

MISCELLANEA.



MEDIÆVAL SEAL FROM ASHURST.



THE seal here engraved was dug up in the rectory garden at Ashurst, near Tunbridge Wells, during the summer of 1874. It is now in the possession of the Rev. B. Whitelock, of Lealands, Groombridge, and is made of bronze, with a loop, or eye at its back, by which it could be suspended. It is easy to read the inscription "sigillum Johannis Prat de Watele," but it is not so easy to say who this John Prat was. The letters and general design of the seal seem to suggest that it was made in the fourteenth century, when the name of Prat was not uncommon in West Kent. In 1322 Richard Prat was one of the thirteen* friends of Bartholomew de Badlesmere who suffered death, and whose "lands, tenements, goods, and chattels" were forfeited, because they defended Leeds Castle against King Edward II.

Roger Pret was one of the twenty-one jurors before whom an inquisition was held at Leeds in 7 Ed. II. (Appendix, p. xiii., to Mr. Wykeham Martin's Leeds Castle).

* Walter Colpeper, Roger de Coumbe, Richard Prat, Thomas de Chidecroft, Richard de Chidecroft, Robert de Bromere, Roger de Rokayle, Nicholas de Bradefeld, Adam le Wayte, Robert de Cheigny, Richard Brisynge, Simon de Tyerst, and William Colyn (Originalia Roll 15 Ed. II., Appendix XILA., p. xiv. to Mr. Wykeham Martin's Leeds Castle).

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No. 1. A.D. 1433. 11 Henry VI.—BIRLING.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos *Johannes Marchant* de *Berlynge* et *Johannes Essex* de eadem dedimus concessimus &c. *Petro Fyscher* de *Snodelond* quoddam croftum cum suis pertinentiis continens dimidiam acram terre jacentem apud *Sharnale* in parochia de *Berlynge* predicta quod quidem croftum cum &c. nuper habuimus ex dono et feoffamento *Michaelis Overey* et jacet ad terram dicti *Johannis Marchaunt* ex parte boriali et ad terram mei predicti *Johannis Marchaunt* et *Willielmi Marchaunt* ex parte australi et orienti et ad terram *Andree Chapman* ex parte occidenti habendum &c. &c.

Dat' apud *Berlynge* in festo *Sancti Mathie* Apostoli anno regni regis *Henrici sexti* post *Conquestum Anglie* undecimo hiis testibus *Willielmo Smyth*, *Johanne Lulke*, *Simone Spayn*, *Johanne Kyng*, *Johanne Pecham* et aliis.

No. 2. A.D. 1460, 39 Henry VI.—SNODLAND.

Sciant &c. nos *Thomas Benett* de parochia de *Snodland*, *Edwardus Pekerynge* gentilman, et *Johannes Dobbys* de *Cobham* dedimus &c. *Johanni Beaurley* totum illud tenementum nostrum, in dicta parochia de *Snodland*, cum omnibus edificiis et aliis suis pertinentiis, simul cum crofto et gardino ibidem eidem tenemento adjacenti, vocatum *Benetysplace*, situatum inter tenementum *Johannis Severe*, versus occidentem, et tenementum *Ricardi Palmere* versus orientem, et viam regiam ibidem versus austrum, et ad terram dicti *Thome* et alius versus borialem; dedimus eciam et concessimus prefato *Johanni Beaurley* triginta acras terre &c. in dicta parochia; et unde due acre & dimidium dicte terre jacent ex parte boriali dicti tenementi, inter terram *Simonis Spayn* versus orientem, et terram *Johannis Severe* versus occidentem, et abuttat super terram *Rogeri Stallworth* versus boriale, et alia pars dictarum duarum acrarum et dimid' terre jacet inter terram nuper *Thome Permanter* versus occidentem, et abuttat super terram dicti *Rogeri* et terram *Johannis Herynge* et *Thome Permanter* versus borialem; et due acre et dimidium terre predictae jacent apud *Boghtmere* inter terram *Johannis Holwey* versus occidentem, et abuttat super terram dicti *Rogeri* versus borialem, et terram dicti *Rogeri* versus orientem, et ad viam regiam ibidem versus austrum, tres rode dicte terre jacent apud *Longdowne*, inter terram nuper *Nicholai Smyth* versus austrum, et abuttat super terram *Rogeri Stalworth* versus occidentem, et terram *Thome Brooke* et *Simonis Spayn* versus borialem, et terram *Thome Dalby* clerici versus orientem; tres virgate dicte terre jacent apud *Dalefeld-*

