

BRIDGES
in the Chester County Pleas,
CHES 29/1-22
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Great Over

The abbot of Vale Royal called on Richard son of Warin le Grosvenor and Margery his wife to explain why they demolished his bridge at Great Over on Friday 3 April 1293. They said that the abbot had built the bridge across a sitch which was the boundary between Great Over and Marton: and that it led from the abbot's land to their own, creating a path whereby their crops were trampled: so they had removed it from their land.

The abbot said that from time immemorial bridges had been made at that spot lawfully and without hindrance, from one side of the sitch to the other. The jury agreed.

The modern boundary between Over and Marton is a brook south of Chesterlane Farm.

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Ric'us fil' Warini le Grouen^r. & Marger' vx' eius atach' fuerunt ad respond' Abb'i de Valle Regal'. de eo. vnde Id'm abbas quer^r q'd die ven^ris in septm^a pasch' pxi'o p't'iti.²⁶ quemda' ponte' p'd'ci abb'is ap'd Magna' Owre pstrauerunt & alia enormia ei intuler't ad dampnu' ip'ius abb'is .C.s'. Et ducit secta'

Et p'd'ci +Ric's fil'+ Warin' & Marger' veniu't. & dicunt q'd p'd'cus abbas construxit ponte' q'mda' vlt^a sychetu' vnu' quod est diuisum int' magna' Owre & M'ton'. Et qa pons ille sup solu' ip'or Ric'i & Marger' atachiat^s fuit ad iter faciend' ult^a t'ra' eor & blad' eor conculcand' Recent' atachiamen't illius pontis sup solu' suu' p'd'cm amouit. Et sic aduocat f'cm illud e'e iustu' Et q'd null' fecit iniuria' ponit se sup p'riam.

Et p'd'cus abbas dicit q'd a tempe q^o no' exstat memoria construebant^r pontes successiue licite & absq' impedimento loco illo q^o pons iste fiebat. & ex vt^a q' pte d'ci sycheti atachiebant^r put p'd'cus pons atachiat^s fuit Et hoc petit inquiri sil'r. I'o Fiat inquisic'o. Et p^r. e'. vic' q'd venire fac' .xij. &c'. postea ad Com' die m^artis in festo s'ci Mich'is²⁷ anno r' r' E xxj^o ven' ptes & simil'r Jur' qui d'nt sup sacr'm suu'. q'd a tempe fundac'ois eccl'ie de valle R' Abb'tes eiusd' eccl'ie qui p tempe fu'unt, construebant pontem in Loco p'd'co & ex ut^a q' pte p'd'ci Sycheti attachiebant, put modo attachiat^s est, I'o p'd'cus Ric'us Filius Warini in m'ia p iniusto inpedim'to & pst^ac'one &c'.

²⁶ Friday 3 April 1293

²⁷ Tuesday 29 September 1293