

Alan de Acton and Henry son of Stephen

At the beginning of the new court year, at the first court after Michaelmas 1308, Alan de Acton assumed the bailiwick of Northwich from Michaelmas to Michaelmas for £73.

21:89: 1 October 1308

Alanus de Acton'. Joh'es de Legh'. Rob'us de Bulkelegh'. Hugo de Fouleshurst Will's cl'icus de Coton' Jacobus de Weu'h^m. Will's de Horton'. Ric'us de Andretun'. Joh'es de noua aula senior. Joh'es de noua aula Junior. cogn'. se debere Rob'to de Holand. Justic'o Cestr'. sexaginta & tresdecim libr' p firma balli'e ville de Norwico. a festo S'ci Mich'is Archang'li. pxi'o p^rt^rito¹⁸⁴. vsq' ad idem festu' S'ci Mich'is pxi'o sequ's¹⁸⁵. p vnu' annu' integru', Et q'd puteos. salinas & Jura balli'e p^rd'ce in adeo bono statu. sicut ea recepunt. Et nisi fec'int; concedu't q'd vic' fieri fac' de t^ris & cat' &c'.

An inquest held at Northwich on Saturday 18 November 1309 found that on Monday 13 October, Robert de Winnington, William and John his sons, Clement le Tailor, Hugh de Leighton and Robert son of Bulkeley cobbler waylaid Hugh son of Bate, a butcher, in the middle of the town, wanting to attack him but he fled unharmed. William de Winnington then waylaid Henry son of Stephen, town bailiff, and struck him with a lance. Henry fled and the townsfolk raised a hue and cry. Henry Peacock, answering the hue, came up and Clement shot him in the stomach: he died immediately. The gang then made their way through the town and across the bridge over the river Weaver, shooting arrows. Hearing the disturbance, Alan de Acton came out of his house and warned Robert de Winnington, but Robert with the help of the womenfolk and others took hold of Alan and threw him to the ground. Alan escaped with difficulty and went back into his house. Alan then came back out with a stick in his hand, together with John de Acton, Hugh de Moulton and William le Shepherd, and warned the gang to keep the peace. They took no heed, so John son of Walter de Acton shot Robert de Winnington in the chest, from which he died. Alan de Acton assisted in killing Robert by striking him on the neck with his stick; and Hugh de Moulton gave Robert such a blow on the back that it would have killed him even if the other injuries had not been fatal. Hugh de Leighton, Roger son of Bulkeley and Clement shot Moulton with four arrows, from which he immediately died. Either Clement or Leighton also shot an arrow into William Priest in the chest, whereby he was grievously wounded. The surviving members of the gang then fled and were nowhere to be found.

Alan de Acton, John son of Walter de Acton and William le Shepherd went back into Alan's house and spent the night there, but on the morrow John and William fled. Annora, Robert de Winnington's widow, complained to the

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serjeants of the peace, who came to Alan de Acton's house and arrested him and took him to Chester castle. When the matter was brought before the county court, Annora's case was rejected and she was gaoled; Alan was freed. (See, more fully, sub Conspiracy).

22:115: 7 October 1309

Inquis' pro Roberto de Wynigton'

