

**AQUE**  
**in the Chester county pleas,**  
**CHES 29/1–22**  
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**Peover Eye**

The *Peover* is formed of the junction of two streams, one of which rises near Macclesfield, the other near Gawsworth; they join at Chelford, whence the Peover passes to Over-Peover, Nether-Peover, Holford, and Wincham-bridge, falling into the Weever, near Northwich; the course of this river is about fifteen miles.<sup>8</sup>

**See also MILLS, under Plumley**

22:534 [31 March 1310]

Stephen le Bird saw a foal of his in the water of Peover, and went into the river to drive the animal out, but accidentally he himself was drowned. He was found by his brother, John. The accident was reported by the coroner of Bucklow and the four townships of Wincham, Lostock, Marston and Witton. This suggests that the incident took place in Wincham: the river now called Peover Eye meets Smoker Brook not far from Holford Hall, and is then called Wincham Brook down to the Weaver. The river here formed the boundary between Bucklow and Northwich hundreds.

*Infortun'*

.iiij.s'.

*Coronator Hundr' de Buklowe & simil'r villat' de Wymyngh<sup>a</sup>m, Lostok Merston' & Wytton' present' q'd Steph's le Brid vidit quand' pultra' sua' in aqua de Peuere, & se posuit in aquam illam vt pultram illa' de aqua fugaret & p infortuniu' subm'sus fuit, Nullus inde male credit' Jud'm Infortuniu' Inuentor Joh'es fr' pred'ci Steph'i & non male credit' Vnde de p'r'd'cis villat' pro lic' co'morando domi .iiij.s'.*

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<sup>8</sup> *Magna Britannia: Cheshire.* p. 421.