

Dear Mr Garratt,

Many thanks for your enquiry regarding Magdalen College's historic estates in Horsington.

As you already know, the college acquired lands in Horsington in the 1530s. At that time, the college also took possession of the deeds proving its ownership of these lands. These medieval deeds (so-called 'muniments') survive at Magdalen College today, in the [Muniment Tower](#) that was purpose-built in the 1480s to house the title deeds to Magdalen's estates in some 20 English counties. In case it should be of interest, I am going to send you an extract from William Dunn Macray's 19<sup>th</sup>-century catalogue of Magdalen College's muniments. This extract contains typewritten descriptions of all the Horsington deeds stored in Magdalen's Muniment Tower.

In the 1970s, archivist Chris Woolgar compiled a catalogue of all the estate papers of Magdalen College, including manorial court records, circuit accounts, estates correspondence, etc. Ten pages of this catalogue are devoted to describing the records of Magdalen's estates in Horsington. Again, I will send you a PDF scan of the relevant catalogue extract via WeTransfer. These estate records cover the years 1353-1882, so I'm afraid the cut-off point is too early to answer your question regarding the date of sale of Magdalen's historic estates. You might nonetheless find some useful background information in this catalogue extract.

We have a 1901 map in the College Archives, [MP/2/LINCS/13](#), with the college's property in Horsington and Metheringham highlighted. Later handwritten annotations record that some of this property was sold off in 1923 and 1924 (although the purchasers are unrecorded). It seems we can deduce from this map that the college still retained some of its property in Horsington after 1924.

An estates correspondence file transferred from the college Bursary to the Archives in 2000 (accession reference 2000/111/17 no. 3) concerns Horsington-cum-Stixwold. This file reveals that, in May 1946, Magdalen College conveyed to the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Patronage its ancient title to the advowson of Horsington with Stixwold. Furthermore, a letter from the President of Magdalen to the Secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Trust, dated 18 February 1946, shows that by that time Magdalen College no longer had any land in Horsington. The relevant passage reads:

*The College at its Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February resolved to offer to the Diocesan Trust its share in the Advowson of the united benefices of Horsington All Saints, with Stixwold S. Peter, the other moiety of which the Trust already holds alternate presentation. Though the Advowson with land in the district once the possession of President Hygden was bought by the College in 1532 with money left by him, that land has since been sold and the College has no longer any interest in the district.*

Prior to selling its share in the advowson of Horsington with Stixwold in 1946, it seems the College sold the glebe there in 1931, to Messrs J T and H C Eley. This from a letter of 1 April 1931, from the Estates Bursar of Magdalen College to the Lincoln Diocesan Registry:

*Horsington with Stixwold U.B. Sale by Glebe. I return herewith Conveyance in respect of the sale to Messrs J T and H C Eley, duly sealed by the College and attested.*

So, it seems the Magdalen lands in Horsington that were not sold off in 1923-4 were sold in 1931, and Magdalen only retained its share in the advowson after that, until dispensing with that too in 1946.

I do hope this information proves useful to you.

Best wishes,

Emily

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1113  
1114  
1115

[1113] In prima quadraginta post consecratione  
facta inter Dom. Hen. Reg. Angl. et Dom. Ludovic. primo-  
genitum Reg. Francie.

Agreement between Will. de Milley, the holder of one  
moiety of the Ch. of Horsington and Henry de Belasy, the  
claimant of the same moiety. That the former will pay to

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the latter, so \_\_\_\_\_ remains in a secular habit, half  
a mark yearly for the term of years; but that if the said

**Ninety-seven deeds**

**& papers**

(besides some that are  
missing.)

Henry de Belasy, the son of Linc. to the possession  
of the moiety. He will pay the half-mark as a pension;  
and this agreement William binds himself by oath  
to observe in the presence of Sir R. abbot of Grines[e]  
and Master S. de Beardsluge, canon of Lincoln, who have  
been chosen as arbitrators.

W: Walter de Belasy & William de Belasy, Walter de  
Hambrothorp, Alan de Bossi,

Very small fragment of seal.

Horsing-  
ton 23

1218

[Lent] "in proxime quadragesima post concordiam factam inter Dom. Hen. Reg. Angl. et Dom. Lodovic. primogenitum Reg. Francia."

Agreement between Will. de Milley, the holder of one moiety of the Ch. of Horsintune and Henry de Belesby, the claimant of the other moiety, that the former will pay to the latter, so long as he remains in a secular habit, half a mark yearly, for the sake of peace; but that if the said Henry be admitted by the bp. of Linc. to the possession of the moiety, then he will pay the half-mark as a pension; and this agreement the said William binds himself by oath to observe in the presence of sir R abbot of Grimesb[e] and master G. de Scardeburge, canon of Lincoln, who have been chosen as arbitrators.

W: Walter de Belesby & William de Belesby, Walter de Maubertorp, Alan de Besebi.

Very small fragment of seal.

Horsing-  
ton 45

1219

"ad Pascha" (7 Apr.)

Lease (chirograph, not indenture) from Walter de Belesby to the convent of Stikeswald, of all his meadow "super durum pratum" of Horsingtone, viz. nine "hastas" between the meadow of the nuns ("sanctimomalium") & that of Beneland, 19 "hastas" between the meadow of Rich. de Millei and Eudo Bond, 7 "hastas" between the meadow of the nuns and 14 "hastas" in Stodfalddaile, between the meadow of Thor. de Wincebi and that of Wimerc Coterel; to hold for the term of 4 years until they have received 4 crops, paying down three marks at the making this agreement; and because they do not in this year receive the crop from Stodfalddaile, therefore they are to receive one from thence after the completion of the said term and the said Walter has pledged his faith to the said agreement in the hand of G. Canon of Stikeswald.

W: Robert son of Hervey of Horsingtone, John his brother, Thor. de Wincebi, Thor.[ald] the clerk of Horsingtone, Geoffrey the nephew of Gimpa ("nepotis Gimpe") of Stikeswald  
Seal lost.

Horsing-  
ton 36

[c. 1220]

Grant from William de Horsingt[on] to William son of John his nephew ("filio Joh'is nepotis mī filiolo mō"?), and his heirs in Henges of two sellions in the territory of Horsingt[on], on the west of that valley ("ejusdem valle"), viz. one near the land of Merewen the widow "ad cartagatam", & the other "ad Milne am briggam", near the land of Torald the clerk.

W: Hervey of Horsingt[on], Robert and Martin his sons, Alan de Mart' Osbert de Oxcum, Stephen his son, Torald of Wincet. Rich. de Milley, Torald the clerk.

Round green seal; a bird with a hooked beak "Sigillum Wilelmi de Rosingtun"  
(sic)

Horsing-  
ton 53

[c. 1220-  
30?]

Grant from William de Horsyngton to Ivo and Augustine his brothers of that toft and croft in Horsyngtone which were Lefthaus ("que fuerunt Lefthaus") and that half-oxgang of land which was Robert's, son of Deche, with all appurtenances excepting the toft which was the said Robert's, which the grantor retains in his own hand; paying an annual quit-rent of 1 lb. of pepper.

W: ("Testimon") Hameline, Dane and Hervi my brother (sic) Rob. de Fontenea, Will. Tuschet, Toruld son of Toruld, Hubert (or Herbert, "Hbert") son of Thomas, Matthew son of Will. de Dalbé, Gilbert son of Robert.

Never sealed, but with the strip of parchment dependent which is usually attached to receipts. Apparently a transcript (qu. an incorrect one?) made at the end of the 14.<sup>th</sup> cent.)

Horsing-  
ton 33

[c. 1220-30]

Grant and quit-claim from Alice daughter of Ralph de Sautebi to William de Belesby of one dail ("dailam") of meadow above Harthent, containing 12 perches and belonging to his fee.

W: Ralph de Barcheuurt, Philip de Milay, Geoffrey de Milay, Helis de Vadieuurt, Thomas "Toma" f. Toraudi", Roger son of Hervi, Roger son of Therinst (sic, as it certainly seems), Henry son of Robert, Walter Coterel, Richard de Milay, "teste meipso" Henry the clerk [of] Delesby.

Seal lost.

Walter Cotzrell, Thomas son of Torald, Roger de Danderby, clerk.

Round white seal "Sig.... ri filii Joh'ia".

47 Counter-part of the shirograph.

Round brown seal. Two birds. "Sigilli Walteri Belesbi."

Horsing-  
ton 44  
[and 47]  
[1220-30]

Attornment (chirograph) by Walter de Belesby of a rent of 2/ which Roger son of John de Horsingt[on] pays him annually for the land which he holds of him in Horsingt[on], to the abbot and convent of K[ir]kestede, in the place of the 2/ which he owes them annually for the site of a mill "super Bemam" in the territory of Askeby, until the mill shall be built; & then the said rent to return to him & his heirs.

W: Richard de Rowell, dean of Horneton ("dec. Hornet"), Richard de Bardene, clerk, Robert the chaplain of Cuningsbe, Walter Coterell, Thomas son of Torald, Roger de Danderby, clerk.

Round white seal "Sig.... ri filii Joh'is".

47 Counter-part of the chirograph.

Round brown seal. Two birds. "Sigill' Walteri Belesbi."



Horsing-  
ton 35

20 Dec.  
1224

"in vig. b. Tho. apost."

Lease (indented) from Walter de Belesbi to the master and convent of Stikeswald of his whole meadow above the meadow of Horsingt[on] and his meadow called Holingheng, to hold for 13 years until they have received 13 crops; and from Stodefaldedali they shall have the fourth ("quartam", qu. "quantam"? ~~after~~) tenth; for the sum of 3 marks paid down; and if the value of the crops sh.<sup>d</sup> exceed this sum, the lessor bestows the excess as a gift to the convent.

W: R. Chaplain of Stikeswald, H. de Banib<sup>u</sup>, clerk (Banbury?)  
Walter Coterel of Horsington, Thorald the clerk of Horsington, Thomas his son, Geoffrey de Milley.  
Seal lost.

Horsing-  
ton 31

This Will. was Earl of Essex, 1219-27 & Rich. bp. of  
Sarum, 1218-28.

[c. 1225]

Grant & release from Will. de Mandeville, Earl of  
Essex to Walter de Belesbi of all his right in a moiety of  
the church of Horsington, which moiety the said Walter had  
given to Geoffrey son of Peter, father of the said William.  
W: Richard [Poore] bp. of Salisbury, John Bonet sheriff of  
Lincoln, Ralph de Barcwurthe, Roger de Stikeswald, William  
de Baiuss, Alan de Treantone, Rob. de Anforde.

