannes Langeport tenet i cotum de abbate Osen pro iiiii s, nescitur quo modo.
- Osen' 104. Idem Johannes tenet quoddam pratum de Andreum patre suo, et ipse de Alicie de Stokwell, reddendo abbati Osen ii s vi d, nescitur quo modo, et valet xx s plus. 105. Nicholas de Kingeston tenet i domum de Abbate Eynesham reddendo heredibus Lamberti Burewald ob[ol], et valet iiiii s ultra, et nescitur quo modo Abbas habuit illud.
- Osen 106. Idem Abbas Osen tenet i tenementum in suburbio Oxon quod vocatur Twentiacre, et habet ibi xxxix cotarias qui reddent ei c et xii s.
107. Idem abbas tenet terram et pratum quod vocatur Middel eie, et valet per annum x marcas. Et habet ibi ii cotagia qui reddunt ei ii s.
- Frid' 108. Prior Sancti Frideswide habet unum hamelot quod vocatur Buneseie in suburbio Oxon, et iacet pro dimidia hyda terre, et xxi tenentes reddunt ei annuatim pro dicta terra x marcas. Et habet ibi quoddam pratum pro quo dicti villani reddunt ei annuatim xx marcas. Item predicti villani reddunt ei annuatim xxv s, quos ipse reddit Hugoni de Plessis, nescitur quo modo nec waranto. Item xiiii villani de predictis xxi vaditur ad operationes dicti prioris tempore secundo die a Nativitatis beati Johannis baptistae usque ad festum sancti Michaelis, ad cibum dicti prioris.
- Membrane 3
God' 109. Item, tota patria dicit quod Abbatissa de Godestowe fecit includere ad se quandam magnam perticulam illius libere pasture que vocatur Portmaneite sine waranto, et ibi sedent Nundine, et abbatissa capit inde tolnetum.
110. Eadem Abbatissa appropriavit ad opus suum quandam perticulam dicte pasture continentem xl acras ad magnum nocumentum totius patrie, sine waranto.
111. Eadem abbatissa incitit porcos suos *continuit* de die in diem usque in dictam pasturam sine waranto, qui fodiunt illam et destruunt ad maximam nocumentum totius patrie.

NOTES TO TEXT

1. Walter Goldsmith appears to have been one of the wealthiest men in Oxford in 1279; within the borough he held 3 tenements in All Saints' parish, a house and a seld in St. Martin's, and a house in an 'area' in St. Mildred's, and received rents worth £4 18s 4d from other property. In the North Gate Hundred he received rents worth 11s. a year, and held 4 a. in Walton fields. (*Rot. Hund.* (Rec. Com.), ii, 789-808.)
2. These are probably the first 4 of the 5 cottages listed in the Oseney rental of 1277-8. They were then held by Luca the fisherman, Robert Tropinel, William Carpenter, and Ralf Carpenter at a rent of 5s each. (*Oseney Cart.*, iii (Oxf. Hist. Soc., xci), 117.)
3. This is probably the 5th of Oseney's cottages; it stood on Warham Bank, and was held in 1277-8 by Matilda of Reading for 6s a year, but in May 1278 it was granted by Oseney Abbey to Roger of Sandford and Mabel his wife at a rent of 5s. a year. It is described as a message in the grant. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii (Oxf. Hist. Soc., xc), 385; iii (O.H.S., xci), 117.)
4. In the 1277-8 rental this holding was described as the house of Roland held by John his brother; it paid a rent of 4s to Oseney. In 1285 when John Roland's son, Mathew, granted a solar and cellar there to his step-mother, Julian Tropenel for her life, the message owed 15d to Rewley Abbey to which the Earl of Cornwall had granted his property in St. Thomas's. In 1295, after a law suit lasting 4 years, the Abbot of Oseney recovered the tenement from Roger, son of John Roland by an action of 'Shortford' in the town court of Oxford, and in the next surviving rental, dated between 1283 and 1316, 'Domus Roland' paid a rent of only 3s (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 385-6; iii, 117, 128; Oxford City Archives D 7 1b, *passim*.)

5. In 1280 Richard Lingedraper held 4 houses, the second a corner one, of Osenev Abbey, at rents of 4s, 4s, 2s, and 3s; they were held of him by John brother of Roland. One of them may have been the house which Elias the Lyngedraper granted Richard son of Walter the miller of East Bridge between c. 1250 and 1260; it had belonged to Matilda Pigesfot. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 383; iii, 123.)
