

YORKSHIRE DEEDS & CHARTERS

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- 1 (1260) October 20th in the 44th year of the reign of Henry III. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Kirkbynolle, confirming a grant from William son of John son of Alexander de Kirkbyknoll to Simon Bulloke of Halsham, of one messuage and four oxgangs, with the appurtenances, in Kirkbyknolle; with commons and pasture within the lordship of Kirkbyknolle; to wit, by the ditch and to the end of the ditch direct as far as the pastures of Knaton; and from thence as far as 'seate hole' [?] and from thence as far as 'le bind stone' at Garrowstede and from thence as far as 'le bounde stone' next Burkhills pool and from thence as far as 'le bund stone' leading to the end of the Storthe and from thence as far as Storthe Nooke; to hold the aforesaid messuage oxgangs etc, to the aforesaid Simon Bulloke his heirs issue and assigns, freely etc, in hereditary fee for ever; of the chief lords of that fee, rendering thereafter yearly to those chief lords all services owing and of right accustomed, for all secular services taxes and demands, warranty of title; for that charter etc the aforesaid Simon Bulloke gave a certain sum of money for fine on entry [*ingressumma*]. **Witnesses**: William Nelson, William Waton [or Wetton], John son of Emma, William Salter, William (?) **Vellum**: one skin 8 x 4, large flat seal in canvas, broken. **Notes**: Kirkby Knoll is six miles north-east of Thirsk and six miles north-west of Rivaulx Abbey.

- 2 1265, in the morrow of the blessed Botolph the abbot (18th June). **Deed of indemnity** (Lat), dated at Lumby. To all about to read this writing, Robert de Lumby sendeth greeting in the lord everlasting. Know that I, in good faith, have promised and with my hand on the holy Evangelists, I have sworn that never will I, in violation of the gift and grant I made to Master William de Wdehalle, of my land of Lumby, oppose myself [*veniam*] by written or spoken word; neither in this respect will I otherwise cause injury; and that so far as I am able, I will provide for the indemnity of the same. My will and desire is, that if any injury concerning the premises, to the said Master or his heirs shall be done by me or by my heirs, the land of Wdehalle, as to which the said Master has enfeoffed Sarah my wife and our heirs, shall remain for ever charged to refund to the said Master and his heirs the expenses, if any, which he or they shall have incurred on that account and to make good the damage, if any, on that account, which he or they shall have sustained in respect thereof; and, for greater security, the said Sarah, in the same manner, has of her own free will bound herself. **Witnesses**: John Scot of Caluerlay, Peter Selestun of the same place, John son of Stephen of Heckelsil, Robert de Barkestun of the same place, Thomas de Houllecotes of Pudgsay, Jordan from the green (*de viridi*)

of the same place, William son of John the reeve of the same place and others. **Vellum**: one skin $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, two seals missing. **Notes**: a photograph of this deed is reproduced as a frontispiece, with a transcript in which the contractions are extended. If the circumstances which gave rise to this deed of indemnity were known or if the charter confirming the grant by Robert de Lumby or the feoffment by Master William de Woodhall could be examined, the part that this indemnity played in the transaction would doubtless be obvious; but without their aid we can only conjecture as to what, under the circumstances disclosed by the deed, seems to be probable. If we assume that Sarah, the wife of Robert de Lumby, was the daughter of Master William de Woodhall and that, by the feoffment referred to in the deed, he had entailed his land at Woodhall on her and her children; and if we further assume that by agreement between the parties, Robert had given and granted his land at Lumby to Master William de Woodhall, with respect to which transaction there was some risk of loss to Master William and his successors; we can understand that by a family arrangement, Robert and Sarah would willingly charge the land settled upon them and their children by her father, with the making-good of any loss or damage he might sustain in respect of any land the subject of this transaction. This assumption, which arises quite naturally from what is to be found in the deed, seems to provide a reasonable and sufficient explanation for this indemnity. It is of course possible that both the charter confirming the grant to Master William and the feoffment to Sarah, or one of them, may yet exist or that some record of the marriage of Robert and Sarah may be found. From the frontispiece it will be seen, that there is some repetition in the second line, which cannot be attributed to carelessness; and it has been suggested that this is not the original deed, handed to Master William along with other writings relating to the Lumby land; but a duplicate for Robert and Sarah to keep with their Woodhall writings or perhaps a copy for one of the witnesses; but even if the copyist found it necessary to extend the second line, to 'make a fit', by duplicating words; there can be no doubt as to the handwriting of this deed being characteristic of its date. In this connexion, attention may be called to the word *eidem* at the end of the third line and the word *restartienda*, which possibly may be attributable to careless copying. Lumby is in the parish of Sherburn and the wapentake of Barkston-Ash; and from the quitclaim of the 29th June 1379 (*post*), it appears that Wodehall was hard by.

- 3 (1268) Easter Day (8th April) in the first month of the 52nd year of the reign of King Henry son of King John. **Final concord** (Lat), made in the court of the lord king at York; before Peter de Brus, William de Preston, John de Bretun, Walter de Helum and John de Oketon, justices in eyre and other faithful people of the lord king, then there present; between the abbot of Bella Landa [Byland] plaintiff and Ralph de Lek defendant, concerning the customs and services which the same abbot was demanding from the aforesaid Ralph, concerning his free tenement, which he held from the aforesaid abbot in Ulvestona, to wit, concerning

seven oxgangs, with the appurtenances, and as to which the same abbot was then claiming from the aforesaid Ralph, that he should do to him homage for the aforesaid tenement, which had done suit at the court of the abbot of Sutton from three weeks in three weeks, which former services, done to him [the abbot], the same Ralph did not acknowledge; and as to which it was pleaded between them in that same court, to wit, that the aforesaid Ralph acknowledged and granted for himself and his heirs; that he himself would faithfully do to the aforesaid abbot and his successors and his church of **Bella Landa**, homage for the aforesaid tenement; and that he himself would faithfully do suit at the court of him the abbot and his successors of Sutton, three times yearly, to wit, at the next court after the feast of saint Michael, at the next court after the nativity of the lord and at the next court after Easter; and as often as there should be pleading, in the same court, by writ of the lord king; and when any *latro* [the right of punishing thieves] was in the same court to be adjudged and enforced [*perforciamentum*] by the court; and for this acknowledgment grant fine and concord the same abbot released and quit-claimed for himself his successors and his church aforesaid, all right and claim, which he had, of demanding exactions from the aforesaid Ralph and his heirs, suit at the court of him the abbot of three weeks in three weeks; and likewise all damages for homage, prior to the day on which that concord was made. **Vellum**: one skin $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$. **Notes**: of the justices in eyre, Peter de Brus was probably of Skelton Castle in North Yorkshire. The seven oxgangs of Ralph Lek, in respect of which homage was claimed, were in Ulverston co Lancaster, about eighty miles west of Byland Abbey. Sutton Abbey was presumably Sutton under White-stone Cliffe, five miles south-west of Byland, which was scheduled in Gasquet's 'List of Religious Houses' as belonging to the Order of Hospitals.

- 4 1269, in the morrow of All Souls (3rd November) in 54th year of King Henry son of King John. **Quitclaim** (Lat) by Roger son of Richard de Brereton to sir Hugh, son of Henry, and his heirs and assigns, of a rent of four shillings, which he claimed in the mill of Farnham of the aforesaid sir Hugh son of Henry, by writ of the lord king, before sir Luke de Taney [or Tavey] justice of sir Henry de Almaner at Cnaresburg, in the morrow of All Souls in the year of the reign of King Henry son of King John L^o four; for the above release grant and quit-claim the aforesaid sir Hugh son of Henry gave by way of settlement [*in forma pacis*] sixty shillings of sterling. **Witnesses**: sir Patrick de Westewyke, sir Robert de Plumton, Peter Bekard of Burton, John de Walkigham, Robert de Stayuley, Richard de Wood [*bosco*], Thomas de Burton, Henry son of Peter of the same place, Richard Kaperun of Scotton, John de Neuby in Scotton, Adam de Feringesby, Nigel de Lofthus, Adam Cook (*coco*) of Staueley, John Colus of the same place, Alexander the clerk. **Vellum**: one skin $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$, seal missing. **Notes**: sir Hugh's mill at Farnham was between Knaresbrough and Ripon and most of the other places mentioned are close by; Scotton, in the parish of Farnham, was anciently the residence of the Percies and Pullayns.

