

PREFACE.

Roberts in his History of Lyme Regis (1834) at p. 348 says, in writing of the Records of the Borough, "There is a book containing accounts of law-suits, etc., called "Domesday Book". No such book can be found, but the present volume had written on the outside of its paper cover "extracts from Domesday Book." In any event there is not a single reference to any law-suit in the whole of the small volume. It is written mainly in Latin but at times lapses into English. It is all apparently in the same handwriting and cannot have been copied earlier than 1667. It was, in fact, probably copied out much later. If Roberts ever read this or the complete book, he omitted to take note of the names of many early Mayors. His own list begins at 1437, but this book contains at least a dozen names that might have been included before 1547, when his unbroken series starts.

The book itself appears to be a compilation taken from Manorial Court Rolls, Hustings Court Books and the Domesday book of Roberts.

The transcription has been done by Mr. D. B. Wardle of the public Record Office. Full indexes will be found from pp. 19 to 25.

A number in red ink in the typed text refers to the corresponding number in Glossary and Notes pp. 23-25.

C.W. July, 1942.

[There is a full account of the sad story of the Lyme 'Domesday' book in the second Roberts m.s. album (pages 126-7) The original seems to have been in existence as late as 1855. The 18th. C. transcript here may have been prepared for the 1780 trial, it is evidently very incomplete and one must doubt the accuracy of the copying, especially where names are concerned

**extracts from only 8 of at least 40 pages. J.F.]*

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(Entries listed in italics [*thus*] refer to hand written notes found in the margins of the printed pages – R.W. December 2015)

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A Book of Extracts from Lyme 'Doomsday Book," Court Rolls, and Court Books, etc.

(p.1) Doomsday Book, folio 18, left.

Memorandum that Walter Pardomer (sic, for Pardoner ?) came before the mayor and burgesses in full husting held Monday next after St. John the Evangelist 12 Edw, III ( 1338 ) and granted to Hugh Le Draper of Lyme and Alice his wife one tenement by charter (recited).

The tenement is that lying between the grantor's own tenement in which he now lives on the south side, and the tenement of Geoffrey Colyn on the north side, enclosed by a growing hedge (per vi yam hayam); the rent is 6d. yearly, at Easter and Michaelmas, to the king as chief lord of the fee in exoneration of the rent of the grantor's own residence; the grant is to Hugh and Alice and their corporal heirs in tail, with reversion to the grantor and his heirs.

Witnesses:- John Goldsmyth, mayor; Michael Lynch; William de Donne; Robert Golyn; John Kene; and others. Given Wednesday in St. John, 12 Edw. III.

(P-2) 1341, 14 Edward III Doomsday Book f. 20 left.

Grant by John de Chernemouth to Robert Muller and Mary his wife of a moiety of one croft lying in la Galnar', viz., the eastern part of the croft with the path, four feet (w)ide, pertaining thereto, lying between the land of John atte Heghe and the grantor's Curtilage, rendering yearly five pence to the chief lord for all service. (No precise date given).

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1341, 14 Edw. III, Doomesday Book fo. 20 right.

Grant by Adam le Mercer of Lym to Master (domino) Edward Tayllur, chaplain, of a house situate in la Combe by the water, neighbouring the tenement formerly by William Portreus (?) on the east side. The grantee to render one penny yearly to the chief lords of the fee for all secular service.

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1348, 21 Edw III, Domesday Book fo. 27.

Grant by John Membri with the assent and consent of Joan his wife to Master (domino) John Toritone, chaplain, of the solar with selar underneath situate in the west part of his (Membri's) tenement which he had of the grant and lease of Thomas le Mareschal, situated in the borough of Lym between the tenement formerly of Gregory Charlemayn and the tenement of Robert Taverner; with free ingress and egress to and from the rooms at his pleasure. Rent, a rose yearly to the chief lord of the fee at the nativity of St. John the Baptist, and also 6d. yearly in discharge of the grantor's rent. 21 Edw. III.

1351, 24 Edw. III, Domesday Book fo. 32 left.

Memorandum that William Bysshop and Ann his wife came before the mayor and other co-burgesses in full husting held Monday on the feast of St. Peter in Cathedra 24 Edw. III, and there surrendered (reddiderunt) the tenement called 'Gille tenements' in the borough of Lyme, situate between the tenements of Robert Kene and John Attethorne, to the abbot and convent of Nyweham for ever. And the said abbot and

*[Walter de la Houe, abbot, inst. 13 May, 1338 and died before 7 March 1361 when Richard Branscombe was inst. Abbot. Only De la Houe and two monks survived the 1349/50 plague ~ v Davidson p75 et ??]*

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convent were present the same day and leased to William and Ann for their lives in survivorship the said tenement except for a moiety of one cellar, yearly rent, 4d. William and Ann to maintain the premises in the same state, or better, as that in which they received them.

