

Muniments of Holy Trinity Priory Wallingford

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THE Priory of Holy Trinity Wallingford was suppressed in 1525, and all its lands and revenues were granted to Cardinal Wolsey, who assigned them to his new foundation of Cardinal College at Oxford. On Wolsey's fall these properties reverted to the Crown; some were given to Christ Church, but most passed to divers new owners, one of these being the Manor and Church of West Hendred in Berkshire. This estate was exchanged by the King with Corpus Christi College for the Manor of Molesey in Surrey, which had been purchased a few years before for the endowment of the College by the Founder, Bishop Fox. His Majesty was 'contented and pleased to cause to be delivered' to the College 'all and singular evidences charters rescripts and muniments concerning specifying or mentioning only the said Manor and Parsonage' as were in his possession: the result of this is that twenty-four deeds and a bundle of Court Rolls, with a few 'trash papers' (so described by Brian Twyne, who classified the College muniments about a century after the transfer), from the Priory Archives are now in those of the College.

The present article deals only with the deeds: the Court Rolls provide material for a separate study, as they are concerned more with the history of the village than with that of the Priory: but it is worth while to note here the evidence which they furnish about the chronology of the Priors. The parchment rolls are for the periods 19-22 Edward IV and 24 Henry VII-11 Henry VIII: for the intervening years there are only rough notes of the courts 22 Edward IV-17 Henry VII, which have not the formal headings with the names of the priors for whom they were held, though these are mentioned incidentally in a few places. The succession of Priors, and the earliest and latest dates known for them, are:—

Antony Zouche ..	20.6.1480 (Roll) to 7.5.1487 (Roll).
John Thornton ..	13.1.1499 (deed cited in Roll) to 31.3.1505 (no. 21 below).
Henry Martyn ..	12.4.1506 (Bodl. Chart., 155) to 20.4.1512 (Roll).
Thomas Paytwyn	26.10.1512 (Roll) to [.]4.1515 (Roll).
John Clare ..	2.10.1515 (Roll) to 23.4.1517 (Roll).
Thomas Marshall	20.10.1517 (Roll) to 3.10.1519 (Roll).

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Two sheets, which from their condition seem to have been used to wrap up a parcel of deeds, contain Antony Zouche's statements of Priory finances for the years ending Midsummer 1482 and 1485. These also will have to be studied separately, as they are of considerable length.

The 'trash papers' are of no importance, except a citation issued by Roger Radcliffe Dean of Arches, to John Soth vicar of Westhenreth on the complaint of Thomas Wytton Prior of Wallingford, who alleged that Soth had falsely stated that he had been suspended and excommunicated: it is dated 8 December, 1461.

The selection of the evidences to be handed over to the College does not seem to have been made with much care: one relates to property at Stanlake in Oxfordshire, which had no connexion with West Hendred and did not pass to the College, and another to lands which, though in West Hendred parish, did not belong to the Manor in question. When Thomas Cromwell in 1528 reported to Wolsey that he had given the evidences from the Priory to the Dean of Cardinal College, he said that he had sorted them; they may have got mixed during the changes of the next ten years, but, as Cromwell was also the signatory of the Royal letters which promised their delivery to Corpus, he seems to share the responsibility for any gaps in the collection. As six of the earlier deeds are endorsed with numbers, presumably given at the Priory, in a 13th century hand, and these numbers are 'Hanrethe' 1, II, VI, IX, X and XI, it would seem that several of the series are missing. But they cannot now be traced: many of the Priory deeds remained at Cardinal College, and thence passed into the keeping of Christ Church: those which related to lands confirmed to Christ Church by the King were incorporated in the archives of the House, others, like those of West Hendred, may have been extracted when wanted by new owners of the estates; but a mass lay neglected in the Treasury at Christ Church for over a century. What was left of these was finally given to Anthony Wood by their custodian, and Wood thus rescued about 160 documents, which he bequeathed to the Ashmolean Museum: these are now in the Bodleian, and were calendared in Turner and Coxe's *Calendar of Charters and Rolls*. In this collection, however, there is nothing that relates to West Hendred, except no. 3 (*Calendar*, p. 14), a general confirmation by Bishop Jocelin of Salisbury of certain churches, including Hendred, and tithes to Wallingford Priory, which can be connected with no. 6, the specific confirmation of Hendred, here printed.

The manor owned by the Priory, which is substantially identical with that now in the possession of Corpus Christi College, comprised more than half of the parish of West Hendred: the remainder was held direct from the Crown at the time of Domesday and later, and in the second half of the 12th century was in the hands of the de Henreds: after two brief tenures in the middle of

the next century it passed in 1272 to the family of de Spersholt, from whom it became known as Spersholt Court.

NOTE.—In the transcripts of the deeds, abbreviations have been expanded, restorations are in square brackets, erasures in the originals in double brackets, corrections of obvious errors or omissions by the scribes in angular brackets.

1. (B.I.I.) Grant by Nigel de Albeneyo to Abbey of St. Albans of ten hides of land and the church at West Hendred and land at Wallingford.

Ego Nigellus de Albeneyo ex assensu et uoluntate domini mei Willelmi regis et conquestoris Anglie donauit domino Ricardo fratri meo abbati de sancto Albano in Westhenrethe decem hydatas terre et ecclesiam eiusdem uille cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis: et in Waryngisforthe triginta solidatus terre ad augmentum dilatacionem et ampliacionem fundacionis extra occidentalem partem ecclesie et portas prioratus ibidem usque in uillam cum omnibus libertatibus quas alicui uel aliquo modo michi idem dominus meus rex Willelmus concedere potuit. Et ut hec omnia in posterum cunctis declarentur huic carte sigillum meum apposui. Testibus domino meo Willelmo rege, et Lanfranco archiepiscopo.

Endorsed Concessio Nigelli de ecclia. de Whenreth ² Walingford.

The seal now attached to the deed does not belong to it: it seems to have been sewn on when the West Hendred deeds were repaired in the 17th century. It may have been found loose among the documents passed over to the College by Thomas Cromwell's order, as it appears to be the seal of Walter de Cauci, and members of that family are known to have been benefactors of Wallingford Priory.

Dr. H. E. Salter, who gave a facsimile of this deed in *Oxford Charters* (no. 41) showed that it was a concoction of the monks, not earlier than the 13th century, made to provide themselves with a written title to their property. The statements in it appear to be substantially correct, except that they are telescoped in their chronology: it is clear from the record of Domesday that the manor of Hendred was then in the possession of St. Albans, and Walsingham (*Gesta*, i, 55) says that it was bestowed in the time of Abbot Paul (1077-93), and granted by his immediate successor Richard to the monks of Wallingford. Richard was a de Albeneyo, and may have been a brother of Nigel as stated in the deed; and the confirmation of the gift of Nigel by his sons Henry, William and Nigel recorded in the register of benefactors of St. Albans may have been occasioned by the transfer. The deed was probably written at Wallingford: it does not look like a production of the scriptorium of St. Albans.

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2. (B.I.5). (PLATE XII, A, B). Confirmation by Robert, Abbot of St. Albans, of grant by Prior and Convent of Wallingford to their sacrist of land at Mapledurham and to their almoner of tithes at Hendred and Wallingford.

(1151-1166)

Rodbertus abbas aeccliesie sancti Albani uniuersis ecclesie sancti Albani professis salutem. Ad hoc semper debet prelatorum inuigilare sollertia ut que pro subditorum suorum quiete et utilitate salubriter constituta sunt firma et inconuulsa permaneant. Quocirca quoniam uenerabilis frater noster Nicholaus prior de Walingeford indicauit nobis quod ipse et conuentus de Walingeford unanimi uoluntate et consilio dederint secretario eiusdem loci dimidiam hidam terrae in Mapulderham, itemque elemosinario duas partes garbarum de decima domini sui de Henret, et totam de[ci]mam de dominio suo in uilla de Walingeford, pro his quae utrique obedientiae necessaria sunt prouidendis et acquirendis, hanc donationem ratam habemus, et praesentis scripti serie confirmamus. Quam etiam perpetua stabilitate integram et illibatam manere praecipimus, atque sub anathematis sententia interdicimus, ne quisquam succedentium priorum quod pro communi aeccliesie utilitate statutum est conuellere uel immutare praesumat. Valete.

Endorsed Rob abbas d map ½ d dcima henred

Seal.]ILL[]IESCIALBAN[. Seated figure to front holding staff and book.

3. (B.I.3.) (PLATE XII, C). Grant by Simon, Abbot of St. Albans, to Prior and Convent of Wallingford of the church of Hendred for the better maintenance of hospitality at the priory.