hegge inter terram *Rogeri Stalworth* versus orientem, et terram nuper *Thome Permanter* versus occidentem, et abuttat super *Dalefeld* versus austrum; due acre dicte terre jacent apud *Lompcoupe* inter terram *Rogeri Stalworth* versus occidentem, et terram *Ricardi Canon'* versus boriolem, et terram *Thome Vssher*, *Thome Dalby* clerici, et *Ricardi Canon'* versus orientem; tres acre dicte terre jacent apud *Wodcokdowne* inter terram *Johannis Berman'*, *Ricardi Canon'*, et *Walteri Andrewe*, versus boriolem et terram *Simonis Spayn* et heredium *Nicholai Smyth* versus occidentem, et terram heredium *Johannis Fen'* versus orientem, et terram *Thome Dalby* clerici versus austrum; una acra et dimidium dictarum trium acrarum jacent inter terram *Rogeri Stalworth* versus boriole, et terram nuper *Johannis Fen'* versus orientem, et terram *Walteri Andrewe* versus occidentem, et terram *Thome Dalby* clerici versus orientem; septem deywarck' dicte terre jacent apud *Wodcokdowne* inter terram *Thome Dalby* clerici versus boriolem, et terram *Johannis Butteler* versus orientem, et terram nuper *Johannis Fen'* versus austrum et occidentem; septem deywarck' dicte terre jacent apud *Wodcokdowne* inter terram heredium *Nicholai Smyth* versus austrum, et terram *Thome Dalby* clerici versus boriolem; due acre et dimidium dicte terre jacent in uno crofto apud *Moltland* juxta viam regiam vocatam *Riedstrete* ex parte occidentali dicte vie; una acra et dimidium dicte terre jacent in uno crofto ex parte occidentali campi persone de *Snodland*, inter terram *Johannis Butteler* sen' versus orientem et viam regiam ibidem vocatam *Riedstrete* versus occidentem; sex acras (*sic*) et dimidium dicte terre jacent apud *Weelesrede* alias dictum *Benetysrede*; dimidium acre dicte terre jacet apud *Litill Pightlyll*, inter terram *Johannis Butteler* et viam regiam versus austrum, et terram *Nicholai Wotton* versus occidentem; due acre et dimidium dicte terre vocate *Whetcroft* jacent inter terram *Episcopi Roffensis* versus boriolem, et terram *Johannis Cotom'* versus orientem, et terram *Stephani Browne* versus austrum et occidentem; tres acre dicte terre jacent apud *Stonecroft* et *Longcroft* inter terram *Episcopi Roffensis* versus boriole, et terram *Stephani Browne* versus orientem et austrum, et heredium *Henrici Canon'* versus occidentem; tres rode dicte terre vocate *Litill Mede* juxta *Molthill* jacent inter terram *Nicholai Wotton* versus boriolem et orientem, et terram *Johannis Cotom'* versus austrum, et terram nuper *Thome Permanter* versus occidentem; Habendum &c. Sub tamen ista condicione quod predictus *Joh'es Beaulley* &c. solvat &c. nobis &c. in ecclesia parochiali de *Snodland* predicta triginta et quatuor marcas sterling' in forma sequente, videlicet in vigilia Natalis Domini proxima futura post datum presencium quinque marcas &c.,

et de anno in annum in vigilia predicta &c. quolibet anno &c. quatuor marcas sterling' quousque predictæ triginta et quatuor marcae in forma predicta plenarie et integre persolvantur, quod extunc presens carta simul cum seiscina super eandem liberata suum teneat vigorem et effectum, et si predictus *Johannes Beauley* &c. ad aliquem diem soluc' superius limitat' in parte vel in toto defecerit &c. quod tunc bene liceat nobis &c. omnia predicta terras et tenementa &c. reingredi &c., et in pristino statu nostro illa possidere &c.; et ego predictus *Thomas Benet* et heredes mei totum predictum tenementum &c. prefato *Johanni Beauley* &c. contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus &c. Hiis testibus *Thome Dalby* clerico, *Rogero Stahworth*, *Johanne Butteler*, *Simone Spayn*, et *Thome Vssher* et multis aliis. Dat' apud *Snodland* vicesimo quarto die Septembris anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum tricesimo nono.

FROM KENT ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S COLLECTION OF CHARTERS.