- 5 (1271) in the feast of saint Michael the archangel (29th September). **Letter of attorney** (Lat) from Geoffrey son of Robert de How to William de Sipton, to deliver seisin to the master and brethren of the hospital of saint Leonard, York; of four oxgangs with tofts and crofts and other appurtenances, in the town and territories of Hov, to wit, of those two oxgangs with a toft and croft, which Wakeline son of Richard de Sipton held; and of those two oxgangs with the toft and croft, which John de Eynderby smith [?] some time held in the same town, as in the charter which from him [Geoffrey] they [the master and brethren] had, is more fully contained. **Vellum**: one skin, 7 × 2, no seal. **Notes**: How or Hov, now Howe, is half way between Thirsk and Ripon, near Skipton Bridge on the river Swale; Eynderby, now Ainderby-Quernhow, is in the same parish as How.
- 6 (Prior to 1290) **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from Sampson de Self to William son of Lambe de Harewude, for his homage and services and for six shillings to him given by hand, of one acre of land which lay in a certain place which was called Tunstide near to the house of the said William; and his [the grantor's] entire share [*totam partem meam*] of a certain pasture, which was called Ollirsayhe; to hold and to have of him [the grantor] and his heirs, to him [the said William] and his heirs and his assigns; except monks, chief lords of the *ecclesia* and Jews [*exceptis viris religiosus capitalibus dominis et Judeis*] freely quietly and peacefully with common of pasture and with all commons and easements, to the acre of land appertaining, within the boundaries of Self; paying thereafter yearly to him [the grantor] and his heirs, six pence of silver money, to wit, at Pentecost *iiii*d and at the feast of saint Martin *iiii*d for all secular services taxes and demands; and he the aforesaid Sampson and his heirs the aforesaid acre of land and the aforesaid pasture etc did warrant. **Witnesses**: John de Eland, John de Lascy, Richard de Hyperum, William de Trimighaim, Thomas de Kundale, John de Haldewrth, Thomas *ad fontem* of Hyperum and others. **Vellum**: one skin 6 × 3, the seal of yellow wax is much worn and has lost all trace of impression. **Notes**: Self now Shelf, Eland now Elland and Hyperum now Hipperholme are within a few miles of Halifax; Harewude now Harewood, where the land lay, is sixteen miles north-east of Shelf. For Tunstide, see 'tunstede' in the introduction to 'The Survey of English Place-names'. As to *ecclesia*, see Addy's 'Church and Manor', chapter vi.
- 7 (Undated, ? 13th century) **Quitclaim** (Lat) by Mariory daughter of William le Harpur of Holand Swayn to Roger de Gunnildthwayt and to his heirs of all her purparty of that tenement, with all its appurtenances, which was of John his [William's] brother, in the town of Holand Swayn, and all her right claim etc. **Witnesses**: John de Deneby, Robert of the same place, Baldewyn del Hill, Thomas *le procuratur* (the proctor), Thomas de Haselhoued. **Vellum**: one skin 8½ × 3½, seal missing. **Notes**: the spelling Gunnildthwayt suggests 13th century, see Goodall's 'Place-names of South-York'. For Roger de Gunnildthwayt see

'South Yorks' volume ii page 344. The procurator or proctor was an agent or deputy employed in various capacities, sometimes as church warden or reeve, sometimes to collect and receive the tithe of sheaves in the field, see Addy's 'Church and Manor

- 8 (Undated, ? 13th or 14th century) **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from Robert de Lyuersege to Henry de Wr . . . [?] of a certain toft and croft, with a house built upon it, and with all the appurtenances, in the town of Lyuersege Esscholt, to wit, lying in length and breadth in the same place; which he had then recently bought of the said Henry and which the said Henry had then recently bought of William Bule of Lyuersege and Robert Cusin of the same place; for a certain sum of money which the said Henry gave to him [the grantor Robert de Lyuersege] by hand; to hold to the said Henry and his heirs and assigns of God and of the church of the blessed Peter of Birstall and the rectors of the same church, there serving God, in fee and inheritance, free etc; paying yearly to the said church and to the aforesaid rectors, four pence of silver, on the day of the commemoration of the blessed Peter the apostle, for all services and demands; warranty of title. **Witnesses**: William son of Richard de Lyuersege, Ralph son of Oliver of the same place, Richard son of Thomas of the same place, John son of Jodlan' of the same place, John Cusin of the same place, Robert de Rupe of the same place, Henry *ad hesiam* of the same place. **Vellum**: one skin 8 x 4, seal missing. **Notes**: the grantee was to hold of God and the church etc; if this was sub-infeudation the date would be prior to 1290. The rectors may have been chief lords of the *ecclesia*, see Addy's 'Church and Manor' chapter vi. Liversedge Escholt would appear to be a double name; Liversedge is in the parish of Birstall.
- 9 1308 September 20th. **Quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Souhtmylford from Isabel daughter of William de la Hay to Jordan de Worbeslegh his heirs and assigns, of all right and claim which she might have etc, in all lands and tenements, with all their appurtenances, which the same Jordan de Worbeslegh had from the gift of William son of William de la chambre of Souhtmylford. **Witnesses**: William de Dingham, Henry de Dingham, William *ultra aquam* of Souhtmylford, Nicholas atte tonende, John de Aula of Hamulton. **Vellum**: one skin 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes**: Worbeslegh is possibly an old form of Womersley; but see Goodall's 'Place-names of S.W. Yorks'; Hamulton is now Hambleton; South Milford is half way between Leeds and Selby.
- 10 1312 Monday next after the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Mary the virgin (25th March) and in the fifth year of Edward (II) son of King Edward. **Release and quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Midelham, from Mary de Neuile, lady of Midelham, to Geoffrey de Scrop his heirs and assigns, of the homage and all other services and customs to her owing, on account of all and singular the lands and tenements, with their appurtenances, which the same Geoffrey held of her in

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demesne or in service, in the towns and territories of Couerham, Calderbergh, Akelthorpe and [?], so that neither she nor her heirs nor any persons in her name, from the aforesaid Geoffrey his heirs and assigns should be able to sell, resell, try to sell or hold homage scutage ward marriage relief fines suits of court or any other service customs or reckoning of the aforesaid tenements or any portion of the same apart from the rest. Saving only to her and to her heirs the fealty of himself Geoffrey and his heirs and the rent of one barbed arrow, payable to her and to her heirs each year on the day of the nativity of the Lord, for all services customs or demands; in respect of which tenements, from the aforesaid Geoffrey his heirs and assigns, she [Mary] had [then formerly] been able to demand a reckoning in perpetuity. **Witnesses**: sir Ralph de Neuile, Robert de Neuile, Thomas de Richemount knights, sir Thomas abbot of Couerham, sir Robert de Brintona (?) clerk, Roger de Aske, Robert de Musteres, William *de burgo* [from the castle], Robert de Crachale, John de Wantone (?). **Vellum**: one skin 8 x 5½, seal missing. **Notes**: when Mary de Nevile refers to herself by a pronoun, it is always in the plural. There was an abbot of Coverham Abbey at this date; *de burgo* may have been either Middleham or Bolton Castle. Caldbergh and Agglethorpe are near Coverham; and the difficult word, left blank, may be an early 14th century form of Jervaulx or Joreval; but it appears to end in wyke.

- 11 1316 in the morrow of saint Mark (26th April). **Charter** (Lat), dated at Morthorpe, confirming a grant from Robert de Puteo of Pontefract to Elene his daughter for her service [i.e. benefit], of a certain yearly rent of eleven shillings, in the town of Morthorpe, payable at the feasts of saint Martin in winter and Pentecost, by equal portions, on account of lands and tenements which Thomas son of Henry de Morthorpe held by charter of feoffment; to hold to the said Elene and the heirs of her body etc, of the chief lords of that fee by services etc; paying thenceforth yearly ten shillings to the said Robert for all his life, by equal portions etc; but if the said Elene should happen to die without heirs, the said rent, to the said Robert and his heirs, to fully revert; otherwise that gift and grant to be firm and perpetual. **Witnesses**: sir Thomas de Burgh, sir Adam de Wanneruile knight, John de Burtone, Jordan del Ker, John Byset, Thomas Scot of Pontefract. **Vellum**: one skin 9½ x 4, seal missing; the top is cut indentwise, through letters.

- 12 1316 (month etc illegible). **Grant** (Lat), dated at Kyngburg from John de Ros of Kyngburg to Thomas Chapman of Aldeburg and Eve [Geuae] his wife, for all their lives, of one toft with the buildings on it, in the aforesaid town of Aldeburg and that [toft], to wit, the toft which he had from the gift and grant of John de Thorpe, as it lay between a croft of the aforesaid John on the east and a croft of Hugh on the west; and it abutted at the south end of a croft of the aforesaid John de Thorpe; to hold the said toft, with the buildings, to the said Thomas Chapman and

Eve his wife, for their lives and the life of the longer liver, of him [the grantor] and his heirs, by services etc; paying thenceforth yearly to him and his heirs six shillings and eightpence, at etc; and doing suit of court at the manor of Kyngburg; powers of re-entry in default of payment and warranty of title. **Witnesses:** William Atteschall of Aldeburg ad Pontem, Robert de Thorpe, Thomas son of Cecil de Neuton, William de Capcost (?) **Vellum:** one skin indented 8 x 4, seals missing. **Notes:** Kyngsburg now Kingsborough, Ros now Roos and Aldeburg now Aldborough are in Holderness near Hornsea.

