

Richard de Sworton

Alicia who was wife of Adam de Kelby sued Matthew de Alpraham for having on Monday 17 June 1297 seized a cow of hers at Legh and took it to his own home, at Alpraham, until Monday 12 August it was released by Richard de Sworton the royal bailiff. Matthew first quibbled as to the date of seizure, saying that it in fact took place on Friday 21 June 1297. Secondly, he had let to Adam de Kelby 2 acres of land for a term of years, during which term Adam died: so, according to the custom of Cheshire (q.v.) he seized the best beast as heriot. The jury said that Alicia had given the correct date, so Matthew's defence was dismissed, and he was amerced two shillings.

9:243: 27 August 1297

p^r. M'ia alibi

Math's de Alph^am attach' fuit ad respondd' Alicie q' fuit vx^r Ad' de Kelleby de pl'o capc'ois au^rior vnde quer' q'd die Lune px' ante f'm Natiuitatis s'ci Joh'is Bapt'e hoc anno¹³¹ quandam vaccam suam in domo ip'ius Alicie ap'd Legh' iux^a M'e cepit & vsq' ad domu' ip'ius Math'i ap'd Alph^am fugauit & ibidem inpcavit & inpcata' detinuit cont^a vad' &c' vsq' die' Lune px' p^st f'm s'ci Laurenc'¹³². quo die delib'ac'o inde f'ca fuit p Ball'm d'ni Regis iurat' Ric'm de Sworton' no'ie. vnde dic' q'd def'iorata est & dampn' h't ad valenc' di'm'. & du't secta'

Et p'd'cus Math's venit & defend' vim &c'. q'n &c'. Et dic' q'd capc'o qua' p'd'ca' Alicia asserit fieri die Lune px^a ante f'm Natiuitatis s'ci Joh' Bapt'e f'ca fuit die ven'is sequ'. Et hoc petit q'd inq'rat'. Dic' enim p'd'cus Math's +q'd ip'e+ dimisit Ad' de Kelleby duas ac^as t're, tenend' de eo ad t'n'm. annor infra que' t'nu' p'd'cus Ad' obiit in tenura sua, Et ip'e s'cdm consuetudi'em hactenus in Cestris' vsitatam, cepit t'ciu' melius a'ial' tanq^am de tenente suo qui obiit in tenura &c'.

Jur' d'nt sup sacr'm suu' q'd p'd'ca vacca capta fuit die Lune px^a ante f'm s'ci Joh' Bapt'e. sicut p'd'ca Alicia quer' & no' die ven'is, sicut p'd'cus Math's dicit. I'o cons' est q'd p'd'ca Alic' recuperet dampna sua q' taxant' &c'. Et p'd'cus Math's in m'ia Dampn^a. — ij.s'.

10:51: 19 November 1297

Dies dat^s est Alic' q' fuit vx^r Ad' de Kelleby quer' & Math'o de Alph^am in pl'o capc'ois vnius vacce. p'ce pciu' vsq' &c'.

10:95: 14 January 1298

M'ia .iiij.s'.

D Will'o d'no de Knottesford +.xij.d'.+, Ric'o de Bydenhale +.ij.s'.+ quia non veneru't ad Inquis' int' Alic' que fuit vxor Ade de Kelleby & Math'm de Alph^am.

10:97: 14 January 1298

M'ia .ij.s'.

D Math'o de Alph^am p iniusta capc' +vni^s vacce+, u^s, Alic' que fuit vx^r Ade de Kelleby. +in pl'o capc' cui^sdam vacce+ ppl' Hug' de Calueleg'. Et da'pna taxant' ad — ij.s'.

¹³¹ Monday 17 June 1297

¹³² Monday 12 August 1297