

Cheltenham Manor Courts 1384-85

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This piece is a small roll covering three Cheltenham Manor Courts, of 7 November and 26 December 1384 and 8 May 1385. Each court is on a separate sheet of parchment and the group is stitched together across the top, though not in chronological order.

The transcription below is contains all the substantive material in the piece. The membranes are mostly sound, though the last court is very damaged at the foot. A few doubtful words or readings are marked with square brackets or question marks. The Manor was held by the Abbey of Fécamp at this period.

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Chiltenham: Court and View of Frankpledge held there 7th November Richard II 8 [1384]

Essoins: John atte Venne against Agnes Tannare in plea of trespass pledged by John Tailor

Walter <2d> Palmer for licence to agree with Robert Milkwhit in plea of trespass
Judgement regarding action between John Thomas plaintiff and Richard Lyhtfot
postponed to next court

Alice Walker to be further distrained before the next to answer Nicholas Abbot of
Cirencester and G Stoby a fellow canon in plea of debt

John <2d> Waryner because he did not have William Cotusdon to answer to Robert Gode
(‘not present’ inserted) in plea of debt and the same is distrained

Alice Walker to be further distrained to answer to William Barndhurst in plea of debt

Thomas Falowe to be distrained to answer to Geoffrey Stoby in plea of debt

Thomas Whelar is at law until the next against Thomas Longe who owes 6s 1½d pledged
by William Duyre

Robert <2d> Daunger for licence to agree with William Gater

John Bannel of Gloucester to be further distrained to answer to William Botiler in plea of
debt

John <2d> Hynet/Hyvet because he did not prosecute his plea of trespass against Thomas
Webbe

Further distraint placed on the tenant of the land which used to be of Isabel Sene to show
in what way he had ingress and to make fealty to the lord

Thomas <2d> Falowe, Simon <2d> Bailly, Henry <2d> Huggus and John <2d>

Nyghtyngale admit owing 5s 8d, 8s 4d, 25s and 8s respectively to John Geffus, it should
be exacted and same Thomas, Simon, Henry and John remain in mercy

Nicholas Moryn pledge of Richard Cok plaintiff against Walter Slye in plea of debt and
same Walter has not come so wagered before the next

Robert Sadelare pledge of Robert Boucher in suit de Thomas Wittewell in plea of
trespass and same Thomas has not come so wagered before the next

Agnes Tannare starts an action against John Venne in plea of trespass and same John
essoins himself so he should be distrained to answer at a day at the next

Chiltenham tithingman presents following who have brewed and broken the assize [on
various occasions or places?]: Alice <6d> Walker 2, John <3d> Anneford 1, Alice <3d>
Newe 1, John <3d> Wymplare 1, William <3d> Cotusdon 1, Nicholas <3d> Moware 1,
Thomas <3d> Thornebi 1, William <6d> Cosley 2, John <3d> Spyndelar, Thomas <3d>
Goderich 1, John <3d> Mason 1, William <3d> Park 1, William <3d> Page 1.

Also presents that John <3d> Spyndelare and John <3d> Pychar for licence to agree with
Richard Gill for raising the hue.

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Chiltenham: bailiff of the borough presents the following for brewing etc: Philip <2d> Clyne 1, Margery <2d> Wyngul 1, John <2d> Bykenore 1, Walter <2d> Deiare 1, Thomas <2d> Whelare 1, John <2d> Trist 1, Thomas <2d> Erl 1, Agnes atte <2d> Grene 1, Elias <2d> Bakere 1, Thomas <2d> Chalunner 1, Walter <2d> Cok 1, John <2d> Clanyle 1, Roger Cubburleye [no charge made], John <2d> Hobbus 1, Richard <2d> Gille 1, Roger <2d> Nethewey 1, Thomas <2d> Sley 1.

Also presents the following: Thomas Baret (essoyn) is at law six-handed before the next against Richard Tannare after which in the preceding year agreement was made before William Newe, Richard Stoke and others, pledge Roger Cubburley.