(p.4) 1366, 39 Edw. III. Domesday Book fo. 35 right.

Memorandum that since John Cachepol, who held of the king in Lyme one burgage situate between the tenement of John Ermit (?) on the east and that of Peter Carpynter on the west, has for two years lapsed in the performance of his service, on account of this default the king has seized the said tenement into his hands, and it is granted by Richard Baker mayor to John Jolyf, in the presence of Simon atte Watr' steward and others. 39 Edw.III.

I392 15 Richard II. Domesday Book fo. 38 left.

Lyme: At a Court held there Monday next after St. Mathew the Apostle 15 Ric.II William Baron [vicar] came and received from Walter Merston farmer and mayor one vacant plot (locum) lying between the tenement of Roger on Churchstile on the north and that of Robert Membry on the south, to hold to him and his heirs for ever; yearly rent 4d., and suit of court as the other burgesses there do; and he did fealty, and nothing was paid for entry.

*[i.e. he was granted the fee farm 1389 / 90 for ten years by Richard II – G. R. gives William not Walter, - Baron was still vicar in 1405]*

Walter Crogge came to the same court and received one curtilage lying between the lord's mill on the south side and the curtilage of John Kyng on the north side to hold to him and his heirs for ever, yearly rent, 4d.,

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and suit of court as other burgesses do and he did fealty therefor.

Thereupon Roger Grog son of the said Walter came and was admitted to the said curtilage by the grant of Walter and the consent of the mayor and whole community, to hold as above and for the same rent.

*[Roger Crogghs, mayor, 1437 - 1408/9 Crogge]*

(p.5) 1403 4 Henry IV Domesday Book fo. 38 left.

At the Court held Michaelmas 4 Henry IV John Boucher came and received from the mayor, etc. , the land which John Tynham lately held in the borough called 'Galvere', with all its appurtenants; to hold for ever by the rents and services due and accustomed therefor; and he did fealty.

1397 20 Ric II. Doomsday Book folio 5 left.

Grant by Walter Tropenel of Lyme to William Pole and Cristine his wife of a burgage and curtilage in Lyme situated opposite to the church of St. Michael on the west side, which Walter had of the grant of William Bachelor of Dartmouth with two gardens attached; to hold of the chief lord of the fee, yearly rent 15d. of silver (argenti), and all other services due and accustomed therefor. Given at Lyme on Monday after the feast of the translation or St. Thomas the Martyr, 20 Ric.II,

1409, 10 Henry IV Doomsday Book folio 40 left.

Be it remembered that Walter Godale received of

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Roger Grogge mayor and the whole community one garden next the mill stream which William atte Wille (sic; *rectius Mille ?*), yearly rent 6d.; which record was inrolled in Doomsday at the court leet held Monday after the feast of Simon and James (*rectius Jude*) the Apostles, 10 Henry IV.

(p.6) 1409, 10 Henry IV Doomsday Book folio 40 left.

And to the same court came Thomas Jade and received the garden and its appurtenants which John Hulle lately held; which garden lies between the tenement of John Musse of the west part and that of William Walyn on the east part, yearly rent 10d.

Doomsday Book folio 40, top of right.

Be it remembered that John Yeyngs of Seton came in full court and gave to Robert Burgh all his lands and tenements which acrued to him (John) by right of inheritance and delivered seisin thereof to him, without deed; and Robert was admitted burgess thereof.

Court Rolls, No. 1 Letter A.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of the borough held Thursday after St. Luke, 12 Edward IV.

(jurors named)

The jury present that sixteen persons (named) have made default of suit of court; that John Faunce and Richard Keate mutually made assault upon each other.

The bailiffs present fourteen persons (named) for contravening the assize of ale; eleven persons pay (p.7) customs, in all 26s.10d.

Four shillings taken in fines on Bernard de Seymalowes and Oriel Meyarde in the court of Pypowder.

Sum total of fines, etc. 39s.10d.