- 13 1318 at the feast of saint Michael (29th September). **Lease** (Lat), made between Roger son of Richard de Farburne of the one part and Richard Spark of the same place of the other part, by which the aforesaid Roger granted and to farm let to the aforesaid Richard, one oxgang of arable land in the field of Farburne, as it lay in divers places; a certain oxgang called the oxgang at the cross, with three roods of meadow in the park at Farburne to the aforesaid oxgang appertaining, with two pastures in the pasture that was called Pinkale as of the custom was; and also one house in the same town, with a garden adjoining; and a certain house [which] Robert then formerly held; to hold to the aforesaid Richard and to his heirs or assigns from the aforesaid Roger and his heirs or assigns, freely etc, for the term of twenty years then next following from the date of that agreement; paying yearly to the aforesaid Roger and his heirs or assigns twenty and three shillings, at two terms of the year, to wit, at Pentecost and at the feast of saint Martin in winter, by equal portions; warranty of title, covenant by the lessee to keep the house in repair and at the end of the term to leave it in good condition. **Witnesses:** Roger son of Roger de Farburne, Henry Spark of the same place, William Schyref of the same place, John Freman of Ledesham, Robert son of Thomas de Bretton, Adam del Grene of the same place, Thomas son of Peter of the same place. **Vellum:** one skin 8 x 6, seal of yellow wax broken and obscure. **Notes:** Fairburn is in the parish of Ledsham, four miles from Pontefract.
- 14 (1321) the 12th (month illegible) in the 14th year of the king Edward (II) son of the most noble King Edward. **Receipt** (Nor Fr), written at Pontefract, for nine pounds, profits of the lands of Richard Marmeduke, due to sir Robert de Holland knight, from Richard de Killerby and paid by the hand of William de Kettleby, left in the custody of the said William etc. **Vellum:** one skin 9 x 2, no seal.
- 15 (1344) in the vigil of saint Michael (28th September) in the 18th year of Edward III. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Erdeslay, confirming a grant by William Scot knight to sir Philip Bouyasseuill, William his brother and Elisotte his sister, of one plot of land and meadow lying next Stokwelleynge near his [the grantor's] reconstructed boundary ditch, in exchange for one selion of land upon which his said ditch stood and was founded: and any part of the said selion which was

within the said ditch as far as Cadrodes [?]; to hold the said plot to the aforesaid sir Philip, William and Elisotte and the heirs of the said Philip [a word, probably William, has been erased here], and Elisotte in exchange for the selion; warranty of title by sir William Scot. **Vellum**: one skin 11 × 2, seal missing. **Notes**: Erdeslay, now Ardsley, is in the township of Darfield near Barnsley; see Hunter's 'South Yorkshire' volume ii page 278. The top of the charter is indented; there would be another part containing the grant to sir William Scot. In the description of the lands one word contracted to *stm* occurs twice, which has been extended to *statum*.

- 16 1347 Wednesday next after the feast of saint Michael the archangel (29th September), in the 21st year of Edward III. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Estlillyng, confirming a grant from Thomas son of John de Estlilling [*sic*] to Henry de Kirkebyflecham the younger, of his manor of Estlilling and all lands and tenements, rents and services and free [tenants?]; and all his bondmen with their issue and chattels, with all the appurtenances to the aforesaid manor in any way belonging; except one messuage and four oxgangs etc in the aforesaid town of Estlillyng, of which Henry, father of the aforesaid Henry, held a moiety and William de Gerwardby held the other moiety; to hold all the aforesaid manor etc, except the messuage and oxgangs before excepted, to the aforesaid Henry the younger his heirs and assigns freely etc, of the chief lord of that fee, by services owing etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses**: Richard (?) Bernard the elder, William de Holm lord of Scytman (?), John de Wyehington, Simon de Lilling, Robert son of Stephen. **Vellum**: one skin 10 × 4½, seal missing. **Notes**: Lilling East and West, together form the township of Lillings-Ambo, situate ten miles north of York; perhaps Gerwardby is a 14th century spelling of Garraby in the east riding?

- 17 (1361) August 7th in the 35th year of Edward III. **Letter of attorney** (Lat), dated at Bewyk, from John de Meaux of Bewyk, to Nicholas de Cotom [?] his steward and Peter de Anlagbby and either of them by himself to receive for him full seisin of twelve selions of arable land, with the appurtenances, in the field of Neuton, containing in itself six acres and a half, from the release of John de Beuerlly, Robert de Heselarton forester of Willardby and Hugh Day of Willardby, according to the tenor and form of the charters of the same John, Robert and Hugh etc. **Vellum**: one skin 8½ × 2½, seal missing. **Notes**: Bewick, Cottam, Anlaby, Beverley Heselarton and Willerby are in the east riding, north of Hull.

- 18 (1363) May 31st in the 27th year of (Edward III). **Receipt for £35. 3. 11** (Lat), dated at London, given by John de Lincoln, treasurer of the household of lord John duke of Lancaster in the wardrobe of the same lord duke, to Robert de Morton receiver of the honour of Pontefract, for the outgoings of the same honour,

by the hand of William de Fisshlake by the order of the aforesaid lord duke and of the acquittances of John Deyncourte. **Vellum**: one skin indented $11 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes**: the skin is badly torn and the name of the reigning sovereign is missing, but it obviously was Edward III.

- 19 (1365) November 22nd in the 39th year of Edward III. **Receipt** (Lat) testified that Robert de Morton receiver of the pence of lord John duke of Lancaster at Richmond received from Hugh Troyce reeve of Boghes for his share of outgoings, other sums are acknowledged. **Vellum**: one skin indented 11×4 .
- 20 (1365) November 22nd, in the 39th year of Edward III. **Receipt** (Lat) by indenture, made at Richmond, whereby Robert de Morton receiver of the pence of lord John duke of Lancaster, at Richmond, acknowledged that he had received from John Machen, the reeve of Multon, on account of his proportion etc. Sum total xviii li. **Vellum**: one skin 11×4 , no seal or signature. **Notes**: Multon now Moulton is six miles from Richmond co York.
- 21 1368 Monday next before the feast of saint Mark the Evangelist (25th April). **Quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Beuerley, from Agnes then recently the wife of Walter Spynes of Beuerley to Thomas de Kelk of Beuerley his heirs and assigns, of all right and claim which she had etc, in one piece of land, with its appurtenances, in Beuerley in the Fischmarket Moregate, which she had from the gift and feoffment of the aforesaid Walter her late husband, in her girlhood [*in puellaritate mea*] before he promised to marry her; which aforesaid piece of land lay in length, by the common way from Fischmarket Moregate on the north as far as land of the aforesaid Thomas de Kelk on the south; and in breadth between land of the same Thomas on one side and land of Roger Ingilberd on the other; to hold the above piece of land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas de Kelk his heirs and assigns for ever. **Witnesses**: Thomas Frost, Robert de Beford, William de Lokyngton, John de Carleton the elder, Richard de Midilton, Robert de Scorburch clerk. **Vellum**: one skin $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$, seal missing.
- 22 1369, in the feast of saint Laurence (10th August). **Charter** (Lat), dated at Lepton, confirming a grant from Richard Brand chaplain to John son of Philip del Stages and Isabel his daughter, of one messuage and all other lands meadows pastures and woods, with the appurtenances, in Lepton; which he then recently had from the gift and grant of the aforesaid John and Isabel; to hold the same for their lives, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc; paying thereafter yearly to the service of the blessed Mary in the church of Heton, during the lives of themselves John and Isabel, twelve pence at the feasts of Pentecost and saint Martin by equal portions; with powers of distress in default of payment. Moreover he [the said John] had willed and granted etc, that all the aforesaid messuage lands etc, after the death of the aforesaid John and Isabel, should remain for two

hundred years for the service of the blessed Mary in the church of Heton, to the praise of God and the blessed virgin, for the soul of the aforesaid John and the souls of all faithful dead; and that all the aforesaid tenements would be at the disposition of the churchreeves, for the blessed Mary, which for the time would be to the advantage of the service of the blessed Mary; and that they themselves the reeves would render service to the chief lords of the fee from thenceforth, for him [the said John] and his heirs of right owing. In like manner, he [the said John] had willed and granted, that the reeves etc, after the end of the term of two hundred years aforesaid, all the aforesaid tenements should hold and with good conscience retain, to the use of the blessed Mary as theretofore, until they were claimed by his [the said John's] heirs. **Witnesses:** Laurence de Staynton, Richard de Lascels, Adam del Stockes, Thomas de Dalton, William de Birkelay. **Vellum:** one skin $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$, seals missing. **Notes:** Heton is now Kirkheaton, two miles east of Huddersfield and Lepton is close by. See Addy's chapter on the reeve or churchwarden, in 'Church and Manor' page 272.