Seal lost.

Horsing-  
ton 39

[c. 1225-  
30]

Grant from Henry son of Robert de Horsingtone to William the son of his lord, William de Belesby, knt., of one acre of arable land in the territory of Horsingtone, on the east side of the village, viz that acre, called Swafaker, which he held of his lord the father of the said William.

W: sir William de Belesby, Yvo rector of the Ch. of Horsingtone, Andrew his brother, Simon Wachet, Hamo son of John, Robert Felaye.

Seal lost.

Horsing-  
ton 34

[c. 1225-  
30]

Grant from Michael son of Hugh Franku to William son of William the knight of Belesby of half an oxgang of land in the territory of Horsington, in consid.<sup>n</sup> of the receipt of one load ("summa") of corn annually during his life, viz. one half at Christmas & the other at Easter.

W: Hivo, parson of the Ch. of the said village, Walter Choterel, Thomas son of Torad, Henry son of Maud.

Fragment of white seal.

Horsing-  
ton 40

[c. 1230  
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Grant from William son of Alan de Horsingtune, with the consent of his wife, Beatrice, to Robert Westreis of all that toft in Horsingtune which was Robert's the son of Sec, together with the daughter of the said Rob. Sec, and also three sellions in the territory of Horsingtun on the east side of the village, viz. one between the lands of the nuns of Stikeswald beneath the .... of Eudo Bond, another above Sudheberg, lying between the land of Walter son of Godric and that of William the priest, & the third in Cistunlicha between the land which was Wlger's and "honelandum" of Launneland; and on the west side of the hou village five sellions, of which one lies on the north part of Hala between the land which was Joseph's & that which was Wlger's, another between the land of Wlger & that wh. was Alan Blund's, abutting upon Halddegate; two sellions below the court-yard of Hervey the grantor's brother & abutting on the land of the nuns of Stikeswald; & one on the north part of Grenegate, between the land of Thorald the clerk & that of Rich. de Millei; and one half-acre of meadow in Herlotstig; paying only ("tantum") an annual quit-rent of two shillings.

W: Hervey parson of Horsington, Robert, Martin & John his  
 sons, Thorald the clerk, Thorald de Winceb, Rich. de  
 Miller, Austin brother of William, William Cottrel, Benedict  
 No seal ever attached.

Horsing-  
ton 46

[c. 1230  
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Grant & quit-claim from Hamund son of John de Horsing-  
tone to sir William de Beleby his lord, of 5 perches of  
wood which sir William de Horsingtone, the uncle of the  
said Hamund's father gave to his father, lying on the west  
side of the park of the said sir William, "propinquius excep-  
tis quinque perticatis que sunt sanctimonialium de Stikes-  
wald".

W: Walter Koterel, Thomas son of Thorald de Horsingtone,  
Henry of the same, Philip son of Robert de Kel, Ivo rector  
of the Ch. of Horsingtone.

Round green seal; inscr. broken "Sigill .....annis".

Horsing-  
ton 37

[c. 1230-  
40]

quit-claim from Amabilia the daughter of Will. de Belesby to her father of all her right in his tenement in the village of Horsingt[on] in exchange for the land of Stikeford.

W: master Richard, parson of Belesby, Alan de Beseby, Henry de Castre, Ralph de Beseby, Hamo de Belesby.

Seal lost.

W: sir Roger de Lyncestre, shep. of the bp. of Linc., master R. de Sadeby, official, benedict, rector of the ch. of Silestons, Thomas de Gardul, clerks of the bp., Will. de Milley parson of Breton, G. parson of Yerdeby, R. rector of the ch. of Swalton, sir Ralph, kn., of Marcheworthe, Hamo and Will. de Hedeolive, brothers.

Seal lost.



Horsing-  
ton 21

22 Nov.  
1235

"in die B. Cecilie virg." At Stanford, in the  
monastery of the monks of S.<sup>t</sup> Michael.

Agreement made (in the presence of R [Groteste]  
bp. of Lincoln between Philip de Millay and Will. de  
Belesby, patrons of the Church of Horsington, a law-suit  
having arisen between them about the advowson, that they  
shall in future severally save the alternate presentation,  
the clerk of Philip de Millay being now presented for the  
first turn.

W: sir Roger de Leycestre, chapl. of the bp. of Linc.,  
master R. de Cadeneye, official, Benedict, rector of the Ch.  
of Slaustone, Thomas de Cardul, clerks of the bp., Will.  
de Millay parson of Bredone, G. parson of Yrreby, H. rector  
of the Ch. of Swalewe, sir Ralph, knt., of Barcheworthe,  
Hamo and Will. de Hadeolive, brothers.

Seal lost.

Horsing-  
ton 22

"in die S. Cecillie V."

22 Nov.  
1235

Another copy of the preceding agreement, executed at the same time, and slightly differing in phraseology; specifying that the Ch. is too poorly endowed to allow of division, and that Roger de Milley, the clerk of Philip de Milley, is the person now presented.

W: the same, except that "sir Richard" is added to "sir Roger" as chaplains of the bp., and that G. de Belesby is substituted for the last three W:

Round green seal; a fleur-de-lis "Sigill' Philippi de Milay".

Horsing-  
ton 41

[c. 1240-  
1250-60?]

Grant from Henry son of Robert de Horsentone to William son of William de Belesby, knt., of 4 sellions in the territory of Horsentone; viz three on the east side of the village, above Suthberew, between the land of the said William & that of the prioress of Stikeswold & abutting on the boundary of Edellentone, and one on the west of the villege between the land of the said prioress & that of Alan Bonde, and abutting upon Suthbecke.

W: Henry de Hallestede, Robert de Barerwe, knts, Roger de Millay rector of Horsentone, Hemo son of John of the same, Pilip (sic) Le Long of Emmiggeby, Rich. le Marescall of Belesby, Geoffrey de Ireby, clerk.

Oval green seal; "S' Henrici fi Rob'ti".

Horsing-  
ton 50

[c. 1240-  
50]

Another copy, as it appears, of the preceding deed, N<sup>o</sup> 41, never sealed; in which the three sellions are described as abutting on the boundary of "Polum" instead of "Edellentone", & R. de Millay & R. le Marescall are omitted amongst the W:

Horsing-  
ton 43

[c. 1250-60?]

Bond from Henry son of Abraham de Horsington to his lord, sir Will. de Belesby in 100 shillings, that he will not, without his leave, alienate to religions, or to Jews, or to any others, the toft with the house built thereon which he has by the gift of his father Abraham & the consent of his brother Thomas; granting also that if in any way he transgresses herein, the said lord may re-enter.

W: sir Rob. de Barkewor<sup>e</sup>, sir Hugh de Panton, Theobald de Hallestedde, sir Roger de Milley, rector of the Ch. of Horsington, Henry West of Horsington, Robert son of the parson, of the same.

Seal lost; linen case remaining.

W: sir Isambard de Wodehulle, sir Rob. de Polun, Knt., etc.

Horsington

54

24 Feb.

1257

"die S. Mathie apost."

Transcript made in the 14<sup>th</sup> cent. of a grant from Henry son of Robert de Horsyngtone to God & the Ch. of S.<sup>t</sup> Mary & the monks of Kirkested of one dail of meadow called Smythebitedaile, lying in the meadows of Horsyngtone, between the meadow which was formerly Walter Koterel's & the meadow of Roger Glen (?) abutting northward on Hardenge and southward upon the meadow of Stikeswold called Nordfen; and another dail of meadow in Greneholme, between the meadow of the monks of Stikeswald & that of master Robert Miley, abutting northwards upon Koterelbuskes & southwards on the field of Hallestede. And he specially makes this gift to the gate [-alms] for the use of the poor who come thither.

W: sir Amand de Wodehelle, sir Rob. de Polun, knts., etc.

Horsington  
100

[1257 ]

Transcript, made in the 14<sup>th</sup> cent., of a grant from Philip son of Renulph Miley of Tatwelle to God & the Ch. of the B. Mary and the monks of Kirkestede of two "dayles" of meadow in the meadow of Horsyngtone; confirming the preceding grant from Henry son of Robert de Horsingtone. W: sir Amend de Woddehale, sir Rob. de Polun, knts., Symon the chamberlain of Edlyngtone, Stephen de Raund, Hugh de Helleuelle, Fulk de Lysure, Geoffrey Wytelyn of Horncastle. At the foot is written "an<sup>o</sup> X. Ric. Regis, secundo die Februsrii", but this cannot be intended for the date of the deed, as the preceding one which it concerns, is already dated "M<sup>o</sup> CC. LVII<sup>o</sup>."

Horsington  
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[c. 1260-  
70]

Grant from Martin de Eylemere and Cecily his wife to  
sir William son of William de Belesby, of a messuage with  
a croft in the village of Horsingtone, which they had by  
the gift of Richard son of Henry de Horsingtone.

W: sir John le Chaumberlayne, sir Teobald de Hallestede,  
Aluered de la Woddehalle, Robert de Barkeworth, junior,  
William son of Barthol. de Thymelby, Rich. Kyng of Edlyng-  
tone, Robert son of the parson of Horsingtone, Adam Malet  
of Horneceastre, John son of Hamo of Horsingtone, Robert  
Richard of the same, Geoffrey Malet of Irreby.

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Seals lost.

11 Nov.  
1275

Indenture of sale by sir Will. de Belesby to Walter  
parent of Rishewold, Bish. de Polun & Will. Howard (or  
Howard) of the adv. ("rectory") of Belesbyperke in the  
field of Horsingtone, viz. one acre for 3/4, "et alia  
sequentes usque ad terminum ad finem ad istum saymum  
orientem" &c.

W: Hen. West of Horsingtone, Richard of the same, Robert son  
of the Dean ("Rector") of the same.

Seal lost.



Horsington  
58 (1)

52 Hen. III. At Notyngham.

25 Aug.  
1268

Copy on paper, made in 15<sup>th</sup> cent. of a grant of free Warren from K. Henry III. to Will. de Belesby, at the instance of John de la Wynd, within the demesnes of his territory of Belesby, Chorghranby and Horsyngton.

[See under 1281].

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"ad f. b. Martini".

11 Nov.  
1275

Indenture of sale by sir Will. de Belesby to Walter Durant of Sticleswold, Rich. de Polum & Will. Howed (or Hewed) of the crop ("vesturam") of Belesbyperke in the field of Horsintone, viz. one acre for 8/, "et alias sequentes usque ad terram cadentem del Foly ad istam saysinam eadentem" &c.

