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**Woodnot**

John and Roesia Littlebury sold all their lands in Cheshire by charter in 1259 for 180 marks (£120) to John de Wetenhall. Wetenhall paid 100 marks immediately and pledged to pay the balance by two instalments of 40 marks.

In 1260 Roesia was examined privately and the charter was read out to her, to ensure that she freely agreed to the transaction.

However, Randle de Oldington then appeared in court with a charter whereby John and Roesia had previously granted him a sixth part of the township of Minshull; and a William Woodnot brought a charter whereby they had granted him the sergeancy of Acton.

Woodnot agreed to renounce his claim on John paying him £2, and John let the sergeancy to Woodnot for five years at 1 mark (13s 4d) per annum.

1:20: 18 November 1259

*Memo<sup>d</sup> q'd Joh's de Litlebur' in pleno Comit' Cestr' die m<sup>a</sup>rtis p<sup>x</sup>a p<sup>s</sup> conu<sup>r</sup>c'om s'ci Pauli<sup>317</sup> coram d'no Justic' concessit q'd ducit Roeis[am] vx' suam ad p<sup>x</sup>im' Comit' Cestr' ad concedendu' & inrot'lari faciend' feoffamentu' q'd d'ci Joh's & Roeis' vx' eius fec<sup>r</sup>u't Joh'i de Wethenhal de om'ib<sup>s</sup> t<sup>r</sup>is & Tenement<sup>s</sup> cu' p<sup>tin</sup>' q<sup>a</sup>s habueru't u'l aliq<sup>o</sup> casu h'ere potueru't inf<sup>a</sup> Comit' Cestr' Et ad hoc fidelit<sup>r</sup> & s'n aliqua fraude seu dil'acone ult<sup>r</sup>iori. faciend' obligauit d'cus Joh's de Lyttlebur' om'ies du' quos d'cus Joh' de Wethenhal s<sup>i</sup> deb<sup>t</sup> p<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup>d'cis t<sup>r</sup>is & Tenem' scil' q<sup>a</sup>t<sup>r</sup>vigint' m<sup>a</sup>rcas volu'tati d'no Edward' u'l Justic' sui qui p<sup>r</sup> tempe fu'it vt ip'e d'cos .... dieb<sup>s</sup> soluendis capiat & optineat Et d'cus Joh's de Wethenhal d'cas t<sup>r</sup>as & Tenem' cu' om'ib<sup>s</sup> p<sup>tin</sup>' possideat et imp<sup>petuu</sup>' teneat de d'no Edwardo & hered' suis. s'n aliq<sup>o</sup> clamio u'l calu'pnia. d'ci Joh' u'l Roys' vx' sue aut heredu' eor<sup>u</sup> p<sup>r</sup> s'uicia d'cis t<sup>r</sup>is debet' & c<sup>o</sup>sueto &c'*

1:60: 13 January 1260

*M<sup>d</sup> quod Joh' de Litlebur' in pleno Com' die m<sup>a</sup>rtis p<sup>x</sup>a p<sup>s</sup> conu<sup>r</sup>sione' s'ci Pauli<sup>318</sup> coram Justic' concessit quod Roes' vx<sup>r</sup> sua ducet ad p<sup>x</sup>imu' Com' Cestr' ad concedend' & faciend' inrotulari feoffamentu' q'd D'ci Joh' & Roes' ux' eius fec<sup>r</sup>u't Joh' de Wethenhale de om'ibus t<sup>r</sup>is & ten' cu' p<sup>tin</sup>' quas h'uerunt ul' aliquo casu h'ere potuer' t infra Com' Cestr' Et ad hoc fidelit<sup>r</sup> & sine ult<sup>r</sup>iore dil'acone fac' obligauit d'cs Joh' om's den' quod p<sup>r</sup>fat<sup>s</sup> Joh' de Wethenhale s<sup>i</sup> debet p<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup>d'cis t<sup>r</sup>is & tenementis. scil't quat<sup>r</sup>uiginti m<sup>a</sup>rcas voluntate d'ni Eduuardi u'l Justic' sui Cestr' qui p<sup>r</sup> tempe fu'it ut ip'e d'cos den' diebus soluend' capiat & obtinuit Et d'cs Joh' de Wethenhale d'cas t<sup>r</sup>as & ten' cu' p<sup>tin</sup>' possideat & in p<sup>petuu</sup>' teneat de d'no Eduuard' p<sup>r</sup> s'uicio de d'cis t<sup>r</sup>is debito p<sup>r</sup> consueto &c'*

