

Middlewich

James de Poole and Richard de Bradwall who had taken at farm the sheriffdom of Cheshire and the avowries of Middlewich and Northwich for the 21st year of Edward I found sureties in the Chester exchequer, and their names were registered among the county pleas:

7:172 [3 March 1293]

Memorand' Jacobus de Pulle. & Ric'us de Brade[wa]ll qui cepunt ad firmam vicecomitatu' Cestres'. aduocar' & firma' de Medio Wico & de Northwico de anno Regis nu'c xxj^o veniu't in Sc^acrio Cestr' & inuen't fideiussores subscriptos tam de firmis aduocariar' Medii Wyci & Nortwici q^am de vicecomitatu p[^rd'co] videl' Rad'm de Vernon Ric'm de Sandbache Milites Thom' de Cruie Rog'm de Dunuill, Patriciu' de Cruwe Ric'm de Lostok He[nr'] de Hoton'. Rob'm de Bebynton' Fulcon' de Moeles, Ph'm de Eg'ton', Thom' de Erdeswike, Ad de bosco Thom' de Aldelime. Joh'em de Coro[na] Joh'em de Bercherton' Rad'm filiu' Rad'i de Vernon, Will'm Dayners Gilb'tm Dedefin, Adam Malban, Ric'm de Lostok, Ric'm de C[ra]wenach', Henr' de Coton', Thom' de Crawenach' & Steph'm Dandy &c'

There then follow several cases involving James Poole (7:177 183 250 275 282 284 293 304 335 394; 8:62 101 358; 9:250 251 252).

26 May 1293 Alice who was wife of Peter de Crowton sued Richard son of Robert le Brown for having, on 30 March 1293, seized her two mares at Crowton and driven them to Ashfield, and kept them.

Richard answered that he was under-bailiff of James de Poole and Richard de Bradwall, keepers of the king's avowries, and that Alice had promised Richard a mark [13s 4d] for help in recovering a debt of 5 marks [£3 6s 8d] for the use of Richard le Sore, her brother, who was in the avowries. Alice had not paid the money, so he seized her mares, both on his own behalf and as bailiff of the avowries.

The matter was put to a jury, and Richard son of Robert le Brown was amerced 12d for unjust distraint; and a further 12d for the like offence upon Richard de Massey of Puddington.

7:293 [26 May 1293]

Ric's fil' Rob'i le Broun attach' fuit ad respondd' Alicie q' fuit vx' Petⁱ de Crohton' de pl'o capc'oīs au'ior vnde querit' q'd p^rd'cs Ric's die lune px^a ante f'm ap'lor Ph'i & Jacobi hoc anno ¹⁴ duo iumenta sua apd Cr^ohton' cepit & vsq' Ahssefeld fugauit & ibid'm detinuit cont^a vad' &c'. vnde def'iorat^s est & dampn' h't &c'. Et ducit secta'.

Et p^rd'cs Ric's venit & defendit vim &c' q'n &c'. Et dic' q'd cum ip'e esset s'bball's Jacobi de Pull & Ric'i de Bradewall custodum aduocar' d'ni R^s ac ip'a Alicia p'misit eid'm Ric'o vnam m^arcam p aux' h'nd' ad quoddam debitum +q'inq' m^arcar+ recupand' & leuand' ad op^s Ric'i le Sore fr'is sui qui extitit in aduocar' p^rd'cis. p qua quidem pecunia sic p'missa

¹⁴ Monday 30 March 1293

no' soluta, p^rd'cs Ric's ta'q^am Ball's & cui p^rd'ca m^arca pmissa fuit, p^rd'ca iumenta cepit, Et sic aduocat p^rd'cam capc'om esse iustam. Et p^rd'ca Alicia dic' q'd nullam pecunia' ei p^rmisit n^c in aliquo ei tenebatur, petit q'd inqⁱrat^r. Et p^rd'cs Ric's simili'r. I'o p^rc' est vic' q'd venire fac' .xij. &c' p^r quos &c' qⁱ n^c &c' ad recognoscend' &c'.

7:325, 325a [7 July 1293]

m'ia m'ia xijd'

D Ric'o fil' Rob'ti le Brun p^r iniusta distr' f'ca Ric'o de Mascy de Podington'

D eod'm Ric'o p^rf'lo clam'. u^s. Alic' de Crouton' ppl' [blank]

Alexander son of John Dunfowl sued Hugh de Fowlshurst and John de Cotton for having seized a horse, saddle and reins in the town of Middlewich on 17 October 1307. Hugh de Fowlshurst and John de Coton justified the seizure, saying that they are bailiffs of the king's bailiffs in Cheshire; that William brother of Hamon de Dunham, grandfather of Alexander, and of whom Alexander is the heir, was in the avowries in the reign of Edward I, paying 4d a year for the avowry; as likewise John Dunfowl, Alexander's father, had paid: but that the payment was 20 years in arrear.