W: Hen. West of Horsintone, Hamund of the same, Robert son of the Dean ("decani") of the same.

Seal lost.

Horsington  
18

"die Doin. 20. p. 7. Oct. 53." BY Dno. fil. Hen.

At Horsyngton.

Horsington  
58(2)

"in Oct. S. Trin." at Lincoln. sent. of a grant from

15 (?) June  
1281

Phil Copy, on paper, made in the 15<sup>th</sup> cent., of a "Quo

Warranto" for the claim of Will. de Belesby to have free

Warren within his territory in Horsyngtone, Belesbi and

Chorgranby, to which he proved his right by exhibiting a

grant of 25 Aug. 52 Hen. III. by de Wille, then pastor of

the ch. of Horsyngton, sir Rob. Iskerth, knight, Rob. de

Costfeld, Rob. de Bory (v) of Lincoln, Rob. Wylpette of the

same, Will. de Horaby, Richard the clerk of Lincoln.

Horsington  
18

"die Domin. pr. p. f. Omn. SS." 27 Edw. fil. Hen.

At Horsyngtone. *Alice formerly the wife of William de*

8 Nov.  
1299

*de* Copy on paper, made in the 15<sup>th</sup> cent., of a grant from Philip de Lyndessey, knt., & lord of Wykyngby, to John le Blake, citizen of Lincoln, and Alice his wife, of his manor of Horsyngtone called Dunhalle, which he had by gift of Stephen de Stanham of Lincoln. *was the land of the Hall.*

W: Stephen de Stanham, sir Roger de Mille, then rector of the Ch. of Horsyngtone, sir Rob. Bekwyth, knt., Rob. de Godfeld, Rob. de Bery (?) of Lincoln, Rob. Wylpotts of the same, Will. de Hornby, Richard the clerk of Lincoln.

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*Account of John de Hottestone, Sheriff of sir Will.*

1299-4

*de Belesby, for his manor of Horsington from Rich. 27 Edw. III to 1 March following.*

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"die Domin. pr. p. f. Apostt. Phil. & Jac."

7 May  
1318

Lease from Alice formerly the wife of William de Belesby, knt., for the term of her life, to Robert Halyman of Horsyngton and Alice his wife of a toft with a house thereon in Horsyngton, between the toft of Rob. Halyman & that of John son of Robert, abutting at the north end on the King's highway & at the South upon the land of the Hall ("terram Aula"); paying an annual rent of 2/.

NO W:

Seal lost.

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Account of John de Stottestone, bailiff of sir Will. de Belesby, for his manor of Horsington from Mich. 27 Edw. III to 2 March following.

1353-4

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36 Edw. III. At Louth.

18 May  
1362

Lease from Gilbert del Fen of Great Carlstone to John de Raytheby of all his lands & tenements in Horsyngtone, excepting one acre & a half of wood; to hold for the term of his life, paying annually for the first ten years one grain of pepper, and for the remainder of the term 100 shillings yearly; and if the said John die within the ten years, then his heirs or executors shall hold the property until the ten years be completed.

W: Adam de Wodethorpe, Alan de Raytheby, Thomas de Wytherne-  
wyk, Peter de Belesby, Rich. de Totel.

Round white seal of arms, almost effaced.

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28

"die sabb. pr. p. f. S. Mich." 36 Edw. III. At

Lincoln.

1 Oct.  
1362

Power of attorney from Gilbert del Fen of Great Carle-  
tone to Rob. de Beseby, parson of Horsyngtone, & Will.  
Vyncent of Waltham, and Walter Plowme of Belesby, to give  
seisin of one acre & a half of wood & of all the lands &c.  
in Horsyngton to Will. de Belesby, knt., according to the  
terms of the deed made thereupon, [and dated the next day:  
N<sup>o</sup> 27].

No W:

Seal of the "milites Cristi" as on N<sup>o</sup> 26.

Horsington  
27

"die Domin. pr. p. f. S. Mich." At Horsyngtone.

2 Oct.  
1362

Grant from Gilbert del Fen of Great Carletone to Will. de Belesby, knt. of one acre & a half of wood, with all the ground of the wood, in Horsyngtone, together with the reversion of all the lands, &c. which John de Raytheby holds for the term of his life in Horsyngtone by demise from the said Gilbert.

W: Will. de Barkeworthe, Rob. de Godesfeld, Robert de Beseby parson of Horsyngtone, John de Wodethorpe of the same, chaplain, John son of Alan of the same, Hervic de Raytheby of the same.

White seal, effaced.

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"die Domin" &c.

2 Oct.  
1362

Grant from Gilbert del Fen to Will. de Belesby of the same property & to the same effect as the preceding grant (N<sup>o</sup> 27) of the same date, differing only in these terms, that instead of granting the reversion of the lands held by John de Raytheby, it grants the lands & tenements held by him under demise for a term of years.

W: the same.

Red seal; the two knights, "milites Christi" as on the next deed.



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"die dom. pr. p. f. S. Mich." 36 Edw. III. At

Horsyngtone.

2 Oct.  
1362

Assignment by Gilbert del Fen of Great Carletone to William de Belesby, knt., of the whole rent (of one pepper-corn & of 100/) reserved in the preceding lease (N<sup>o</sup> 25) of his lands &c. in Horsyngtone to John de Raytheby. W: Robert, parson of Horsyngtone, John de Wodethorpe of the same, chaplain, H... (?) de Raytheby of the same. Round light-red seal, curious: Two knights on horseback with shields & lances "Milites Cristi." de Belesby, now living, who upon the death of his father & mother, being of full age, entered into the said manor & was seized of it until it was taken into the King's hand by reason of the minority of Robert son of John de Gryssely, who has no right in the said manor.

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"die Martis pr. ante f. Nat. S. Jo. Bapt." 46 Edw.

22 June  
1372

III. Copy (contemporaneous) of an inquisition taken at Bolingbroke respecting the descent of the manor of Horsington, in which it is found that Will. de Belesby knt. gave the manor to John rector of Beseby & John de Lesingham chapl. of the lady John Beek, who then by deed &c., dated 15 June, 1358 ("sab. pr. post f. S. Barn." 12 Edw. III reconveyed it to him & his wife Joan, da. of Will. Fraunks, knt. & their heirs; they had issue Will. de Belesby, now living, who upon the death of his father & mother, being of full age, entered into the said manor & was seised of it until it was taken into the King's hand by reason of the minority of Robert son of John de Grymesly, who has no right in the said manor.

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20 Jan.

1391

No W:

Seal lost.

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[1372]

Writ from T. de Fulnetby, sheriff of Lincoln, to the  
 bailliff of Gartre, to summon 24 men of the View of  
 Horsyngton to appear before Thos. de Ingelby and John de  
 Cavendisshe, the King's Justices, at the assizes at  
 Lincoln on the Thursday after the f. of S.<sup>t</sup> Margaret next  
 (20 July), to enquire whether John son of Peter de Grymesby  
 & Robert his son, and Rich. Bray have unjustly disseised  
 Will. de Belesby of his free tenement in Horsyngtone.

Horsington

Horsington

11

20 Jan.

1391

15 Rich. II. (1. c. 22 June-20 Sept. 1399).

15 Rich. II. At Belesby. money received from the

Lease from William de Belesby, knt. to Walter de  
 Merstone, and to Robert de Merstone and John de Merstone,  
 his sons, of 5 perches of marsh-land lying lengthways from  
 the water of Wythum to le Bothe of Will. Darell, knt., and  
 between the land of the abbey of Bardenaye and that of the  
 lady le Tredet; to hold for the life of the longest liver  
 at an annual rent of 4/.

No W:

Seal lost.

Horsington  
99

(June 1395-June 1396) 19 Rich. II.

1395-6

Account of receipts by John Carter of Horsingtone at the manor of Will. de Belesby, knt., in Horsington, from the west side of the village.

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23 Rich. II (i.e. 22 June-29 Sept. 1399).

1399

Account of certain sums of money received from the lands and tenements of sir Will. de Belesby, knt., in Horsyngtone, on the west side of the village, 23 Rich. II.

Horsington

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6 Jan.

1409

"in f. Epiph." 10 Hen. IV.

Condition of a bond for £100 from Rob. Couke of  
 Conyngesby and John de Cotes of the same to Will. de Belesby,  
 chevalier, viz. that they duly pay to the said Will. by 3  
 instalments the sum of 100 marks which they have agreed to  
 give for the whole of the wood in the said William's park  
 at Horsyngetone, cutting it down & carrying it away between  
 1 May last past, & 7 July, 1410, & shall give up the park  
 at the end of the time duly enclosed with sufficient  
 hedges, then the said bond shall be null & void.

No W:

Seal lost.

Horsington  
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"in f. S. Fidis" 11 Hen. IV. At Conyngesby.

6 Oct.  
1409

Acknowledgment by Will. Belesby, knt. of the receipt from Rob. Cooke of Conyngesby & John Cotes of the same of 50 marks in part payment of 100 marks for his wood of Horsington called le Parke.

Seal lost.

No V:

Two seals, red, almost entirely effaced.

Horsington

20

20 Jan.

1413

14 Hen. IV. At Belesby.

Indenture of a deed of sale by William de Belesby, knt., to John de Cotes of Conyngesby and Henry Chapman of the same, of all the trees with the underwood, thorns, &c. growing on a piece of land in Horsyngtone in the pasture called Ox pasture, between the park of the said William and the land of Rob. de Rathby, together with a range of trees extending in a direct line through the park towards the south, for the sum of 24 marks, to be paid at the manor of Belesby in two instalments; the trees to be cut & removed between the feasts of the Purif. & of S.<sup>t</sup> Michael next ensuing.

No W:

Two seals, red, almost entirely effaced.

Horsington

32

8 Sept.  
1413

"in f. Nativ. B.M.V." 1 Hen. V. At Grymesby.

Lease from Will. Belesby, knt., of Belesby to Will Bellers, (?Sellers see Stubbs' Registrum) "episc. Soltoniensem" and suffragan of Philip, bp. of Lincoln, of two acres of arable land of the glebe of the parish church of Horsyngtone and pertaining to the demesne of the said Will.

Belesby in Horsyngtone, together with the advowson of the said Church on its next vacancy, to hold for the term of 10 years at an annual rent of 2.<sup>d</sup>

No W:

Oval red seal; a bearded old man under a canopy; beneath, the bp. with pastoral staff. "Sigi..... Ma.....by".  
(tinis?)