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COURT LEET JURY OCTOBER 1472 (12 Edw IV)

(Latin forenames englished; surnames as written)

|                    |                  |                    |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Thomas Stijkelane* | Richard Danyell  |                    |
| William Tynnham*   | John Sewe        |                    |
| John Kene          | William Arnold*  |                    |
| John Oldeman       | William Keate    |                    |
| John Aysshe*       | John Trulling    |                    |
| William Pyke*      | Thomas Gowdeale* | (Godale elsewhere) |

Sixteen persons who made default of suit of court: (all fined 3d)

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| William Bonvyle (dominus)  | Richard Burgh     |
| Dominus de Cobham (Brooke) | John Hill         |
| Abbot of Forde             | John Skytte       |
| Abbot of Newenham          | John Alcock       |
| Gregory Marleburgh         | Walter Dyker      |
| Robert Payn                | William Baker     |
| Andree Serle               | William lyteljohn |

Hugo "Danyell  
William Shirer

William Tyddbury  
John Kempe

Names in other offences: (several were jurors, above)

*Assize of ale*

Richard Keate

Richard Tynham

John Faunce

John Smyth

Bernard de Semmalowes (St Malo ?)

James (jacobus) Chevethorn

Oriel Meyarde

John Cole

John Pley

John Fossyan

William Gattepath

*Customs*

Una Vatilda de Yealme

- Harricson

Michael Artor (?Arthur)

Yvene Flory

John Thomas

? Namier de Groy

Peter Bawdewyn

Jacob (James) Mercer

Hervey Carpenter

John Colet

Robert Colet

1478 Leet: Nicholas Davys Henry Gowle Richard May (+ others above)

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1479, 18 Edw.IV Court Rolls No. 1, Letter C.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of the borough held 21 April - 18 Edward IV.

Since the mayor and community of Lyme have several times been ordered to repair the bridge called Helyersbryggs and have not done so, they incur the penalty of 3s.4d. , 'which the bailiff is ordered to levy and account for; and since also they have not repaired the bridge called Meryettesbryggs, they incur a like penalty for that; and they are ordered to carry out these repairs before the feast of St. John Baptist next, under penalty of 10s.

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1479, 13 Edw. IV Court Rolls No.1 Letter D.

Lyme Regis - Court of the Borough and of Election held Monday after St. Bartholomew, 18 Edw.IV.

John Doleyn of Milton Facombergh was admitted to the freedom, and sworn to John Dare then mayor, and entered on the roll. In witness whereof the common seal of the borough is appended to these presents.

Letter E.

An order was made that each mayor for the time being shall have 10s. yearly from the common chest, and all other profits of old time accustomed.

1491 6 Hen. VII. Copy of an original deed.

Lyme Regis - At the Hocktide Court Leet held 27 April - 6 Henry 7, Thomas Scorche came and received from John Tyneham mayor, by assent and consent of all the burgesses there, the vacant land between the burghage of Joan Dare on the south and John H...ote on the north; to hold to him and his heirs for ever, yearly rent one penny and other services due and accustomed.

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And so he was admitted; and he did fealty, (under seal of the corporation as now used).

(p.9) 1499 - 7 Hen. VII court rolls, No. 2, Letter F.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet and View of Frankpledge at Hocktide, held 21 May - 7 Henry 7. The bailiffs present that nine persons (named) have made default, and they are fined 3d. each.

1492 - 7 Hen. VII Court Rolls, No. 2, Letter G.

Lyme Regis - Court for the election of officers of the borough, held Monday next after St. Bartholomew, 7 Henry VII.

The bailiffs present that 9 persons (named) have made default; and they are fined 3d. each.

1490 – 14 Henry VII Court Rolls. No. 2, Letter H.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet, Michaelmas term, held 8 Oct. - 14 Henry VII.

This day Stephen Danyell was pronounced free to buy and sell within the borough, as other burgesses, and he was admitted in the presence of the mayor and burgesses.

Court Rolls, No. 2, Letter I.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet, Easter term, held 22 April, - 14 Henry VII.

The jury (named) say inter alia that Joan Arnold (p.10) widow has held certain lands in Wathe for many years past, and has rendered nothing therefore; and she has the same day to shew by what right and title she holds the lands.

do. Letter K.

This day came Thomas Rogers and Isabel his wife

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of Sutton Payns, co. Dorset, and before the mayor and burgesses delivered to Robert Philipp possession and seisin of one burgage called Deanfront with garden and orchard adjacent, and of one house anciently called Tanners.

Do. Letter L.

