

Hugh de Fowlshurst and Robert Niker

Hugh de Fowlshurst was keeper of the earl's avowries (see AVOWRIES) and a prominent figure in the 1309 disturbances (see CONSPIRACY). He also appears with Robert Niker as bailiffs of the borough of Middlewich (see BURGAGES).

In March 1308 Hugh de Derby complained that on Monday 2 October 1307 Fowlshurst, Niker and Thomas son of Amicia seized a leather hide of his in Middlewich market, and took it to Thomas's house. Derby claimed ½ mark (6s 8d) damages.

The defendants denied the charge. They said that Thomas had bought the hide from Derby the previous 11 September, for 18d, payable on October 2nd. Fowlshurst and Niker stated that they, as the king's bailiffs for Middlewich, had seized the hide because Derby, who had been buying and selling in the town on 11 September, had failed to pay the toll due, i.e. 1½d. The jury decided that Fowlshurst's account was substantially correct; that Derby had been amerced in Middlewich court, and that the hide was therefore seized, it not having yet been paid for. Derby was amerced for a false claim.

Derby nevertheless pursued the matter, so the county court ordered that a visne be summoned to review the verdict. The sheriff gave two summoners the panel of names of the men to attend the visne, but the summoners (Kenwric son of Richard de Calveley and Richard son of Bate) had done nothing. Kenwric and Richard were therefore ordered to be attached to answer the court for their contempt. What precisely happened next is not recorded, but the following month Derby was amerced 12d for false claim.

20:335: 5 March 1308

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Hugo de Fouleshurst Thom' fil' Amicie. & Rob'us Niker sum' fu'nt ad respondend' Hugon' de Derby de pl'ito detenc'ois cuiusdam corii bouini. Et vnde quer' p'd'ci Hugo +de Fouleshurst+ & alii. die Lune px^a post festum S'ci Mich'is Archang'li anno Regni R' nu'c p'mo¹⁷¹. in villa de medio Wico. in M'cato eiusdem ville cepu't p'd'cm coriu' de p'd'co Hug' de Derby. & p'd'cm coriu'. ad domu' p'd'ci Thom' in eadem villa asptau'nt. & illud ibi detinueru't. & adhuc detine't vnde dicit q'd def'ioratus est ad dampnu'. h'et. ad valenc'. di'. marce Et inde pducit sectam &c'.

Et p'd'ci. Hugo de Fouleshurst, Thom' & Rob'us. ven'. Et defend' vim & iniuria'. q'n. &c'. Et dicu't q'd ip'i n'llm coreu' de eo cepunt sicut eis imponit &c'. Quia dicu't q'd p'd'cus Thom' emit p'd'cm Coriu'. de p'd'co Hug' de Derby. die Lune px^a post Natiuitate' b'e Marie v'ginis. pxi'o p't'ito.¹⁷² p octodecim denar'. eid' Hug' de Derby soluend' die Lune px^a post festu'. S'ci. Mich'is. p'd'co. & idem Hugo. d'cm coriu'. eidem Thom' lib'auit. absq' hoc q'd n'llm coriu' de eo cepit sicut ei imponit. &c' Et d'ci & Hug' & Rob'us dicu't. q'd. ip'i. sunt ball'i d'ni Reg^s de medio. Wico. & d'cus Hug' de Derby fecit quasdam empc'oes & vendic'oes in p'd'ca villa. die lune px^a post Natiuitatem b'e Marie p'd'co. & Theoloni' suu'

¹⁷¹ Monday 2 October 1307

¹⁷² Monday 11 September 1307

+vid' vnu' ob'+ inde asptauit p quo Theolonio asptato. ip'i intendentes p'd'cm Thom' deb'e eidem Hug' de Derby. octodecim denar' p quod Corio ab eo empto. arestau'nt p'd'cos denarios. in manu p'd'ci Thom'. no'ie attach'ti. eo q'd n'llm aliu' attach'm sup ip'm fact' potu'nt quousq' d'no Reg'. de p'd'ca t'nsgr'ss'ione respond'et. Et q'd alio modo n'mm coriu' de eo cepunt petu't q'd inq'rat' p p'riam. Et. Hugo de Derby. similif. I'o. p'ceptu' est. vic'. q'd venire fac'. hic ad px'm Com' .xij. &c'. p quos &c'. Et qui nec &c'. Quia tam &c' — Postea ad Com'. die Martis px^a post Asscenc'om d'ni.¹⁷³ ven' ptes & Jur' si'lit'.

Jurator' de consensu pciu' el'ci dicu't. sup sacr'm suu'. q'd p'd'cus. Hugo de Derby. vendidit p'd'cm coriu' p'd'co Thom'. p octodecim denar'. & idem Thom'. h'uit p'd'cm coriu' p lib'ac'oem. p'd'ci Hugon' de Derby, & q'd coriu' illu' ab eo alio modo no' cepit, Et dicu't q'd Hug' de Fouleshurst est ball's d'ni Reg^s. de medio wico cora' quo in Cur' d'ni Reg^s p'd'ce ville. idem Hugo de Derby amerciatus fuit p quadam t'nsgr'ssion'. p quo am'ciamento leuand'. ide' Hug' de Fouleshurst arestauit. p'd'cos octodecim denar' in manus p'd'ci. Thom' quousq' p'd'cus Hug' de Derby. soluisset p'd'cm am'ciamento'. Et qa comptu' est q'd p'd'ci. Hugo de Fouleshurst, Thom' & Rob'us no' cepunt p'd'cm Coriu' de p'd'co Hugon' de Derby. sicut ide'. Hugo. quer'. I'o consideratu' est. q'd p'd'cus Hugo de Derby nich' capiat p br'e suu'. set p'f'lo clam'. sit in m'ia. & p'd'ci Hugo de Fouleshurst & alii. ea't inde sine die &c'.