(1167-1183)

Symon Dei gratia abbas ecclesie sancti Albani uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris salutem. Ex officio pastoralis quae ad pacem domuum nobis commissarum sunt tenemur sollicitius prouidere et quae subiectis expedire crediderimus salubriter ordinare. Ecclesia igitur nostra de Warengford in obuentionum tenuitate plurimum laborante, fratribus nostris qui ibidem Domino famulantur consu[le]re nos oportet in amplificatione reddituum, ne numerum fratrum in illo loco necesse sit imminui u[el] h[os]pitalitatis gratiam quod absit contigerit rescari. Inde est quod nos ecclesi[am] de Henreda coquine mona[c]horum Warengfordensis ecclesie et suscepcioni superuenientium hospitum deputamus quatinus utrisque possit [com]modus exhibitio congrua procurari. Vtque hec nostra [d]ispositio stabili perpetu[a]que debeat firmitate a[] . . .] eam

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presenti scripto et sigillo nostro confirmamus et ne aliquis temporibus posteris quod a nobis in hac parte gestum est audeat infirmare auctoritate Dei et nostra firmiter in[h]ibemus.

Endorsed (1) d J. aumbert AB. (2) Carta Symonis abbis de S^co Albano de ecclia de Henreda. (3) m . .ij.

Seal lost.

The purport of this decision by the abbot of St. Albans was to increase the income available for the maintenance of the monks and for charitable purposes at the priory of Wallingford: his predecessor had approved the allocation of part of the tithes of Hendred to the almoner, now the whole revenue of the living could be devoted to the upkeep of the priory kitchen, and to hospitality.

The meaning of the first endorsement, which recurs in the same hand on 5 and 6, is not clear.

4. (B.1.11). Acknowledgment by the vice-archdeacon of Berks. that the prior of Wallingford was entitled to the living of Hendred. (1174-1184)

Ricardus de Scriueham omnibus has litteras uidentibus salutem. Domino meo C. archidiacono Berchesire in transmarinis agente et me uices eius in Berchesire gerente decessit magister Philippus de Calna persona ecclesie de Henred. Quam cum ex ratione officii mei tanquam uacantem in manum domini mei archidiaconi suscipere uoluisssem restitit mihi prior de Walingeforde et in presencia domini abbatis Abendonie appellauit ad p[re]sen]c[iam] domini pape et indignationem domini Saresburiensis Jocelini hoc facto plurimum prouocauit. Qui tamen postmodum temporis beneficio placatus factus est, domino Bathoniensi J. interueniente, iure quoque cognito quo prior utebatur. Vnde fuit ut ex mandato domini Saresburiensis supermemorati uice domini archidiaconi in generali [c]apitulo apud Chingestune predictum priorem in personam ecclesie de Henred suscipere nullo penitus reclamante presertim cum mihi et capitulo constiterit nullum hominum omnino preter priorem de Walingeforde in ecclesiam iam dictam usque in presens habuisse ingressum post decessum magistri Philippi de Calna qui proximum in ecclesia illa gerebat personatum ante priorem prefatum. Hec omnibus scribenda duximus ut omnibus rei geste ueritas innotescat et ordo. Valete.

Endorsed Henreth m

Remains of seal on tag.

This document and the two which follow refer to a controversy that possibly originated in the transfer of the church of Hendred from the abbey of

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St. Albans to the priory of Wallingford recorded in 3. The date must be before the death of Jocelin of Salisbury in 1184, and presumably after the issue of the order of Abbot Simon, *i.e.* after 1167, when Simon was elected. It can be further limited by the mention that the Bishop of Bath intervened, though the initial J. does not suit any Bishop of Bath during the episcopate of Jocelin at Salisbury: the see of Bath was vacant from 1166 to 1174, when Reginald Fitz-Jocelin was appointed, and it may be assumed that the initial given was written in error by the scribe: Reginald of Bath and Jocelin of Salisbury occur in several documents as contemporaries. If Abbot Simon's deed constituted a transfer of the rectory of West Hendred to Wallingford Priory, and this deed had not been submitted to the Bishop, the action of the archdeacon's deputy seems to have been in order: he knew presumably that Philip de Calna, who had held the living on the presentation of the abbot of St. Albans, was dead, and no fresh presentation had been made to the Bishop. What seems to have annoyed Jocelin so much was the appeal to the Pope: when that was smoothed over, the question was settled at a chapter, and this document gives formal notice of the decision: the Bishop's confirmation is in no. 6.

The archdeacon C., for whom Richard of Shrivenham was acting, has not been identified.

5. (B.1.8.) Institution by the vice-archdeacon of Berks. of the prior and convent of Wallingford to the church of West Hendred. (1174-1184)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenit Ricardus uicearchidiaconus Berkesire in Domino salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod nos ad preceptum domini mei Jocelini Dei gratia Saresburiensis episcopi recepimus priorem et conuentum ecclesie sancte et indiuidue Trinitatis Walengeforde personam ecclesie de Weshenred. Dominus uero Saresburiensis ecclesiam illam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libere et quiete et absque omni indebita uexatione priori et conuentui ibidem Deo seruienti pro salute [anime] sue concessit ita ut in usus proprios omnes obuenciones conuertere possint. Hec institutio facta est in generali capitulo Abendunie apud Cingestune celebrato. His testibus, Amone de Wittenham, Henrico de Enneneia, Willelmo de Dengesteworth, Willelmo de Sancta Helena, Rodberto de Fifhida, Osberto de Arewell, Stephano de Hachberna, et multis aliis clericis, Rodberto de Bachepuz, Henrico de Cingestuna, Rogero de Fifhida, Galfrido fratre suo, Henrico d[e] Puseia, militibus, et multis aliis tam clericis quam laicis.

Endorsed (1) d J. aumbert AB. (2) Institucio ecclie de Henreda.

(3) m. .X.

Seal lost.

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This document is evidently contemporary with the last, giving effect to the arrangement reached. The names of the witnesses are interesting, as showing the constitution of the Abingdon chapter.

6. (B.I.7) (PLATE XIII, A, B). Confirmation by Jocelin Bishop of Salisbury to the monks of Holy Trinity Wallingford of the church of West Hendred and its temporalities. (1174-1184)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenit Jocelinus diuina permissione Saresburiensis episcopus salutem in uero salutari. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos concessisse et episcopali auctoritate confirmasse monachis sancte Trinitatis de Waringeford ecclesiam de Westhenred cum omnibus pertinentiis suis tam in decimis quam obuentionibus aliis perpetuo bene et libere tenendam et possidendam, saluis quidem in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus, ita quidem quod uicarius perpetuus in ea per nos aut successores nostros ad eorum presentationem institutus nobis et successoribus nostris respondeat de spiritualibus, illis autem de temporalibus. Quod ut perpetua perseueret firmitate presenti carta sigilli nostri appositione roborata confirmamus.

Endorsed (1) Hanrethe Confirmacō Jocelini epi Sar'. (2) m j.
(3) d. J. aumbert AB. (4) Westhenreth. (5) Jocelinus.

Seal. Legend broken away. Seated episcopal figure to front.

This decision of the Bishop of Salisbury comes logically before the two preceding deeds, which are based upon it; but as they convey more details of the question at issue, it was convenient to place them first. All three are substantially of the same date.

7. (B.I.6.) Agreement between the prior of Wallingford and William de Hendred for the celebration of divine service in William's private chapel. (1194-1195)

CIROGRAPHUM

Cum quedam controuersia uerteretur coram domino Herberto Saresburiensi episcopo inter Iohannem priorem de Walengeford et Willelmum de Henred militem super celebratione diuinorum in capella de Henred quam prefatus W. lapideam de nouo construxerat, tandem hoc modo conqueuit. Dominus prior de Walengeford recognouit in prefata capella de Henred tribus diebus in ebdomada silicet die lune, die mercurii, et die ueneris per capellanum matricis ecclesie diuina debere celebrari, saluis omnibus ad

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iura parochialia matricis ecclesie pertinentibus : dominicis uero diebus et aliis diebus festiuis predictus Willelmus de Henred cum tota familia sua matricem sequetur ecclesiam. Dictus uero <W.> de Henred promisit in presentia domini episcopi quod nunquam per se uel per successores suos aliud quam in hoc scripto autentico expressum est nisi per gratiam et uoluntatem ecclesie de Walengefor ad prefatam capellam de Henred uendicabit. In huius autem rei testimonium dominus H. Saresburiensis episcopus sigillum suum aposuit, is testibus, Abraham capellano, Rogero de Welles, Stefano decano, G. de Turberuile, Illberto de Macay, et multis aliis.

Endorsed (1) Hanrethe (2) de celebracione diūor, in capella de hēreth
(3) m ix.

Seals lost : two tags.