Margery <6d> Stodley drew blood of Agnes, servant of John Willam, pledged by Robert Boner. John <2d> Willam and Nicholas Norton in mercy [inserted above Nicholas Norton's name: 'cancelled because said Alice retracted'] because they did not have Agnes, servant of John Willam to answer to Margery Stodleye for trespass so raised the hue pledged by said Robert Boner. Agnes is distrained.

John <2d> Taillor because he did not have Geoffrey Walsch to answer to Robert Boner ['not present' inserted above], same Geoffrey is distrained to the next

John <6d> Tannare drew blood of Henry servant of Adam Curreyer pledged by Walter Deiare and that Henry <6d> servant of Adam Curreyer drew blood of Adam Curreyer pledged by Nicholas Curreyer

Alre tithingman presents the following for brewing etc: Walter <3d> Sturmy 1 and Robert <3d> Scharnfort 1

Alvuston tithingman presents that John <6d> Combe drew blood of John Ayteleye/Ayceleye

Westale tithingman presents William <3d> Lovyare 1, brewed etc.

Cherleton tithingman presents all well

Bafford tithingman presents that Thomas <3d> Falowe brewed once etc

Ascheley tithingman presents John Barot <3d> brewed once etc

William <12d> Morleye, John <12d> Barkeley, John <12d> Hopton, Robert <12d> Hore, Walter <12d> Sturmy, Henry <12d> Newe, Roger <12d> Chere, Henry atte <12d> Lone, William atte <12d> Fenne, tenants <8d> of land of Thomas Haughthorn, Edmund atte <12> Brugge, Prior <12d> of the Hospital next to Suddeston, William <6d> Overbury, and John <8d> Hope give as fine for excuse from court until next Michaelmas

John Hanel distrained to answer to the lord for several defaults. Also distrained John Widecomb and tenants of land which was of John Moryn for the same

Total 24s 2d

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[dorse]

Chiltenham: View of frankpledge held on date given within

Chiltenham: bailiff of the borough presents that Thomas <2d> Overbury and Nicholas <2d> Tanner made default. Also the following brewed and sold beer by the cup at excessive cost against the assize: Margery <6d> Wyngul, Robert <6d> Bykenore, John <4d> Falowe, Walter <6d> Deyare, John <6d> Trist, Thomas <4d> Erl, Agnes <4d> Grene, Walter <3d> Cok, John <6d> Chayle, John <8d> Hobbus, Roger Cubburley [no charge] and Thomas <6d> Sleygh.

Chiltenham tithingman presents cert to this day 20s. Also that the miller <12d> of Whelemull takes an excessive toll. Also the following brew and sell beer by the cup at excessive cost: John <6d> Malorne, John <3d> Anneford, John <6d> Wymplare, William <6d> Cotisdon, Richard <8d> Manneford, Thomas <4d> [...], William <..> Cosley, John <8d> Bakere, Thomas <6d> Deyare, John <6d> Mason, William <3d> Park. And that the kings highway at Stonebridge is faulty so the Abbott <12d> of Cirencester is in mercy.

Alre tithingman presents that John son of John Westlond has not come [has come inserted above] Otherwise all is well

Alvuston: all well

Westhal tithingman presents that John Hore <2d> made encroachment at Swindonsgrove

Cherlton tithingman presents that Johanna Hore <2d> occupied the lord's land at

Holewewey, otherwise all well

Bafford: all well

Ascheley tithingman presents that he gives cert to this day 5s. and that Robert <3d> Daunger raised the hue on Thomas Falowe and did not prosecute. Robert <2d> Daunger and Thomas <2d> Falowe made agreement without licence and because the same tithingman came but did not present this matter the tithing is in mercy. Inserted above is 'cancelled because he later presented'

Lekampton tithingman has paid cert to this day 3s

Bradwell tithingman has paid tithing silver to this day 5s. Also that Thomas <4d>

Damedich and Richard <4d> de Hamme brewed and broke the assize.

