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Jordan de Macclesfield

Jordan de Macclesfield was one of the executors of the estate of his father, Thomas de Macclesfield, who made his will in December 1302; it was proved in January 1303. It is the earliest surviving Cheshire will, and shows that the archdeaconry of Chester exercised probate jurisdiction separate from that of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield. Thomas left his body to be buried in All Saints church, Macclesfield, before the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, / on the side where his son Richard lay. As well as his horse as principal, he left to the church a young ox; to Lichfield cathedral 2s; to the Franciscans of Chester 40d; to the Dominicans there 40d; to the Carmelites of Chester half a mark (6s 8d); to brother Richard Andrew 20s; and to Robert his son 40s. The moneys owing to him from his tenure of Overton and Maelor Saesneg he left to the Chapter-General of England: the Franciscans and Dominicans to have 20s each for their pittance on the day of his funeral from his larder or otherwise. He left all his lands and rents in Macclesfield, with the Boothfield, to his wife Milicent for life: and also she should have the lands of Halleggh and both Hurdsfields so long as she remain unmarried. As well as various household goods, he left to Roger his son 16 oxen together with the corn sown in the ground at Gawsorth; to Milicent de Davenport 6 oxen, 6 cows, 6 younger avers, 20 sheep, 10 swine and two mares (one being then in the forest and one in the park); to Jordan his son 10 oxen at Mottram with the corn and forage there, but so that the sheep at Staveley could be fed from the hay there that winter; and a bay foal in the park. He left to the three boys of his daughter Cecilia 6 cows and 12 heifers, together with 5 marks (£3 6s 8d). To the recluse of Macclesfield 40d; to the dean of Macclesfield a cow, and to each parisg chaplain in his deanery 6d. Various gifts of money, cattle and clothing follow: to Robert de Staveley's boys; to Thomas de Hegham; to William de Rainow; to Richard his brother; to Thomas de Tytherington; to Emma his maid. He made his brother master John (called in the administration John de Upton), his son master Jordan, Milicent his wife, Adam Byran, Roger his son and William de Rainow his executors.

20 December 1302

Jordan de Macclesfield Charters: Add. 37,249

In nomine patris & filij & spiritus sancti amen Die Jouis in vigilia beati Thom' ap'li anno T'cesimo pⁱmo¹³⁷ Ego Thomas de Macclisfeud' condo testamentu' meu' in hunc modu' In pⁱmis lego anima' meam deo & beate Marie virginis & omnib^s s'cis Et corpus meu' ad sepeliendum in ecclesia omniu' s'cor^u de Macclisfeud' coram altar' beate virginis expte ubi Ric' filius meus iacet Et coram corpor' meo meliorem equ'm meu' no'ie pⁱncipal' lego opi