6. This tenement may have been the one described in 1277-8 as the house of Thomas the Dyer held by Richard the Lingedraper, which owed a rent of 8s to Osenev. (*Osenev Cart.*, iii, 117.)
8. Geoffrey Carpenter held a tenement worth 6s 8d in St. Mary's parish in 1279, as well as this tenement and another cottage (no. 51) in St. Thomas's. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 800.)
9. In addition to his property in St. Thomas's, John Burgeis held a tenement worth £1 in All Saints' parish, 2 schools, a tenement and a house in St. Mary's, 5 selds and a house in St. Michael's at the North Gate, and 2 houses in St. Mildred's; he received rents worth £1 12s 2d from other properties in Oxford. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 790-9.)
10. John Furber held a tenement worth 6s 8d in St. Mary's parish, and 2 messuages worth 1s in the North Gate Hundred, as well as his tenement, messuage, solar, and 4 cottages (nos. 90 & 92) in St. Thomas's. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 799, 808.)
16. A John le Tailor held 3 tenements worth £1 4s in St. Frideswide's parish, and one worth 14s in St. Michael's in the South. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 802.)
18. These are the 5 cottages, rented at an annual rent of 3s each, which Osenev held in 1277-8 and 1280. (*Osenev Cart.*, iii, 117, 124.)
20. This tenement was perhaps the one called 'the Founder's Cottage' which in 1498 was split into 4 tenements. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 430-1.)
22. Thomas son of Elias le Lingedraper granted this land to Roger of Cumnor in 1261-2, and Roger granted it to Osenev in 1265-6. In 1261-2 it was described as being between the land of Elias de la Wyke and the way which led to a curtilage and islands; in 1265-6, as being between the land of Henry de la Wyke and the land of Alice le Lingedraper, and as extending from the road to the Thames. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 446-7.)
23. Henry de la Wyke also held a messuage in the North Gate Hundred. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 811.)
24. Henry Gamage held a horse-mill, worth 13s 4d, and a tenement in St. Ebbe's parish, and received 8s rent from a messuage in St. Aldate's and 21d from one in the North Gate Hundred. Henry Gamage the younger held a messuage in the North Gate Hundred worth 5s, and had 10s rent from another messuage. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 791-2, 806, 808.)
26. This property may perhaps have belonged to Hugh the Mason, whose widow was called Ioya. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 448.)
27. Robert son of Hugh the Mason sold this property, described as a messuage with appurtenances, to Henry de Crokesford in 1260 or 1261; it was then said to have been bought from Ioya, widow of Hugh the Mason. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 447-8.)
35. William Kepeharm was granted this tenement by Henry de Crokesford, burgess of Oxford, presumably identifiable with Henry Vyrlet, in 1265-6; it had earlier been held by Philip son of John Shipman. (Bodl. MS. Top. Oxon. c 396, f. 334.)
36. This is probably the tenement which was held in 1265-6 by John de la Stappe. (Bodl. MS. Top. Oxon. c 396, fol. 334.)
39. John of Godstow also held a tenement worth 8s in St. Aldate's parish. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 798.)
41. Nicholas of Kingston also held 2 cottages in the parish of St. Michael at the North Gate, a house in All Saints' parish, 3 tenements, a house, 4 selds, and a solar in St. Martin's, a messuage in St. Aldate's, and a tenement in St. Peter's in the East. (*Rot. Hund. (Rec. Com.)*, ii, 792-801.)
49. This may have been part of the land outside the gate of Oxford Castle and next to the king's mill pond held in 1231 by Thomas Faireic. (*Pat. Rolls, 1225-37, 440-1.*)
54. The vacant plot which was William the Miller's may have been the plot which Henry III granted to Nicholas Miller in 1231 to hold in return for repairing and maintaining the castle mills. (*Pat. Rolls, 1225-37, 440-1.*)
57. Philip, son of Philip Burgeis, granted this property in 1261-2 to Thomas de Berkham, vicar of Cokeswelle, at an annual rent of 2s. Thomas of Reading, vicar of Cokeswelle, granted the land to Osenev in 1266-7. It lay between the north gate of the castle, and the land which belonged to Walter the tanner, and extended from the castle ditch on the east to the middle of the stream of the Thames on the west. The 2s payment to Godstow probably derived from the grant made to the convent c. 1210 by Laurence Kepeharm, which included William Burgeis's land under the castle which yielded 2s a year. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 376-8; *Godstow Eng. Reg.*, ii, 385-7.)
