

1323-1425 NORTH DOCCOMBE LEASES

1] 1323

Document Ref.: Ch_Ant_D_23r & 23v

Source: Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Language: Latin

Date: 01/02/1323

TEXT TRANSLATED

'Know [all men] present and future that I, Adam Spearke of Doccumbe clerk, have given, granted and by this my present charter confirmed to William of Doccumbe clerk, his heirs and assigns, a messuage and a ferlingate of land with all their appurtenances in Doccumbe, which said messuage and ferlingate of land William Spearke of Doccumbe, grandfather of the aforesaid Adam, once held, in the north part of the same township.

To have and to hold the aforesaid messuage and ferlingate {c.30 acres} of land with all their appurtenances freely, quietly, peacefully and wholly, in meadows, in pastures and in moors, and in all other appurtenances, to the aforesaid William, his heirs and assigns, for ever, from the chief lords of that fee, rendering and doing therefore to the same the rents and services due and accustomed: So, however, that neither I the aforesaid Adam, my heirs nor assigns may exact, claim, extract or have anything in the aforesaid messuage and ferlingate with their appurtenances, for ever.

In witness of which thing I have affixed my seal to this present charter: these being witnesses, Walter de Cornisete, Roger de Leagh, Richard de Doccumbe, John de Doccumbe, Richard in the Come and other tenants of Doccumbe.

Given at Mor[e]ton, Monday next before the feast of the Purification of the blessed Mary, in the 16th year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward.'

COMMENTARY

- *Counterpart to Ch-Ant-D-24r & 24v*
- *North Doccombe was last recorded as a separate tenement (22 acres) in 1814. Today part of the old hall-house survives as North Doccombe Thatch cottage.*

21 1334

Document Ref.: Ch_Ant_D_25r & 25v

Source: Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Language: Latin

Date: 29/10/1334

TEXT TRANSLATED

'Know [all men] present and future that I, William de Doccombe clerk, have given, granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Henry de Doccombe my son, his heirs and assigns, a messuage and a ferlingate {c.30 acres} of land with all their appurtenances in Doccombe, which said messuage and ferlingate of land I had by the gift and grant of the late Adam Spearke of Doccombe clerk, as the charter made by him more fully witnesses, in the north part of the same township.

To have and to hold the aforesaid messuage and ferlingate of land with all their appurtenances freely, quietly, peacefully and wholly, in meadows, in feedings, in moors, and in all other appurtenances, to the aforesaid Henry my son, his heirs and assigns, for ever, from the chief lords of that fee, rendering and doing therefor to the same the rents and services of right due and accustomed: so, however, that neither I the aforesaid William, my heirs nor assigns may exact, claim, extract or have (anything) in the aforesaid messuage and ferlingate with their appurtenances, for ever.

In witness of which thing I have affixed my seal to this present charter: these being witnesses, Henry of Cornysete, John of Kyngwille, William of Kyngwille, John of Stacombe, Richard of Doccombe son of Richard of Doccombe, and others.

Given at Doccombe the Saturday before the feast of All Saints in the eighth year of the reign of Edward III.'

COMMENTARY

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31 1377

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Source: Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Language: Latin

Date: 8/1/1377

TEXT TRANSLATED

Know [all men] present & future [men] that I Sibilla relict of John Taylo[r?] of Horslake in my widowhood have given and granted& this my present charter has confirmed to William Donneconne {or Dounecoune?} one messuage & one ferlingate {c.30 acres} of land with all their appurtenances in Doccombe

Having & holding the aforesaid messuage & furlong of land with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid William his heirs and assigns from the chief lords of the fee for those rents and services owed and accustomed. And I truly the aforesaid Sibilla my heirs and assigns we are bound to the aforesaid William and his heirs to warrant acquit and defend against all men the aforesaid messuage & ferlingate with all their appurtenances.

In testimony of which thing I have affixed my seal to my present charter. These being witnesses Robert Corset, William Popa, John Corsett, William Wanel, Reginald Smalrygge & others.

Given at Mor[e]ton the Thursday next after the feast of the Epiphany in the fiftieth year of the reign of King Edward the IIIrd after the conquest of England.'

COMMENTARY

Copy of this in: Ch_Ant_D_29r & 29v & 30r

4] 1377

Document Ref.: Ch_Ant_D_26r & 26v

Source: Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Language: Latin

Date: 19/1/1377

TEXT TRANSLATED

Know [all men] present and future that I, William Donnecoune have given, granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Peter Tapper of Bov[e]y and Sibilla his wife a messuage and a ferlingate of land with their appurtenances in Doccombe.