The controversy recorded in this deed was destined to trouble Hendred for many years, as appears from the next two documents. From facts mentioned in these and from other sources it seems probable that the root of the difficulty was, not the desire of William de Hendred to have a private chapel at his door, but that he sought to place this chapel under the care of a chaplain other than the incumbent of the parish. About 1160 a priory had been established at Poughley in Chaddleshorth parish, which was somewhat nearer to William's manor-house, in point of distance, than the priory at Wallingford : whether by reason of its vicinity or through some other cause, William showed more favour to Poughley than to Wallingford, and, as appears from a writ of Henry III quoted by Dugdale in the *Monasticon*, endowed it with a virgate of land in West Hendred : a later deed in this collection (no. 10) relates to tithes on property of the de Hendreds which were claimed by Poughley. If William, after building his chapel, invited the prior of Poughley to conduct service there, the prior of Wallingford might naturally regard this as invasion of his ecclesiastical domain and make complaint to the Bishop. The agreement set forth here recognises in full the rights of Wallingford. The new stone chapel which William had built can be identified with one which is stated by W. N. Clarke (*Hundred of Wanting*, p. 145) to have stood close to the house later known as Spersholt Court, and to have been pulled down in 1721, at the same time as the house : it measured 33 feet by 24, and had long before its destruction been desecrated and used as a pigeon-house : the site was ploughed over, and no traces of house or chapel remain.

8. (B.1.10). Order of Robert, Abbot of Abingdon, on the mandate of the Archbishop of Canterbury, affirming the previous agreement concerning services in the private chapel at Hendred. (1221-1228)

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CIROGRAPHUM

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas uisuris uel audituris R. Dei gracia Abbas Abendonie et E. decanus Abendonie salutem. Mandatum domini Cantuariensis suscepimus in hec uerba. S. Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, tocius Anglie primas, et sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalis, dilectis filiis abbati et decano Abendonie salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Intimauit nobis dilectus filius Ricardus de Henred quod prior et conuentus de Walingeforde super cantaria capelle sue de Henred contra formam compositionis rite inter eos inite coram bone memorie H. tunc Sar/ episcopo graues ei plurimum sunt et molesti. Vnde cum uenerabilis frater R. episcopus Sar/ dicto R. affinis esse dicatur, et ideo aduerse parti non immerito debeat esse suspectus, discretionis uestre de qua plenam fiduciam optinemus causam ipsam duximus committendam, mandantes quatenus uocatis qui propter hoc fuerint euocandi, et auditis hinc inde propositis, eam secundum domini <mandatum> iudicio uel concordia terminetis, facientes quod decreueritis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter obseruari et c/. Dat/ et c/. Huius igitur auctoritate mandati prior et conuentus de Walingeford uocati et in iudicio coram nobis comparentes confessi sunt in iure quod secundum tenorem instrumenti inter J. priorem de Walingeford et Willelmum de Henred confecti in capella de Henred per tres dies in septimana diuina debeant celebrari, et bona fide promiserunt pro se et successoribus suis quod in omnibus et per omnia contenta in dicto instrumento fideliter obseruabunt. Instrumenti autem tenor talis est. Cum quedam controuersia uerteretur coram domino H. Sar/ episcopo inter Iohannem priorem de Walingeford et W. de Henred militem super celebratione diuinorum in capella de Henred quam predictus W. de Henred lapideam de nouo construxerat, tandem hoc modo conqueuit. Dominus prior de Walingeford <recognouit> in prefata capella de Henred tribus diebus in ebdomada scilicet die lune die mercurii et die ueneris per capellanum matricis ecclesie diuina debere celebrari saluis omnibus ad iura parochialia matricis ecclesie pertinentibus: dominicis uero diebus et aliis diebus festiuis predictus W. de Henred cum tota familia sua matricem sequetur ecclesiam. Dictus uero W. de Henred promisit in presencia domini episcopi quod nunquam uel per se uel per successores suos aliud quam in hoc scripto presenti expressum est nisi per gratiam et uoluntatem ecclesie de Walingeford ad prefatam capellam de Henred uendicabit. In huius autem rei testimonium dominus H. Sar/ episcopus sigillum suum apposuit, hiis testibus, Abraham capellano, Rogero de Welles, Stephano decano, G. de Turberuile, Ilberto de Mascay. Nos igitur confessione ipsorum monachorum solempniter in iure facta et ex inspectione dicti instrumenti plenius

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edocti sentencialiter pronunciamus tribus diebus in ebdomada, scilicet die lune, die mercurii, et die ueneris per capellanum matricis ecclesie in dicta capella de Henred diuina debere celebrari, saluis omnibus ad iura parochialia matricis ecclesie pertinentibus. Ne ergo processu temporis ea que per nos acta sunt in dubium possint deuocari, una cum sigillo domini R. Sar/ episcopi presenti scripto in modum cirographi confecto sigilla nostra duximus apponenda. Hiis testibus, W. archidiaconus Berkesire, magistro A. Essebi, et Valentino canonico Sar/, Gileberto persona de Stapelbrigge, magistro Rogero de Wriham, Ricardo de Turberuile, Thoma de Mascay, Iohanne de Winkeholt, Ricardo de Henred, et multis aliis.

Endorsed (1) Hanrethe. (2) m vij. (3) Henreth.

Seals lost : four tags.

The agreement set out in the last deed does not appear to have been duly observed by the priors of Wallingford : Richard de Hendred, probably the son of William, appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury to secure his private service. The case was referred to Robert de Hendred, Abbot of Abingdon 1221-1234 : as Archbishop Stephen Langton died in 1228, the document is fairly closely dated. It seems curious that objection should have been taken to the Bishop of Salisbury as arbitrator on the ground of his kinship to the complainant, when the name of the Abbot of Abingdon suggests that he also might have been prejudiced by local, if not family, ties. The Bishop of Salisbury in question would be Richard Poore (1217-1228), who was translated to Durham just after Stephen Langton's death ; but neither he nor his father, Richard of Ilchester, is known to have had any connexion with Hendred.

9. (B.I.12). Agreement between the prior of Wallingford and John de Spersholt for the celebration of divine service in John's private chapel. (1295)

CIROGRAPHUM

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno Domini M.CC. nonagesimo quinto cum nuper inter religiosos uiros priorem et conuentum de Walingford ex parte una et Johannem de Spersholt filium quondam domini Willelmi de Spersholt militis ex altera super cantaria quam dictus Johannes a dictis religiosis petebat exorta fuisset materia questionis tandem communibus amicis interuenientibus dicta peticio seu contencio in hunc modum conqueuit, uidelicet quod dicti religiosi de consensu et assensu uenerabilis patris domini Johannis Dei gracia abbatis de sancto Albano facient per suum uicarium de Westhenreth uel per alium ydoneum capellanum in capella dicti Johannis

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que sita est infra scepta curie dicti Johannis apud Westhenreth per tres dies in septimana tempore et hora competentibus imperpetuum prout facere consueuerunt scilicet die lune die mercurii et die ueneris nisi feriat dies fuerint diuina celebrari. Si uero dies feriat predictis tribus inciderint sequenti die uel alia in ebdomada fiet ibidem cantaria. Et predictus Johannes et heredes sui antedictis religiosis et ecclesie matri de Westhenreth pro cantaria predicta imperpetuum facienda annuatim quatuor quarterias bladi uidelicet in festo sancti Michaelis unum quarterium frumenti et unum quarterium ordeï et in festo beati Johannis Baptiste unum quarterium frumenti et unum quarterium ordeï pro se et suis heredibus imperpetuum concessit et fideliter persoluet. Oblaciones uero que ad manus predicti uicarii seu capellani qui in dicta capella ministrabit euenient predictus uicarius seu capellanus habebit et libere secum portet absque impedimento predictorum Johannis et heredum suorum pro sue libito uoluntatis, alie uero oblaciones que ibidem fiunt ad sustentacionem ornamentorum et luminis in dicta capella remaneant et de ipsis fiat ad comodum dicte capelle ut hactenus fieri consueuit, in ceteris uero iuribus matricis ecclesie in omnibus semper saluis. In huius autem compositionis testimonium duo confecta sunt instrumenta, quorum unum sigillis predicti domini abbatis et conuentus de Walyngford signatum remanebit predictis Johanni et heredibus suis, alterum sigillo predicti Johannis de Spersholt signatum dominis priori et conuentui de Walyngford ad perpetuam rei geste memoriam. Hiis testibus, Hugone de Sancto Philiberto, Galfrido de Turberuil, Marchio de Erlee, Willelmo Raumpayn, Adam de Faelore, et aliis.

Endorsed (1) D Canteria Capell J Spsolt de henr'de. (2) m.

Seal lost.