59. This may have been the land in front of the castle gate which Stephen of Hampton granted to Hugh the baker c. 1210. (*Osenev Cart.*, ii, 378.)
60. This property may have included the vacant plot opposite the castle which belonged to Nicholas the miller, and from which Osenev had a rent of 4s a year in 1277-8. A rent of 6s from a property, subsequently described as Nicholas Crabbe's house, was granted in 1275-6 by Parnel daughter of Henry the tanner to John of Godstow and Matilda his wife; the property lay between the land lately held by Philip Burgeis (no. 57) and the barbican. (*Osenev Cart.*, iii, 117; Bodl. MS. Top. Oxon. c 445, f. 145.)

62. Gilbert of Kirkby, the sheriff's officer, rented this vacant plot to Richard le carpenter in 1273; it was outside the outer bailey of the castle. Richard also held a messuage in St. Aldate's parish, and a tenement in St. Ebbe's, neither of which was worth more than the rent due from it. (P.R.O., E 159/48, m. 1d; *Rot. Hund.* (Rec. Com.), ii, 791-2.)
61. Henry of Tew granted this tenement to William le Franceis in free marriage with his sister Alice, probably in 1232-3. It was then described as Henry's northern house in the fee of Nicholas the miller, next to the outer (*forinsecum*) bridge leading north from Oxford Castle, and extending from the Thames to the castle moat. A rent of 12d a year was payable to Nicholas Miller. In 1270-1 Nicholas Franceis de la Barbekane granted the tenement, described as that between Roger le Vorn's land and the castle ditch, to the Hospital of St. Bartholomew. (*Oriel Records* (O.H.S., lxxxv), 328-9.)
64. This was probably the house, formerly William of Witney's, which paid 6d rent to Oseney in 1280. (*Oseney Cart.*, iii, 123.)
66. This was the Domus Her held by Avice le Forn which paid a quit-rent to Oseney in 1277-8 and 1280. In 1287-8 Avice, daughter and heiress of Robert le Forn quit-claimed to Oseney the tenement which Richard Her had held of the abbey. The tenement extended from the Thames to John of Eynsham's tenement on the east, and its curtilage extended to the castle ditch. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 368-9; iii, 116, 123.)
67. This was the corner house which Oseney granted to John of Eynsham, slatter, in 1257-8 for 10s a year. It may be the same as the messuage which Emma, daughter of John of Eynsham granted to Gilbert, son of William of Hakebourne in 1317; it was then described as being between a tenement belonging to Queen Margaret and one belonging to Thomas the Spicer. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 368; MS. Top. Oxon. d 72, f. 293.)
68. The widow of Robert le Forn paid a rent of 20s for this house in 1280. (*Oseney Cart.*, iii, 123.)
- 72-74. This was the site of the Carmelite Friars' house. The friars were given land on the southern part of the site of the modern Worcester College in 1256. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 344-50.)
78. This may have been the land 'towards the brink of the Thames' which Joan, daughter of Osbert Smarth, granted to Hugh Hore, mercer, c. 1254. If so, a 12d rent paid to Littlemore Priory has been omitted from the description. (*Godstow Eng. Reg.*, ii (E.E.T.S. original ser. cxxx), 531.)
82. Henry of Cumnor also held, jointly with his brother-in-law, Hugh le Chaun, a tenement in St. Ebbe's parish worth 4s a year. (*Rot. Hund.* (Rec. Com.), ii, 790.)
83. This was part of the property which Roger of Cumnor, clerk, granted to his son Henry c. 1260-70. (*Cart. St. Frid.*, i (O.H.S. xxviii), 369-70.)
84. This property was probably that described in 1261-71 as Philip of Stockwell's messuage. The messuage granted to the Templars by Laurence called Iuvenis at that date was said to lie between it and Roger of Cumnor's messuage; it appears to have been omitted from the hundred rolls. (*Sandford Cart.* (Oxon. Rec. Soc., xix), 106.)
85. About 1280 Simon of Hamton and Joan his wife granted Richard Cementarius of Abingdon their right in the land between the land which had recently belonged to Henry of Eynsham and that which recently belonged to Nicholas of Orton, of the fee of the preceptor of Cowley. Henry of Eynsham was probably the Henry father of William of Eynsham who had held this tenement, but neither Richard Cementarius nor Nicholas of Orton can be identified. (St. John's Coll. Mun. V. A. 34. (Copy in Bodl. MS. Top. Oxon. e. 334, f. 10.)