20:486: 23 April 1308

p' e'.

Preceptum fuit vic'. q'd venire fac'et hic ad hunc diem. +Com'+ .xij. &c'. de visnet' de Medio Wico p quos &c'. Et qui nec &c'. ad faciend'. quamdam Inquisic'oem int' Hugon' de Derby. quer' & Hug' de Fouleshurst, Thom' fil' Auicie & Rob'm Niker de pl'ito detenc'ois cuiusdam corii. bouini. &c'. Et vic' nich' inde fecit. set mandauit. q'd dederat q'oddam panellu' co'tinens no'ia Jur' p'd'ce Inq'sic'ois. quibusdam. Kenewrico fil' Ric'i de Caluilegh'. & Ric'o fil' Bate su'monitorib^s. ad sum' p'd'cos Jur' in panello co'tentos essendi hic ad hunc Com'. et q'd p'cepat eis q'd essent hic ad h'nc Com' ad testificand' sum' illum Et ip'i modo no' veniu't. +&c'+ I'o p'ceptu' est vic'. q'd atach' p'd'cos. Kenewric' & Ric'm. q'd sint hic ad px'm Com'. ad resp'd d'no Regi. de t'nsgr'ssione illa & contemptu. Et p'ceptu' est vic'. sicut alias. q'd venire fac' +ad px'm Com'+ .xij. &c' de visneto p'd'co. p quos &c'. Et qui nec &c'. ad faciend' Jur^am. illa' .&c'. Quia tam &c'.

20:519: 28 May 1308

M'. xij.d'

Hugo de Derby p falso clam' uersus. Hugon' de Fouleshurst & alios in br'i de pl'ito detenc'ois cui^sdam bouini. in m'ia. vt patet in pl'itis ad Com'. die Martis. px' post festu' s'ci Cedde. vlti'o p'r'ito.¹⁷⁴

The following November, Thomas son of William Bot of Middlewich claimed that on Sunday 11 August, Niker and one Hugh son of Geoffrey had attacked him with swords in the town, and sought damages of 100s. A similar accusation was made by William Bot and Edusa his wife. Niker completely denied the affair, and called for the matter to be put to a jury. However, both actions were dropped, and Thomas was amerced 12d and William and Edusa 6d, for false claims. Hugh son of Geoffrey appears in 1309 as under bailiff of John Cotton and William de Venables (q.v.)

¹⁷³ Tuesday 28 May 1308

¹⁷⁴ Tuesday 5 March 1308

21:94: 12 November 1308

Rob'tus Niker attachiatus fuit ad respondend' Thom' fil' Will'i Bot de medio Wico de pl'ito q're ip'e sum' cu' Hug' fil' Galfridi vi & armis in ip'm Thom' apud mediu' Wicu' insultu' fecit ip'm verb'auit vuln'auit & maletr^actauit & alia enormia &c'. Et vnde q'dem Thom' quer' q'd p'r'd'cus Rob'us sim'l &c' die d'nica px^a post festu' S'ci Laurencii. anno r'. r'. nu'c s'cdo¹⁷⁵ apud mediu' Wicu'. vi & armis scil' gladiis &c' in ip'm Thom' insultu' fecit & ip'm verb'auit, vuln'auit, & malet^actauit & alia enormia &c'. & cont^a pacem &c'. vnde dicit q'd def'iorat^s est & da'pnu' h'et ad valenc' Centu' solidor & inde p'ducit sectam &c'.

Et p'r'd'cus Rob'us venit & defendit vim & iniur' q'n &c'. Et dicit q'd ip'e p'r'd'cis die & anno p'r'd'co Thome nulla' t^ansg^essione' fecit sicut ei inponit' & de hoc ponit se sup'p'riam. Et p'r'd'cus Thom' similit'. I'o p'r'ceptu' est vic', q'd venire fac' ad px'm Com' .xij. &c' p' quos &c'. Et q' n^c &c'. Quia tam &c'.

21:200: 17 December 1308

M'ia.xij.d'

Thom' fil' Will' Bot de medio Wico qui tulit br'e de t^ans versus Rob'm Niker & Hugon' fil' Galfridi no' e' ps' Ideo ip'e & pleg' sui de ps' in m'ia scil' Will's Crowe & Alex' spirit^s

21:202: 17 December 1308

M'ia.vj.d'

Will's Bot de medio Wico & Edusa vx' eius qui tuleru't br'e de t^ans versus Rob'm Niker & Hug' fil' Galfrid' no' est ps'. Ideo ip'i & pleg' sui de ps'. in m'ia scil'. Will's Crowe & Alex' spiritus

¹⁷⁵ Sunday 11 August 1308