- 23 1372(-3) Monday next before the feast of the purification of the blessed Mary the virgin (2nd February). **Charter** (Lat), dated at Pontefract, made between Thomas de Bubewyth of Pontefract clerk of the one part and Adam Benet of the same place of the other part, witnessed; that the aforesaid Thomas granted gave and confirmed to the aforesaid Adam Benet, two messuages, with all their appurtenances, as they lay together in Tanschelf next Pontefract, between a messuage of the aforesaid Adam on the west and a messuage of John de Hewgate on the east; to hold the aforesaid messuages etc, to the aforesaid Adam his heirs and assigns for ever; for which messuages the same Adam his heirs and assigns would pay yearly to the aforesaid Thomas etc six shillings and four pence, at Pentecost and saint Martin in winter, by equal portions; rendering to the chief lords of that fee services etc; and if the aforesaid rent should at any time be in arrear etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** sir William de . . . field then steward of the honour of Pontefract, Henry de Bubwyth brother of him (Thomas), Adam de Bromby, Peter de Wath, John Bellesise, John de Bryghouse, John Munkeman, John de Hipperoum. **Vellum:** one skin, torn in places, $12 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing.

- 24 (1374-5) March 14th in the 49th year of Edward III. **Indented receipt** (Lat), made in London, testified that sir William de Bughbrugg, receiver general of John King of Castell and legate [? captain general] duke of Lancaster, had received that day from Robert de Morton, receiver of the same king of Castell in the counties of York and Notingham, by the hand of Oliver Barton forty pounds, on account of expenses of his office aforesaid. **Vellum:** one skin 11×2 . **Notes:** an endorsement, in Latin, states that the above was an acquittance by W de Bughbrugg, touching the account of Richard de Pontefract for the year xlix, which was returnable on a warrant there, of the same year.

- 25 (1377) the last day of April in the 51st year of Edward III and the 4th July in the 1st year of Richard II. **Receipt** (Lat), testified that Robert de Morton receiver of the pence of lord John [part torn off] at Pontefract, had received of Henry de Bubwyth feodary of the aforesaid lord King of Casteel in the county of York, for the manor of Darlay xiiii li was paid; and other payments were acknowledged. **Vellum**: one skin indented 11 × 4½. **Notes**: this receipt includes payments covering the last days of Edward III and part of the first year of the reign of Richard II; the former died on the 21st June 1377.
- 26 (1377) the last day of December in the 1st year of Richard II. **Indenture** (Lat), made at Leycester, on the above date, testified that sir William de Burghbrugg general receiver of John king of Castile and of the army of the duke of Lancaster, had received on the day of the making of those presents from Robert de Morton receiver of the said King of Castile in the county of York, by the hand of William Baillay, two hundred and sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, for expenditures of his office etc. **Vellum**: one skin, heavily indented, 11 × 2; seal of red wax in good condition.
- 27 (1379) Sunday next after the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul (29th June), in the 3rd year of Richard II. **Quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Shirburne in Elmet, by John de Ledes of Leed to William de Brerelay chaplain, William Bayone chaplain and William Machone of Ledes their heirs and assigns, of all right and claim which he had etc in the manor of Steutone and in all other those lands and tenements, with the appurtenances, in the towns and territories of Wodehall, Mikelfeld, Farburn, Lumby, Barkstone and Milford, which he had from the gift and feoffment of Elizabeth the daughter and heir of William de Raygate. **Vellum**: one skin 12 × 4½, seal of light yellow wax bears a shield, surrounded by a motto. **Notes**: Sherburn in Elmet is ten miles east of Leeds. Steutone is now Steeton, apparently the letter v dividing the two e's has been dropped. Steeton Hall is a farmhouse in the township of South Milford, formerly the seat of the Rygate family. Leed, now spelt Lead, is two miles north-west of Sherburn; South Milford and other places mentioned, are within a few miles.
- 28 1380(-1) Monday next before the feast of the Epiphany of the lord (6th January). **Quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Pontefract, by Peter de Hay, Thomas Mauntell, John clerk of Pontefract, Adam Holman, John Hipp [ron ?], Robert Portere, William de Wakefeld, John de Radclýf, John de Astons and Thomas de Skelbruk who, with one assent, for themselves and their heirs for ever released and quitclaimed to [John] Deuerell of Pontefract fuller [fullator] his heirs and assigns, all their right and claim, which they had etc, in one tenement, with all its appurtenances, as it was situate in the great between tenements of John del Butus

on the west and tenements then formerly of Thomas att Hall on the east, which same tenement the aforesaid John Deuerell had from the gift and feoffment of Henry de Bubwyth, etc. **Witnesses**: Thomas Elys, William de Balay, Peter Bally, John de (? Qu)eldryk the elder, John del Buthus, Thomas Horne, Robert Fermyn, Thomas Benet. **Vellum**: one skin $11\frac{1}{2} \times 4$, three seals obscure, one missing. **Notes**: a few words on the crease are illegible.

- 29 (1381-2) February 10th in the 5th year of Henry II. **Letter of attorney** (Lat), dated at Queldale, from Adam de Rotherfeld knight, for Wilfrid de Rotherfeld and Thomas Mundeuill to deliver to John Pykeryng rector of a moiety of the church of the blessed Mary in Castlegate York and Robert del Hill and John de Horslay chaplains full seisin and possession, with attornment of tenants, of a moiety of his lands and tenements rents and services, with the appurtenances, in the town of Queldale; except those lands and tenements which then formerly were of Henry Mathewe and one acre of meadow called le Gloueracre and also twelve pennyworth [*denarrat*] of rent issuing from the holding of John de Sadilworth, with the appurtenances, in the same town; according to the form and effect of a certain indenture made between them. **Vellum**: one skin $11 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes**: there is a house near Pickering called Weldale.

- 30 (1383) November 9th in the 7th year of Richard II. **Confirmation** (Lat), dated at Emelay, by William son of William knight and lord of Emelay, who had inspected certain charters final-concords and confirmations, which the abbot and convent of Bellalanda had from his ancestors and feoffors; and in particular, a certain confirmation which the same religious men had from sir William knight, son of William his great grandfather; which said charters final-concords and confirmations; and in particular, the aforesaid confirmation of the said sir William son of William his great grandfather, he approved ratified and confirmed in perpetuity, by those presents, to the aforesaid religious men and their successors, for himself his heirs and assigns. **Witnesses**: sir Brian de Stapilton, Robert (R) de Roos (knight), Thomas de Stayntun, John de Wurtelay, John Dronsefeld, John de Bentley (?), William de Kirkebi, John de Staynton, Henry del Ker. **Vellum**: one skin $8 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes**: these three generations of William, the middle one being a knight, were ancestors or collaterals of the Fitz-Williams of Sprotborough and Emley, see Hunter's 'South-Yorks' volume i page 336; from the wording of this confirmation, it does not appear that these men had assumed the surname of Fitz-William at the date of this confirmation. Bellalanda was Byland Abbey in the north riding of Yorkshire, within a mile or two of Rivaux. The names of some of the witnesses are illegible and others very indistinct.