Small white seal, affixed.



Horsington  
19

"in f. Omn. SS." At Belesby.

1 Nov.  
1413

Lease from Will. de Belesby, knt., to John Campenay, junior, of Horsygtone, of a messuage in Horsygtone, viz. a toft and a croft which Will. de Langtone formerly held, to hold for the term of his natural life, paying annually 30 shillings, and also paying annually 12<sup>d</sup>. to John de Themulby for the rent due to him; and the said John shall cut thorns and boughs for his use in two copses ("virgultis") in Westwod belonging to the said mess, of which one lies between the copses of John de Themulby and of John de Beseby, & the other between the copse of the Prioress & convent of Stixwold & that of the said John de Beseby.

No W:

Small white seal, effaced.

Horsington

49 [ms. 85]

25 June

1428

6 Hen. [VI.] At Ipswich.

"Venire facias" to the sheriff of Lincoln for a jury of 12 knights & freemen of the View of Horsyngtone, every one having at least 100/ yearly income in lands, & not being related to Henry Wryght of Stykeswold or to Will. de Belesby, to try at Westm. whether the said Henry & all those whose interest he possesses in a messuage & 40 acres at Stykeswold, have, as appurtenant to it, common of pasture in Horsyngtone, called Corneholme, the said William having seized therein 8 horses belonging to the said Henry.

Small seal, with a merchant's mark.

55 Draft on paper of this issue.

Horsington  
38 [and 56]

7 Hen. VI. At Irenham.

1 March  
1429

Lease from Godfrey Hilton, knt., to Thomas Archer, of the manor of Horsyngton called Belesby manor, excepting the wood belonging to the same and all wards, maritages, reliefs & escheats, to hold until Thomas son & heir of Thomas Belesby, knt., come of full age, paying annually to the said Godfrey, at Noktone, eight marks; and the said Thomas shall keep in repair a house called le Shippone, & shall have licence to cut thorns & wood in the meadow called le Hardeing.

No W:

Small seal, with a merchant's mark.

Horsington  
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"Thursday next after XII day" 18 Hen. VI.

7 Jan.  
1438

56 Draft on paper of this lease.

(in English) from sir John Pygot, knt. to Thos. Case, baron of Horsyngton, John Gedney, John Tonsone, John Askeby, Thomas Garter, Thomas Archer, younger, & John Jakbone, of the site of his manor in Horsyngton; with all lands and appurtenances except the woods, for six years from the feast of "Yois" last past, at an annual rent of eight marks.

Horsington

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[14.. ?]

Draught, on paper, of a lease from sir Geoffrey de Hyltone, knt. and lord of Yrneham to T[homas] A[rcher] of his demesne of Horsyngtone; with a warranty against the King as Duke of Lancaster &, so, heir of the demesne of Belysby; if the meadow be at any time wasted by water, there a reasonable allowance to be made for it; the said T.A. to be bound to maintain no house on the demesne except that called Schyppen in le Hall garthe.

Horsington

112

9 Jan.

1438

"Thorsday next after XII day" 16 Hen. VI.

Copy, on parchment, of a lease (in English) from sir John Pygot, knt., to Thos. Case, parson of Horsyngtone, John Gedney, John Tomsone, John Askeby, Thomas Carter, Thomas Archer, younger, & John Jaksone, of the site of his manor in Horsyngtone, with all lands and appurtenances except the woods, for six years from the feast of "Yole" last past, at an annual rent of eight marks.

Horsington  
111

38 Hen. VI.

2 May  
1460

Copy, on paper, of a Court-Roll of the manor of  
Horsington at a Court held by Thomas, lord Roos, Rich.  
Welles, lord de Willoughby, Randolf lord Ley (sic) Dacre, &  
others, as feoffees of Elizabeth Pygot. Injured by damp.  
Extracts from Court-Rolls of 39 Hen. VI & 1. Edw. IV.  
are added (1461).

Horsington  
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Account of John Jacsone, bailiff of the manor of

1464-5

Horsingtone, from Mich. 4 Edw. IV to Mich. 5 Edw. IV.  
On paper.

Horsington  
110

"die Jovis in Sept. Pentec." 14 Hen. VIII. At

Sleford.

12 June  
1522

Inquisition post mortem of the manors &c. held by Richard Thymelby & his wife Elizabeth, da. & heiress of Godfrey Hylton, in whose right the said Richard had the manor of Irnham.

Four folio paper leaves, half destroyed by damp.

Horsington  
17

20 Hen. VIII.

2 Apr.  
1529

Power of attorney from John Higdon, S.T.P. to Rob. Hoolle and Rich. Skrivem, clerks, to receive seisin from John Thymbilby, knt., of the manor of Horssingtone, with the advowson of the church.

Small seal with initials.

Horsington  
5

21 Hen. VIII.

26 June  
1529

Bond from sir John Husey, knt., & sir Will. Ascue, knt.,  
to John Higdon, clerk, in £300, for the due conveyance to  
the said Higdon before 11<sup>th</sup> July next by Richard Thymelbe  
son & heir apparent of sir John Thymelbe, knt., of the  
manor of Horsyngtone with the advowson, or else for the re-  
payment of £220 which the said Higdon has paid to the said  
sir John Thymelbe and Richard for the same.  
Signed by the bondsmen; two small seals.

Signed by both the sellers.

Two small seals. Attached is a bond in £300, also signed  
by them, for the performance of the covenants.

Horsington  
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21 Hen. VIII.

2 July  
1529

Indenture of sale by John Thymelby of Irenem, knt., and Richard Thymelby, his son & heir apparent, to John Hygdone of Oxford, clerk, for the sum of 4 marks beforehand and £220 paid at the sealing, of the manor of Horsyngtone, with the advowson of the Church when it shall come to his turn to present, & all the appurtenances in Horsyngtone & Harebowth & all evidences & muniments concerning the same in their possession.

Signed by both the sellers.

Two small seals. Attached is a bond in £300, also signed by them, for the performance of the covenants.

Horsington  
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2 July  
1529

Power of attorney from John Hygdon (signed by him) to Rich. Scrobyn, his clerk, to act for him in the sealing & delivery of an indenture of the same date between him and John Thymelby, knt., & Rich. Thymelby, his son, and of certain other deeds, concerning the manor of Horsyngtone. Small seal with initials.



Horsington  
10

21 Hen. VIII.

2 July  
1529

Acknowledgment by John Thimelby, of Irename, Linc.,  
knt. of the receipt this day at the sealing of a pair of  
indentures of the sum of £220 from John Higdon, clerk.  
Signed by Thimelby.

Small seal: a sort of crown, like a crest.

Horsington  
14

21 Hen. VIII.

2 July  
1529

Power of attorney from John Higdon (signed by him) to  
Rich. Screvyn, his clerk, to act for him in the sealing  
& delivery of an indenture of the same date between him and  
John Thymbilby, knt., & Rich. Thymbilby, his son, and of  
certain other deeds, concerning the manor of Horsyngtone.  
Small seal with initials.

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21 Hen. VIII.

12 July

1529

Exemplification of a recovery in Trin. term in the same year by John Higdon, Rich. Scryvene, & Rob. Hole, clerks, and William Hygdone against John Thymelby, knt. and Margaret his wife of the manor of Horssyngtone, with 4 messuages, ten tofts, 300 (sic; 13 in 1530) acres of [arable] land, 100 acres of meadow, 800 (sic; "oetingentas"; 80 in deed of 10 July 1530) acres of pasture, 60 acres of wood, 100 acres of moor, 100 acres of marsh, & 10/ of annual rent. Round green seal: "Sigillum pro brevibus coram justiciariis".

Horsington

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22 Hen. VIII.

10 July

1530

56

Released from John Thymelby, knt. and Rich. Thymelby (signed by them) to Rich. Scryven, Rob. Hole and Will.

Horsington

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"in oct. S. Mich." 21 Hen. VIII.

7 Sept.

1529

Fine before the Judges at Westm. by which John Thimelby knt., Margaret his wife, & Rich. his son, release to John Hygdon, Rich. Scryvene, Rob. Hole and Will. Hygdon, the manor of Horssyngtone, &c. for the sum of £160.  
Two small seals, 1. a kind of crown; 2. a star.

13 Another copy of the same.

Horsington  
97

21 Hen. VIII.

22 Sept.  
1529

Bond from Ellen Key, the prioress, and the monastery of Stykeswold to Magd. Coll. in £100 for the performance of the covenants in a pair of indentures of the same date. Seal lost.

Horsington  
15

22 Hen. VIII.

10 July  
1530

Release from John Thymelby, knt. and Rich. Thymelby (signed by them) to Rich. Soryven, Rob. Hole and Will. Hygdon, of all their right in 4 messuages, 10 woods (sic, (sic; qu. 300?) (boxis", qu. "toftis".) 13 acres of [arable] land 80 (sic. "octogenta") acres of pasture, 100 of moor, 100 of marsh, 60 of wood, & 10/ of annual rent. No W: Two small seals, 1. a kind of crown; 2. a star.

Horsington

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22 Hen. VIII.

20 Sept.  
1530

Demise from Rich. Scryven & Rob. Hole, clerks, and Will. Hygdon, yeoman, at the instance of John Higdon, to Magd. Coll. of the manor of Horsington; appointing John Robyson of Buckynhaylle, clerk, Thos. Hewytson of Kyrksted, literate, & John Wryghte, clerk, their attorneys to give seisin.

Three small seals. Signed by the grantors.

Small seal with initials.

1d. Counterpart, also signed and sealed by Higdon.

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22 Hen. VIII.

30 Sept.  
1530

Power of attorney from the Pres. (Thos. Knolles) and Scholars of Magd. Coll. to John Robynson of Bukynghaylle, clerk, Thomas Kewitsone of Kyrksted, literate, and Will. Wright, husbandman, to receive seisin from master John Higdone of all his lands and tenements in Horsington and Hareboth.

Horsington  
4 (& 16)

22 Hen. VIII.

1 Oct.  
1530

Grant (indented) by John Higdon, clerk (& signed by him) to the Pres. (Thos. Knolles) and Scholars of Magd. Coll. of all his lands & tenements in Horsyngtone and Harebothe, for the exhibition of certain scholars, according to a composition made thereupon; with a warranty against John, abbot of Westminster, & his successors; appointing John Wryght, clerk, his attorney to give seisin.