1:73: 27 January 1260

*Terminat<sup>r</sup>*

*Joh's de Litlebur' & Roys' vx' sua pon't loco suo +Joh' de Wethenhale+ ad luc<sup>a</sup>nd' u'l p<sup>nd</sup>end' de Toto Tenem' suo cu' p<sup>tin</sup>' In Ciuit' Cestr' vers<sup>s</sup> quoslib' &c' tam de t<sup>r</sup>is*

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*tenementis. lib'is homi'bus & natiuis q<sup>a</sup>m eor' s'uiciis se consuetudinibus ctigend' optiniend'  
& deffendend' qu' & quociens necc'e fu'it.*

1:114: 27 January 1260

*Recordu' loq<sup>e</sup>le Joh' de Wetinhale*

*Memorand' quod die m<sup>a</sup>tis p<sup>x</sup>ima<sup>319</sup> S'ci Gregorij. Anno regni regis Henr' pat's d'ni Eduuardi<sup>320</sup> compuer't in pleno Com' Cestr' Joh' de Litlebur'. & Roesia uxor sua offerentes q<sup>a</sup>mda' cartam in qua continebatur quod p<sup>r</sup>fati Joh' & Roesia deder't concesser't & carta sua confirmauerunt Joh' de Wetinhale totam t<sup>r</sup>am & tenementu' cu' p<sup>r</sup>tinenc' quod h'uer't u'l quod aliquo casu h'ere potueru't u'l debuer't in Com'tu Cestr'. Et insimul om'e ius & clamiu' quod eos po<sup>r</sup>it conting<sup>r</sup>e in eodem Com'tu in ppetuu' sine aliquo retenemento p nouem viginti marcis. de q<sup>i</sup>bus p<sup>r</sup>fatus Joh' de Wetinhale soluit p<sup>r</sup>d'cis Joh' & Roesie ux<sup>r</sup> sue centu' marcas p<sup>r</sup> manibus. Et de residuis soluet ad p<sup>x</sup>m pasch' quadragin<sup>a</sup> marcas. Et ad festum s'ci Joh' bapt' p<sup>x</sup>imu' sequens quadraginta marcas. Et cu' recitata fuit carta p<sup>r</sup>d'ca in pleno Com'tu die p<sup>r</sup>d'ca. vacata fuit p<sup>r</sup>d'ca Roesia sepatim a viro suo. coram d'no Fulcone de Orrebi tu'c Justic' Cestr' D'nis Ham' de Mascy Rog'o de Venablis Egidio de Erdinton'. & aliis militibus & lib'is homi'bus & ball'is ibidem p<sup>r</sup>sentibus. Que cu' diligent<sup>r</sup> examinata consulta & int<sup>r</sup>rogata fuit si feoffamentu' illud concederet. dixit quod plene & ex mera uoluntate sua consensu & consilio suo collata fuit f<sup>r</sup>ca carta p<sup>r</sup>fato Joh'. Ex tu'c petier't ptes ut inrotularetur & concessum fuit. postea compuit Rond' de Aldeton' ostendendit<sup>321</sup> quamd' cartam q<sup>a</sup>m dixit quod p<sup>r</sup>fati Joh' & Roesia e<sup>i</sup> contuler't de sexta pte uille de Munsul exigens a p<sup>r</sup>no<sup>i</sup>atis Joh' & Roesia uxor sua si illam cartam concedere & warantizare voleba't necne. Ad quod Joh' de Wetinhale respondens dixit quod illa carta nu<sup>a</sup>q<sup>a</sup>m a d'na Roesia loco copetenti nec sufficienti fuit concessa nec in aliqua curia recitat. Nec t'nc nollere deberet d'co Rond'. nec ip'i Joh'ni nocere q<sup>a</sup>muis d'na Roes' illam concederet. cu' p<sup>i</sup>us totu' ius suu' d'co Joh'ni co'tulerat ante q<sup>a</sup>m illa carta in Com'tu esset u'l alibi a d'na concessa. Eodem modo actu' fuit de quad' carta q<sup>a</sup>m Will' Wodenot ostendit de quad' s'iantia de Acton'. Et ad hoc dicit quod Com' quod ex hoc no' tenent<sup>r</sup> alt'ni pti iudiciu' exhibere desicut neut<sup>a</sup> ps vad' condidit nec pleg' de ps' inuenit. &c'.*