Swyndon tithingman has paid cert to this day 2s Also that the miller of Prestesnull <6d> takes an excessive toll. Also that Geoffrey <4d> Reave brewed once and that same Geoffrey made an encroachment ... Also Henry <2d> Huggus and William <2d> Hobbus agreed without licence.

Reginald Osebarn came and claimed to be nearest heir to one messuage and one virgate of land in base tenure in Newington after death of Alice Hale now deceased. He is admitted and pays an entry fine of 6s 8d

Total 21s 11d

Total within and extra 46s 1d – 3rd part

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**Chiltenham: court held there Monday next after feast of St Thomas the Apostle
Richard II 8 [26 Dec 1384]**

Essoins; Thomas Daunger by Reginald Baret in plea of trespass against Geoffrey Walsch and Agnes his wife

Thomas Hale by William Park
John Anneford by Thomas Outred
John Maltman by John Wynplar
John Snel by William Whymely
Thomas Whymely by John Doudeswell
Thomas Johnus by William Cok

William Newe by John Garyner
Robert Bakon by Robert Milkwhit
John Combe by John Ayteleye
William Bone by Robert Sharford
John Attewell by Thomas Godrich

Thomas Gabbe gives to the lord a fine of 13s 4d for a licence to marry Agnes Culverhouse of Westhale and for entrance to holding of 1 messuage and moiety of 1 virgate land with appurtenances which said Agnes held previously by customary services owed. He made fealty to the lord.

Thomas de Brugge who has acquired three parts of a burgage with appurtenances from Johanna Marol to hold to him and his heirs in perpetuity from the chief lord by services there owed. Gave 9d as relief and made fealty

Agnes Crocare who held 1 messuage and 6 acres land in base tenure has died, so a heriot falls to the lord of 1 hogaster after shearing priced at 15d. Also came John son and heir of said Agnes and gave to the lord as fine 6s 8d to hold said land to him and his heirs according to the custom of manor for services owed and customary. He made fealty.

Alice Walker who was distrained by 1 bowl worth 6d to answer to Nicholas abbot of Cirencester and Geoffrey Stoby his fellow canon in plea of debt has not come so is further distrained.

Suit concerning Geoffrey Stoby and Thomas Falawe in plea of debt postponed to the next
John Banneby to be distrained to answer Walter Botyler in plea of debt
Walter Elys to be distrained to answer Nicholas Moryn in plea of debt
Henry Huggus for licence to agree with Philip Clyve in plea of debt
Tenants of the land held by John Moryn to be distrained to answer to the lord for several defaults.

Thomas Ball who was essoin against John Monemouth in plea of debt did not come so is distrained against the next

Thomas <2d> Godrich for unjustly bringing action against Thomas Norman in plea of debt

Thomas <?> Bole for licence to agree with John Coppyng in plea of trespass
John Chapman of Prestbury to be further distrained to answer John Bernard of Eldresfeld in plea of debt

John Giffard to be further distrained to answer to Abbot of Gloucester and John Stonhouse his fellow canon in plea of debt

John <6d> Hore because he did not have Richard Payn and Robert Payn whose pledge he was to answer to John Goldsmyth in plea of debt. Richard and Robert to be better distrained

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William atte Venne plaintiff and Thomas Calebusch defendant in plea of trespass.

Thomas had not come so distrained to the next.

William <2d> Thorneby because he did not prosecute against Herny Huggus in plea of debt

John Denderwell plaintiff and Thomas Chalunner in plea of trespass in that dogs of said Thomas devoured fifteen sheep of John's and Thomas has a day at the next

William <6d> Macken because he did not have Andrew Whelar who pledged to answer Thomas Gable in plea of trespass. Andrew distrained.

Thomas Falowe summoned to answer to Richard Smyth in plea of debt has not come so is pledged to come to the next

Thomas Falowe summoned to answer to John Jokat has not come, so is pledged to come to the next

Philip Simmons is to be judged by 6 hands before the next in that he owes 7s which he received from John Taillor in the name of Walter to whom it was owed in the second year of the present king and not paid to the harm of same Walter 40d. pledge John Forthey.