At this day came John Alcock and surrendered into the hands of the mayor to the use and profit of all the burgesses one burgage with appurtenants, to have and to hold to them and their heirs for ever, under the condition that he reserved the rents of the premises to himself for his life, and should not do suit of court but would be altogether exempt.

Do. Letter M.

At this day came Joan Dare and received from John Tynham mayor one burgage with appurtenants late Haydons, to hold for life by the rents and services, due and accustomed therefor. And so she was admitted as tenant and did fealty,

(p.11) 1501- 16 Henry VII - Court Rolls No. 2 Letter N.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of Easter term held 2 May, 16 Henry VII.

The jury (named) present that Richard Stikelane has impleaded, perturbed, and molested the mayor and others there contrary to the ordinance and statute of the borough, for which he has forfeited to the mayor 40s., and also the privilege of buying and selling within the borough, and he was discharged.

Do. Letter O.

At this day came John Furser before the mayor and all the burgesses and took his oath as freeman of the

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borough so long as he should reside there, as the other burgesses.

Do. Letter P.

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| Richard Shilynford reeve presents that the proceeds of his proper customs at this day are | 41s.2d.     |
| perquisites of court                                                                      | ... 2s.6d.  |
| Brewing fines                                                                             | ... 4s.7d.  |
| Forfeitures                                                                               | ... 40s.    |
| Proper customs                                                                            | ... 41s.2d. |

1502 - 17 Henry VII court rolls No. 2 Letter Q.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of the Easter Term held  
18 April - 17 Henry VII.

The mayor received from John Best 20d. as rent of one burgage late Alcoks. He also received from the same John 20d. for the same burgage for the year 18 Henry VII

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1505 - 20 Henry VII court rolls No. 2 letter R 1

Lyme Regis - Court Leet with view of Frankpledge held before John Tynham then mayor 15 April 20 Henry VII.

The bailiffs present that ten free tenants (named) have made default in their service; therefore they are fined 6d. each.

1505 - 20 Henry VII Court Rolls No. 2 Letter R 2

Court Leet with View of Frankpledge of the Michaelmas Term held before Robert Phelyppe mayor, Monday after Michaelmas, 20 Henry VII.

To this court came William Bare and received from the mayor and burgesses one vacant plot of land, to wit between the bridge of St. Mary and the house of one

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John Coppes, to him and his heirs for ever provided always that the water running under the said bridge shall have its course in the same form which it has had from time immemorial; yearly rent 2s. at Michaelmas.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet held before John Burgh mayor Monday after St. Bartholomew 21 Henry VII.

1505 – 21 Henry VII, Court Rolls No. 2, Letter S.

To this court came Robert Hamlyn 'merchant' late apprentice to John Burgh mayor and sought to be admitted as a freeman of the town, because he had done his service

(p.13) in accordance with the agreement made with the said John Burgh according to the honourable custom of the town, and John Burgh, in the presence of William Wadham esquire steward and Thomas Moleyns attorney of the said town acknowledged that Robert Hamlyn had done his service in accordance with the said agreement; and on this account Robert Hamlyn, in the presence of John Burgh, William Wadham, and Thomas Moleyns, and other burgesses, was admitted as a freeman and sworn to the freedom in full court. And he gave to the mayor and burgesses 2s.6d. as a fine according to the ancient custom of the town.

1506 – 21 Henry VII Court Rolls No. 2, Letter T.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of Hockeday term with View of Frankpledge held before William Dare mayor, 4 May 21 Henry VII.

And that John Tynham who held divers burgages of the mayor and burgesses closed his final day since the last court and that Elizabeth and Margery are his

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daughters and heirs, from whom nothing has come to the mayor for relief; therefore an order is made to the bailiff to distrain on them to do fealty.

Do. Letter U.

And then John Fosshyn who held divers burgages closed his final day since the last court, and that Alexander Fosshyn son of William Fosshyn is his heir, etc. (as above).

Do. Letter V.

...And that John Plee who held divers burgages closed his final day since the last court, and that John Plee is his heir, etc. (as above).

(p.14) 1507 – 22 Henry VII Copy of an original deed.

Grant by Robert Bragge to Richard Cliffe of Lyme Regis 'maryner', for 100s., of one burgage with appurtenants in Lyme situate between the burgage of John Cobham lord of Cobham, knight, on the east side, and that of John Burgh on the west side, which was granted to Bragge by Robert Phelippe late mayor of Lyme and the burgesses, as appears by their charter sealed with the common seal of Lyme dated 2 October 13 Henry VII; to be held by Cliffe and his heirs of the mayor and burgesses by the rents and services therefor due and accustomed. Bragge names Robert Dier, William Garnett, and John Coland as his attorneys to deliver seisin to Cliffe. Witnesses named. Dated 18 May, 22 Henry VII.