Small seal with initials. *Small red seal with initials.*

16. Counterpart, also signed and sealed by Higdon.

*Small red seal with initials.*

9. Counterpart, signed & sealed by Higdon.

Horsington  
3 (and 9)

22 Hen. VIII.

1 Oct.  
1530

Conveyance (indented) from John Higdon, D.D. (and signed by him) to the Pres. & Scholars of Magd. College, of the reversion of the manor of Horsington, which he has leased to the Prioress & Convent of S.<sup>t</sup> Mary of Stickerswold for the term of 80 years at an annual rent of 28; together with the advowson of the Church of Horsington, which was accepted from the said lease; to hold for the exhibition of certain scholars of the said College, according to the terms of a composition dated on the day of these presents; with a warranty against John, Abbot of Westminster.

Small red seal with initials.

9. Counterpart, signed & sealed by Higdon.

Horsington  
6 (& B.

22 Hen. VIII.

1 Oct.  
1530

Consent (indented, in English) of the prioress & convent of the B. Mary of Stykeswold to the assignment by John Higdon of the reversion of the manor of Horsyngtone, which is held by them under lease, to Magd. Coll., with an undertaking to pay the annual rent to the said College. Seal of the Priory, oval, red: the Virgin & Child under a canopy, with tabernacle-work. "Sigillū cōē dom..... ..wold". Inscription broken.

Horsington  
43

4 Edw. VI.

4 Nov.  
1550

8. Counterpart of the Indenture; also with the priory seal, broken.

...place of Horsington, with all appurtenances excepting the advowson of the church & the profits of court leets, &c. for 30 years, at an annual rent of 20s. with a clause prohibiting sub-letting.

Horsington  
104

22 Hen. VIII.

11 Oct.  
1530

Magd. Coll. to Thomas Smythe of the  
Court-roll, or view of frankpledge, for the manor of  
Horsington at the Michaelmas Court of John Hygdon, D.D.  
On paper.

Horsington  
93

4 Edw. VI.

6 Nov.  
1550

Lease from Magd. Coll. to Thomas Smythe of Horsington  
of their manor-place of Horsington, with all appurtenances  
excepting the advowson of the Church & the profits of  
Court Leets, &c. for 20 years, at an annual rent of £8.;  
with a clause prohibiting sub-letting.



Horsington  
95

10 Dec.  
1566

Lease from Magd. Coll. to Thomas Smythe of the manor-place of Horsington, for the same term and under the same conditions as before in 1550.

Partly destroyed by rats.

Horsington  
51

27 May  
1582

24 Eliz.

Bond from Thomas Smyth of Horsington, yeoman, to Magd. Coll. in 250 to observe the covenants made in a pair of indentures of the same date.

Signed by the W.; Will: Inkforbye and Richard Eston.

Small seal; a bird.

Horsington  
94

41 Eliz.

27 July  
1599

Lease from Magd. Coll. to George Bonde, of Lincoln, M.D. of the manor of Horsington, excepting the advowson, the profits of Court Leets, &c. for the term of 20 years, provided he do not sub-let it, at an annual rent of £8. Subjoined is a bond in £40 for the due observance of the covenants. Both documents are signed by the lessee.

Horsington  
73

1602

44 Eliz.

Copy, on eleven folio paper leaves, of the record of a plea of trespass brought by Rob. Smyth, senior, against William Coxon, husbandman, & Henry Tompson, tailor, both late of Stixwold, for carrying off hay from ten acres of land called White-acres which they claimed as their freehold. Verdict in favour of the plaintiff, with £5.10.6. damages.

Horsington  
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1604

Plea (on parchment) from the Exchequer-Records on an Information on the part of the Attorney Gen. against Rob. Smyth, senior, for trespass in entering upon certain waste lands, formerly parcel of the possessions of the Priory of Stixwold, and now in the King's hands, called The Holmes, alias Stixwold Holmes, alias Horsington Holmes, alias Skupholme and Corneholme.

Endorsed with a Postea of the acquittal of Rob. Smyth on his trial at the Assizes at Lincoln.

Attached are 1. The Sheriff's return of the Jury for trying the case 2. A writ of distringas on the jury for non-appearance at Westminster when summoned there.

Horsington  
71  
5 vol.  
1612 (-11)

Bill in Chancery exhibited by Rob. Smith against Regd. Coll. for that although he had a lease of Horsington, by license from the college, from George Bond, M.D., yet that they now deny his title & have made a lease to Rich. Brington, in order to evict him.  
Twelve folio paper leaves.

Horsington

60

8 Jas. I. A very thick paper roll.

17 Sept.

1610

Depositions taken at Stixwold before two commissioners in Chancery in the case of Magd. Coll. v. Rob. Smith as to the right to the manor of Horsington. who had a lease of

The cover is part of a vellum document, being a general pardon from James I (3 Feb. year lost) to Thomas Savage of Long Melford, Suffolk, knt.

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3 Feb.  
1610 (-11)

Bill in Chancery exhibited by Rob. Smith against Magd. Coll. for that although he had a lease of Horsington, by license from the College, from George Bond, M.D., yet that they now deny his title & have made a lease to Nich. Evington, in order to evict him.

Twelve folio paper leaves.

Horsington

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[1611]

Draught (on thirteen leaves of paper, in folio) of the answer in Chancery on the part of the College, defendants, to the bill of complaint of Rob. Smyth, who had a lease of the manor for 20 years from 41 Eliz. [1599], which he had secretly obtained through George Bond, M.D., brother of president Bond.

Horsington  
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[1610-11]

A paper book, in folio, in parchment cover, containing 27 written leaves, besides many blank, and marked thus on the outside: "A booke of such evidences as were committed to James Webb, the College attorny, for the tryall of the mannour of Horsington".

It contains, in chronological order, transcripts of several of the preceding early deeds, Inquisitions post mortem [Rob. de Berkesworth, 35 Edw. I; Thomas Bilesby, knt., ob 3 Hen. V.; Hawisia, wife of sir Geoffrey de Hilton, 10 Hen. V; sir Godfrey de Hilton, 16 Edw. IV.; Elizabeth, wife of John Stanley esq. & afterwards of sir John Pigott, 14 Edw. IV.; Rich. Thimolby, 14 Hen. VIII] a series of presentations to the Church from 1309 to 1581 omitting the 15<sup>th</sup> century; rentals, 23 Ric. II, 10 Hen. V, leases to 4 Edw. VI; views of frankpledge, 38 Hen. VI. & 22 Hen. VIII.; bailiff's account, 4 Edw. IV.

Horsington  
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[1611 ]

Interrogatories to be ministered to the W; examined on  
Draught of articles exhibited by the College against  
Rob. Smyth; imperfect at the beginning.  
Two folio paper leaves.

Horsington  
61

[1611]?

Interrogatories to be ministered to the W; produced  
in behalf of Magd. Coll., in the cause of the College v.  
Rob. Smith respecting the manor of Horsington.  
Endorsed with the names of the following W: m<sup>r</sup> John  
Thimolbie, m<sup>r</sup> Rich. Thimolbie, m<sup>r</sup> Theodore Tanzey, & Nicho-  
las Leedham.  
On parchment; partly eaten by rats.

Horsington  
75 [& 76]

[1611]

Interrogatories to be ministred to the W: examined on behalf of the College versus Rob. Smyth.

On parchment.

76. Draught of the same, on two folio leaves of paper.

Horsington  
57

[temp. Jac.  
1.]

A memorandum, on paper, addressed "To his lovinge brother m<sup>r</sup> William Noye at Lincons ene", that m<sup>r</sup> Smith sheweth a deed which mentions that Will. of Horsington gave a mess. & land in Horsington to .... and his heirs, to hold by a knight's fee & by the rent of one pound of pepper, which tenure and rent is acknowledged to be paid by one campney for his land in Horsington in lady Piggott's time, as so held of her, which proves that the manor then created by Will. of Horsington did afterward come to lady Piggott & so to Magd. Coll.



Horsington

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[1611 ?]

Answer on the part of the College to the bill of complaint of Nicholas Evington; gent., wherein they allege that the waste land called the Holmes which the complainant claims as belonging to his manor of Stixwould, belongs to their manor of Horsington.

On parchment.

Horsington

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5, 6, 8, 9,  
Apr. 1611.

9 Jas. I.

Depositions taken at Spaulding by commissioners appointed by Chancery in the cause of Nich. Evington, gent., y. Rob. Smith, the y<sup>r</sup>, with the interrogatories to be ministered to Evington's W:  
The first & chief W: is Thomas Burton of Wispington, clerk, aged 27.

Fifteen folio leaves, on paper.

Horsington

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[1611?]

Interrogatories to be ministered to the W: produced on behalf of Magd. Coll. in the cause of Nicholas Evington y. the College respecting the manor. On paper.  
Fifteen folio paper leaves. Barney's, 2/4.

Horsington

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[1611?]

A pricked ground-plan of the Holmes; on a small piece of paper. Return of 250 or 250.

Horsington  
83

[1611 ?]

Bill of the costs & charges incurred by the College  
in appearing upon a sub-poena at the suit of Rob. Smyth,  
"and noe bill in Courte"; total £5.7.2. On paper.  
[Counsellor's fee, 10/; attorney's, 3/4.<sup>d</sup>]

See under 1603, N. 75.

Poor impression of the Great Seal, broken; dark wax.

Horsington  
91

[1611 ?]

A short letter from James Web, without date or address  
as to the refusal on the part of m.<sup>r</sup> Morn to accept  
offers of the return of £40 or £50.

Smyth, sen. and Rob. Smyth, Juniors; with a list of the

to be summoned.

On paper.

Horsington  
101

12 Feb.  
1612

9 Jac. [I] paper] to lord Coventry, the lord keeper,  
Exemplification (at the request of the Pres. & appointed  
Scholars of Magd. Coll.) of the Chancery decree 44 Eliz.  
in the case of Rob. Smyth y. Will. Coxon & Hen. Tompson.  
See under 1602, N<sup>o</sup> 73. & conceive the land does belong to  
Poor impression of the Great Seal, broken; dark wax.

Horsington  
90

6 Apr.  
1612

Warrant from the Commissioners (Rich. Smith & La. Lane)  
appointed by Chancery, for the summoning of W: before them  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> Apr., in the cause of Magd. Coll. y. Rob.  
Smyth, sen. and Rob. Smyth, junior; with a list of the  
W: to be summoned.  
On paper.