Richard Baucher distrained for 1 bowl worth 6d to answer to Thomas Cok in plea of debt has not come so the said bowl is held and he is further distrained.

John <2d> Hobbus for 2 affers in enclosure [pound?]. Andrew Whelar for 1 horse there.

Thomas <2d> Chaluner for 1 horse there

Chiltenham: bailiff of borough presents following for brewing and breaking the assize:

Margery <8d> Wyngul 4, Robert <4d> Bykenore 2, Richard <3d> Hore 1, Agnes <4d> Okynton 1, Walter <4d> Deyare 2, Alice <2d> Elys 1, Agnes <6d> atte Grene 3, John <6d> Trist 3, Thomas <2d> Chalinner 1, Henry <2d> Westhal 1, William <2d> Buschebi 1, Walter <2d> Cok 1, Richard <3d> Gill [?], Thomas <4d> Sley 2, John <9d> Hobbus 3, Walter <2d> Curryer 1, John <4d> Clanyle 2, William <2d> Forest 1, Thomas <2d> Erl 1, Robert <3d> Perton 1, Thomas <2d> Cok 1, John <3d> Mortene 1, Walter <2d> Webbe 1, and John <3d> Taillor 1.

Also presents that Agnes Milis raised the hue and cry on Thomas Daunger and Thomas is given a day at next.

Also Elias <6d> Walsch drew blood of Thomas Pedelare so is fined pledges John Ferme and Robert Bikenor

Chiltenham tithingman presents the following for brewing etc: Richard <4d> Skynnare 1, William <3d> Chive/Chine 1, Thomas <3d> Goderych 1, William <9d> Cosley [?], Thomas <3d> Thornebi 1, Nicholas <3d> Norton 1, John <3d> Maltman 1, Alice <3d> Tarlewyne 1, John <3d> Anneford 1, John <4d> Staleworth 1, Robert <4d> Prikke 1, John <6d> Mason 2, John <4d> Walsch 1, John <6d> Deiare 1, William <4d> Davy 1, Also presents that Thomas <6d> servant of John Anneford drew blood of John servant of John Maltman pledged by John Anneford.

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[dorse]

Alre, Alvuston, and Westhal tithingmen present all is well

Cherleton tithingman presents John <3d> Wyrhale 1, and [?] <4d> Milleward 1 brewed and broke the assize.

Bafford tithingman presents that certain common way above Richald [sic] Forest was obstructed by William Muchegros therefore there is to be an inquiry by the oath of 12 pledges to take a view before the next

Asheley tithingman presents that John <3d> Muchegros 1 brewed etc.

John Dawe came into court and acknowledged that he had given to Thomas Druyester in free and sufficient exchange one parcel of a burgage and its appurtenances containing next to the king's highway 24 feet lengthwise up to the end of the curtilage and extending from the end of the burgage to the middle of the burgage, for that parcel of a burgage adjacent containing next to the king's highway 10 feet and extending to the end of the curtilage and extending from the middle of the burgage to the end of the burgage, to hold from the lord the said parcels of a burgage to him and his heirs divided as aforesaid for services due. Both the aforesaid Thomas and John gave to the lord as relief 12d and did fealty.

William Whymely said that William Whymely his father previously exchanged one parcel of his land in base tenure with a parcel of land of Margery Monek which land was once held by John Tor [...] Regarding the parts of land of said Margery one part was held by free tenure by custom of the manor excused work and rent [...] Whereby he petitions repossession of the aforesaid exchanged parcel. Because John is absent the case is deferred to next.

Margery relict of John Hamel conceded to Roger of Cubburleye 2½ acres of land of which 2 acres lie at the end of the close of Roger Cubburleye next to the land of John Maltman on west side and ½ acre lies at Moneswirth [?] next to land of Thomas Mienth [?]. To hold for the life of said Margery and twelve years after her death according to custom of manor. Gave 4d for enrolment.

Total 38s 11d.