(p.15) 1507 – 22 Henry VII Court Rolls, No. 2, Letter W.

Lyme Regis – court leet and view of frankpledge

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held before William Dare mayor, Monday after Michaelmas 22 Henry VII.

The bailiff to distrain on John Tynham, Alexander Fushen, and John Plee to do fealty at the next court.

Do. Letter X.

And that William Dare mayor is seized for a year and a day of one horse value as a stray. And (the jury) further present that William Bysshope is the heir of Henry Bysshope and is of full age, and through the death of Henry is seized of two burgages lying together between the burgage of the Lord of Cobham on the east and that of John Burgh on the west, whence nothing has come to the mayor for relief; therefore the bailiff is ordered to distrain on him to do fealty at the next court.

Do. Letter Y.

John Tudbolt came to this court and received from William Dare then mayor and the burgesses one vacant plot (placeam) of land which was formerly a burgage lying between the tenement late of John Bisshope on the west and a vacant parcel of land on the east the highway to Colyford on the north and the seashore on the south, to hold to him and his heirs for ever; yearly rent, 12d. , and he was admitted a burgess.

(p.16) 1508 – 23 Henry VII Court Rolls, No. 2 Letter Z.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of Hockeday term with View of Frankpledge held before Philip Walshe mayor, 15 May 23 Henry VII.

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(The jury) present that Nicholas Male 'tailor' John Nowell 'shoemaker' trade with divers wares and keep an inn (hospiciam) daily without licence of the mayor; therefore they are fined 6d. each.

do. Letter Aa.

To this court came William Tudbolt of Lyme Regis 'marchannt' and gave to the mayor and burgesses 3s.4d. in order to be a free man as a free burgess to trade all wares as well within as without the town without payment of any custom or subsidy, as a free burgess does. And he was sworn in full court to keep faithfully all the customs of the town, etc.

1508 - 24 Henry VII Court Rolls Letter Bb.

Lyme Regis - Court Leet of Michaelmas term with View of Frankpledge held 2 October 24 Henry VII. And an order is given to all burgesses of the town of Lyme that they shall carry no daggers in future, under penalty of 3s.4d. each.

And another order is given to the burgesses that none shall play at 'Temeceaur' under penalty of 3a.4d.

(p.17) 1540 – 31 Henry VIII Liber de Recordo, p. 6

The second day of December John Pyne the son of Robert Pyne late of Lyme came before the mayor and his bretheren and paid for his relief of 2 burgages, that is to say 5d. for the house and 12d. for a stable, Henry VIII, John Tudbolt being mayor. (English)

1541 – 32 Henry VIII Litber Recordo, p. 8 left.

Grant by Giles Chapman of Lyme 'toker' to Richard Carpenter of Lyme 'marchannt' of the half part of his

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(Giles') burgage, in which he lives, from 'le entre' as far as the land of Martin Dare on the east side with all buildings (domibus) lying on the east part of the barton of his burgage; and also the half part of his orchard and garden with appurtenants from the highway leading to Collyford on the south side, and the land of Richard Davie on the north side, and the land of Martin Dare and that formerly of John Tyrling on the east side, and Chapman's land on the west side; to hold to him and his heirs for ever of the chief lords of that fee by a yearly rent of 9d. and by the other charges and services therefore due and of right accustomed.

Dated 20 October, 32 Henry VIII.

(p.18) 1544 – 35 Henry VIII Liber de Recordo p.11 rlight

Grant by Martin Dare gentleman to John Tanner alias Moxaige of Lyme Regis, for 25.l. of a burgage with garden adjacent in the high street of Lyme in which Tanner now lives, between the burgages of Richard Hunt on the south and of Margaret Plee widow on the north, and extending from the street to Dare's burgage called 'Copps Lake'; also of the burgage on 'le Kings Mill Streme,' near the road leading to 'Collwaye Myll' on

the east, the stream on the south, and the land of Roger Garland called 'Penymede' on the west and the land now held by Nicholas Perrot on the north; to have and to hold the premises to him and his heirs for ever of the chief lords of the fee; yearly rent, 11d. for the premises in 'le Highe Strete', and Id. for the premises on 'le Kings Streme'; and all other services therefor due and accustomed. Dated 8 Oct. 35 Henry VIII.