48 Edward III.—Wrotham.

Sciunt &c. nos *Johannes de Blakesole* et *Emma* uxor mea de *Wrotham* dedimus &c. *Rogero Dygge*, *Stephano de Nortone*, *Jacobo de Pelham*, unum messuagium, unum molendinum aquaticum, triginta duas acras terre, septem solidos redditus, et redditum duorum gallorum et decem gallinarum, cum pertinentiis in *Wrotham*, habendum &c. &c. contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum &c. Data apud *Wrotham* die lune proxima post festum Purificationis Beate Marie Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post Conquestum quadragagesimo octavo. Hiis testibus *Johanne Baker* de *Stanstede*, *Johanne Craule*, *Willielmo ate Hothe*, *Laurencio Eytone*, *Johanne Eytone*, *Waltero Godwyne* et aliis.

15 Henry VII.

Sciunt &c. ego *Jacobus Pelham* senior armiger dedi &c. *Magistro Thome Madeys* clerico, *Alexandro Culpepyr* armigero, *Johanni Clerke* generoso, *Henrico Fane* generoso, *Edwardo Maryner* clerico, *Willielmo Snyderale* clerico, *Willielmo Cheseman* clerico, *Johanni Tebold*, et *Johanni Kyng*, maneria mea de *Eldham*, *Goldsmynes*, et *Wynfeld*, ac molendinum aquaticum vocatum *Wynfeldysmyll*, cum suis pertinentiis Necnon omnia alia terras et tenementa mea redditus et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinentiis jacentes et existentes in parochiis de *Wrotham*, *Ightham*, *Sheborne*, *Seele*, *Kempseyng*, *Asshe*, et *Uppelham*, in comitatu *Kancie* Habendum &c. &c. Data quartodecimo die mensis marcii anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum Anglie Quintodecimo.

[Seal with *Peckham* arms.]

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The following is a Schedule of the Stock, in the 6th year of Edward I., on the Manor of Middleton in Essex, belonging to the Monastery of Christ Church, Canterbury.

Staurum remanens in manerio de Middelton in festo Sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi 6 incipiente. Equi carectarii ij—Stotti viij—boues viij—Taurus j—vacce ij—bouetti ij—Jueenci ij—Jueuncula j—vituli iij quorum j mas—Hurtardi iiij*—Oues matricēs iiij^{xx} xij—Jercie xxj†—Agni xxiiij—verres j—sues ij—Pauones ij paue vj pulcini pauones iiij—Auce vj—anceres ij—Caponēs x—Gallus j—Gallinæ v—Pulcini xiiij—Anates viij—Cupa pro falda custodis j—Clata lxxvij cum pilis ad id'—Carucæ cum atillii's iiij—vomeres iiij—cultri iiij—ij hercie quarum j duplex—Carectæ cum rotis iij—iij^a paria tractuum—iij cordæ ad carectas de pilo & ij de canabo—iij sellæ ad carectas cum basis ad id'—iiij^{or} coleria—iij hami lignei—ij vange—ij furce ad fimum—ij furce ad garbas—ij tribul'—j picoyc'—j Westre—j securis—iij panni ad caseum—iij forme ad caseum—ij stoppe—ij lathe ad caseum—j solub' in daeria—v bordæ ad daeriam pro caseo superponendo—ij sacci—j ventorium—j bussellus mensur' dimid' bussel'—j picotinus de virgis—iij cribre—ij ridelli—iij tabulæ in aula & j dormiens—iij paria trestellorum—j lotorium—j peluis—j saleria—j tabula in panetria—j borda pro ciphis superponendis—iij bordæ in camera seruiantis—j cista magna—j alueus ad carnem—ij tonelli—ij Cumelini—j alga ad pastam—j alueus pro viridi succo faciendo—j pestellum—j mortarium—iiij olle enee—j poscennett'—ij patellæ enee—j cratill'—j tripes—j fornās in coquina—j formula longa in solario—ij formulæ curte—j barillus ad viridem succum—Ciphi iij—Disci xxiiij—Platelli xx—salsaria xx.

* Rams.

† Jercies are young ewes. It appears from a farming account for the year 1364, relating to the manor of Southchurch, adjoining Middleton, that for the first year from their birth they were called lambs, and for the following year were jercies, after which they were added to the flock of ewes, and lost their distinctive name. Not many years ago Jersey wool was frequently spoken of, and the expression is still occasionally heard. It is difficult to suppose that the Island of Jersey can ever have been noted for any such production, and it is not mentioned among the various places referred to in the numerous Acts of Parliament relating to the woollen trades as late as to the 31st year of Elizabeth, and it is not likely to be named in any subsequent Act; the correct appellation may therefore be conjectured to be Jercey wool, which would be equivalent to the modern term Lambs' wool. Possibly documents may exist in some of the old houses in the parts of the county where cloth weaving formerly flourished which may elucidate the question.