Chiltenham: court and view of frankpledge held 8th May Richard II 8 [1385]

Essoins:

Thomas Felawe by John Doudeswell in plea of debt against Geoffrey Stoby

Thomas Balle by Thomas Fesaund in plea of debt against John Monemouth

Walter Elys by John Hunte in plea of debt against Nicholas Moryn

Alice Walkare who was distrained by 1 bowl worth 6d to answer to Nicholas abbot of Cirencester and G Stoby his fellow canon in plea of debt has not come therefore it is retained and more taken

John <2d> Waryner because he did not have Thomas Felawe to answer Nicholas abbot of Cirencester and G Stoby fellow canon in plea of debt. He is distrained to come to the next.

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Further distraint of John Bannebury of Gloucester to be at the next to answer Walter Botiller in plea of debt

Further distraint of Walter Elys to be at the next to answer Nicholas Moryn in plea of debt

Thomas <3d> Baret because he is defendant in law against Richard Tannare in plea of distraint

John <3d> Wydecombe for several defaults

It is proclaimed that distraint is made on the tenants of the lands which were of John Moryn to be at the next to answer the lord for several defaults

Walter <2d> Heovenes because he did not have Henry Hugges to answer to Philip Glyve in plea of debt and he is distrained against the next

A day is given to Thomas Balle defendant to come to the next to answer to John Monemouth in plea of debt

John <3d> Doudeswell for licence to agree with John Monemouth in plea of debt

Nicholas <3d> Norton and his pledge because he did not prosecute his claim against Thomas Gabbe and Walter Gabbe in plea of trespass

Robert <3d> Draper because he has not prosecuted his claim against Walter Graunt in plea of debt, pledged to prosecute Thomas Tepens

Margaret <2d> Sodeleye and her pledge because she did not prosecute her claim against Robert Boner in plea of trespass

William Cosleye did not have Thomas Noreman to answer to Thomas Goderygh in plea of debt and he was distrained to the next and after he claimed 10s and said Thomas waged his law

A day is given at the next to hear the case between John Coppynge plaintiff and Thomas Bole defendant in plea of debt, pledge for prosecution John Whythorn

Ordered that John Chapman of Prestbury should be distrained to answer to John Bernard of Eldresfeld or Nicholas Clerk attorney in plea of debt

Thomas <2d> Calbusch for payment on marriage of Alice his daughter without the lords licence against the custom of the manor

Further distraint is put on John Giffard to answer to Walter abbot of St Peter's Gloucester or John Butler [*selarius*] his fellow canon in plea of debt

William <3d> Wytfare for licence to agree with John Hore in plea of debt

John <3d> Hunte for licence to agree with John atte Nasch in plea of trespass

John Goldsmyth plaintiff against Richard Payn and Robert Payn chaplain in plea of debt and trespass. Said Richard and Robert are distrained by 1 horse worth 10s, and freed on pledge of John Hore. Said Richard and Robert did not come so John <4d> Hore their pledge is in mercy and he is to be better distrained

A day is given at the next to hear the case between William atte Fenne plaintiff and Thomas Calbusch defendant in plea of trespass by pledge Richard Gylle and to answer to William Muchegros

Walter <3d> Hurste and Alice his wife for licence to agree with William Alre in plea of trespass

To this court came Annes Sonynge, John and Walter sons of Walter Sonynge and conceded to Peter Londe of Gloucester 1 annual rent of 10s annuity received from the revenue from a burgage which was of Walter Sonynge, for a sufficient term by which the £45 owed to said Thomas should be paid in full. Thomas gave to the lord a fine of 12d for enrolment.

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Henry Huggis is warged to the next to answer to William Thornby in plea of debt
Agnes wife of Robert Boner gives to the lord for a fine 12d for trespass and is found to be
a common scold

John Hanche who held 1 messuage and 12 acres of land in base tenure has died since the
last court so fell to the lord as heriot 12d and land remains in hands of his wife according
to the custom of the manor as her 'freebench'.