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(p.19) 1544 - 35 Henry VIII Liber de Recordo, p. 12 left.

Grant by Martin Dare gentleman to John Tanner alias Moxaige of Lyme Regis, for 14.l. of the burgage in the High Street of Lyme in which Thomas Teiggs now lives between the land of Christine Tynham on the north, the house of Christine on the west, a house of William Tudbold on the south, and the highway on the east; also of the burgage called 'le Peritree Croft' between the land of John Tudbolt on the south, that of "Nicholas Peret on the west, that of Thomas Boroughe now in tenure of John Perot on the north, that that of Thomas Boroughe now in tenure of George Bowdon on the east; also of one garden on the way leading towards 'le Kings Myll' between the land of Thomas Waller on the west and that of Thomas Battyn on the east and north; to hold to Tanner and his heirs for ever of the chief lords of the fee; yearly rents, for the house in High Street a red rose, for 'le Peritree Crofte' one penny, and for the garden one penny, and all other services hitherto due and accustomed. Dated 22 January, 35 Henry VIII.

(p.20) 1546 - 37 Hen. VIII Liber de Recordo, p. 12 right

Grant, for 7.l .10s., by Henry Crandy of Lyme Regis to John Samford of the same, of a burgage with garden adjacent in 'le We'st Streete' in Lyme on the north part of the said street between another burgage of Crandy on the west and that of William Tirling on the east (dimensions given; to hold to him and his heirs for ever of the chief lords of that fee for a rent of 15d. and all other services therefor due and accustomed. Dated 8 Dec. 38 Henry VIII.

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(p.21) 1553 - 1 Philip & Mary Liber de Recordo p.21

Grant by Richard Hunt mayor of 'King's Lyme' and the burgesses thereof to Nicholas Hassard of 'Kings Lyme' of one parcel of ground in Lyme belonging to the town, on which Hassard has lately builded the wester

end of his new house (dimensions given), the parcel lies under the cliff called 'the Nassh'; to hold to him and his heirs for ever, yearly rent 2s. In witness whereof the mayor and burgesses have put their town seal, 21 January, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary.

(p.22) 1573 15 Eliz. Liber de Recordo, p.22.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Elizabeth in the mayoralty of John Hassard.

'The Copie of James Hackwell's writtinge'.

Be it remembered that John Holcombe of Lyme merchant of his deed dated 15 June 14 Eliz. granted to James Hackwell and his heirs for ever a tenement in 'le Weste Streete' in Lyme in tenure of Richard Grandly 'maryner' and John Waye 'smithe', between the land of Elizabeth Hyet in tenure of John Jurden on the east and north, the narrow way (angeportum) called Sherborne Lane on the west, and the road to Uplyme on the south; to hold of the chief lords of that fee, yearly rent, 6d.

'The Copie of Nicholas Sampford's writtinge'.

Be it remembered that Silvester Hayne of Lyme Regis merchant by his deed dated 10 August 14 Eliz. granted to Nicholas Sampford and his heirs for ever an orchard lying at Goslings Bridge in Lyme Regis; to hold of the chief lords of the fee, yearly rent, Id.



(p.23) 'The Copie of Henrye Palmer's writinge'

Be it remembered that William Ellesdon of Lyme Regis gentleman by his deed dated 17 April 15 Eliz. granted to Henry Palmer and his heirs for ever a burgage or orchard in Lyme in 'Combestreate' on the north part of it between the meadow of William Handcock gentleman on the north, the highway on the south and the burgage of John Burghe on the west; to hold of the chief lords of the fee; yearly rent, 6d.

1577 - 20 Eliz ) Liber de Recordo, p. 26 left.

19 March 20 Eliz., 1577 (-1578); grant by John Jurdeyn mayor of Lyme and the burgesses to John Jones of Lyme 'merchaunt' and his heirs for ever two little plotts of four foots apiece in the West Strete adjoining to his house there, to set up two porches thereon; chief rent 4d. yearly. (English)

(p.24) An enrolment taken at Lyme Regis the second of May 1536, 28 Eliz: in the time of William Ellesdon's mayoralty; at the request of Robert Brooke

Indenture made 10 Feb. 26 Eliz., between John Jones of Lyme Regis 'marchant' and Robert Brooke of Lyme 'marryner', being a bargain and sale by Jones to Brooke, for 150.l, of a messuage or tenement with all appurtenants now or late in Jones' tenure, in 'Combestreet',

(p.25) between the lands of the lord Cobham now or late in tenure of George Hooper on the east, the lands of Philip Haywood on the north, those of Richard Roze on the west, and Combe Street on the south; to hold to him and his heirs for ever of the chief lords of the fee; yearly rent 8d. for all services. (English)

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(p. 26) At the Court Leet held Monday after Michaelmas, 29 Eliz. 1587.