88. In addition to his property in St. Thomas's parish, Geoffrey the mercer held a tenement in St. Michael's parish, a tenement worth 10s in St. John's parish, a tenement on the Grandpont, 2 messuages in the North Gate Hundred, and 1½ acre of meadow behind Oseney which he held jointly with Philip of Stockwell; he also had a rent of 4s from a messuage in the North Gate Hundred. The same man or his father, who was also called Geoffrey, held a tenement in St. Aldate's parish worth 17s, and had 10s rent from 2 selds in St. Martin's parish. (*Rot. Hund.* (Rec. Com.), ii, 794-811.)
90. Between 1251 and 1261 Walter Abbot, of Oxford, granted to the Templars his tenement in Stockwell Street, between this messuage on the west and that of Ywan the workman on the east. As Stockwell Street runs north and south, the properties were probably on a lane off it. (*Sandford Cart.*, 94.)
95. The property of the Hospitallers of Jerusalem, described as a court in Stockwell Street with buildings, houses, gardens, fish-ponds (*vivariis*) and meadow, was granted to Sir John Giffard in 1284 for the foundation of Gloucester College. It lay between the lands of Stephen of Langford, Eve Lotricis, and John of Langford, on one side, and the land of the Carmelite friars on the other. Giffard's grant for the foundation of Gloucester college included a tenement he had acquired from John Weston and Idonea his wife, and another which he had acquired from Stephen de Couver and Alice his wife. These tenements presumably lay to the east or west of the main site. The tenements of John and Stephen of Langford and of Eve Lotricis were probably on a lane running east and west off Stockwell Street, a continuation of the modern Beaumont Street. (B.M. Rot. Cott., vi (1, 2).)
96. This was presumably the property granted to Oseney by Robert Coc in 1245-6; a rent of 2s a year from it had already been granted to the abbey by Roger son of Baldwin c. 1240. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 350-5.)
98. This was presumably the land in Stockwell Street granted to Oseney by Geoffrey, rector of Oxted in 1239-40. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 355-8.)

99. This was presumably the house, formerly belonging to Henry son of Henry Simeon, which John son of Geoffrey the miller granted to Oseney after 1240. (*Oseney Cart.*, ii, 358-60.)
106. 'xx acris de Walton' occurs in a confirmation by Henry d'Oilly of the possessions of Oseney in 1154-63. The close presumably lay to the west of Stockwell Street, probably opposite the end of Little Clarendon Street, which seems to be the lane leading to Twentyacre of some 13th century deeds. In 1192 the tithes of Twentyacre, with those of Walton itself, were in dispute between Oseney and Godstow, Oseney claiming that they pertained to St. George's in the Castle, and Godstow that they pertained to St. Giles's. It was finally agreed that Godstow should hold the tithes of Oseney, paying two 3-lb. candles a year. (*Oseney Cart.*, iv, 31, 91-2; *Godstow Eng. Reg.*, i, 365.)
107. The island of Medley in the Thames was granted to Oseney by the citizens of Oxford in 1147 at a rent of 6s 8d a year. In 1191, after a dispute with St. Frideswide's, who had claimed Medley as part of the compensation due to them for the site which they used to have for stalls in Oxford, the citizens confirmed the grant of Medley to Oseney, increasing the rent to 12s 4d, out of which the citizens were to pay 8s to St. Frideswide's. (*Oseney Cart.*, iv, 86-91; *Cart St. Frid.*, i, 36-8.)
- 109-11. Land in or near Port Meadow was granted to Godstow at its foundation by the citizens of Oxford, who had themselves had common pasture in the meadow since at least 1066. In 1285 the abbess was presented before the justices in eyre for appropriating 40 a. of the king's pasture in a suburb of Oxford, presumably Port Meadow, 20 years earlier. The abbess claimed that she had been granted the land by Henry I and produced a charter in support of her claim which apparently satisfied the justices. The abbess was also accused of inclosing 60 a. of a moor or marsh next to Wolvercote where the whole neighbourhood used to have rights of common. (*Godstow Eng. Reg.*, i, 28-9; *Domesday Book, V.C.H. Oxon.*, i, 398; *Just. 1/701 m.* 29d.)