To have and to hold the aforesaid messuage and furlong of land with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid Peter and Sibilla and to their heirs lawfully begotten, from the chief lords of that fee, by the rents and services due and accustomed, for ever. And should it happen that the aforesaid Peter and Sibilla decease without heirs of themselves lawfully begotten, then I the aforesaid William will that the aforesaid messuage and furlong of land with all their appurtenances shall revert to the aforesaid Sibilla, her heirs and assigns, for ever. And I indeed, the aforesaid William, my heirs and assigns, shall be bound to warrant, acquit and defend the aforesaid messuage and furlong of land with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid Peter, Sibilla, and their heirs lawfully begotten, against all men, in form aforesaid.

In witness of which I have placed my seal on these presents: these being witnesses, Robert Corset, William Popa, John Corset, William Wanel, Reginald Smalrygge, and others.

Given at Doccombe, the Monday next before the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, in the 50th year of the reign of king Edward the third after the Conquest of England.'

COMMENTARY

Copy of this in: Ch_Ant_D27 & D30

5] 1425

Document: DCc_ChAnt_M_307r

Source: Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Language: Latin

Date: 31/1/1425

'Know all men by [these] that I William Tapper of Doccombe in the parish of Moreton in the county of Devon have remised, released and entirely quitclaimed forever for myself and my heirs to Prior John of Christ Church Canterbury and the Chapter of the same place all kinds of actions that I have had or could have in the future of any kind against the same prior and Chapter.

So that neither I nor my heirs nor anyone else in my name may be able henceforth to demand any right or lay claim against the same prior and Chapter or their successors but by these presents we may be excluded from all [legal] actions petitions claims or demands against the same Prior and Chapter or their successors.

In testimony of which presents I have affixed my seal.

Given the last day of January in the third year of King Henry VIth after the conquest of England.'

6] 1425

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Source: Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Language: Latin

Date: 3/2/1425

TEXT TRANSLATED

This present indenture attests that John by divine mercy Prior of Christ Church Canterbury & the Chapter of the same place and all his predecessors have been seised since time immemorial and are heretofore seised of his manor of Doccombe with its appurtenances in the County of Devon and by the right of their aforesaid church of that certain manor a certain messuage and a ferlingate of land in the northern part of Doccombe aforesaid which a certain William Tapper and his ancestors had held at will from the aforesaid prior and Chapter and their predecessors according to the custom of the manor of Doccombe aforesaid. And that certain messuage and ferlingate of land with its appurtenances had come into the possession of the aforesaid Prior and Chapter by the surrender of the aforesaid William as had been required according to the custom of the aforesaid manor and by the right of their aforesaid church and already allowed.

We the named John Wodenesburgh by divine mercy Prior of Christ Church Canterbury aforesaid & the Chapter of the same place demise & grant to the aforesaid William Tapper [and] his heirs and assigns the aforesaid messuage and ferlingate of land with its appurtenances.

Having & holding for himself [&] his heirs & assigns from the first Michaelmas after the date of these presents until the end and term of ninety nine years from then fully completed.

Paying to us & our successors each year during the term aforesaid for the aforesaid messuage & ferlingate of land at Easter & Michaelmas in equal portions six shillings & nine pence halfpenny of silver as rent.

And doing for us & our successors at our aforesaid manor of Doccombe two suits of court as summoned at the eight days of the aforesaid feasts of Easter & Michaelmas each year and as previously performing all services and demands.

And if it occurs that the aforesaid rent of six shillings & nine pence halfpenny be in arrears in part or in total at the limit of any term as above [specified] or any suit not made or produced after its aforesaid announcement made to himself at the terms above limited then there is licence to the aforesaid Prior & Chapter & their successors in both the

aforesaid messuage & ferlingate of land with its appurtenances and in all the lands and tenements that the same William has in the County of Devon that endows their officials or their deputies with the right to detain distrains & distresses as regards bail both for the rent & the suits above mentioned to be fully satisfied

And if it occurs that the said annual rent of six shillings & nine pence halfpenny is not paid in arrears in part or total by one full month or the suits at the limited terms not made or sufficient distresses are not proffered or found in the same messuage & ferlingate of land then there is licence to the same Prior & Chapter & their successors or to their deputies to in the same messuage & ferlingate of land & its appurtenances to reingress & re-enter into and as previously peacefully retain and regain its former legal property for ever; this indenture in no way withstanding.

In testimony of which both the seal of the said Prior and Chapter to this cause and the seal of the aforesaid William are alternately affixed on these present indentures.

Given at Canterbury by the Prior and Chapter on the third day of February in the third year of the reign of King Henry VI of England and France.'