Richard Carpenter the younger asked to be found tenant of part of a messuage in Lyme whereof the charter subscribed or enrolled below makes mention. And it was granted to him, and the charter follows thus:-

Bargain and sale for 20.l. by Richard Carpenter the elder of Lyme Regis 'yeoman' to Richard Carpenter the younger 'yeoman' son of the grantor, and his heirs for ever of the east part of the burgage, in which the grantor now dwells, the said east part being now in tenure of the grantee, and a part of the backside, herb garden, and orchard pertaining to the burgage; to hold of the chief lords of the fee; yearly rent 2d. for all services. Dated 20 April, 25 Eliz, 1583, (English)

(p.27) Bargain and sale, for 20.l. by Gabriel Burgh of Staple Fitzpaine, co. Somerset, gentleman, to Robert Jones of Lyme Regis gentleman of the messuage and tenement, etc., called 'The Tower' in Lyme Regis; to hold to him and his heirs for ever, paying 2s, yearly to the corporation of Lyme as chief or head rent.

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### Glossary and Notes

- [1] Assise of ale (p.5) was held for settling its price in relation to the current price of barley.
- [2] Backside (p. 18) = back premises.
- [3] Bailiffs (p.5, etc.) were apparently the executive officials of the Corporation before the appointment of serjeants-at-mace.
- [4] Burgage (p.3, etc.) was a tenure of land or house held of the king or other over-lord for an annual rent.
- [5] Burgh, John (p.10,12) was not only mayor on more than one occasion but sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in 1478 and 1491.
- [6] Chaplain (p.2) = Chantry priest
- [7] Chernemouth. (1) = Charmouth
- [8] Combe, La (p.2) = the comb, combe, or chine alongside which the river ran towards the end of its course. Its development into Coombe Street was inevitable.
- [9] Copp's Lake (p.14) is often mentioned in Lyme's early records, and it must be premised that 'lake' in Dorset means stream. There is no 'lake' in the , English sense either at Morecombelake or at Venlake (Uplyme). A conjecture might place Copp's Lane at the head of Church Street, where a stream from old Charmouth Lane crossed the footway and, flowing down Church Street, supplied the East of the town with water.
- [10] Croft (p.1) = a piece of enclosed ground attached to a house.
- [11] Curtilage (pp. 1, 3, 4) - a small enclosed courtyard attached to a house.
- [12] Danyell, Stephen (p.7) The same incident was more briefly referred to on p. 58 of the Court Records 1437-1508.
- [13] Deanfront (p.8) This may be an error for Beaufront, (1499) often referred to. It may be identical with Bell Cliff. See note on p. 52 of Court Book 1604-08.
- [13a] Donne, William de (p.1) may be he of that name (also given as Doule) who sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in 1341 (Ap. 23rd to May 18th)
- [14] Ellesdon, William (p.17) This William Ellesdon was Mayor of Lyme on 5 occasions and represented the Borough in the House of Commons in 1571 and 1572.
- [15] Galnar, La (p.1) cannot be identified.
- [16] Goldsmith, John (p.1) was not only Mayor in 1338 but represented Lyme in the House of Commons which sat Feb. 3rd-14th of that year.

[17] Helyersbrygge (p.6) cannot be identified. The repair of the same bridge is referred to in the previous year (1478) at p.32 of "19 Court Records 1437-1508".

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[18] High Street (pp.14.15) There seems reason to believe that Broad Street, before being named West Street from about 1550, was occasionally known as High Street

[19] Hocktide (pp.6, etc.) was the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter.

[20] 'in fee' (p.1 etc) This expression has reference to property held for the benefit of another by payment of rent or performance of certain services.