Horsington  
105

[1632]

Report [on paper] to lord Coventry, the lord keeper,  
from John Dixon and Rich. Barfoote, commissioners appointed  
to take evidence in a suit between the Colledge & Hamond  
Claxton, esq. respecting a close called the Hardings, that  
they have examined W:, & conceive the land does belong to  
the Colledge, but that they are not likely to possess their  
own except through the interposition of Chancery. One  
important W: they could not examine, because he dwells in a  
town dangerously infected with the plague, & another refused  
to give evidence unless counselled.

Signed by the commissioners.

Horsington  
107

Memorandum of the points on which W; are to be  
examined in the suit of the College against Hamond Claxton.

[1632]

On paper: partly eaten by rats or mice.

Horsington  
114 1. & 2.

Interrogatories to be ministered to the W; to be  
produced on behalf of the College in the suit with Hamond  
Claxton, esq.

[1632]

On parchment.

114 <sup>2</sup> The same on paper.

Horsington  
108

12 June  
1632

8 Car. I.

Letters patent exemplifying a Decree in Chancery in the case of the College y. H. Claxton that the College shall have the lands certified to belong to them by the commissioners who took a survey 8 March last past. Recites that the manor was leased for 20 years to Nich. Evington, who assigned to Rob. Smyth, who sold to Hamon Claxton, with all his (R. Smyth's) own lands; recites also a commission of survey taken in 10 Jac. I. in a suit between Magd. Coll. and Rob. Smyth, in which the boundaries are given as declared by W:

Fine impression of a fine great seal; the obverse represents the King on horseback with a grey hound running beside, and London & London-bridge in the back-ground.

73. A copy of a warrant of the King for Rob. Smyth at alias, for. Nich. Evington, [probably the case of 101 in 1608]

74. A terrier of y<sup>e</sup> lands in Horsington belonging to y<sup>e</sup> College, made July 15 1632, [unclear]

77. Certayne articles touching the lands of Horsington, showing how he went about to recover y<sup>e</sup> possession of y<sup>e</sup> lordship of Horsington [probably the case of 101, the 1608].

Horsington

Eighteen Papers relating to the law-suits in the time of James I were found wanting at the survey of the muniments in 1779, and are still not to be found. They are described in the old folio Catalogue, as follows:-

63. A copy of the decree of the L. Chancellour for y<sup>e</sup> mannor of Horsington in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> College.
65. The Princes' Attorney his breviatt of y<sup>e</sup> cause of Horsington betweene ye College & ye two Smithes, in the latter end whereof ther is a genealogy of y<sup>e</sup> L. of Horsington, showing both y<sup>e</sup> College clayme & Smithes clayme.
66. m<sup>r</sup> Noye his breviet of y<sup>e</sup> same cause.
67. The discent of y<sup>e</sup> mannor of Horsington, how it came to John Higdon.
70. Billas revivor (sic) after the death of d<sup>r</sup> Harding.
72. A copy of a verdict in y<sup>e</sup> Checker for Rob. Smith et alios, ter. Mich. an. 44 reginae. [probably the same as 101 in 1602]
74. A terrier of y<sup>e</sup> landes in Horsington belonging to y<sup>e</sup> College, made July 14 an. reg. Elizab. 37.
77. Certayne articles against Smith of Horsington, showing how he want about to defeate y<sup>e</sup> Colledge of y<sup>e</sup> lordship of Horsington (probably the same as 106, in 1611).



78. Replicatio Joh. Harding Pres. et Scholarum &c. to Rob. Smithe y<sup>e</sup> elder & younger.
81. An imperfect draught of y<sup>e</sup> answer of W. L[angton] &c.
82. A note of Alexander Bardolt his deposition.
84. An affidavit of James Webb agaynst Rob. Smith y<sup>e</sup> elder & younger.
85. The measure of Horsington woodes.
86. An order of reference to y<sup>e</sup> 6 clerkes concerning Horsington busines.
88. A copy of y<sup>e</sup> will of old Richard Welby of Molton.
89. A petition of ye College to y<sup>e</sup> L. Chancellour concerning Smithes lease in Horsington.
92. A little schedule with Magd. College upon it.
98. Two verdicts with a Postea concerning ye Holmes, in a black boxe, with a Court-roll of Horsington held there Aprilis 6, Jacobi 10. [Cf. N<sup>o</sup> 113, A.D. 1604]

HORSINGTON

Horsington, Lincolnshire, TF 192687. The manor of Horsington was acquired by Magdalen College in 1530. The revenues from the manor were entered in the Lincolnshire circuit accounts.

DeedsReference

Horsington 1-115, calendared by W. D. Macray, Lincolnshire II, 1-91: 1218-1632.

126/31

Bargain and sale (draft)

1. John Robynson, clerk
2. Edward Lee, almoner to the King.

All lands of 1. in Horsington.

Consideration - £100

3 Jun 1531

Seven papers, Chancery fashion

126/26

Grant

1. Sir Henry Sydney, 'true patron of the church and rectory of Horsington'.

2. Robert Cawdrey, schoolmaster, of South Luffenham.

The next presentation to the rectory of Horsington

Sealing clause.

4 Sep 1571

One membrane, with a fragment of a seal in red wax on a tag.

Horsington, Lincs., accountsReferenceAccounts

Horsington View of the account of John de Stottestone, bailiff of Sir  
103 M.Lincs. William de Belesby.

II 27

29 Sep 1353-2 Mar 1354

One membrane

Horsington Account of the receipts from the west side of the village

99 M.Lincs.

c.1395-6\*

II, 36

One membrane

\*19 Richard II

Horsington Account of the receipts from the west side of the village

59 M.Lincs.

c.1399\*

II 37

One membrane

\*23 Richard II

Horsington Bailiff and collector's account

115 M.Lincs.

29 Sep 1464-29 Sep 1465

II 48

One paper

Surveys and terriers

126/34 Survey of the manor of Horsington belonging to Lady Pygott,

1 Oct 1467

copy c.1610

Two papers

Horsington, Lincs., surveys and terriers contd.Reference

126/30 Survey  
5, 6, 8, 9 Jun 1629  
Twenty six paper leaves in book form.

250/13 Terrier  
1809  
One paper

Court rolls

Horsington ?Draft court roll  
111 M.Lincs. 2 May 1460-16 Jul 1461  
II, 47 One paper

Legal papers

126/28 Letters of attorney: Thomas [Cooper], Bishop of Lincoln, appoints William Inkforby, M.A., of Oxford, as his attorney, to act for him in a suit of Quare impedit brought by Thomas Kent, clerk, against the Bishop, for not instituting him.  
30 May 1581  
One membrane

126/27 Extracts from the institution book of Richard Fleming [Bishop of Lincoln 1419-31] and from that of William Smith [Bishop of Lincoln 1496-1514] and the presentation of 1540.

n.d. c.1581

Horsington, Lincs., legal papers contd.Reference

126/27 contd. Four paper leaves in book form

126/21 Notes from the institution book of William Smith, Bishop of  
Lincoln

n.d. c.1581

One paper

126/22 Note of the value of the rectory and the induction of 1540

n.d. c.1581

One paper

Horsington Copy of the record of a plea of trespass brought by Robert Smyth  
73 M.Lincs. the elder against William Coxon, husbandman, and Henry Tompson,  
II 69 tailor, both of Stixwould, for carrying off hay from ten acres  
of land called White Acres which they claimed to be their  
freehold. Verdict in favour of the plaintiff, with £5. 10s. 6d  
damages.

1602

Eleven papers, Exchequer fashion.

Horsington Copy of a plea in the Exchequer on an information on the part of  
113 M.Lincs. the Attorney General, against Robert Smyth the elder, for trespass  
II, 70 in entering certain waste lands, formerly part of the possessions  
of Stixwould Priory, now in the King's hands, called the Holmes.  
Robert Smyth was acquitted.

1604

Two membranes, Chancery fashion, with two small membranes sewn to  
the head of the roll.

Horsington, Lincs., legal papers contd.Reference

- 126/33 List of evidences that Mr. Evington has out of the Chequer\*  
 n.d. c.1611  
 One paper  
 \*See also M. Lincs. II, 71-86, 91.
- 126/32 Indenture of agreement (draft or copy) between Magdalen College  
 and Nicholas Evington of Stixwould, concerning the bounds and  
 division of a common called the Holmes.\*  
 Dec 1612  
 Ten papers, Exchequer fashion  
 \*See also M. Lincs. II 71-86, 91.
- Horsington Report to Lord Coventry, the Lord Keeper, from John Dixon and  
 105 M.Lincs. Richard Barfoote, commissioners appointed to take evidence in a  
 II 87 suit between Magdalen College and Hammond Claxton esq, respecting  
 a close called the Hardings\*  
 n.d. 1632  
 One paper  
 \*See also M. Lincs. II, 88-90.
- 126/20 Notes, on the tenants of Horsington and the claims that were made  
 to the manor by Mr. Claxton; on John Palmer's desire to purchase  
 the estate. Palmer has approached Mr. Freeston, the College  
 lessee and a man distrusted by the College, for an assignment of  
 the lease; with the opinion of Richard Holloway as to whether the  
 lease should be renewed to Palmer or Freeston.  
 16 Aug 1683  
 One paper

Horsington, Lincs., correspondenceReferenceCorrespondence

127/13

Copy or draft of a letter from Magdalen College [ probably from President Bond]\* to the Earl of Essex: Essex has requested that a small farm, in the tenure of one Gavell, be granted to Mr. Reinolds, Essex's secretary. There is a faithful servant at Magdalen College for whom this property has been earmarked. The writer begs to be excused from Essex's wish. There are but two people close to the writer, this party and his own brother: the farm of Horsington is reserved for his brother. Once these two have been given their rewards, Mr. Reinolds may make choice of anything pertaining to Magdalen.

28 Sep 1596

One paper

\*President Bond's brother, George, became lessee of Horsington soon after this letter was written

126/19

Letter from Theodore Temzey to Mr. Goddard, bursar of Magdalen College: concerning the dispute at Horsington, Mr. Evington is pleading by commission a trial of the title of the lordship of Horsington to decide whether the waste that belongs to the College should belong to Evington and Stixwould. The College must only deal with its title as far as Mr. Smith is concerned. Then the College must deal with Mr. Evington. The College is abused regarding the examination - the matter must be looked into. The title of the lordship and the boundary of the lordship must be dealt with separately.