The estate on which William de Hendred's chapel stood was bought by John de Spersholt in 1272, and trouble about the services revived. On this occasion the abbot of St. Albans (John of Berkhamsted), the mother house of Wallingford Priory, was brought into the settlement, which was on the same lines as before, except that a fixed payment of four quarters of corn yearly, with a share in the offerings, was to be made to the monks for the chantry, and the obligation on the lord of the manor and his household to attend divine service at the parish church on Sundays and Saints' days was not expressed.

10. (B.1.9). Determination by William, Archdeacon of Berks., of the conflicting claims of Wallingford Priory and Poughley Priory to tithes on certain lands at West Hendred. (1222-1239)

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ORDINATIO

Vniuersis Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc scriptum peruenerit Willelmus archidiaconus Berk/ salutem in Domino eternam. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod cum mota esset controuersia inter priorem et conuentum sancte Trinitatis de Walengeforde, petentem decimas feni et molendini de dominico Ricardi Child de Westhenred prouenientes, et de iure communi ad ecclesiam suam de Westhenred prout dicebant pertinentes ex una parte, et priorem et conuentum de Pochhele ex altera, qui dictas decimas ad se pertinere dicebant, et qui eas diu possidebant canonice adeptas ex collatione uerorum patronorum et confirmatione diocesani, demum partes nostre se supposuerunt ordinationi fideliter promittentes quod dicte nostre ordinationi futuris et perpetuis temporibus starent, et nullo tempore contra eam uenire presumerent. Nos igitur prehabita deliberatione et consilio sic ordinamus, quod decimas molendini predicti decetero habeant prior et conuentus sancte Trinitatis de Walingeford, decime autem feni de dominico predicto integre remaneant dictis priori et conuentui de Pochhele futuris et perpetuis temporibus. Ad hoc procurabunt prior et conuentus sancte Trinitatis de Walingeforde pro possibilitate sua quod abbas sancti Albani hanc nostram ordinationem ratam se habere literis suis patentibus protestetur ad maiorem dicte ordinationis firmitatem, procurabit et utraque pars fideliter quod diocesanus loci ipsam ratam habeat et pontificali confirmet auctoritate. Et si aliquando contingat quoquo modo procurantibus abbate et conuentu sancti Albani ordinationem prefatam infirmari, quod absit, salua sint memoratis priori et conuentui de Pochhele pristinum eorundem ius et possessio ac defensio canonica et predictis monachis si qua competit eis pro predictis actio. In huius autem nostre ordinationis testimonium duo confecta sunt instrumenta, quorum unum sigillo nostro et prioris et conuentus sancte Trinitatis de Walingeforde signatum remanebit priori et conuentui de Pochhele, alterum uero sigillo nostro et prioris et conuentus de Pochhele signatum remanebit dictis priori et conuentui de Walingeforde ad perpetuam rei geste memoriam. Valete.

Endorsed (1) Hanrethe Cyrographum int' Eccm de Waling' & Eccm de Powele. (2) m xi.

Seals lost : three tags.

William was Archdeacon of Berks. about 1222-1239, which gives an approximate date for this deed. Richard Child of West Hendred, the tithes of whose manor were in dispute, may be identified with Richard de Hendred, to whom the

practically contemporary no. 8 refers, and who held the manor in grand serjeanty in the reign of King John, according to the Testa de Nevill : so far as is known, the manor passed from the de Hendreds to the de Bacons, and then to the de Lises, before it was acquired by John de Spersholt in 1272. There was a mill, the only one in West Hendred, on this manor at the time of the Domesday survey, which accounts for the *decimae molendini* : if the tenants of the prior of Wallingford had to use this mill, this may be the reason why the archdeacon, in his partition treaty, gave the tithes on milling to the prior of Wallingford.

11. (B.I.19). Withdrawal by Thomas Hopkyns, vicar of West Hendred, of all claims against the prior and convent of Holy Trinity Wallingford.

(1480, Sept. 14)

Nouerint uniuersi per presentes me magistrum Thomam Hopkyns uicarium de Westhenreth in comitatu Berks remisisse relaxasse Antonio Zowche priori prioratus sancte Trinitatis Walyngford et eiusdem loci conuentui tempore ipsius prioris omnimodas acciones reales spirituales et personales sentencias diffinitiuas execuciones eorundem sectas querelas debita debata et demandas quascumque quas uersus dictum priorem et conuentum umquam habui habeo seu in futurum habere potero a principio mundi usque in diem confectionis presentis racione quacumque. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Datum xiiii^o die Septembris anno regni Regis Edwardi iiii^{ti} post conquestum Anglie xxi^{mo}.

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The purport of this document is explained by the next, a bond given two days later. Thomas Hopkyns, the vicar of West Hendred, had been worrying the prior and convent of Wallingford, the patrons of the living, for an increase in his stipend, and had been so troublesome that they exacted from him a withdrawal of all claims and a bond in £40 to cease his demands.

12. (B.I.20). Bond of Thomas Hopkyns, vicar of West Hendred, to refrain from troubling the prior of Wallingford about the augmentation of the living of West Hendred.

(1480, Sept. 16)

Nouerint uniuersi per presentes me magistrum Thomam Hopkyns uicarium de Westhenreth in comitatu Berks teneri et firmiter obligari Antonio Zowche priori prioratus sancte Trinitatis Walyngford in quadraginta libris sterlingorum bone et legalis monete Anglie soluendis eidem priori aut suo certo attornato in festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximum futuro post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solucionem bene et

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fideliter faciendum obligo me et executores meos per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum apposui. Datum xvi^o die Septembris anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti uicesimo primo.

Conditio istius obligacionis talis est quod si infra obligatus magister Thomas uel aliquis eius nomine perturbat uexat seu aliquo modo molestat infra nominatum priorem de et pro aliqua augmentacione uicarie de Westhenreth infra scripte uel racione alicuius sentencie diffinitive causa eiusdem augmentacionis prosecutus quod tunc presens obligacio in omni suo robore permaneat et uirtute, alioquin pro nullo habeatur.

Paper copy, in same hand as last : no seals.

13. (B.1.4.) Lease by Abbot of St. Albans and Prior of Wallingford to Reginald Catus of lands at West Hendred. (? 1195-1214)

Johannes Dei <gratia> abbas ecclesie sancti Albani et J. prior et conuentus de Walingheford omnibus ad quos littere iste peruenerint salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos concessisse Reginaldo Cato terras que fuerunt Oswi et Edwardi Sugghe tenendas libere inperpetuum sibi uel cui suorum filiorum uel filiarum suarum eas dare uoluerit pro annuis decem solidis et aliis consuetudinibus quas liberiores homines nostri eiusdem uille de Henred nobis faciunt pro una uirgata. Hiis testibus Andrea filio Petri, Petro filio eius, Rogero filio Anneis, Rogero filio Radulphi de Mideham, Willelmo Sissenham, Nicholao dispensatore, Simone de Mideltune, et multis aliis.

Endorsed (1) Henreth m. (2) X^s p ann Inquirat'

Seals (two) lost.

This deed is probably of John, Abbot of St. Albans 1195-1214, though no prior of Holy Trinity Wallingford with the initial J. is known in this period : the list of priors is however by no means complete. The handwriting is of about this date, and the fact that the abbot of St. Albans was a party to the lease suggests that it was not later than the 13th century : after that the leases at West Hendred were granted by the prior and convent of Wallingford on their own authority. The lessee Reginald Catus may have been of the same family as the Keates who were tenants of the convent at West Hendred at the end of the 15th century (see no. 20).

14. (B.1.13.) Lease by Prior and Convent of Wallingford to George de Sunninges of four acres of land and a meadow for life at the rent of twelve-pence. (c. 1250)

CIROGRAPHUM

Hec est conuentio facta inter Gaufridum priorem et conuentum de Walingeford ex una parte et Georgium de Sunninges ex altera, uidelicet quod dicti prior et conuentus dimiserunt ad firmam dicto Georgio quamdiu uixerit in habitu seculari terram illam c[um] p[ri]rato quod uocatur Surue quam Gaufridus prepositus aliquando tenuit ex dono Thome prioris in campis de Westhen[ed], uidelicet quatuor acras cum predicto prato, tenendum et habendum bene et in pace integ[r]e, r[e]ddendo inde annua[tim] q[ua]m diu uixerit duodecim denarios pro omnibus rebus et demandis ad duos terminos, uidelicet vi denarios ad festum sancti Mich[aelis] et] item ad Annunciationem beate Marie. Post mortem uero predicti Georgii predicta terra cum pertinentiis reuertetur quita et soluta predictis priori et conuentui de heredibus dicti Georgii, si forte habuerit, sine alicuius contradictione. Prior uero et conuentus warantizabunt predicto Georgio predictam terram cum pertinentiis contra omnes homines. Et in huius rei testimonium huic scripto utraque pars signum suum apposuit, hiis testibus, Ricardo Chid, Johanne de Turbeuille, Willelmo de Mertone, Johanne le Franceis, Johanne de Blebirre, Thoma Bictun, Willelmo Baufiz, et multis aliis.