[21] Jones, Robert (p. 18) This is the man of whom Roberts writes(no doubt correctly) as the great persecutor of the Dissenters, In his account of him (p.143 of his book of 1835) he seems to think it worth while to repeat some absurdly fantastic legends. They are taken textually from Hutchin's History of Dorset and must be regarded as the product of a very credulous age. The passage in the text is interesting because, it refers to what was known as the 'Great House' of Lyme. The Tower was the bell-tower of the Leper Hospital of the 14th century. The house from the Pitt House Hotel downwards was probably not very large, but seems to have taken in all the ground along the river at the back from the lepers Well to a broken arch that is in a line almost with the bottom of Broad Street

*[Roberts suggests Tower House was below Great House (Aveline House) R.J. already had the Great House by inheritance]*

[22] King's Mill Stream (p.14) This is the depleted part of the river from Goslings Bridge down to what were the Town Mills.

[23] Lynch, Michael (p.1) sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in the parliament of 1341 (Ap. 23rd-May 14th) Roberts is of opinion that it was he who gave his name to the walk alongside the King's stream closeto which runs the sluice for working the Town Mills, and causes this small body of water in the King stream. See note on "Erslynche" at p.68 of the Court Book 1309-28.

*[No, G.R. recanted, Lynch for the hillside above.]*

[24] Mercer, Adam le (p.2) sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in the Parliament of 1344 (June 7th - 20th)

[25] Meryettesbrygge (p.6) This bridge cannot be identified.

[26] Messuage (pp.17, etc.) is a dwelling with some land attached.

[26a] Milton Facomberg (p.6) is Milton, a hamlet of Martock Parish, Somerset. It is also called Milton Falconbridge.

[26b] Nassh (p.16) This is the most eastern promontory of Lyme, extending beyond the church cliffs in the direction of Portland. In the portfolio II of Fugitive Pieces (13,1) it is called "the nose". That was in 1540-42 but since the middle 16th century the extent of it has no doubt been considerably reduced.

[27] Neweham (p.2) refers to Newenham Abbey of which there are fragmentary remains, part of a farm, just south of Axminster Station. The Abbey which grew to great importance was an offshoot from Beaulieu in Hampshire, in 1246. The meaning of the name spelt in many different ways is simply New Home. The Abbey was dissolved in 1539.

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[27a] Penyme(a) de (14 ), according to the Colway Tithing Boundary Award at Folio 11 of Portfolio IV, seems to have been a plot to the East of the Church between old Charmouth Lane and the sea.

[28] Peritree Croft (p. 15) cannot be identified.

[29] Pyne, John (p. 13). A man of this name sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in the Parliament of 1529/36, but against him on the list of Lyme M.P.'s is the word "mortuus". It cannot be said whether he ever took his seat or not, and Lyme's Register of Burials does not begin till 1579.

[30] Pypowder Court (p. 5) This statement of 1472/3 gives the lie to the suggestion that the Court was first granted by Queen Mary in 1553. Queen Mary's charter was the first to mention it, but a Piepowder Court to settle differences over market dealings on the spot had no doubt existed in Lyme from time immemorial.

[31] Reeve (p.9) here probably means steward or bailiff; but higher officials were "reeves".

[32] Roze, Richard (p. 17) For a full account of this important burgess see note at p.108 of the Register of Freemen.

- [33] Saint Bartholomew (pp.6, 7, 10) Aug. 24th  
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 Luke (p. 5) Oct. 18th .  
 Simon & Jude (p.5) Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 Thomas the Martyr (p.4) Dec. 29th
- [34] Seisin, to deliver (p.11) to give possession
- [35] Solar (p.2) i.e., where the sun's rays can penetrate, as distinct from 'selar'
- [36] Sutton Payne (p.8) Can Sutton Poyntz, near Weymouth, be meant?
- [37] "Temeceaur" (p.13) no solution of this word is possible.
- [38] toker (p.13) = tucker, fuller
- [39] Tower, the (p.18) See 'Jones, Robert' above. *The tower house is Aveline, now owned by Lloyds Bank*
- [40] Wadham, William (p.10) of Catherston, Charmouth, was evidently steward of the Court Leet on this occasion and he is so named on pp.62 and 67 of "19 Court Records 1437-1508". He may also have been Recorder of the Borough as were Sir John Wadham who died in 1584 and George, son of Sir John, who is described in Elizabeth's Charter as Lyme's "First Recorder". But William is never actually spoken of as Recorder.
- [41] Wathe (p.7) means a fordable place and there are many such in Lyme - Though the word occurs often, identification is impossible. See note on the subject in Portfolio 11 of Fugitive Pieces at folio 102, p. 16. *[Ware .v. Henley estate papers]*
- [42] West Street = Broad Street. See note on "High Street" above.

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