1:117: 27 January 1260

*T<sup>r</sup>minat<sup>r</sup>*

*Will'. Wodenot. optulit se u<sup>r</sup>sus Joh' de Wetinhale p br'e de vi recenti de quad' s'iantia bedelleria & forestaria de quibus Joh' de Litlebur' & Roesia ux<sup>r</sup> eius ip'm feoffauer't. ut dicit. Tande' quieuit contentio int<sup>r</sup> eos modo subsc<sup>i</sup>pto scil't quod d'cs Will's renu'ciauit omi'modo feoffamento quod p<sup>i</sup>us exigit & cartam suam q<sup>a</sup>m h'uit de p<sup>r</sup>fatis Joh' & Roes'. reddidit d'co Joh' de Wetinhale Pro h<sup>a</sup>c v<sup>o</sup> feoffamenti renu'ciac'oe & carte p<sup>r</sup>d'ce redd'. p<sup>r</sup>fatus Joh' dedit d'co Will'o xl.s'. Et insup<sup>r</sup> concessit d'co Will'o ut ball'as p<sup>r</sup>d'cas h'eat ad t<sup>r</sup>minu' quinq' Annor<sup>r</sup> incipient' ad Anu'ciacio'm b't Marie. Anno r' r' H. xliij<sup>to</sup><sup>322</sup> reddendo inde p Ann' .I. marc' scil't ad Nat' s'ci Joh' bapt' dim' m<sup>a</sup>rc' & ad Natale d'ni dim' m<sup>a</sup>rc'. p<sup>r</sup>t<sup>r</sup>ea p<sup>r</sup>d'cs Will's respondebit & soluit p<sup>r</sup>d'co Joh' s'cdm legalem comp't om's exit<sup>s</sup> nemor<sup>r</sup> d'ci Joh' que p<sup>r</sup>d'cs Will' ad opus suu' habet custodiend' usq' p<sup>r</sup>d'cm t<sup>r</sup>m. Et d'cs Will' ref<sup>r</sup>xit se de br'i suo ps'. Id'o in m'ia. pl' vic'.*

<sup>319</sup> ante or post omitted

<sup>320</sup> regnal year omitted

<sup>321</sup> sic

<sup>322</sup> Thursday 25 March 1260

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Roesia wife of John de Littlebury was one of the three daughters and heirs of Warin de Vernon baron of Shipbrook, and John and Roesia were subsequently claiming a share of that barony (q.v.).

Doubtless as serjeant of Acton, William Woodnot killed a son of Nicholas de Burland caught red-handed, and Nicholas himself fled, leaving 3 cows, 2 stirks and a selion sowed with rye. It was reported that Richard son of Avicia had known about the theft.