Endorsed (1) Hanrethe Cyrograph int' p'orem ⁊ Georgiū de sunninges de iiij. acris t're. (2) m vi. (3) Westhenreth. (4) Ciropgh int' p'orē et Georgiū de iii^{or} ac' t're.

Seal lost : one tag.

Geoffrey is named as Prior of Wallingford in a fragmentary agreement dated 35 Henry III (*Bodleian Charters*, p. 16, no. 33). Thomas, probably his immediate predecessor, sealed a deed with William, Abbot of St. Albans 1214-35 (*ibid.*, p. 15, no. 16). The date given for Thomas in *V.C.H. Berks.*, II, 79—c. 1275—is apparently an error, as the passage in Walsingham cited in support of it relates to Ralph of Watlington.

15. (B.I.16). Quitclaim of Joanna widow of William Ken to Prior and Convent of Holy Trinity Wallingford for all rights over lands held by her in East and West Hendred and Ardington. (1317, Apr. 14)

Pateat uniuersis per presentes quod ego Johanna relicta Willelmi Ken de Esthenreth reddidi remisi et quietumclamaui fratri Stephano de Wyttenham priori ecclesie sancte Trinitatis Walingfordie et eiusdem loci conuentui totum ius et clamium meum quod habui uel aliquo modo habere potui in terris et tenementis cum molendino pratis pascuis et pasturis cum eorum

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omnibus pertinenciis que de ipsis priore et conuentu in Esthenrethe Westhenrethe et Ardintone tenui, ita quod nec ego predicta Johanna nec aliquis per me uel nomine meo dicto tenemento molendino pratis pascuis et pasturis cum eorum pertinenciis nec in mobilibus in eisdem existentibus quicquam exigere seu uendicare poterimus in futurum, sed penitus sim ex[c]lusa. In cuius rei testimonium huic quieteclamancie sigillum meum est appositum. Hiis testibus, Riccardo de Wyndesore, Henrico de Pentelawe, Philippo de la Beche, Johanne de Ildesle, Roberto de Ildesle, Henrico Harin, Petro Jordan, Radulpho Basseth, et aliis. Datum [Waling] apud Henrethe die Jouis in festo sanctorum Tiburcii et Valeriani martyrum anno regni E. filii regis E. decimo.

Endorsed (1) Esthenreth. (2) m.

Seal lost.

This and the two following deeds are closely connected. Joanna the widow of William Kene apparently had a life-interest in the succession to his holding, but gave a quit-claim for all her rights. The lands were then leased to her son John and his wife for their lives (no. 16): but a reversion for life to Joanna, in the event of her outliving them, was granted (no. 17). The scribe began to write Walingfordie as the place of the execution of the deed, but erased it and substituted Henrethe: no. 16 was executed two days later at Wallingford before the same witnesses.

16. (B.1.14). Lease by Prior and Convent of Wallingford to John and Isabella Kene of lands in East and West Hendred and Ardington for their lives at rent of 24s. with services on payment of a fine of 12 marks. (1317, Apr. 16)

CYROGRAPHUM

Anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo facta est hec conuencio inter dominum Stephanum de Wyttenham priorem sancte Trinitatis Walingforde et eiusdem loci conuentum ex parte una, et Johannem filium Willelmi Kene de Esthenreth et Isabellam uxorem suam ex altera, uidelicet quod dictus prior et eiusdem loci conuentus concesserunt et dimiserunt dictis Johanni et Isabelle ad terminum uite eorum totum tenementum et totam terram illam quam Willelmus pater dicti Johannis de nobis tenuit in Esthenreth Westhenrethe et Ardyndtone, cum pratis pascuis et pasturis et cum omnibus ad mesuagium et molendinum spectantibus seu pertinentibus, habendum et tenendum dictum mesuagium et molendinum et totam terram predictam cum omnibus suis ubique pertinenciis

dictis Johanni et Isabelle ad totum terminum uite eorundem Johannis et Isabelle ita libere, et quiete sicut predictus Willelmus pater predicti Johannis de nobis tenuit, reddend[um] annuatim dictis priori et conuentui dicti Johannes et Isabella uxor sua uiginti et quatuor solidos ad duos anni terminos pro equali portione, uidelicet ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste duodecim solidos et ad festum sancti Thome apostoli duodecim solidos : et facient annuatim omnia seruicia ad pratum et precarias in autumpno sicut Willelmus pater predicti Johannis facere consueuit, uidelicet falcabunt in prato dicti prioris cum uno homine per unum diem, et cariabunt fenum per unum diem, et uenient ad precariam dicti prioris in autumpno per duos dies, scilicet primo die cum uno homine, secundo die cum duobus hominibus, et cariabunt bladum per unum diem : et predicti Johannes et Isabella habebunt in pasturis dicti prioris et conuentus quatuor boues et cetera animalia in aliis pasturis de Westhenreth sicut unus dimidius uirgarius in eadem uilla de Westhenreth. Preterea dicti Johannes et Isabella dabunt dicto priori et conuentui quolibet anno quamdiu uixerint ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidium quarterium frumenti, et erunt participes omnium beneficiorum factorum in dicta ecclesia sancte Trinitatis imperpetuum : et uenient semel in anno ad curiam francipleggii. Pro hac conuencione autem et concessione et dimissione dederunt dicti Johannes et Isabella dicto priori et conuentui duodecim marcas argenti. Et ut hec nostra conuencio concessio et dimissio firma sit et stabilis in omnibus sicut predictum est, presentibus scriptis in modum cyrografi confectis partes sigilla sua alternatim una cum sigillo conuentuali apposuerunt. Hiis testibus, Ricardo de Wyndesore, Henrico de Pentelawe, Philippo de la Beche, Johanne de Ildesle seniore, Roberto de Ildesle, Henrico Harin, Petro Jordan, Radulpho Basset et aliis. Datum apud Waligeford die sabato proximo post festum sanctorum Tiburcii et Valeriani martirum, anno regni regis E. supradicto.

Endorsed (1) Kene de Henrethe. (2) m.

Seal. Quatrefoil with boss in centre and four birds in spandrels : no legend.

The message and lands to which this lease relates appear to be identical with those leased to Richard Butler in 1516 (no. 22), when the rent was 40s. : the difference of 16s. in the rent presumably represents commutation for services.

17. (B.I.15). Reversion granted by Prior and Convent of Wallingford to Joanna widow of William Kene in respect of lands held by her son and his wife under 16 on same terms for life. (1317, Apr. 22)

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CIROGRAFUM

Hec indentura testatur quod prior et conuentus Walingfordie tenentur concedere per cartam Johanne relicte Willelmi le Kene de Henrethe si de Johanne filio suo et Isabella uxore sua predicta Johanna uiuente contigerit humanitus ad terminum uite sue tenendam totam illam terram quam predictus Johannes filius suus et Isabella uxor sua tenuerunt de dictis priore et conuentu in Esthenrethe et Westhenrethe Ardintone cum pratis pascuis et pasturis cum mesuagio et molendino et cum omnibus aliis ubique suis pertinenciis, reddendo inde annuatim prefatis priori et conuentui dicta Johanna uigintiquatuor solidos sterlingorum ad duos anni terminos uidelicet ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste duodecim solidos et ad festum sancti Thome apostoli duodecim solidos : et faciet omnia opera ad pratum et ad precarias in autumpno sicu[t] predictus Johannes filius suus et Isabella uxor sua facere consueuerunt, uidelicet falcabit in prato dicti prioris cum uno homine per unum diem et cariaabit fenum per unum diem et ueniet ad precariam dicti prioris in autumpno per duos dies scilicet primo die cum uno homine secundo die cum duobus hominibus et cariaabit bladum per unum diem : et predicta Johanna habebit in pastura dicti prioris quatuor boues et cetera animalia sicut unus dimidius uirgarius in Westhenrethe. Preterea dicta Johanna dabit dicto priori et conuentui quolibet anno ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidium quarterium frumenti. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum commune dicti prioris et conuentus et sigillum dicte Johanne huic scripto indentato alternatim sunt appensa. Datum Walingfordie die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Marci euangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo.

Endorsed (1) Ind Iohanne Kene de Henrethe m. (2) Scripta Joh̃s Kene de Henred.

Seal lost.

The second endorsement may refer to this and the two preceding deeds, which related to the same tenement and may have been put together.