- 31 (1386 or 7) in the 10th year of Richard II. **Indenture** (Nor Fr), dated at Southkyrkeby, testifies that Alis who was the wife of John de Mirrefeld had given and granted to Henry de Bewmond all the lands and tenements rents and services, with their appurtenances, in Southkyrkeby, which he had from the feoffment of the said Henry; to have and to hold all the lands tenements rents and services abovesaid, to the said Henry his heirs and assigns rendering by the year to the said Alis or to her assigns for the term of her life twenty [shillings?] yearly at the two terms of feasts of Pentecost and saint Martin in winter by equal portions; powers of distress. **Vellum**: one skin $10\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ small round seal of black wax bears a device including the letter H with a star, not armorial. **Notes**: part of this charter has been injured by damp and important sentences are either missing or rendered unintelligible.
- 32 (1387) Friday next after the feast of the assumption etc (15th August), in the 11th year of Richard II. **Letter of attorney** (Lat), dated at Leptone, from John de Oldum chaplain to John del Bothe, and John [?] of Kirkheton [?] to deliver to Robert de Hoptone and Agnes his wife full and peaceful possession of his manor of Gawkesthorp, together with all his lands and tenements in Leptone and Hetone, with their appurtenances, as in his charter and the charter of William le Taillieur chaplain more fully appeared etc. **Vellum**: one skin 11×4 , seal missing. **Notes**: most of the places referred to are near Huddersfield.
- 33 1392(-3) Tuesday next after the feast of the purification of the blessed Mary (2nd February). **Charter** (Lat), dated at Pontefract, confirming a grant from Alice de Bothes widow to Alice Benett of Pontefract relict of Adam Benett, for the life of the said Alice, of one messuage, with its appurtenances, lying in Tanchelff next Pontefract between tenements then formerly of Adam Bennett on the west and tenements then formerly of sir Thomas de Bubwyth chaplain on the east; to have and to hold the said messuage etc, to the aforesaid Alice Benett for her life, doing services to the lord of that fee etc; she [the grantor] willed also and granted for herself and her heirs that after the decease of the said Alice Benett, all the aforesaid messuages etc should remain to John Benett, son of the same Alice Benett and the heirs of his body etc for ever; to hold of the chief lord of that fee, by services etc; with remainder to Robert Benett son of Adam [sic] Benett etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses**: Peter Bayle, John Roller then bailiff of Pontefract, John Hirperon of the same place, Thomas Scherwent of the same place, William de Gayton of the same place. **Vellum**: one skin $11\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, seal missing. **Notes**: it may be that Robert Benett son of Adam was by a first wife; perhaps Alice was daughter of Alice Bothes.
- 34 (1392-3) March 4th, in the 16th year of Richard II. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Aston, confirming a grant from William de Melton knight to Thomas de Stanley clerk, John Woderofe, Hugh de Wambeswell, Thomas de Thurkyll, Thomas de

Toneton vicar of the church of Rodirham, Henry de Preston of York, of all his manors of Fenton, Milford, Oustwy in Holderness; and all his lands and tenements in Melton and Wibton and all his lands in one close of meadow and pasture which was called litilabholme, next the park of Ryst, with all their appurtenances, and with all services of all free tenants and the villains, for ever; to have and to hold all his aforesaid manors lands and tenements, with all rents and services etc, to the aforesaid Thomas, John, Hugh etc, free etc, of the chief lords of those fees, by services etc, for ever; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** Brian de Stapilton, William de Rythir knights, Thomas Clarell, Robert de Saxton, William Ry ? **Vellum:** one skin 10 × 5, fine seal of red wax; at the foot is a shield, tilted to the dexter, on which is a cross coupé and voided; above the shield is a helmet in profile to the dexter, on which is a plume surrounded by ornamentation and motto; presumably the seal of sir William de Melton.

- 35** 1393 July 8th **Charter** (Lat), dated at Langrake, confirming a grant from Richard de Sourth' of the soke of Drax to John de Usflete in the county of York, of two selions of land and pasture lying over in the park of Langrake, with the appurtenances, as the said selions lay together between land of the prior and convent of Drax called Jopriddýng on the west and land of the aforesaid John on the east and butted upon le Northwodehede towards the south and upon the aforesaid park adjoining on the north; to hold the aforesaid two selions etc to the aforesaid John his heirs executors and assigns free etc; of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc, warranty of title. **Witnesses:** Thomas de Thornton of Langrake, Robert Coke of the same place, William son of the same Robert, John de Wodde of the same place, William de la Bothe of the same place, John son of Robert of the same place, William de Quallaý (?) of Kyngeston upon Hull, Richard de Burton of Drax, William de Mengton (?) of York. **Vellum:** one skin 12 × 4½, seal missing. **Notes:** Drax, Long Drax or Langrick are in the west riding, half way between Howden and Snaith. The priory (of Black Canons) referred to in this charter was founded in the reign of Henry I, not a trace of it is now to be found.

- 36** (1393) November 10th in the 17th year of Richard II. **Receipt** (Nor Fr) by Alexander de Fetherstanhalgh, keeper of the castle of Lohmaban, for a hundred marks sterling from Robert de Morton receiver to his most honourable sovereign the king of Casteel and duke of Lancastre, in the county [town] of Enwýk, for the safeguarding of the said castle for the second quarter of the year commencing the 20th day of July in the said 17th year of King Richard the second. Given at Knaresburgh. **Vellum:** one skin 11 × 3. **Notes:** Lochmaben Castle was in Dumfriesshire, Enwýk is evidently Norman-French for Alnwick, which is the county-town in the eastern division of the ward of Coquetdale, in Northumberland.

- 37 (1394) June 12th in the 17th year of Richard II. **Quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Mikelfeld, by Alice then recently the wife of John Ouerthewater of Mýlleforth next Shýrburn in Elmet to Daud de Hulgrene and Elen his wife, of all right etc which she had etc, in all those tenements lands and meadows, with their appurtenances, in the town of Barston next Shýrburn in Elmet aforesaid, which she held jointly with the aforesaid John, her husband. **Witnesses**: Robert de Lodes, John de Preston, Robert de Catron (?) chaplain, William Couper chaplain, John Willeson of Mikelfeld, John Balme of the same place, William Hassay of the same place. **Vellum**: one skin $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, seal missing.
- 38 (1397-8) February 3rd in the 21st year of Richard II. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Warlaghby, confirming a grant from John Kilpyne and John de Otryngton of Aluerton chaplains to William Lassels of Warlaghby, of one cottage and ten oxgangs in Warlaghby and six acres of meadow lying in the meadows of Warlaghby in divers places, to wit, in Mekyldaleyng two acres and one rood and six Turnepytendes of meadow, containing three roods; and two acres, lying in divers places, appertaining to four oxgangs of the aforesaid ten oxgangs; and one rood of meadow lying at Thretyrodes; and four Turnepytendes of meadow containing one rood; and half an acre of meadow in le holm; and also one close of meadow lying on the south part of the garden of the capital messuage; and half an acre of land lying in le Chapelcroft; they also granted to the same William a half of their lordship there; and also half of all their rents and services and all free tenants and bondmen which they then recently had from the grant of John de Barneby in the aforesaid town of Warlaghby and also half of their wastes and pastures there; to have and to hold all the aforesaid lordship lands etc, to the aforesaid William and the heirs of his body etc, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc; and if it should happen that the aforesaid William should die without such heirs, then all the aforesaid lordship lands etc should remain to Matilda the wife of John de Barneby of Aluerton and the heirs of the body of herself Matilda issuing; to hold of the chief lords etc; and if it should happen that the aforesaid Matilda should die without heirs etc, then with remainder to the right heirs of John Spernere of Warlaghby, to hold of the chief lords etc. **Witnesses**: Robert de Suthill, Richard de Romondby, William Lassels of Soureby, Thomas Bowere of Aluerton, John Wilkynson of the same place. **Vellum**: one skin $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, one seal of red wax in good condition bears what appears to be a wolf passant to the sinister, with a motto; the second seal is missing. **Notes**: Warlabby is between Northallerton and Bedale. Endorsed are the words 'Turnpitt ends *prati*'.
- 39 (1398-9) March 20th in the 22nd year of Richard II. **Quitclaim** (Lat), dated at Boston, by John Skopewhyth to John Holinton [N] his heirs and assigns of all his right and claim etc in the manor of Ryngburgh, with its appurtenances, in the county of York; and in one messuage and nine oxgangs and sixty shillings rent,

with the appurtenances, in Kelyngholm and Alesby in the county of Lincoln. **Vellum** : one skin $9 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes** : Ryngburgh now Ringborough is near Hornsea north of the Humber and Kelyngholm now Killingholme is a parish in the wapentake of Yarborough south of the Humber.