Inquis' capt' apud Norwic' die sabb'i in festo s'ci Luc' Ewang' anno .r'.r'.E. t'co¹⁸⁶ cora' Gilb' de Schingelto' tenente locu' Justic'. & Joh' de Coton' Coronatore' Hundr' de Norwic'. eo q'd id'm Joh' Coronator fr' Rob' de Wynigto' int'fecti suspectus fuit p' sacr'm .xij. iur' de Hundr' de Norwico .xij. de Hundr'o de Buckelowe & .xij. de Hundr' de Edesbur' & si'lr p' sacr'm pxi'ar' villat' adiacent' videl't Dutton', Noua aula. Dauenh^am. Qwatecroft. Lostoc. Herforde, Oldecassel, Wymigh^am. Pykem'e & M'ston'. qui dicu't s'r sacr'm suu' q'd die Lun' px' p's f'm S'ci Wilfrid' a'o sup^ad'co¹⁸⁷ vener't Rob' de Wynigto' Will' & Joh' fil' ei's Clem' le Tayllour Hug' de Leghto' & Rog' fil' Bulkyl' sutor p' mediu' ville de Norwic' & obuiau'erunt cu' quoda' Hug' fil' Bate Carnifice & in eu' v'bis co'tumelios' insultu' fec'unt & ip'm pcussisse voluer't qui ab eis sine dampno euasit. Et Will' de Wynigto' obuians Henr' fil' Steph'i ball'o ville de Norwico & pcussit eu' cu' quodam enso, qui quide' Henr' fil' Steph' fugit & ho'ies eiusd' ville clam' fecer't & Hutes'. Et p'd'cs Clem' sagittauit q'nda' Henr' Pecok venient' ad clam' cu' q'dam sagitta in ventre vnde statim obiit. Et p's f'cm illud o'es de societate illa iueru't sagittand' p' mediu' ville vlt^a ponte' de Weuer'; Alanus de Acton' ball's p'd'ce ville audie's Hutes' leuat' exiuit domu' sua' & obuiauit Rob' de Wynigton' & ammonit p'd'cm Rob' ne sustinere p'd'cos malef'cores. & ide' Rob' si'l cu' mulierib' & aliis cepit d'cm Alanu' & eum ad t'ram p'st'uit & eu' pcussit & calcauit, ita q'd vix ab eis euasit. Et p'd'cs Alan' reu'sus ad domu' sua' [exinde] exiuit armat' cum quodam baculo in manu sua, Et cu' eo Joh' de Acton'. Hug' de Mulneton' & Will' le [Shepe]herde & ammonit p'd'cos malef'cores q'd se ad pacem d'ni R^s. reddere't, qui nolu'unt p' ip'o set vo..... Rusticu'. Et Joh' fil' Walt'i de Acton' pcussit Rob'm de Wynigto' cu' quada' sagitta in corpe sub ma..... vlner' h'uit morte'. & Alan' de Acton' pcutiebat p'd'cm Rob'tum in collo cu' quoda' bac'lo & sic fuit in [auxilio] eiusd'm mortis. Et Hug' de Mulneton' pcutiebat p'd'cm Rob' cu' quodam bac'lo in dorso de quo ictu h'u[fit mortem] si aliud v'ln' no' h'uisset. Et Hug' de Leghto' & Rog' fil' Bulkyl' de Wico & Clem' sagittau'ut Hug' de Mul[neton'] cu' q'atuor sagittis de quib' v'ln'erib' statim obiit. Et p'd'ci Clem' Hug' de Leghton' sagittau'unt cu' q'dam sagitt' in pectore, ita q'd de vita ei's dispabat' s' quis eor' eu' pcussit ignorant. Et m..... Et Alanus statim in domo sua capt' est p' s'uiantes pacis ad sectam Annor' vx' p'd'ci Rob' de Wynigton' & duct' ad Castr' Cestr'. Et p'd'ci Clem'. Joh'. & Will' fil' p'd'ci Rob'ti. Hug' de Leghton' & Rog' fil' Bulkil statim p's f'cm fuger't nec alicubi receptati sunt. Cat' p'd'ci Joh' fil' Walt'i. Idem Joh' h'uit liberam t'ram in feodo, videl't vnam bouat' t're in Aketon' & valet p' annu' .iiij.s'. blada in g'angia p'c' ix's'.¹⁸⁸ de aliis inquirend' est de eor' catall'.

22:212: 25 November 1309

Apell'

Annora que fuit vx' Rob't i de Wynington' app'llat Alanu' de Acton' de morte Rob'ti de Wynington' q'ndam viri sui pleg' de ps' Joh'es de Wynington' & Ranulph' de Merbury Vacat qa alibi

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Idem Alanus op se u'sus Annora' q' fuit vx' Rob'ti de Wynington' de pl'ito app'lli de morte Rob'ti de Wynington'. q'ndam viri sui. &c'. Et p'd'ca Annora venit. & retraxit se de apello suo Ideo consideratu' est q'd p'd'ca Annora co'mittatur Gaiole. & pleg' sui de ps'. in m'ia. scil't Joh'es de Wynington' & Ranulph' de Merbury. Et p'd'cs Alanus quo ad sectam p'd'ce Annore inde quietus impp'm.