20 Oct n.y. c.1610-12

One paper

Horsington, Lincs., correspondence contd.Reference

128/19 Letter from Thomas Freeston, at Lincoln, to Dr. Clerke, President of Magdalen College: Freeston is too ill to continue his farm at Horsington, a post which needs an active person to collect the rents as they are unpaid in times of hardship. He recommends Mr. John Palmer, a Worcestershire man, to the College as the new lessee and encloses his address.

7 May 1683

Two papers

126/25 Letter from Thomas Freeston, at Lincoln, to President Clerke: Mr. Fowler has bought Freeston's lease. He has also bought the rest of the township for Mr. Palmer. Palmer intends to make an enclosure, which will be prejudicial to the College. Freeston asks that when he procures the new lease for Fowler, if the College wishes, that the fine be small because of his expense in building there

17 Jul 1683

One paper

128/31 Letter from Anthony Story, at London, to President Clerke: he has not had a reply to his last letter concerning Mr. Fowler and the new lease. It now appears that Mr. Fowler intends the new lease not for himself but for Mr. Palmer, who has already bought out Mr. Claxton's interest and intends to make an enclosure.

31 Jul 1683

One paper

128/36 Letter from Thomas Freeston, at Lincoln, to President Clerke: Freeston perceives that the College does not wish to admit Mr.



Horsington, Lincs., correspondence contd.Reference

- 128/36 contd. Fowler as tenant. Freeston would be grateful if he could have this information quickly, in writing, as thereby his obligation to Mr. Fowler will be null and void.  
22 Aug 1683  
One paper
- 126/24 Letter from Anthony Story, at London, to Dr. Clerke, President of Magdalen College: Story's brother, Mr. Freeston, sent a man to the College to get a terrier of Horsington, as the surveyor had one about three years ago. He asks that it be shown to the man. Freeston is ill.  
18 Sep 1683  
One paper
- 135/22 Letter from Edmund Meynett, at the Tennis Court Coffee House in Oxenden Street near the Haymarket, London, to Mr. Good, steward of Magdalen College: Meynett has written to Mr. ... informing him that the Bishop of Lincoln has accepted Meynett's resignation of Horsington. He asks for the presentation of Horsington to be sent to him (to Francis Revel, chaplain to the Bishop of Worcester)  
9 Jun 172-  
One paper
- 229/9 Correspondence  
1871  
See General College and Estate correspondence
- 220/44 Copy of a letter about the glebe estate  
Jun 1874

Horsington, Lincs., correspondence contd.Reference

220/44 contd. One paper

246/11

Correspondence

c.1880-2

See LincolnshireEstate miscellanea

CP3/3

Attested copy of the Horsington Inclosure Award

1775

One volume

CP3/1

Horsington, Titchwell, Harwell, South Newington, Denchworth,  
Deddington, ThornboroughCopies and extracts of enclosure awards: Horsington - 23 Mar 1775;  
Titchwell - 7 Feb 1787; Harwell (extract) - 1805; South Newington  
(extract) - 1795; Denchworth (extract) - 1803; Deddington, Great  
Barford, Barford St. Michael (extract) - 5 Oct 1808; Thornborough -  
16 May 1800

late 18th cent.-early 19th cent.

One volume

MS 623

Account of the rectory

n.d. post 1801

See Swaby

251/18

Bardney drainage - Horsington

'A bill (as amended in committee) for draining, embanking and

Horsington, Lincs., estate miscellanea contd.Reference

251/18      improving the fen lands and low grounds within the parishes,  
 contd.      hamlets, townships and places of Bardney, Southrow [? Southrey],  
 Tupholme, Bucknall, Horsington, Stixwould, Edlington and  
 Thimbleby.'

1843

One paper volume

## EDLINGTON

In 1333, at a Chancery Inquisition, held at Haltham, “on Friday next, after the feast of St. Matthew,” the Jurors declare, that Nicholas de Thymelby, and his wife Matilda, hold land in Haltham, of the right of the said Matilda, under the Lord the King, as parcel of the Manor of Scrivelsby; also that the said Nicholas held land in Stikeswold, of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, by the service of paying them ijs and vid yearly; and also that he held lands in Thymelby, under the Bishop of Carlisle.

Further inquisitions show that Nicholas de Thymelby, and John, his brother, also held lands in Horncastle and over (i.e. High) Toynton, under the said Bishop of Carlisle; that Thomas de Thymelby presented to the Church of Ruckland in 1381; and that John, his son, presented to the Church of Tetford, April 4th, 1388. In 1427, it was found that the heirs of John de Thymelby, held by their trustees, lands “in Polum and Edlynton.”

In 1439, William Thymelby, Esq., Lord of Polum, presented to the Benefice of Somersby, having already presented to Tetford. He seems to have married Joan, daughter of Sir Walter Tailboys, a descendant of the same family, from which sprang Ivo Taillebois, the great Norman Baron, previously mentioned, from whom Gilbert de Gaunt probably acquired his land in Edlington. {37a} Richard Thimbleby, in 1474, obtained the Beelsby estates, through marriage with Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Beelsby, knight, and widow of Sir John Pygot, Knt. He died (1522) possessed (in right of his wife, who was coheir of Godfrey Hilton), of the Manors of Beelsby, Holton-le-Moor, Horsington, Harpswell, Harleston, Thorgansby; and a share of the advowson of Horsington; John Thymelby, his son, succeeded him (Escheator's Inquisitions, 14 H.S., No. 24). To show the religious fanaticism in the reign of Elizabeth, even among Protestants, note the following:—A Thimbleby of Poolham, A.D. 1581, was thrown into prison by the Bishop of Lincoln (T. Cowper), for refusing to attend Protestant services. His wife was near her confinement, but she begged to see her husband, she was treated so roughly that the pains of labour seized her in her husband's dungeon. She was nevertheless detained in prison without any nurse or assistant, and a speedy death followed; her husband also dying soon afterwards in prison from the rough treatment which he underwent there. (“The Church under Queen Elizabeth,” by F. G. Lee, II. p. 60). I have given these details to show the importance of the family of Thimbleby.

After another generation or two, Matthew Thymbleby's widow of Poolham, married Sir Robert Saville, Knt., who, through her, died possessed of the Manors of Poolham, Edlington, and several more. Confining ourselves here to Poolham, we find the Saviles, who were members of the Saviles of Howley, co. York (now represented by Lord Mexborough, of Methley, co. York, etc., etc., and the Saviles, of Rufford Abbey, co. Notts.), continuing to own Poolham until 1600, when Sir John Saville, Knt., sold it to George Bolles, Esq., citizen of London, whose descendant, Sir John Bolles, {37b} Bart., sold it to Sir Edmund Turnor, of Stoke Rochford. It has recently been sold to Dr. Byron, residing in London.

As we have, thus far, chiefly confined ourselves to the owners of the hamlet of Poolham, we will now make some rather interesting remarks upon the old Poolham Hall, and matters connected with it. The old mansion was probably built originally on a larger scale than the present farm house. It is enclosed by a moat, in the south-west angle of which stand the remains of a chapel, or oratory, now in the kitchen garden; they consist of an end wall and part of a side wall, each with a narrow window. The font, a few years ago,

was taken away, and in order to preserve it from destruction, it was placed, some twenty years ago, in the garden of Wispington Vicarage, by the Vicar (the late Rev. C. P. Terrot), a great ecclesiastical antiquarian. It has further again been removed by the present writer, and, on the restoration of the Church of St. Margaret, at Woodhall, in 1893, it was once more restored to its original purpose, as font in that Church, being further adorned by four handsome columns of serpentine, the gift of the Rev. J. A. Penny, the present Vicar of Wispington. Near the chapel, there was till recently, a tombstone, bearing date 1527. This stone was a few years ago removed, and now forms the sill of a cottage doorway in Stixwoud. The writer should here add that, on the moat of this old Hall being cleaned out a few years ago, there was found in the mud, beneath the chapel ruins, a curious object, which at once passed into his possession. It proved to be an ancient chrismatory, of which there has never been found the like. The material is terra cotta, with peculiar primitive ornamentation, of a pale stone colour, containing two divisions, or wells, with spouts at each end, each having been covered with a roof, although one of them is now broken off, curiously carved. The use of the chrismatory, was, in mediæval times, connected with baptism; as the child was brought into the church, it was sprinkled with salt, and at the font it was anointed with oil. The two wells were meant to hold the salt and oil. As I have said, it is unique. Its use was first explained to me, by Sir Augustus Franks, of the British Museum. It has been exhibited among the ecclesiastical objects of art at the Church Congresses, at Norwich, London, Newcastle, Northampton, and other places. It has created very great interest, and has been noticed in various publications. According to Ecton's "Thesaurus," this chapel was connected with Bardney Abbey, but it is now a ruin, and unused. The population is limited to three houses, and the most convenient place of worship is Woodhall, St. Margaret's.

We will now revert more especially to Edlington. We have mentioned Gilbert de Gaunt as among the first owners, but this applies, more strictly to the hamlet Poolham. Edlington proper, is evidently a place of great antiquity, the name is derived from "Eiddeleg," a deity in the Bardic Mythology (Dr. Oliver's "Religious Houses on the Witham"); the whole name meaning the town of Eiddeleg. In connection with this, we may mention that, until about three years ago, when it was destroyed by dynamite, there existed an enormous boulder, standing on a rising ground, about sixty yards from the present highway, on the farm of Mr. Robert Searby, which weighed about 10 tons, its height being about 10ft., width 4ft. 6in., and its thickness about 3ft. This would be just the Druidic altar, at which the Bardic mysteries, in the British period, might be celebrated. In 1819, while digging a field in Edlington, some men found several heaps of ox bones, and with each heap an urn of baked clay. Unfortunately none of these urns were preserved, so that we are unable to say whether they were of Roman make, or of earlier date. They imply heathen sacrifice of some kind, and were close to a Roman road; still the existence, already mentioned, of an earlier Bardic worship, would favour for them, an earlier origin.