18. (B.1.17). Lease by Prior and Convent of Wallingford to Thomas Kene of lands formerly held by his father for life with succession to his wife and a child at the rent of 24s. and services. (1329, Apr. 25)

HEC INDENTVRA TEST

Die martis in festo sancti Marci ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tercio ita conuenitur inter fratrem Willelmum Heyron priorem sancte Trinitatis Walyngfordie et eiusdem loci conuentum

ex parte una, et Thomam filium Willelmi le Kene ex altera, uidelicet quod predicti prior et conuentus concesserunt et dimiserunt predicto Thome ad terminum uite sue illud mesuagium molendinum et totam illam terram pratum cum pascuis pasturis et cum omnibus aliis ubique pertinenciis que Willelmus le Kene pater predicti Thome de eis tenuit in Esthenrethe Westhenrethe et Ardynton, habenda et tenenda predicta mesuagium molendinum terram pratum cum pascuis et pasturis et cum omnibus aliis ubique pertinenciis predicto Thome ad terminum uite sue adeo libere et integre sicut predictus Willelmus pater predicti Thome de eis tenuit, reddendo inde annuatim predictis priori et conuentui uiginti et quatuor solidos ad duos anni terminos uidelicet ad festum sancti Thome apostoli et ad festum natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste per equales portiones et faciendo omnia seruicia ad pratum et ad precariam in autumpno sicut predictus Willelmus pater predicti Thome facere consueuit, uidelicet falcabit in prato predicti prioris cum uno homine per unum diem et cariabit fenum per unum diem et < in > ueniet ad precariam dicti prioris in autumpno per duos dies scilicet primo die cum uno homine et secundo die cum duobus hominibus et cariabit bladum per unum diem. Concesserunt insuper predicti prior et conuentus predicto Thome quod ipse habeat in pasturis suis apud Westhenrethe quatuor boues pascendos et cetera animalia sicut unus dimidius uirgarius habere consueuit. Et predictus Thomas dabit predictis priori et conuentui quolibet anno ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidium quarterium frumenti et erit particeps omnium beneficiorum factorum in ecclesia sancte Trinitatis predicte inperpetuum. Et predictus Thomas ueniet semel in anno ad curiam franci plegge. Concesserunt etiam predicti prior et conuentus pro se et successoribus suis quod predicta mesuagium molendinum terra et pratum cum pascuis et pasturis et cum aliis ubique pertinenciis post dissesum predicti Thome Matildi uxori eiusdem Thome et uni de liberis suis digniori ad terminum uite utriusque eorum integre remaneant, habenda et tenenda predicta mesuagium molendinum terram et pratum cum pascuis pasturis boues et cetera animalia in pasturis pascenda eodem modo quo predictum est secundum quod concessum est per predictos priorem et conuentum sancte Trinitatis Walingfordie. In cuius rei testimonium hiis scriptis indentatis partes predicte sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt, hiis testibus, domino Willelmo de Spersolte milite, domino Roberto Achard milite, Willelmo de Arches, Almarico Feteplace, Ricardo Doton, Willelmo de Latton, Willelmo Thoorans de Keyngstun, Roberto Waryn, et aliis. Datum apud Esthenrethe die et anno supradictis.

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Endorsed (1) Sc'ptū Thom' le Ken. Legit ⁊ sigilat in plena cur'
apud Hanreth in p'senc' liberor tenenc' ⁊ toti' homag' ville
p'dict'. (2) Henreth m.

Seal. Lion (?) standing right, looking back.

The tenement leased to John Kene and his wife for their lives in 1316 (see no. 16) is here leased, thirteen years later, to his brother Thomas for life with succession to his wife and one child on the same terms : no fine is mentioned on this occasion.

19. (B.1.18). Lease by Prior and Convent of Wallingford to John Arblast his wife and two sons of messuage and land formerly held by his father for their lives at a rent of 11s. (1381, Mar. 10)

INDENTURA

Hec indentura testatur quod Willelmus Dynham <prior> ecclesie sancte Trinitatis Walingfordie et eiusdem loci conuentus ex assensu et uoluntate uenerabilis in Christo patris ac domini domini Thome Dei gracia abbatis monasterii sancti Albani tradiderunt concesserunt et per presentes dimiserunt Johanni Arblaste et Agneti uxori eius Radulpho et Thome filiis eorundem totum illud mesuagium et illam uirgatam terre cum pertinenciis in Westhenreth que Thomas pater predicti Johannis aliquando tenuit in eadem uilla, habendum et tenendum predictum mesuagium et terram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni Arblaste et Agneti uxori eius Radulpho et Thome filiis eorundem ad terminum uite eorum uel unius eorum qui diucius uixerit de predictis priore et conuentu et successoribus suis, reddendo inde annuatim eisdem priori et conuentui et successoribus suis ad totam uitam ipsorum Johannis Agnetis Radulphi et Thome uel unius eorum diucius uiuentis undecim solidos ad festa annunciacionis beate Marie et sancti Michaelis equis porcionibus uidelicet quatuor solidos pro antiquo redditu et septem solidos pro operibus et consuetudinibus subscriptis de terris et tenemento predictis qualitercunque exeuntibus, uidelicet pro uno homine ad falcandum pratam per unum diem sex denarios, pro uno homine ad leuandum fenum per duos dimidios dies duos denarios, pro octo hominibus ad tres precarias in autumpno ad metendum bladum domini duos solidos et octo denarios, pro una carecta ad cariandum bladum domini per duos dies uiginti denarios, et pro quadam consuetudine uocata Donum Natale uiginti et tres denarios pro omnibus aliis operibus reddendis et seruicio predicto sectis curie et herietis post decessum predicti Johannis et predictorum Radulphi et Thome et cuiuslibet eorum si ipsi superuixerint

et predictam terram et tenementum tenuerint. Et si contingat dictus redditus undecim solidorum in parte uel in toto per quindenam post aliquem terminum supradictum aretro fore, tunc bene licebit dictis priori et conuentui et successoribus suis in predictam terram et tenementum distringere et districtiones abducere et retinere quousque de dicto redditu et de arraggiis si que fuerint eisdem plenum fuerit satisfactum : et si contingat dictus redditus in parte uel in toto per sex menses post aliquem terminum aretro fore et nulla sufficiens districtio pro redditu predicto super tenementum predictum poterit inueniri tunc bene licebit dictis priori et conuentui et successoribus suis dictum mesuagium et terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis reintrare et penes se retinere sibi et successoribus suis inperpetuum presente scripto non obstante. Et predicti prior et conuentus et successores sui dictum mesuagium et terram cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Agneti Radulpho et Thome ad terminum uite eorum uel unius eorum diucius uiuentis in forma qua permittitur contra omnes gentes warantizabunt. In cuius rei testimonium uni parti huius indenture penes predictos Johannem Agnetem Radulphum et Thomam remanenti tam sigillum dicti abbatis quam sigillum commune dictorum prioris et conuentus sunt appensa, et alteri parti penes predictos priorem et conuentum remanenti sigilla dictorum Johannis et Agnetis sunt appensa. Data apud Walingford decimo die mensis Marcii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum quarto.

Endorsed (1) Arblast. (2) Westhenreth.

Seals. (1) Naked man riding on goat to right ; waved border. (2) Dove standing to right.

The tenement to which this lease relates appears to be the same as that leased in 1505 to Christopher Hill at the same rent (see no. 21) and later known as the Vicarage tenement. Details are given of the items which were included in the payment of seven shillings in commutation of services, but they add up one penny short.

20. (B.1.21). Lease by the Prior and Convent of Wallingford to Andrew Kete of twenty-six acres of land for a term of sixty years at a rent of £3.

(1501, Apr. 23)

This endenture made the xxiii day of Aprell the yere and reigne of Kyng Herry the viith the xvith yere bytwene Maister John Thornton prior of the priory of the holy trinite of Walyngford in ye counte of bercks and the couent of the same place on the on parte and Andrew Kete of Westhenreth in the forseid counte husbondman on the other parte wytnessith that the

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forseid prior and couent haue dimisid grauntyd and to ferme letten to the forseid Andrew Kete x acres of arabyll lond lying in the sowthfeld of Westhenreth bytwene ii ways and the est ende of the seid x acres abuttith uppon Spersoldefeld and the west ende uppon the ferme of the manor with all tythes to the seid acres belongyng, x acres in the northfeld lying bytwene the lond of hatters uppon the wych goyth the porte wey and the sowth ende of the seid acres bowndyth uppon the crofftes of the tennantes lond with all thythes therto belongyng, vi acres of medew lying in ffolkysmede of the corte lond bowndyng uppon cowlese with the thythes of the seid vi acres of medew with all maner comen after the rate and custom of an yarde of londe [also a lytyll cloce callyd chalckcroffte lying bywtene the more and the tenement of hatters with all their appurtenances], to haue and to hold all the forseid londes medew [] and thythes with the comen with all other appurtenances as afore is specyfyed to the forseid Andrew and his assignes from the fest of thannunciacion of oure lady seint Mary last past afore this present date unto the ende and terme of lx yerys nexte folowyng and fully to be endyd yeldyng and payng yerely therfor iii li of lawfull money of Englund at the festes of oure lady seint Mary the Annunciacion and seint Michael tharchangell by euen porcions. And yff the forseid rent of iii li be behynde in party or in all vi wekes after eny ffest of the forseid ffestes tha<t> then it shalbe lefull to the forseid prior and couent and their successors in all the forseid londes medew thithes [] with all other appurtenances to reentre expelle and clerely put oute the forseid Andrew and hys assignes for euermore thes present indenturis notwithstanding. And the forseid prior and couent and their successors all the forseid londes medew thythes [] with all other appurtenances to the forseid Andrew and his assignes shall warant and defend duryng the forseid terme. In wyttensse whereoff cytheir of thees parties interchangeably haue putto their seales : yeuen in our chapturhouse at Walyngford the day and yere aforeseid.