Coronator Hundr' de Northwicho & si'lr villat' de Dutton', Noua aula, Dauenh^am Whatecroft Lostok & Herteford p'stant q'd die lune pxi'a p't f'm s'ci Wilfridi Ep'i Anno Regus nu'c t'cio¹⁸⁹ Rob'tus de Wynynnton', Will' & Joh'es filii eiusd' Rob'ti, Clemens le Taillour, Hugo de Leghton' & Rog's fil' Bulkylegh' sutoris venientes p med' ~~vieu~~ ville de Northwicho obuiau' t' cuid' Hug' fil' Bate carnifice & in eum insultu' feceru't & pcussisse volueru't s' sine da'pno ab eis euasit. Et p'd'cs Will' fil' Rob'ti obuians Henr' fil' Steph'i Balli'o d'ni R^s ville de Northwicho pcussit eum cu' q'd' gladio ext^acto vn' ip'e fugiebat & ip'e simul cu' hom'ib^s eiusd' ville clam' & hutes' feceru't vnde pl'es eiusd' ville ad hutes' illud veneru't. Et p'd'cus Cleme's le Taille'ur quemd' Henr' Perot veniente' ad clam' illum sagittauit in ventre cu' quad' sagitta. vnde statim obiit. Et p'st f'cm illud om'es de societate illa iueru't sagittando p med' ville vlt^a ponte' de Weure. Et Alanus de Acton' Ball's eiusd' ville audito Hutes' illo venit & obuians Rob'to de Wynynnton' ip'm a'monuit ne p'd'cos malef'cores in malef'cis suis sustineret qui quide' Rob' simul cu' mulierib^s & aliis in comitiua sua existentib^s d'cm Alanu' cep' & ad t'ram p'st'uit pcussit & calcauit ita q'd vix ab eis euasit et ad domu' reu'sus statim p'stea exiuit armatus cu' quod' baculo in manu sua & c' eo Joh' de Acton'. Hugo de Mulneton' & Will' le Shepeherde & a'monuit ip'os malef'cores vt eos ad pace' d'ni R^s reddere't Qui nolueru't, vnde Joh' fil' Walteri de Acton' pcussit Rob'm de Wynynnton' c' q'd' sagitta in cor^e sub mamilla vnde h'uit morte'. Et Alan^s de Acton' pcussiebat p'd'cm Rob'm in collo cu' q'd' baculo. Et Hugo de Mulneton' pcussit eu' cu' q'd' bac'lo in dorso de quo ictu obiisset si aliud wln^s n' h'uisset. Et Hugo de Leghton' Et p'd'cs Rog's fil' Bulkileg' & Cleme's + Hugo de Leghton'+ sagittauer't Hug' de Mulneton' cu' [q^at]uor sagittis vnde statim obiit. Et id' Cleme's & Hugo pcusseru't Will' Prest c' q'd' sagitta i' p'tore [sed] quis eor' ignora't. Et p'st f'cm illud Alan^s iuit ad domu' sua' & cu' eo Joh' fil' Walt'i & Will' le [Shep]eherde & ibid' pnoctaueru't & mane fuger't. Et Alan^s p s'uiantes pacis in domo sua capt^s est ad secta' Annore vx'is p'd'ci Rob'i de Wynyn[gton' &] duct^s ad Castr' Cestr'. Et p'd'ci Cleme's. Will' & Joh' filii p'd'ci [Rob'ti.] Hugo de Leghton' & Rog' fil' Bulkylegh' statim p'st f'cm fu[ge]ru't n^c alicubi receptati su't. Et male c'dunt'. I'o ip'i [ex]igant' &c'. Et inq'rend' e' de eor' cat' &c'.

¹⁸⁹ Monday 13 October 1309