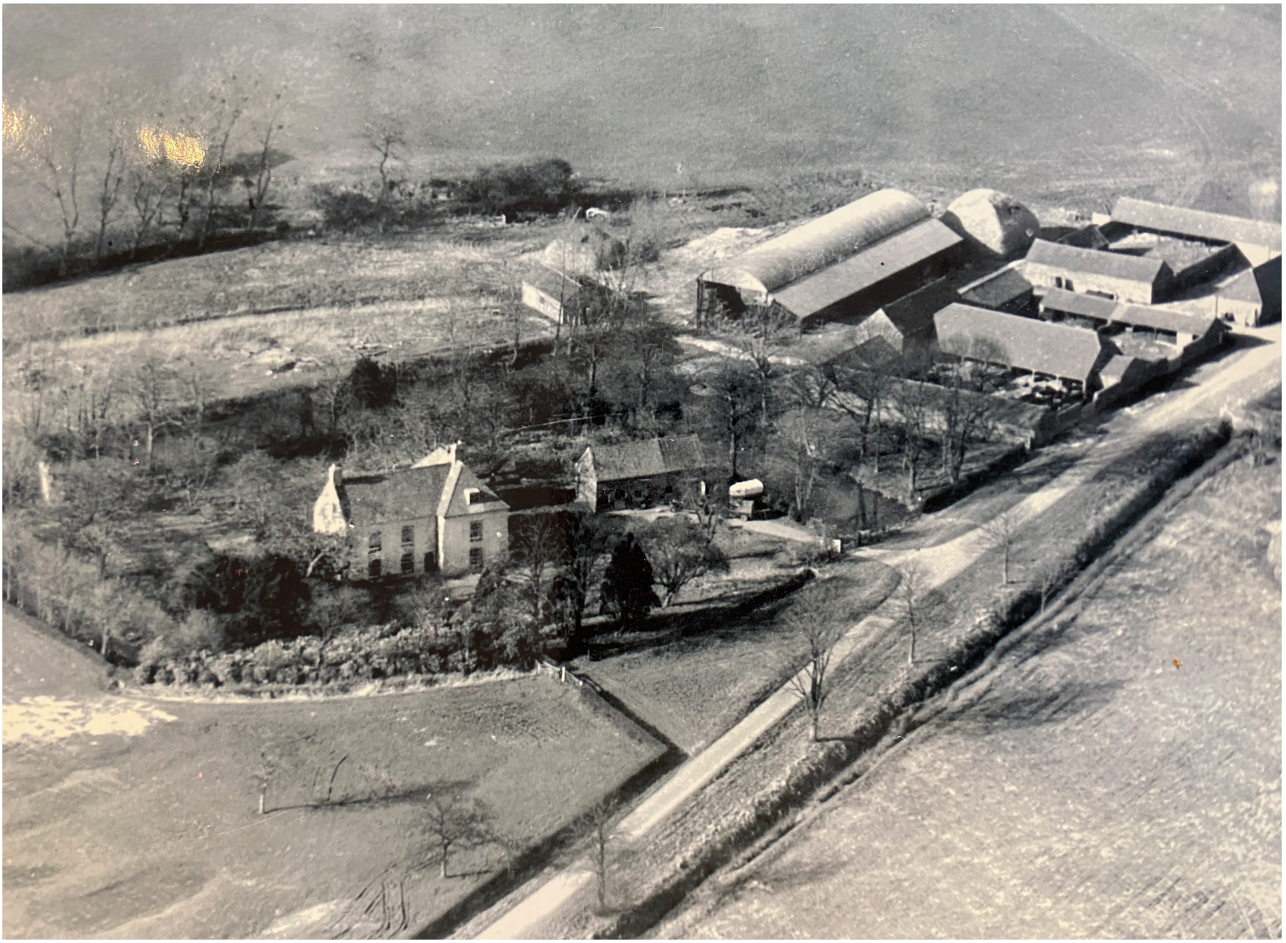
From Domesday Book (completed circa 1086), we gather (1st) that among the possessions of the King (William the Conqueror), there were 4 carucates, i.e. 480 acres of land, with proportionate sokemen, villeins, and bordars. The whole land of the parish being reckoned at 6,960 acres. Of this extent, the Saxon Ulf, so often mentioned as an owner in this neighbourhood, had 10 carucates (or 1,200 acres). Egbert, the vassal of Gilbert de Gaunt had 480 acres, a mill, always a valuable possession, as all dependants were bound to have their grain ground there; 90 acres of meadow, and 210 acres of wood land, in all 780 acres. A Jury of the wapentake of Horncastle, declared that the powerful noble Robert Despenser, wrongfully disputed the claim of Gilbert de Gaunt, to half a carucate, or 60 acres, in Edlington, which in the time of Edward the Confessor had been formerly held by one Saxon, Tonna.

Edlington was one of the 222 parishes in the county which had churches before the Norman conquest, but as the number of priests serving these churches was only 131, it is doubtful whether it had a resident minister, it being more probably that it was served by a Monk of Bardney Abbey, to which (according to Liber Regis) it was attached. Here again we have a trace of Gilbert de Gaunt being Lord of the Manor of Edlington, as well as of the subdivision of Poolham. The Monastery of Bardney was originally one of the few Saxon foundations, and established before the year 697. It was however reduced to great poverty by the Danes, under Inguar and Hubba, in 870, 300 monks being slain. It remained in ruins some 200 years, when it was restored by Gilbert de Gaunt, who succeeded to some of the property of Ulf, the Saxon Thane, already named. Gilbert de Gaunt had 54 Manors conferred upon him; being nephew of the Conqueror, and among the several which he bestowed on Bardney, was Edlington. At the dissolution, it would revert to the King, and (as we are here reduced to conjecture), we may well suppose that it was one of the many Manors in this district conferred by Henry VIII., on Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, among whose descendants these vast possessions were subsequently divided. In Dr. Oliver's learned book on the "Religious Houses on the Witham," it is stated that Bardney had land in Edlington, that the abbot had the advowson of the benefice, and that before the King's Justices, in the reign of Ed. I., the abbot proved his right, by act of Henry I., confirmed by Henry III. to the exercise of "Infangthef, pit, and gallows at Bardney."

In "Placito de Warranto," p. 409, he claimed, and proved his right, also to a gallows at Edlington (as well as at Hagworthingham, and Steeping, and Candlesby); and in connection with this, it is interesting to note that, as at Bardney, there is a field called "Coney Garth" (Konig Garth), or King enclosure, where the abbot's gallows stood; so at Edlington there is a field (the grass field, in the angle, as you pass from the village road to the high road, leading northward), which is still called "Coney Green," which name moderns of small education, suppose to be derived from the numbers of conies, i.e. rabbits, which abound there; but in which the antiquarian sees the old Konig-field, the King's enclosure; and in that field, doubtless, stood the abbot of Bardney's gallows; {41} just as the Abbots of Kirkstead had a gallows in Thimbleby. On this Edlington Coney Green, I have found bricks of an early style, with various mounds and hollows, indicating buildings of some extent, and probably belonging to the King.

In the year 1897, the Rev. J. A. Penny, Vicar of Wispington, discovered and published in "Linc. N. and Q.," some very interesting Bardney charters of the 13th century, which make many mentions of Edlington. In one case they record the gift of a bondman, and his progeny to Thomas de Thorley, living in Gautby, the slave being William, son of Peter Hardigrey, of Edlington; among the witnesses to the deed of gift being Master Robert, of Poolham, Simon, the Chamberlain of Edlington, and others. Date, 22nd May, 1281.

# POOLHAM HALL



1842: Poolham Hall, a small manor in the (then) parish of Edlington, was owned by Christopher TURNOR, Esq. A small, moated manor, its grounds contained a gravestone dated 1527 and was the ancient seat of the BARKSWORTH's and THYMBLEBY's.

A manorial chapel, dedicated to St Mary Magdelene, was recorded at Poolham, a settlement which no longer exists. It was licensed in c.1220. Burials were at Edlington church (Poolham was previously in Edlington parish), but a font was permitted in 1301. A priest was serving the chapel in 1526.

The remains of the chapel are located in the north-western corner of a moat, from which a Norman font was recovered. One of the walls of the chapel survived as a few courses of limestone rubble and some eighteenth century brick until after 1971, but this had probably collapsed by 1983. There are fragments of dressed stone lying on the mound.

About 1550 the widow of Matthew Thymelby had married Sir Robert Savile; he belonged to an old and influential family now represented by Lord Savile of Rufford Abbey, Notts., and the Earl of Mexborough, Methley Park, Yorkshire. By the

aforesaid marriage the bulk of the Thymelby property passed to the Saviles, and like the Thymelbys they had their chief residence, in this neighbourhood, at Poolham Hall, owning among many other possessions the aforesaid sub-manor of Parish-fee in Horncastle, which, as we have seen, was sold by their joint action to John Kent of Langton. We have already had mention of a John Savile who was apparently captain of the "trained band" connected with Horncastle in the reign of Elizabeth, AD. 1586; Gervase Holles mentions this John Savile as joint lord of Somersby with Andrew Gedney, and lord of Tetford in the same reign. (*Collectanea*, vol. iii, p 770).

From another document it would seem that, some 10 or 11 years later, Richard Thymelby and Robert Savile were involved in a more than questionable transaction with regard to the property thus transferred. Among the Carlisle papers is a Petition in Chancery, of which we here give the text, slightly abridged, as it is remarkable, and fittingly brings to a close our notices of the Thymelbys in connection with Horncastle.

To the Right Honble. Sir Francis Bacon, Knt., Lord Chancellor of England.  
Complainant sheweth, on the oath of your petitioner, Evan Reignolds, of St. Catherine's, Co. Middlesex, gent., and Joan his wife, that, whereas Richard Thymelby, some time of Poleham, Co. Lincoln, Esq., deceased, was seized of the manors of Poleham, Thimbleby, Horsington, Stixwold, Buckland, Horncastle, Edlington (&c.), and tenements in Langton, Blankney, Baumber, and in one pasture inclosed for 1000 sheep, called Heirick (High-Rig, in Woodhall, near Poolham) pasture, &c., whereof Robert Savile was seized for life, conveyed the same to his father-in-law Robert Savile ... the said Richard Thymelby, going up to London, negotiated to sell the property to one Richard Gardiner, and for £2,300 engaged, at his desire, to convey all to John Wooton, the £2,300 was paid to Richard Thymelby and bargain settled July 15, 6 Elizabeth (A.D. 1564). A dispute arose in the following year between Richard Thymelby and Robert Savile, which was submitted to arbitrators (Feb. 15, 7 Elizabeth), who ordered Richard Thymelby to pay Robert Savile £1,500, and Robert Savile should then convey all to Richard Thymelby. The £1,500 was paid and afterwards the two "confederated to defraud the said Richard Gardiner and conveyed the said manors to John Kent." The judgment of the court is not given, but neither of the defendants, surely, cut a very creditable figure, and Richard Thymelby, suitably, we must admit, passes from the scene.