Endorsed (1) de andrea Kete. (2) Andrewe Kete of Westhenreth 16. H. 8.

Seal : IR with spray of ivy (?) above.

Andrew Kete appears from the Court Rolls to have died in the next year after the granting of this lease : he had been a tenant of the manor since 1478 at least. The reversion to the tenancy on the expiry of the lease at Ladyday 1560 was granted to Richard Goddard in 1550 at the same rent. In the second endorsement H. 8 is evidently a mistake for H. 7 ; this note was probably made after the transfer of the manor to the College.

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21. (B.1.22). Lease by the prior and convent of Wallingford to Christopher Hill of certain messuages and lands for a term of forty years at a rent of 11s.

(1505, Mar. 31)

Hec indentura facta inter magistrum Johannem Thornton priorem prioratus sancte Trinitatis de Walyngford et eiusdem loci conuentum ex parte una et Christoforum Hille uicarium de Westhenreth ex parte altera testatur quod prefati prior et conuentus tradiderunt concesserunt et ad firmam dimiserunt predicto Christoforo omnia illa mesuagia terras et tenementa que Johannes Wyse nuper tenuit et occupauit in Westhenreth predicto habenda et tenenda omnia predicta mesuagia terras et tenementa predicto Christoforo Hille et assignatis suis a festo annunciationis beate Marie uirginis ultimo preterito ante datum presencium usque ad finem et terminum quadraginta annorum proxime sequentium et plenarie complendorum, reddendo inde annuatim prefato priori et conuentui et successoribus suis undecim solidos legalis monete Anglie ad duos anni terminos, uidelicet ad festa annunciationis beate Marie uirginis et sancti Michaelis archangeli per equales porciones. Et predictus Christoforus et assignati sui predicta mesuagia et tenementa sufficienter reparabunt sustentabunt et manutenebunt durante termino predicto. Et predictus Christoforus et assignati sui facient sectum ad uisus franci plegii et curias dictorum prioris et conuentus annuatim apud Westhenreth predictum cum uisus franci plegii et curia dictorum prioris et conuentus ibidem tenentur, et soluendo annuatim capitalem argentum pro predictis mesuagiis et tenementis sicut alii tenentes ibidem ab antiquo soluere solebant. Et predictus Christoforus et assignati sui dabunt prefatis priori et conuentui et successoribus suis herietas secundum consuetudines manerii, et eciam assignati dicti Christofori cum contigerit dabunt prefatis priori et conuentui et successoribus suis nomine finis xvi d. Et predictus Christoforus et assignati sui non facient aliqua opera custumaria firmario de Westhenreth predicto neque soluent le chursette durante termino predicto. Et licebit predicto Christoforo et assignatis suis substituere quemcunque tenentem in predictis mesuagiis et tenementis ad placitum et uoluntatem suam durante termino antedicto. Et si contingat predictum redditum xi solidorum aretro fore in parte uel in toto non solutum per unum mensem post aliquod festum quo solui deberet, extunc bene liceat et licebit prefatis priori et conuentui et successoribus suis in predicta mesuagia terras et tenementa cum suis pertinentiis reintrare et predictum Christoforum et assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amouere presentibus indenturis in aliquo non obstantibus. Et prefati prior et conuentus et successores sui predicta mesuagia terras et tenementa cum

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suis pertinenciis predictis Christofo et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabunt et defendent durante termino predicto. In cuius rei testimonium uni parti huius indenture penes predictum Christofo Hille remanenti prefati prior et conuentus sigillum suum commune apposuerunt, alteri uero parti huius indenture penes prefatos priorem et conuentum remanenti predictus Christofo sigillum suum apposuit. Datum in domo nostra capitulari apud Walyngford predictum ultimo die mensis Marcii anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum Anglie uicesimo.

Endorsed (1) Vicarius de Westhenreth. (2) The vicaridge tenement Westhenreth.

Seal: Two figures probably representing the Annunciation.

Christopher Hill was presented as dead at the Manor Court of May 6th 3 Henry VIII, and the tenancy was transferred for the residue of the term to John Onke as guardian of Christopher Onke, a minor. The 'Vicarage tenement' consisted of a tenement and yardland adjoining the churchyard, and was usually held under the College by the vicar.

22. (B.1.23.) Lease by the prior and convent of Wallingford to Richard Butler of a messuage and lands for a term of forty-one years at a rent of 40s.

(1516, Sep. 29)

This indenture made in the fest of Seynt Myghell the Arcaungell the viii yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viii betwene John Clare pryor of the holy Trinite of Wallyngford in the county of Barks and the Covent of the same place on the one partye, and Rychard Butler of Esthenryd in the same county husbondman on the other partye, wytnessyth that the seyde pryor and covent with one assent and consent hathe betaken grauntyd and to ferme lett to the foreseyd Rychard Butler a mesuage callyd Kennysmyll with a yerd lond conteinyng xviii acurs of arrabull lond in Est Henryd and a close caulyd Bemys with v acurs and di of medowe lying in Ardyngton medowe, to have and to holde the forseide mesuage with a yerd lond close and medowe and the appurtenances as hyt ys aforeseyde to the foreseyde Rychard Butler and hys assignes from the date of the making of thys presens unto the ende and terme of xli yeres then next foloyng and fully to be complete, yeldyng and payng therefore yerely to the foreseyd pryor and covent theyre successours or assignes xls of lawfull money of Ynglond at ii termys of the yere that ys to say at the festes of the Annunacion of our Lady and Seynt Myghell the Arcaungell by evyn porcyons. And yff hyt hap the seyde rent of xls to be behynde unpayde in parte or

in all by the space of a monyth on or after any fest of payment in the which hyt owghte to be payde and not payde, that then hyt shalbe lawfull to the foresyde pryor and covent theyr successours or assignes to reentur and hyt to have ageyne as in thayre furst astate, these indenturys not withstanding. And the seyde pryor and covent wyllyth and grauntyth that the seyde Rychard Butler shall have yerely iiij wyndefall trees yff hyt shall fortune to fall duryng the seyde terme, and over thys the seyde pryor and covent covenantyth and grauntyth to fynde tymber suffycient to the reparacon of a Burge callyd Kennysmyll as oft as nede shall requyre duryng the seyde terme. In wytnes whereof the partys aforesyd to the indenturys theyre seallys enterchaungeably have sett the daye and yere above seyde.

Endorsed (1) Richard Butler p mesuagio voc' Kemismille in West-hendred. (2) Expired.

Seal. m.

For a lease of this property two centuries earlier see no. 16. A reversion on the expiry of this lease was granted to Robert Brookes of Lockinge in 1547 at the same rent. The name of the mill is given as Kennys in the deed, but as Kemis in the endorsement: in later documents it is regularly Bemys, like the close.