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ecc'e de Macclisfeud' vnu' aueriu' Juniore' bouu' & opi ecc'e Lichesfeld' ijs' It'm lego fr'ib^s minorib^s Cest'e xls' Et fr'ib^s p^rdicatorib^s ibid' xls' Et fr'ib^s minorib^s de sallopia xls' Et fr'ib^s p^rdicatorib^s ibid' xls' Et fr'ib^s de Monte Carmeli Cest'e di' m^ac It'm lego fr'i Ric' andreu xxs' Et fr'e Rob' fil' meo xls' Ista lagata fr'ib^s bene possunt leuari de bonis Et debitis meis apud Ouerton' & Meleorseysneck & amplius Lego & uolo q in capitulo gen^rali angl' q^ando littere mee quas h'eo de eor^u frat^rnit^rate debent ostendi & anima mea missis & orac^ronib^s come'daui q ut^rq' fratres .s. minores & p^rdicatores h'eant .xx.s' ad eor^u pitancia' Lego & uolo & q honesta p^ricipac'o fiat p me die sepulture mee aut de Lardario meo aut aliunde Lego & milicent' vxor' mee omnes t^ras de Macclisfeud' cum le Bothesfeld' ad totam vitam suam +vna cum redd' ass' de Macclisf'+ Ita q de hereditate sua pp^a faceat libitu' suu' volo & q ip'a h'eat t^ram del Halleleg' & de ambab^s Hurdesfeld' dum continent' & sine viro vixerit Et q nich' int^rim clamar' possit de aliis t^ris & tenem'tis n^c in Wallia n^c alibi Lego & eid' Milisent' omnia vtensilia mea domus & alia jocalia mea saluis Rog^r filio meo duab^s ollis eneis vna pelue cu' lauatoria duab^s mappis cu' manu^rgiis & vna masera cu' pede Et q d'cm Milicent' inueniat vnu' uestrime'tu' ad altar' beate Mar' ualde ydoneu' cui^s casula & parure cu' stola erunt de auro contexte in quo capellanus ibid' celebrans possit Honestius beate virgini deseruire Et corpus xⁱ confic'e quib^s die sabbati Lego & eid' Milicent' vx' mee .xvj. boues de meliorib^s .xx^e. vaccas de melior' & .c. bidentes masculos u'l femellos p libitu suo eligendos & duos affr'os Lego & Isabelle filie mee .xx.lj'. vna cu' blado & bonis suis ppⁱs ad se maritandam post conciliu' amicor^u suor^u cum auxilio mat^rs sue Lego & Rog^r fil' meo .xvj. boues cu' blado in t^ra seminato apud Gouzeworthe Ita q h'eat ibid' semen & foragiu' p t^ra sua p^reminand' t^rpe q^atragesimali +lego & eid' pullanu' meu' redeu' qⁱe' apud ouerton'+ Lego & Milicent' de Dauenport .vj. boues .vj. uaccas & .vj. aueria Juniora .xx. bidentes .x. porc' & .ij. Jumenta cu' secta q^ar I est in foresta & alia in pco Lego & Jurdan' filio meo .x. boues qui su't apud Mott^m cum blado & foragio ibid' existentib^s set q bidentes de Staueleg' possunt sustentari de feno ibid' existent' hoc hyeme Lego & eid' iurdan' .I. pullanu' bay qui est in pco Lego & t^rbus pueris filiis Cecilie +filie+ mee .vj. Vaccas & .xij. Juuencula vna cu' .v. m^arcis quos eisd' debeo & aliis catallis suis que p^rus Habuerunt Lego magistro Joh' fr'i meo pullanu' meu' bay & qui est apud ouerton' & aliu' equum ferra't q' est ibid' Lego & s^ruic'o beate Marie vnu' au'iu' ydoneu' It'm Recluse de Macclisfeud' xld' It'm d'no ad' decano de Macclisf' I vacca' It'm cuil' capellano parochiali istius deconatus .vj.d' It'm cuil' de pueris Rob' de Staueleg' .I. au'iu' ydoneu' It'm Thom' de Hegh^am .xx.s'. Will'o de Rauenok .ij. boues & .ij. vaccas & .ij. au'ia Juniora & robam de russett' It'm Ric' fr'i meo .I. boue' & .I. vacca' & .I. au'iam Juniore' +& vna de Rob' meis .s. suptunica' de virid' cu' tunica p^rinent'+ It'm ad fr'i meo .I. boue' .I. vacca' & .I. au'ia iunior' cu' aliis catallis que h't de me & condono ei debitu' in quo mⁱ tenet^r It'm Thom' de Tyderunton' iiij vacc' iiij au'ia Junior' & robam mea' noua' It'm Emme ancille mee .ij.s'. Et si quid de bonis meis residuu' fu'it indistincte legatu' volo q executores mei inde faceant & ordinent s'cdm q ad salute' anime mee melius viderint expedire Huius aut' testamenti mey ordino & constituo executores meos subsc^rptos videl' Magistru' Johanne' fr'em meu' Magistru' Jurdanu' filium meum Milicent' vxorem meam Adam Biran Rog^r filiu' meu' Et Will'm de Rauenok quib^s omnib^s & singul' do & concedo plena' lib'am potestatem administrandi in omnib^s bonis meis sicut ego p^rsens essem in cuius rei testimoniu' p^rsenti sc^rpto sigillu' +meu'+ apposui Et sigilla executor^u meor^u apponi p^rcurau

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Die Mercur' p̄x' post festum s'ci Hyllar' Anno d'ni M^o CCC s'cdo¹³⁸ coram nob' Offic' d'ni Archid'i Cestr' prese's probatum extitit test'm & concessa est admi'st'c'o in forma constituc'oīs Mag'ro J de Vpton' Mag'ro Jordano fil' d'ci defuncti Rog'o fil' eiusd'm Ad' Byran & Will'o de Rauenok executor' in testamento no'iatis Ita q'd Milisand' vx' d'ci defuncti sit eisd'm supuidens & iux^a eor' consiliu' co'une' facia't ea que incu'bu't de bonis testatoris suprad'ci

Jordan de Macclesfield was mayor of the town at a relatively early date: he is supposed to have given his name to Jordangate there. The witness lists of many early Macclesfield charters start with the name of the then mayor.

Adam Marescallus (Marshall) of Macclesfield granted John son of Pymme de Macclesfield a plot of land and meadow lying between the land of Thomas le Bailey on the east and the torrent under the town of Macclesfield.