- 40 (Early 14th century.) **Charter** chirographed (Lat) confirming a release and grant from Walter de Faucunberge lord of Skeltun to William son of Henry Le Marsal of Restun and Alice his wife, for their lives and the life of the longer liver, of one toft, with a croft with buildings on it; and a third part of one oxgang; and one acre and one rood of land; and twenty perches of land; and half an acre of meadow, in the town and in the territory of Restun, to wit; that toft with the croft which he had from the gift of Peter son of Nicholas Cissor of Ryse; and that third part of an oxgang which Nicholas Cissor of Ryse bought from Robert son of Thomas Pistor of Ryse; and that acre and that rood of land with twenty perches of land and half an acre of meadow which Thomas Ligeyard of Rystun gave to Peter son of Nicholas Cissor of Ryse with Marjory his daughter; to hold the said toft etc to the said William and Alice his wife for life etc, with all their appurtenances etc within the town of Rystun, of him [the grantor] and his heirs or assigns, free etc, paying from thence yearly to him and his heirs and assigns seventeen shillings and two pence sterling etc, for all secular services and demands whatsoever and in addition suit of court twice yearly, to wit, etc; and doing foreign services for the chief lords of the fee in proportion to the holding; warranty of title. **Witnesses** : William de Walcotes, Henry de Faucunberge, William Hancuyn (?) of Fosham, Robert Almot of Restun, Thomas le Talyur of Arnal. **Vellum** : one skin 9×6 seal of Faucunberge broken and obscure. **Notes** : Skelton Castle was in North Yorkshire near Guisbrough. The lands granted by Walter de Faucunberge were in the town of Restun, now Long-Riston, in the north division of Holderness, six miles from Beverley; Rise is a few miles away; Arnold is in the parish of Long-Riston. There were several Walter de Faucunberges, who originally came from Rise; but by a marriage with Agnes de Brus they became lords of Skelton and this would be before December 1272. It is difficult to say which Walter is the grantor above referred to; but this charter is probably early 14th century. See the 'Complete Peerage' under Faucunberge; and Foster's 'Yorks Pedigrees'.
- 41 (Undated, ? 14th century.) **Writing** (Lat) confirming a grant from Robert son of John de Thorppe to William Rocelyn and to his heirs or to his assigns, of three acres of land lying in the territory of Thorppe, of which one selion lay in Midelcroft between land of Adam Leker and land of Thomas son of William de Thorppe, and one selion lay above Langelandes between land of Richard son of John de Thorppe and land of Thomas de Kayuille, and one selion lay in le Suthfeld between land of Hamund de Thorppe and land of Olive de Thorppe, and two

selions lay in Midelcroftes, of which [*unde*] one selion lay between land of Hamund de Thorppe and land of Richard son of John of the same place and one selion lay in the same field between land of Thomas de Thorppe and land of Richard de Thorppe, and one butt [*butta*] lay in Hestcroft between land of Thomas and land of Richard clerk of Thorpp, for a certain sum of money which to him [the grantor] he gave by hand; to hold to him or to his heirs or to his assigns, of John de Kayville and his heirs in fee and inheritance, freely etc; with all their appurtenances liberties and easements etc; paying thenceforth yearly to the afore-said John de Kayville and his heirs two shillings and six pence, at four appointed terms, in Houedenschire, for all other services customs taxes aids suit of court and secular demands and to him [the grantor] and his heirs one rose at the feast of saint John the Baptist; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** sir Thomas de Metham knight, William de Belasise, William Lacayle, Robert his brother, Thomas son of Peter, Robert de Krugelstone, Robert de Ful (?), William le serjant, Robert Hod, Richard son of John de Thorp, Hamund de Thorp, William ad Lydyate, Roger the forester, Thomas de Thorp, John de Bekingham clerk. **Vellum:** one skin 10 x 5½, seal missing. **Notes:** Hovedenschire now Howdenshire is a wapentake south of York; Thorpe, Thorpe-Lidget, Bellasize, Cavile, Metham and Sutton Full are all in the same neighbourhood. Sir Thomas de Metham would be an early ancestor of Sir Thomas Metham, killed at Marston Moor. It is not clear why the land was to be held of John de Kayville and his heirs in fee and inheritance, at a yearly rent of iis vid payable quarterly; and one rose yearly to the grantor.

- 42 (Undated, ? 14th century.) **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from Isabel then formerly the wife of Ralph de Warkeswurth in her widowhood etc to Richard de Beumind [?] and his assigns either to assign to give to sell or to divide if he wished, all her land, which she had from the gift of Cisscil her mother, in Suthkirkeby, with the services of the free tenants and with all bondmen and their issue, to the same land belonging; to have and to hold to the said Richard and his assigns, either to assign to give to sell or to divide, if he should not wish [*voluerit*] for the heirs at Beston [? to have it], without any withholding, with all the appurtenances liberties and easements within the town of Suthkirkeby and wheresoever beyond to the said lands appertaining, for a certain sum of money which to her he gave by hand, freely quietly well etc for ever; paying thenceforth yearly, to the heirs of Adam de Beston one pair of gloves [*cirothecarum*] or one panny, after the octave of Easter, for all secular services customs suit of court and demands; doing foreign service, so much as to the afore-said land appertained; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** sir John de Heton knight, Thomas his son, John de Diction, John son of [?] of the same place, John de Quorneby, William Spend . . . (?), Henry Haget, Robert Cwide (?), Laur (?) Thormodeby, William Manselle of the same place, Hugh his son of the same

place, Richard de Clyff clerk. **Vellum**: one skin $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, seal missing. **Notes**: from the script, the size of the skin, the rent of a pair of gloves and the grant of bondmen and their issue, this deed is probably 14th century or earlier. The grant was to the grantee and his assigns and there is no reference to his heirs, though the heirs of Beston are referred to; the grantee was to pay money down and a rent of gloves or one penny, in lieu of all services; except foreign services; and if he sold or divided the land it would appear that the services were to be apportioned; but nothing is said about apportioning the rent and there is no reference to holding of the lords of the fee or of the grantor. This charter is almost illegible in places; and, apart from this, many names are difficult to decipher.

- 43 (Undated, ? 14th century.) **Deed of covenant** (Lat), made in the form of a chirograph, testified that the prior of Bridlington and the convent of the same place had covenanted for themselves and their successors, that sir Gilbert de Gaunt and his heirs should have and hold in perpetuity his free poundage in Wytayside in Swaledale, where the said sir Gilbert formerly had his pinfold, as if in sole possession for ever, without any gainsaying; and that stray cattle [*aneria forinseca*] of the aforesaid prior and convent and their successors, taken [*inventia*] in the private pasture by the servants of the said sir Gilbert etc, might be impounded in the said pinfold; and likewise as often so ever as stray cattle of the prior etc, should be taken by the said servants in the aforesaid private pasture, it should be lawful for the same servants to keep the said cattle in the aforesaid pinfold; but no delay concerning them should be made; unless, when by the servants of the said sir Gilbert etc those servants should there retain them and they should be presented by attachment in the court of Helag; and if the aforesaid prior and convent etc should wish to contest [*exigere*] any fines concerning the damage done by the aforesaid cattle in the private [pasture], someone should come, in the name of the prior, into the court of Helag of sir Gilbert etc, as often as to him it should seem to be expedient; and there by the bailiffs of the said sir Gilbert and his heirs, in full court and by credible witnesses [*fidedignos*] of the same court, the damages might be appraised by the aforesaid bailiffs; the fines they were to forthwith assess, without fraud and without any further delay; neither was it lawful for the aforesaid bailiffs to take any fines from the prior etc in any other manner; and the aforesaid sir Gilbert covenanted for himself and his heirs, that whatsoever presentment should come into the court of Helag, in the name of the prior etc, on the happening aforesaid, should not be changed etc; further that it should not be possible to contest any suit or custom as to the same, by reason of the aforesaid advent [*i.e.* coming of the prior into the court of Helag]. **Witnesses**: sir William de Ha(th)orpe, Walter de Buctone, William of the same place, Robert de Herforde, Walter de Longfere. **Vellum**: one skin $9 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes**: sir Gilbert de Gaunt was evidently lord of the manor of Helag (now Healaugh or Helagh) adjoining Wytayside (now Whitcliffe) in Swaledale, eighty

miles or more to the west of Bridlington Priory, which was founded by Walter de Gant or Gaunt, an ancestor of sir Gilbert, early in the reign of Henry I; and he endowed it with all his lands in the old town of Bridlington; from this deed it appears that the endowment extended to lands at Whitaside in Swaledale near Helag Manor, of which sir Gilbert presumably was lord; and this deed was intended to give the prior a *locus standi* and the right to appear in the manor-court of Helag, to defend himself against fines for damage done by his cattle, imposed on him by the court, in case he wished to resist the fine. Haysthorpe, Buckton, Hertford and Lowthorpe are near Bridlington. The monk who prepared this deed, would probably have no precedent; and he has not succeeded in making the position quite clear in one or two places; but the above gives the purport of an unusual and interesting deed.