1:210: 13 July 1260

*Id' T'minat'.*

*Quod Will' Wodenot occidit fil'. Nic' de Burlond' p latricinio secu' inuento. & ip'e Nic' fugit. H'uit in bonis iij vaccas & ij. stirck' .J. seylone' seminatu' siligine & aliu' auen'. Et fama est quod Ric' fil' Auicie fuit f'co consenciens*

Woodnot was living in Swanley, in Burland, and acquired a burgage and an acre of land in Wych Malbanc.

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*William Dymmok and Margaret his wife to William Wodenot of Swanle:*

*One burgage and 1 acre of land in Nantwich, which Richard Froward chaplain formerly held, in Hospital Street, for perpetual alms at the yearly rent of 1d for tapers for the Blessed Mary in Nantwich*

In 1289 Woodnot sued Richard le Nurtor and Reginald his son for some unspecified trespass.

5:233: 9 August 1289

*m'ia.xl.d'.*

*D Will'mo Wodenot pro licenc' concord' cu' Ric'o le Nurtur & Regin' fil' eius de pl'o t'ns, ppl' eiusd'm Ric'i*

5:242: 9 August 1289

*[m'ia].ij.s'*

*W'llmus Wodenot qui tulit br'e t'ns .u<sup>s</sup>. Reginaldum le Nurtur venit & petit licenc' querend' melius ppl' p<sup>r</sup>d'ci Regin'.*

In 1292, Robert Box sued Ralph son of Clement of Wych Malbanc for a messuage there, saying that James de Audley had demised it to William Woodnot, thereby disseising Amicia, Robert's mother. Ralph called to warrant Richard son of William Woodnot, who in turn called to warrant Nicholas de

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Audley. The case was settled by Box quitclaiming the property to Audley, in return for a sore sparrowhawk.

7:58: 28 October 1292

*Rob'ts Box petit vers<sup>s</sup> Rad'm fil' Clementis de Wyco Malbano vnu' mes' cum ptin' in Wyco Malb' vt ius & hereditate' sua'. Et in quod id' Rad's no' h't ingr'm nisi p Will' Wodenot cui Jacob<sup>s</sup> de Aldithl' ill'd dimisit q<sup>i</sup> inde iniuste &c' disseis' Amic' m'rem p<sup>r</sup>d'ci Rob'i & heres ip'e est p<sup>s</sup>t p<sup>a</sup>m &c' Et p<sup>r</sup>d'cs Rad' venit & p aux' cur' vocat inde ad warant' Ric'm fil' & hered' Will' Wodenot q<sup>i</sup> sumon'. Et p<sup>r</sup>c' est vic' q'd sum' &c'*

7:132: 20 January 1293

*p<sup>r</sup>  
Rob'tus Box petit u<sup>r</sup>sus Rad'm fil' Clementis de Wyco Malbano vnu' Mes' cum ptin' in Wyco Malbano vt Ius suu' &c'*

*Et Rad'us venit & alias vocauit inde ad War' Ric'm fil' Will'i Wodenot qui modo venit p sum' & ei War'. Et vocat inde vlt<sup>r</sup>ius ad War' Nich'm de Audeleye H'eat eum hic ad pximu' Com'*

7:240: 14 April 1293

*D Rob'to Box p licencia concordd' cum Nich'o de Aldithl' de pl'o vnus mesuag' cum ptin' in Wyco Malbano ppl' [blank]*

*Et est concord' tal' q'd p<sup>r</sup>d'cs Rob'ts cognouit p<sup>r</sup>d'cm mesuagium esse ius ip'ius Nich'i. Et ill'd ei concessit & q<sup>i</sup>etum clamauit p se & heredib<sup>s</sup> suis. p<sup>r</sup>fato Nich'o & hered' & assignat<sup>s</sup> suis imppetuum Et p hac cognic'oe & concessione & quiet' clamac'oe p<sup>r</sup>d'cs Nich's dat p<sup>r</sup>fato Rob'to vnu' Espuariu' soricum. &c'.*