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The Wheelock

The *Wheelock* is composed of three streams, which rise near Moreton-Hall, Lawton, and Rode, and meet near Sandbach, whence the Wheelock passes to Wheelock, Elton, and Warmicham, and falls into the Dane at Croxton; its course having been about twelve miles.¹²

18:107 [20 December 1306]

On 15 December 1306 a perambulation had been made of the boundary between the land of Agnes who was wife of Warin de Mainwaring in Warmingham and the land of John de Orreby in Coppenhall before Richard de Fowlshurst, sheriff of Cheshire:

Starting at the watercourse that leads southward close by the ditch of the Priestsridings, i.e. by two feet wide of dry land next to the same (which ditch was made on the day of the perambulation); then from the corner of that ditch to a mere stone (made on the Moss as part of the perambulation); then across the Moss to the boundaries of Minshull where the bounds of Minshull, Warmingham and Coppenhall meet.

The boundaries of the modern townships of Minshull Vernon, Warmingham, Coppenhall and Leighton meet at a point southeast of Spring Farm in Minshull Vernon. The modern boundary between Warmingham and Coppenhall runs eastward from there by a fairly straight line to a pool on a stream running down to the Wheelock.

Afterwards John de Weaver, steward of John de Orreby, asked for a schedule to be enrolled stating that, because the full length of the boundary had not been perambulated, the dry ground between the ditch of Priestsridings and the ditch of Warmingham should remain in common between the parties.

The justice allowed the perambulation itself to be enrolled, but declined to accept the schedule.

I[ncipiendo] ad cursu' aque que ducit u^s le South' ppinquius iux^a fossatu' del Prestesryddung^s videl't p duos pedes de sicca t^ra ppe latus ei^sd'm fossati, sicut fossatu' illud f^cm fuit die confecc'oīs hui^s pambulac'oīs Et [sic de] cornerio eiusd'm fossati collat'alit' vsq' ad q^andam metam f^cam sup le Mos p statu pambulac'oīs [Et sic] de illa meta lineal'r vlt^a le Mos vsq' ad metas del Minshull vbi capud metar & bundarii de Min[shull] Wermynch^am & Copenhale co'iungit.

Preceptu' fuit vic' q'd assumpt' secu' xij. discret' & leg' Militib^s de Com' Cestr' & q'd in pp^a p[sona] sua ace]deret ad terram Agn' que fuit vx^r Warini de Meynwaryng in Wermynch^am & terr' Joh'is de O[rreby] in Copen]hale & p eor sac^rm fieri fac^tet pambulac'om int^r terra' ip'ius Agn' in Wermynch^am & terr' ip'ius J[oh]is de Orreby in Copen]hale. Ita q'd pambulac'o illa fiat p c^tas metas & diuisas Quia p^rd'ca Agnes & Joh'nes posueru't se in [pambula]c'om illam. Et q'd scir' fac^tet Justic' Cestr' apud Cestr'

¹² *Magna Britannia: Cheshire*, p. 421.

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sub sigillo suo & sub sigill' quatuor Milit' ex illis qui p[am]bulac'oi illi int' fuerunt p quas metas & diuisas pambulac'o illa f'ca fuit &c' Et hoc br'e. Et p'textu cui's mand[at'] vic' mandauit pambulac'om put sequit' in hec verba. Perambulac'o f'ca fuit cora' Ric'o de Fouleshurst vic' Cestr' Die Jouis p^xa p^st f'm sancte Lucie virginis anno. r'. r'. E. xxxv^{mo}.¹³ int' terra' Agn' que fuit vx' Warini [de Meyn]waryng in Wermynch^am & terra' Joh'is de Orreby in Copenhale p sacr'm Will'i de Praers, Rog'i de Spur[stowe] de Fouleshurst, Ran' Co^til, Thom' de Craunach' Rob'i fil' Will'i de Praers, Will'i de Wilberh^am, Rob'i de Joh'is de Coton', Rob'i de Northbur', Gilb'i Dodefyn & David de Barton' ex consensu d'car p^{ci}u' elector [qui dicunt] sup sacr'm suu' q'd iste sunt c'te mete & bunde int' Wermynch^am & Copenhale inppetuu', videlicet [I]ncipiendo ad cursu' aque que ducit u^s le South' ppinquius iux^a fossatu' del Prestesryddung^s videl't p duos pedes de sicca t'ra ppe latus ei^sd'm fossati, sicut fossatu' illud f'cm fuit die confecc'o^s hui^s pambulac'o^s Et [sic de] cornerio eiusd'm fossati collat'alit' vsq' ad q^andam metam f'cam sup le Mos p statu pambulac'o^s [Et sic] de illa meta lineal'r vlt^a le Mos vsq' ad metas del Minshull vbi capud metar & bundarii de Min[shull] Wermynch^am & Copenhale co'iungit. Et sic p p'd'ca loca pred'ci Jurati pambulau'ut. In cui^s rei testim[onium] p'd'ci Joh'nes de Coton' David de Barton' Rog'us de Spurstowe & Ran's Co^tel qui d'ce pambulac'oi int'fu[unt] vna cu' d'co Ric'o vic' Cestris' sigilla sua apposueru't Dat' apud Werminch^am & Copenhale die & anno sup^ad'cis

Postea venit Joh'nes de Weu'e Senescall' p'd'ci Joh'is de Orreby & petit p d'no suo q'd qued' sedula irrotulat' [in hec] verba. Quia quidam pambulac'o fieret sup Mossam int' Wermynch^am & Copenhale p certos viros electos [ex] concensu Agn' de Wermynch^am d'ne de Wermynch^am & Joh'is de Orreby d'ni de Copenhale, set quia ijdem elec[ti non] pcesseru't vlt'ius sup dictam terra' vbi pax p'ris int' p'd'ca ptes erat reformata c'tis condic'oib^s scil't q'd illa sicca t'ra int' fossatu' del Prestesrydyng^s & fossatu' de Wermynch^am exopp'ito remanent inppetuu' in co'muni put tempe p't'ito remansit ad ingru' & egressu' h'nd' p ho'ib^s vt'usq' p'tis, Et sic quo ad hec calu'pnis p'd'ca pambulac'o &c'.

Et qa p'd'ca pambulac'o simplicit' & sine condic'one fuit concessa in pleno Comitatu, Ideo non obstante sup contentis in p'd'ca sedula stet p'd'ca pambulac'o in sua natura & in robore suo &c'.

¹³ Thursday 15 December 1306