Alexander denied that either William or John had ever been in the avowry. The justice ruled that the avowry records be searched, and it was found that a Hamon de Dunham and his brother were in the avowry; but the records made no mention as to the brother's name; so it was decided to make inquiry whether William was the brother in question, or if Hamon had some other brother. A slip attached to the record indicates that there was some finding in a subsequent court.

20:204 [7 November 1307]

Hugo de Foughelhurst & Joh'es de Coton' atach' fueru't ad r'nd' Alex'. fil'. Joh'is Donfoul. de pl'ito detenc' cui^sd' eqⁱ vni^s selle & vni^s freni Et vnde q' q'd p^rd'ci Hugo & Joh'es die Mar^s in c^asti'o S'ci Mich'is in Monte tu'ba A^o. r' r' Edwardi nu'c primo ¹⁵ in villa de Mediowico cepu't equ' suu' sella' sua' & frenu' & eos det'. con^a. vad' &c' p^osq' &c' vn'. dicit q'd def'iorat^s est & da'pn' h'et ad val'nc' &c' Et inde pduc' s^ctam

Et p^rd'ci Hugo & Joh'es ven' & def'. vi' &c'. q^ando &c' Et aduocant p^rd'cam capc' esse iustam quia dicu't q'd ip'i s't Balliui aduocariar. d'ni R' in Com' isto Et q'd q'd' Will's frater Hamonis de Doneham au^s p^rd'ci Alex'i cui^s h'es ip'e est fuit in aduocar' d'ni Regis & p^r cui^s Man^s d'ns Edwardus Rex Pater D'ni Edwardi R^s nu'c +fuit sei't'+ de q^atuor den'. a'nuati' reddend' p^r aduocar' p^rd'ca. & simil'r p^r. man^s Joh'is Donfoul p'ris p^rd'ci Alex'i cui^s fili^s & h'es ip'e est Et qa p^rd'ci q^atuor. den' p^r viginti annos ia' elapsos. a ret^o su't de p^rd'co Alex'. aduoc' &c' d'ni Regis &c'

Et p^rd'cs Alex' dicit q'd p^r hoc d'cam capc' iusta' aduocare. non possu't. Quia dicit q'd p^rd'ci Will's & Joh'es pat' suu^s non fueru't in aduocar' d'ni Regis n^c D'ns E. Rex pater D'ni Regis E. nu'c nu'q^am fuit sei't^s de p^rd'cis q^atuor den' p^r man^s ip'or Will'i & Joh'is r'one aduocar' &c'. Et de hoc ponit se sup p'riam

Et qa videt' Cur' q'd h'm^{odi}. v'ificacio sup seis^am d'ni Reg^s no' est admittenda q^ousq' ostet Cur' vtru' no'ia p^rd'cor Will'i & Joh'is sint inserta int' alia no'ia in ro^{lis} aduocariar seu

¹⁵ Tuesday 17 October 1307

inqⁱs' v'l id'm Alex' seu aliqⁱs an'cessor^r suor^r p aliq^a' inqⁱs' pⁱus cap essendi in aduocar' p^rd'ca n^c ne

I'o dict^s est eis dies de aud'o iud'o suo vsq' p^x' Com'. Et inf'im scrutent^r Rot' & inqⁱs'. Postea sc^utatis rot'lis aduocar' comptu' est in eisdem Rot'lis q'd qⁱdam Hamo de Doneh^am & frat^r suus no' faciend' menc'oem de no'ie suo fu^rnt in aduocar' d'ni Reg^s Et qa ignorabat^r an d'cs Will's fuit frat^r suus existens in aduocar' p^rd'ca, an alius. p^rcept' est vic'. q'd venire fac' ad p^x'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos &c' Et qui nec &c'. ad Inqⁱrend'. si p^rd'cus Will's fuit frat^r d'ci Hamon^s. existens in aduocar' &c', an h'uit aliu' fr'em ex'ntem in Ad Com' die Martis p^x^a an' Conu^rsione' S'ci Pauli Anno r' r' nuc pⁱmo.¹⁶ ven'. tam p^rd'ci Alex' & Jur' si'lit^r¹⁷

¹⁶ Tuesday 23 January 1308

¹⁷ breaks off here: but, added on a separate (damaged) slip: Postea ad Com' Hugo & Joh'nes habuit d..... Will's Hug' & Joh'