[1302-1308]

John de Macclesfield Cartulary f.55

Sciant p'sentes & fut'i q'd ego Adam Marescallus de Macclesfeld' dedi ccessi & hac p'nti carta mea cfirmamui Joh'i fil' Pymme de Macclesf' hredib^s suis vel assignatis vnam placeam terre & prati cu' p̄tin' Iacent' inter terram Thome le Bailly ex pte orientali et iux^a aquam torente' subtus villam de Macclesfeld' ex pte occidentali H'end' & tenend' de me & h'edib^s meis vel assignat^s pred'co Joh'i heredib^s suis v'l assignat^s libere quiete b'n & in pace integre hereditar' & impp'm Reddendo inde annuati' capitali feodi illius s̄uicia debit' p̄ o'ib^s Et ego v'o p'd'cus Adam & heredes mei v'l assignat' p'd'co Joh'i h'edib^s suis v'l assignat^s p'd'cam placeam t're & p̄ti cu' p̄tin' con^a om'es mortales Warantizabim^s acqietabim^s & impp'm defendem^s In cui^s rei testi'om huic p'n'ti carte sigillu' meu' apposui Hijs testib^s d'no Will'mo Auyn tu'c Balliuo Mag'ro Jordano tunc Maiore Thoma de Astebury Joh'e de Dene Joh'e de Astebury Will'o le Barker Will'mo Clappyng Rog'o Cl'ico & alijs

Thomas de Sandbach chaplain, acting as a trustee, resettled on Jordan and Lucia his wife their lands in Macclesfield, Hurdsfield, Stubbs, Tidnoc, Shrigley and Staveley.

[undated]

Jordan de Macclesfield Charters: Add. 37,254

Sciant p'sentes & futuri q'd Ego Thoma' de Sondbache Cap'llus dedi co'cessi & hac p'senti cartta mea co'firmamui Magistr' Jordano de Macclisfeld' & Lucie vxori eius om'es t'ras & teneme'ta reddit^s & seruicia que h'ui ex dono & feofame'to p'd'ci Jordani in villis de Macclisfeld' Hurdesfeld' Stobbes Tydnac Scriglegh' & Stauelegh' cu' om'ib^s eor' p̄tine'cijs sine aliquo reteneme'to h'nd' & tenend' de capitalib^s d'nis feodoru' ip'oru' p̄ s̄uicia inde debita & co'sueta ad totam vitam p'd'cor' Jordani & Lucie & post morte' ip'or' Jord' & Lucie om'es t'ras & ten't' reddit^s seruicia cu' suis p̄tinencijs Thome fil' p'd'cor' Jord' & Lucie &

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*h'edib^s masculis de corpe suo legiti'e pcreatis integre remaneant h'nd' & tenend' de capitalib^s d'nis feodor illor p s'uicia inde debita & consueta Et si co'tingat p^rd'cm Thom' sine h'ede masc'lo de corpe suo legiti'e pcreato deceder' q'd absit tu'c om'es t'r' & ten' p^rd'ca reddit^s & s'uicia cu' eor ptine'cijs Joh'i fil' p^rd'cor Jord' & Lucie & h'edib^s masc'lis de corpe suo legiti'e pcreatis integre remaneant h'nd' & tene'd' de capitalib^s d'nis feodor suor p s'uicia inde debita & co'sueta Et si co'tingat p^rd'cm Joh'em sine h'ede masc'lo de corpe suo legiti'e pcr'ato obir' q'd absit tu'c om's t'r' ten't' & reddit^s & s'uicia cu' eor ptine'cijs Jordano fil' p^rd'cor Jordani & Lucie & h'edib^s masc'lis de corpe suo legiti'e pcr'atis integre r'maneant h'nd' & tene'd' de capitalib^s d'nis feodor illor p s'uicia inde debita & co'sueta Et si co'tingat p^rd'cm Jordanu' sine h'ede masc'lo de corpe suo legiti'e pcr'ato deceder' q'd absit tu'c om's t're & ten' p^rd'ca cu' eor ptin' Margarete filie p^rd'cor [Jordani & Lucie] & h'edib^s masc'lis de corpe suo legiti'e pcr'atis integre r'maneant h'nd' & tene'd' de capitalib^s [d'nis feodor illor p s'uicia inde] debita & co'sueta Et si co'tingat p^rd'cam Margaretam sine h'ede masc'lo de [corpe suo legiti'e pcr'ato deceder'] q'd absit tu'c om's t're & ten' p^rd'ca cu' eor ptin' Milice'[tie filie p^rd'cor Jordani & Lucie] & h'edib^s masc'lis de corpe suo legiti'e pcr'atis integre r'maneant h'nd' & tene'd' de [capitalib^s d'nis feodor illor p s'uicia inde] debita & co'sueta Et si co'tingat p^rd'cam Milicenta' sine h'ede [masc'lo de corpe suo legiti'e pcr'ato deceder' q'd absit] tu'c om's t're & ten' p^rd'ca cu' eor ptin' Marione fil' p^rd'cor Jord' & Lucie [& h'edib^s masc'lis de corpe suo] legiti'e pcr'atis integr' remaneant h'nd' & tene'd' de capitalib^s d'nis feodor illor [p s'uicia inde debita & co'sueta Et si] co'tingat p^rd'cam Mariona' sine h'de masc'lo de corpe suo legiti'e pcreat' deceder' [q'd absit] tu'c om'es t're & [omnes] p^rd'ca reddi]t^s & s'uicia cu' eor ptin' rectis h'[edibus] p^rd'ci mag'ri Jord'i integr' [remaneant] Et ego vero p^rd'cus Thom'
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