23. (B.1.24.) Lease by the prior and convent of Wallingford to Henry Hykman of the Manor farm at West Hendred for a term of forty-one years at a rent of £13 and four quarters of corn. (1519, Mar. 6)

Hec indentura facta inter religiosos uiros donpnum Thomam Marcyall priorem prioratus siue domus sancte Trinitatis de Wallyngford et eiusdem loci conuentum ex parte una et Henricum Hykman de Westhenreth in comitatu Berks husbondman ex parte altera testatur quod predicti prior et conuentus ex eorum communi assensu et consensu consesserunt tradiderunt et ad firman dimiserunt prefato Henrico Hykman situm manerii de Westhenreth cum domibus in eadem edificatis gardinis curtilagiis croftis terris arabilibus pratis pascuis et pasturis communibus uiis et semitis eidem manerio pertinentibus ac liberum introitum et exitum ad premissa spectantes, necnon omnes decimas prediales infra eandem uillam de Westhenreth, decimis tamen de Spersholt terris et tenementis per uoluntatem domini sui per indenturam dimissis ante datum presens acetia boscis subbossis et omnibus arboribus wayves strayes finibus hariottis redditibus seruiciis escaetis amerciamentis uisu franci plegii ac aliis quibuscunque dicto manerio pertinentibus et superius non concessis predicto

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priori et conuentui et eorum successoribus semper exceptis saluis et reseruatis, habendum et tenendum situm manerii predicti cum ceteris superius concessis et dimissis exceptis preexceptis prefato Henrico Hykman et assignatis suis sub modo et forma condicionibus et conuencionibus subsequentibus a festo annunciacionis beate Marie uirginis proxime futuro post datum presentis usque ad finem termini quadraginti et unius annorum extunc proxime sequentium et plenarie complendorum, reddendo inde annuatim durante predicto termino predictis priori et conuentui uel eorum successoribus tresdecim libras sterlingorum et duo quarteria boni frumenti et duo quarteria boni blasii ad duos anni terminos soluendum uidelicet ad festa annunciacionis beate Marie uirginis et sancti Michaelis archangeli equis porcionibus, primo termino solucionis incipiente in festo annunciacionis beate Marie uirginis proxime futuro post datum presentis. Et non licebit prefato Henrico neque assignatis suis fructus terrarum siue grana aut fenum predictarum decimarum uel fructus terrarum siue grana aut fenum super terras predicti manerii crescentium alibi ponere et ingrangiarum nisi infra eundem manerium nec fimum proueniens de bladis et animalibus nutritis infra eundem manerium alibi ponere quam supra terras eiusdem manerii, et idem Henricus uel assignati sui inhabitabunt super mansionem et firmam predicti manerii durante termino predicto. Necnon prefatus Henricus et assignati sui propriis suis expensis inuenient et exhibebunt predictis priori et conuentui et senescallo suo qui pro tempore fuerit et eorum seruientibus secum uenientibus esculenta et poculenta fenum et prebenda pro equis suis bis in anno cum uenerint ad uisum franci plegii et curiam ibidem tenenda annuatim durante termino predicto. Et predictus Henricus et assignati sui mansionem manerii predictam et omnia domus et oria et stabula et clausuras sepium bene et competenter reparabunt sustentabunt et manutenebunt meremio dumtaxat excepto sumptibus suis propriis durante termino predicto, et in fine termini predicti prefatus Henricus et assignati sui bene et competenter ea reparata dimittent, nec idem Henricus nec assignati sui presentes indenturas uendent neque aliquo modo dabunt nec manerium predictum aut aliquam eius partem alienabunt neque locabunt nec ad firmam dimittent sine speciali licentia predicti prioris uel successoris sui prius petita heriotta similiter et obtenta sub pena amissionis predictarum indenturarum. Et si predictus Henricus obiit ante mortem Agnetis modo uxoris sue quod absit quod tunc nec ipse Henricus nec assignati sui aliquo modo alienabunt istas presentes indenturas alicui persone sed ipse dabit et dimittet uel assignati sui dabunt et dimittent eas Agneti uxori predictae. Et si contingat predictam firmam tresdecem librarum ac quatuor quarteria granorum predictorum aretro fore in parte uel in toto non solutum post

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unum mensem post aliquod festum solucionis inde superius lemetatum quod tunc bene licebit prefato priori et successoribus suis in situm predicti manerii et in omnia et singula alia preconcessa reentrare rehabere dictumque Henricum et assignatos suos quoscunque abinde totaliter expellere et amouere presente dimissione non obstante. Et cum predictus Henricus per eius scriptum obligatorium de dato presentis teneatur et firmiter obligatur prefatis priori et conuentue et successoribus suis in xl li sterlingorum soluendis eidem priori uel successoribus suis in certo festo prout in dicto obligatorio plenius continetur, predicti tamen prior et conuentus pro se et successoribus suis uolunt et per presentes concedunt quod si predictus Henricus et assignati sui omnes et singulas conuenciones condiciones et soluciones in presentibus indenturis contentas bene et fideliter tenuerint persoluerint et perimpleuerint quod ex tunc predictum scriptum obligatorium cassum sit et uacuum et pro nullo habeatur, alioquin in omni suo robore permaneat cum uirtute sua et affecta. In cuius rei testimonium uni parti istarum indenturarum penes prefatos priorem et conuentum remanenti predictus Henricus sigillum suum apposuit, alteri uero parti penes prefatum Henricum remanenti prefati prior et conuentus sigillum commune apposuerunt. Datum in domo nostra capitulari apud Wallyngford sexto die Marcii anno regni regis Henrici octauum decimo.

Endorsed. Indentura Henrici Hykman.

Seal. MAH (M and A ligate).

It may be noted in connexion with the dispute as to the title to tithes which is the subject of no. 10 that the tithes on the manor of Spersholt are here expressly excluded from the grant of the tithes of the vill of West Hendred. The holding was divided in 1616 into the Parsonage Farm, which thereafter was leased to the vicar, and West Hendred Farm.

24. (B.I.2). (PLATE XIII, C, D.) Confirmation by Robert Arsic his wife and children of a gift by his father Manasses to the church of Holy Trinity at Wallingford of a hide of land at Stanlake. (1170-1173)

Notum sit uniuersis sancte ecclesie fidelibus quod ego Rodbertus Arsic et Mabilia uxor mea et Manasses et ceteri filii nostri et filie concessimus ecclesie sancte Trinitatis de Warengford unam hidam terre in Stanlac quam pater meus Manasses eidem ecclesie in perpetuam elemosinam dedisse dinoscitur, adeo libere et quiete sicut eam unquam liberius et quietius tenuit ipse Manasses pater meus. Testes, Rodbertus Foliot archidiaconus, Baldericus de sigillo, Manasses Arsic, Ansketilus de Grai.

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Endorsed (1) d' ida ī Stanlac Rob' arsic. (2) Inq'rat' c'tū de ista carta
m. (3) Stanlac de una hyda tre.

Seal. SIGILLROBERTIARSIC. Horseman armed. (White wax
varnished brown).

This confirmation was presumably given soon after the death of Manasses Arsic; he was apparently alive at Michaelmas 16 Henry II, but dead by Michaelmas 17 Henry II (on Dr. Salter's information), and as Robert Foliot was Archdeacon of Oxford till autumn 1173, the date will be 1170-3. The land in question may be that which Manasses Arsic gave to St. Albans Abbey; it is recorded in the Catalogue of Benefactors of the Abbey as *quandam terram in Oxenfordescire quae solebat reddere quadraginta s. annuatim*. No land in Oxfordshire was held by St. Albans at the time of the Dissolution, so this may have been transferred, like West Hendred, to the daughter house of Wallingford, and the confirmation may be connected with the transfer; probably, however, it is a confirmation of the gift obtained from the heir of the original donor on his succession.

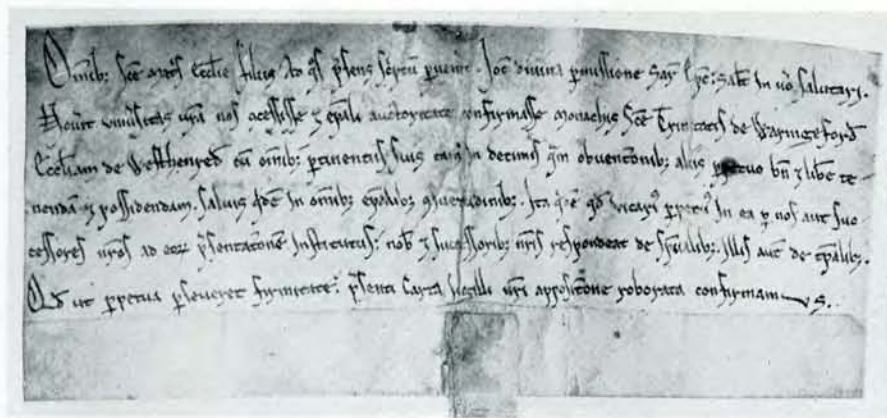
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- A, B. Document (Scale *c.* $\frac{1}{2}$) with seal (Scale *c.* $\frac{3}{4}$) of Robert, Abbot of St. Albans, A.D. 1151-1166 (p. 53, no. 2).
C. Document (Scale *c.* $\frac{3}{4}$: seal lost) of Simon, Abbot of St. Albans, A.D. 1167-1183 (p. 53, no. 3)

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- A, B. Document (Scale $c. \frac{1}{2}$) with seal (Scale $c. \frac{1}{4}$) of Jocelyn, Bishop of Salisbury, A.D. 1174-1184 (p. 56, no. 6).
 C, D. Document (Scale $c. \frac{1}{2}$) with seal (Scale $c. \frac{1}{4}$) of Robert Arsic, A.D. 1170-1173 (p. 76, no. 24).

Phh. Ashmolean Museum