- 44 (Undated, ? 14th century.) **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from Simon de Balderston clerk to William de Spellowe and Alice his wife, of one messuage and all lands and tenements, with their appurtenances, which John Jargon held of him [the grantor] in the town and in the territory of Thorpawdelyne [Thorpe Audline]; to hold etc, to the aforesaid William and Alice his wife and the heirs of their bodies free well and in peace, without any reservation, of him [the grantor] and his heirs by the service of one pound of cummin yearly, at the feast of saint Martin in winter, rendered for all services; provided, that if it should happen that the aforesaid William and Alice his wife should die without heirs of their bodies the aforesaid messuage and the aforesaid lands and tenements etc, to him [the grantor] and to his heirs should wholly revert. Know all men by that present [charter] that he the said Simon gave granted and confirmed to Henry de Carletone chaplain of his [the grantor's] chantry in the parochial [*in parochiali*] church of Hymesworth [Hemsworth co York] and to his successors, chaplains of the aforesaid chantry, the service and the rent of one pound of cummin aforesaid, together with the reversion of the aforesaid messuage lands and tenements; if it should happen, that the aforesaid William and Alice should die without heirs of their bodies; to hold the aforesaid service and rent, with their appurtenances, together with the reversion aforesaid, when it should accrue, to the aforesaid Henry and his successors, chaplains of the aforesaid chantry, in augmentation of their maintenance for ever; of the chief lords of those fees by services thenceforth owing and accustomed; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** Adam de Wannervyle, John Bysett, John de Went. **Vellum:** one skin 12 x 4, seal missing. **Notes:** the date is prior to 1363 when the last Adam Wannervyle died. The lands granted to William and Alice were to be held of the grantor, which suggests a date prior to 1290; but the reversion given to the chaplains is to be held of the chief lords of those fees. Hunter, in 'South-Yorks' volume ii, has much to say about many persons and places mentioned in this charter, see pages 395, 423, 440, 443, and 452.

- 45 (Undated, ? 14th or 15th century.) **Quitclaim** (Lat) from Adam son of Jordan de Preston to Ellis son of Simon de Gomersall, of all right and claim which he had in two oxgangs in Gomersall for himself and his heirs, to him [Ellis] and his heirs, freely and quietly as the right of himself Ellis; for twelve shillings to him the grantor by him [the grantee] given. **Witnesses:** Henry Walense (?) then steward, (?), Jordan de saint Mary, Robert de Flamesburch (?), John de Tilli, Richard de Birstall, John de Thornsill. **Paper:** $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4$. **Notes:** a copy badly written which gives no clue to the date, the writing might be any date prior to The Commonwealth.
- 46 (1403) Wednesday next before the feast of *Corpus Christi* (10th June), in the 4th year of Henry IV. **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from William Mutte and Agnes his wife to Robert Husband of Rand and Dionisia his wife daughter and heir of the aforesaid Agnes, of two messuages and twelve acres of land and meadow, with all their appurtenances, in Constable Burton; to have and to hold the aforesaid messuages etc to the aforesaid Robert and Dionisia his wife their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of that fee by services etc, for ever; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** John de Eston, John de Aystogh, Henry Forster, Roger de Eston, Thomas Broune, William Husband, John de Well. **Vellum:** one skin $9\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, seals missing.
- 47 (1405) August 12th in the 6th year of Henry IV. **Charter** (Lat), dated at the manor of Colthorpe, confirming a grant from Richard Burgh esquire to sir Henry Winasor [or Wiuasor], sir Thomas de Tonstall knights, John Carbonel esquire, master William Clynt vicar of Kyrkby Mallysherd, John de Lancastyr esquire, sir William Anthorp rector of Dighton, sir Thomas Burgh clerk, Robert Rawdon, John Rawdon esquires and sir John de Otyrington chaplain, of all his manor of Colthorpe in the county of York, with all its appurtenances lands tenements rents woods feedings meadows pastures mills commons liberties services; and also with the advowson of the said church; to have and to hold the said manor etc to the aforesaid Henry, Thomas etc their heirs and assigns rendering thenceforth yearly, to the lords of the fee, services etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** sir Robert de Plauton, sir Richard de Soldysburgh, sir Nicholas de Medilton knights, Richard Fayrfax, Robert Wyllysthorpe, William Deynyle (or Deyvyle). **Vellum:** one skin 10×5 , seal missing. **Notes:** Colthorp Manor is three miles from Weatherby near York and most of the places referred to are in that neighbourhood.
- 48 (1412) the vigil of the nativity of the blessed Mary (7th September), in the 13th year of Henry IV. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Hudeswell, confirming a grant from John Clarienet [or Cleriauet] son of Richard Clarienet of Richmond to Thomas Neumee of Scritone and John Lupton of Richmond, of one cottage built in Hudeswell, with a toft and croft to the same appertaining, containing two acres of

land lying between a tenement of the abbot of the blessed Mary of York on one side and a tenement of the abbot of saint Agathe next Richemond on the other side; to hold the aforesaid cottage etc, to the same Thomas Neusome and John Lupton their heirs and assigns for ever, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc. **Witnesses:** William Burgh, Roger Daske, Thomas Foxholles, William Hudeswell, Walter Blome. **Vellum:** one skin $11\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, round red seal in good condition; the initials J.C. would appear to be those of the grantor but the device is obscure.

- 49 (1414-15) January 2nd in the 2nd year of Henry V. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Popelay, confirming a grant from Richard de Popelay to William de Haryngton knight, William de Thornehill of Fekesby esquire, Hugh Clyderowe of Hull merchant and John Walker of Batelay chaplain, of all his lands and tenements rents and services, with their appurtenances, which he held in the towns hamlets and territories of Popelay, Gomersall, Heccundwyke, Byrstell and Heton, and elsewhere in the parish of Byrstell; to hold all the aforesaid lands etc, with homages wards marriages reliefs and escheats etc, to the aforesaid William, William, Hugh and John, the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid William de Thornehill, freely etc, for ever; of the chief lords of those fees, by services etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** Thomas Neuyll, John Tonge esquires, John Bythebroke of Liuersege, John Walker of the same place, John de Gomersall of Gomersall, John de Stublay of Heccundwyke, John Seght of Gomersall. **Vellum:** one skin 13×4 , small red seal in good condition, not armorial. **Notes:** nearly all the places mentioned are shown on the modern ordnance maps, between Huddersfield and Leeds.
- 50 (1417-8) January 30th in the 5th year of Henry V. **Receipt** (Lat), dated at Pontefract, John Hippron acknowledged to have received from Nicholas Colne receiver of the pence [*Rec' denar'*] of the lord Henry King of England and France at Pont[efract], four pounds eleven shillings and three pence sterling at the terms of Easter and saint Michael then last past, of a certain annuity of iii pence daily to him [John], for the term of his life, granted by the same lord king; and also to have received from the same receiver twenty shillings sterling, to wit; at the terms of Easter and saint Michael then last past, of a certain other annuity, granted to him for the term of his life, by the aforesaid king; acquittance for Nicholas by those presents. **Vellum:** one skin 10×2 , seal missing. **Notes:** the $4\ 11s\ 3d$ paid to John Hippron is three pence a day for 365 days.
- 51 (1424-5) January 21st in the 3rd year of Henry VI. **Receipt** (Lat) from William Elmeseale to Richard Popelay receiver of the pence of the lord king at Pontefract of twenty shillings, for the Easter term then last past on account of a certain

annuity of xls granted to him [William Elmesale] by the lord king for his life etc; acquittance etc. **Vellum**: one skin 10 × 2, seal broken and obscure, not armorial.

- 52 (1425) May 7th in the 3rd year of Henry VI. **Lease** (Lat), dated at Schepley, whereby William Schepley granted and to farm let to Thomas Goldthorpe, the manor of Schepley, with all enclosures, arable lands, woods and pastures which [lay between ?] Schellie Milne on the one part and le Rydynges on the other, to wit [here follow several field-names of which some are illegible and others uncertain], with the house to the same manor appertaining; to hold the same to the aforesaid Thomas from the feast of saint Martin in winter then next, until the end of the term of thirty [?] years etc, paying thenceforth yearly etc forty shillings sterling, at two terms etc; power of distress in default of payment. **Witnesses**: Laurence Kay, John Stay, John Alote. **Vellum**: one skin 11½ × 5, seal in good condition, not armorial. **Notes**: Shepley and Shelley adjoin, they are half way between Penistone and Huddersfield.
- 53 (1426) Wednesday next after the feast of saint Martin the bishop (11th November) in the 5th year of Henry VI. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Northaluer-ton, confirming a grant from Thomas Berwyke of Ukkerby to Richard del More of Northaluer-ton 'drapour', of one messuage, with its appurtenances, in Northaluer-ton, as it extended in length and breadth between the messuage of the prior of Durham [Dunolme] on the north and a messuage of the said Richard on the south; to hold etc to the aforesaid Richard his heirs and assigns, freely etc, of the chief lord of that fee, by services etc, for ever. **Witnesses**: Robert Birton of Northaluer-ton, Thomas Cutteler of the same place, Thomas Barneby of the same place, Thomas Massham of the same place, Richard Goldyng of the same place. **Vellum**: one skin 10½ × 4, seal of red wax shows a shield, on which a chevron below a chief. **Notes**: Uckerby is near Richmond co York. The bishops of Durham had a fortified place near Northalver-ton; and a priory of Carmelites in the town was founded in 1354.
- 54 1438 July 14th in the 16th year of Henry VI. **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from Edmund Fitzwilliam esquire and Katherine his wife to John Ellerker serjeant at law, John Whetelay rector of the parochial church of Plumtree, Thomas Sprotburgh rector of the parochial church of Emlay, William Patrik rector of the parochial church of Bramwith, Thomas Synyngton and William Cressy, of all their manors messuages cottages lands tenements woods rents reversions and services, with all their appurtenances, in the towns hamlets fields and territories of Kirk Sandall, Stalmarthorp, Takehill and Lyeuwall; to have and to hold all the aforesaid manors etc, to the aforesaid John, John, Thomas etc their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc; warranty of title.

Witnesses: Thomas Wombewell esquire, Thomas Wentworth, Richard Wentworth, Thomas Sayvell, Robert Clayton clerk, Hugh Roos, Thomas Bosewell. **Vellum:** one skin 12×3 , two small round seals of red wax, one broken but both show a bird with a motto. **Notes:** Edmund was the younger son of sir John fitz William. The fitz Williams of Aldwark were descended from Edmund, see 'Sheffield Manorial Records', vol ii, part iii.

- 55** (1444) November 4th in the 23rd year of Henry VI. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Almandbury, confirming a grant from Thomas Barker son of Adam Barker of Almandbury to John Scargyll son of William Scargyll esquire, John Danby chaplain and Thomas Dalton of one tenement or messuage with the croft adjoining in the town of Almandbury aforesaid, as it lay between the messuage of Richard Thorp on the west and a messuage of William Perkyn on the east, which he the said Thomas Barker then lately had from the gift and feoffment of William Smyth and Richard Thorp aforesaid; to have and to hold the said tenement etc, to the aforesaid John Sc[argyll, John D]anby and Thomas Dalton and their assigns free quietly etc, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** John del Wod, John Fynay, Peter Kay, William Perkyn, William Aldnlay (or Aldulay). **Vellum:** one skin 11×3 , seal missing. **Notes:** there is round hole an inch in diameter in the centre of the charter; but it in no way affects its purport.
- 56** (1450-1) January 22nd in the 29th year of Henry VI. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Newby, confirming a grant from Joan, who was then recently the wife of John Langwath, to William Adyngham chaplain, of one messuage and two oxgangs, with the appurtenances, in Newby in Cleueland, then formerly in the tenure of William Stokton, who then recently had it from the gift and feoffment of Roger Cotom and Richard Utley of Gysburn in Cleueland; and by the release of Thomas Atkynson next-of-kin and heir of John Langwath formerly her [the grantor's] husband; to hold the said messuage and oxgangs etc, to the aforesaid William his heirs and assigns; holding of the chief lord of that fee by services etc, warranty of title. **Witnesses:** John Laton, Thomas Maltby, Robert Thormondby, Thomas Wharrom, Thomas Stevynson. **Vellum:** one skin $13\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes:** most of the above names refer to places in north Yorkshire, south of the Tees.
- 57** (1456) October 19th in the 35th year of Henry VI. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Gawkethorp, confirming a grant from Nicholas Asahton of Gawkethorp esquire to John Hopton of Armelay esquire, of all his lands and tenements rents and services, with all their appurtenances, in Gawkethorp aforesaid; and also all other lands and tenements etc within the county of York, which he had from the gift and feoffment of Robert Hopton then recently of Armelay aforesaid knight, for the term of his [the grantor's] life; to hold etc to the aforesaid John his heirs and

assigns, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc. **Witnesses:** John Kay of Wodesom, John Wode of Almebery, John Wode of Lepton, Gilbert Rome of Reeston, Laurence Lye of Wyrklay. **Vellum:** one skin $10 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes:** portraits of the Kaye family are yet or were in the 19th century preserved at Woodsome Hall in the parish of Almondbury.

- 58 (1465) **Lease** (Engl) from sir John Sayvile of Thornehill knight to Thomas Gledhill of Barsland his heirs and assigns, of the 'fireme of ye brouke called Barsland brouke' within the townships of Barsland and Staynland and one year; yielding therefor yearly to the said sir John to his heirs and to his assigns vid, at the feast of saint Martin in winter, for all manner of accounts and demands. In wytnes thereof either party had set their seals the vii day of the month of May in the fifth year of the reign of their sovereign King Edward the fourth **Vellum:** one skin indented $11 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes:** the writing is much faded and in places quite illegible; but the date can be read and fortunately it is confirmed by a memorandum endorsed. Barsland is now Barkisland and Stainland adjoins, they lie half way between Huddersfield and Halifax. In 1657 a Free School was founded at Barkisland by Sarah Gledhill.
- 59 (1475) December 10th in the 15th year of Edward IV. **Charter** (Lat) confirming a grant from John Waledale and Agnes his wife to John Austwyk and Joan his wife, of two tenements with two gardens and one acre and three roods of land, with their appurtenances, in le bayl, within the town of Powmfrett and the territory of the same town; to hold the same, to the aforesaid John and Joan Austwyk their heirs and assigns for ever, of the chief lords of that fee, by services etc; warranty of title. **Witnesses:** Stephen More, Thomas Butlar, Richard Whyte, John Pull (or Puller), John Harp (or Harper). **Vellum:** one skin 13×5 , small round seal of red wax in good condition, not armorial.
- 60 (1476) May 27th in the 16th year of Edward IV. **Charter** (Lat), dated at Armelaye, confirming a grant from John Hopton of Armelaye esquire to William Scargill of Thorpe, Roger Hopton of Acworth, John Scargill of Roche esquires and William Tabbote chaplain, of his messuage of Gaukthorpe in the parish of Heton, with all lands and tenements meadows, woods feedings and pastures, to the aforesaid messuage appertaining together with Stages and Arkylcroft, with their appurtenances, also one burgage at Ledes, half an acre of land lying above the Burgh one stable in the market of Ledes; which then recently were of William Norton of Ryalipe and one meadow in Ledes Wodhos called Nether-cromnyllye, which then recently were of William Forster of Buscluthorpe [?], and all his messuages buildings lands and tenements in the town and territory of

Meresfeld, which then recently were of Richard Northorpe of Meresfeld aforesaid; and also one yearly rent of two shillings issuing out of one messuage etc called [*?* Nic]hous in Meresfeld aforesaid; and also one messuage in Meresfeld, which then recently was of Thomas Northorpe; to have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid messuages lands etc, to the aforesaid William, Roger, John and William etc, of the chief lords of those fees, by services etc; and lastly the aforesaid John Hopton esquire attorned and in his place put the chosen in Christ Nicholas Colne chaplain and John Hopton of Acworth jointly or severally, his true attorneys etc. **Witnesses:** John Seyvyll knight, John Seyvyll heir of the aforesaid John Seyvyll knight, master Robert Halle rector of Thornhyll, John Wynter rector of Acworth, Robert Brounflete. **Vellum:** one skin $12 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, seal of red wax obscure. **Notes:** the Savilles were at Thornhill until the civil wars. The name Scargill is almost illegible in the earlier parts of the charter, but towards the end it is clearly written and this applies to other names of persons and places.

- 61 1491 May 10th. Quitclaim (Lat), dated at Hemielay, by John Wodhed son of Henry Wodhed then recently deceased of Meltham to Isabel and Joan, daughters and heirs of Geoffrey Wodhed brother of him [John], and the heirs of their bodies etc; of all estate right and claim which he had etc, of and in one messuage and one oxgang in the town of Meltham, with all their appurtenances, which then recently were of Henry Wodhed [*?* his father]; to hold all the aforesaid messuage etc to the said Isabel and Joan and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, to wit; [torn, discoloured and illegible] Geoffrey Wodhed father of the aforesaid Isabel and Joan made the 20th day of the month of September in the 19th year of King Edward IV [1479]. **Witnesses:** Nycholas Burdhed esquire, Roger of Hudysfeld, Adam (B)eamont. **Vellum:** one skin $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, seal missing. **Notes:** the small round hole and the discolouration, in the centre of this charter, make much of it uncertain; and what the document of 20th September 1479 was, cannot be deciphered. These people of Meltham would be ancestors of Dr Abraham Woodhead, born 1608, author of 'The whole duty of Man'. Both Meltham and Hemielay (now Emlay) are about five miles from Huddersfield.

62 Deed subsequently deposited by T. Walter Hall,
with transcript.
1307/s Ringborough, Par. of Aldborough.