Chiltenham bailiff of the borough presents John <6d> Trist drew blood of Richard Cok
pledge William Duskyne, and the following for brewing and breaking the assize [on a
number of occasions or places?] : John <8d> Trist 4, Walter <8d> Cok 4, John <6d>
Clanyle 3, Thomas <10d> Sly 5, John <2d> Bykenor 1, Margery <10d> Whyngul 5,
Richard <6d> Hopere 2, John <12d> Hobbus 4, Thomas <4d> Chalynor 2, Walter <6d>
Webbe 2, Agnes <4d> Grene 2, Thomas <4d> Wheelar 2, Walter <2d> Curryer 1, R[...
]<6d> Bykenor 3, Thomas <6d> Erl 3, Walter <4d> Deyare 2, John <2d> Bonor 1, Alice
<2d> Elys 1, William <4d> Forest 2, Richard <6d> Gyll 2, [?] <2d> Phippus 1, John
<3d> Smyth, Tanner 1, Johanna <2d> Wheolar 1

Chiltenham tithingman presents that Geoffrey <6d> Walsch drew blood unjustly of
Thomas Daunger pledge John Waryner and that Andrew Walsch drew blood of Thomas
Gabbe pledge William Maklen bailiff, and the following for brewing etc.: Alice <6d>
Tarlewyns 2, John <9d> Anneford 3, William <12d> Cosley [? torn], John <3d> Syned 1,
Thomas <4d> Curryer 1, Thomas <6d> Thornby 2, Richard <6d> Gille 2, Walter <3d>
Huberd 1, William <9d> Condeley [2 illegible names both brewed once] Thomas <6d>
Dyare 2, John <9d> Mason 3, William <15d> Chyre 5, Richard <6d> [?], William <3d>
Park 1, Richard <4d> Hopper 1, John <3d> Synertinan 1, William <6d> [P..?] 2, Johanna
<3d> Jobet 1, Walter <4d> Palmer 1, and Mathew <3d> [? torn]

Arle tithingman presents all is well

Alvustone ditto

Cherleton ditto

Bafford tithingman presents the following who brewed etc: Alice <4d> More 1,
William <4d> [...ynger] 1, Thomas <4d> Bravell 1,

Ascheley tithingman presents the following who brewed etc: Thomas <3d> Balle 1,
Richard <3d> Gorelf 1, Thomas <8d> Felawe 2,

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[dorse]

Chiltenham: View of frankpledge held there the day and year as within

Chiltenham bailiff of the borough presents that John <3d> Clanyle, John <3d> Baker and John <3d> Sly miller made default, and the following brewed and sold beer at excessive price: Margary <4d> Wyngel, Robert <6d> Bykenor, Walter <6d> Dyare, John <6d> Trist, Thomas <6d> Erl, Agnes <4d> le Grene, Walter <4d> Cok, John <6d> Clanyle, Thomas <6d> Sly and John <8d> Hobbis.

Chiltenham tithingman comes with all his tithing and presents to the lord as a fixed fine to this day 20s, and that William <3d> Drake made default and the miller <2d> of Wekemull takes an unjust and excessive toll, and that the highway at Holewythges is blocked in default of Nicholas Wodestoke, and that the common lane is blocked at Swyndon Mere by manure of Robert <4d> Bykenore, and the following brewed and sold beer at excessive price: John <4d> Maltman, John <6d> Anneford, William <6d> Dots, William <8d> Coveley, John <12d> Baker, William <8d> Chyrye, William <4d> Park, Richard <6d> Monford

Alre tithingman presents that Thomas <2d> Brush has not come and the miller <6d> there unjustly charges toll

Alvuston tithingman presents that all is well and that the miller <6d> there unjustly charges toll

Westhale tithingman presents that the miller <6d> at Santfordsmill unjustly charges toll Cherlton and Bafford: all well

Ascheley tithingman presents cert of 5s and that a ditch at the church [monestkirch] of Cirencester Abbey <12d> lies inundated to the common harm

Lekampton tithingman presents cert of 3s and that Walter <4d> Graunt brewed etc and the miller <6d> there unjustly charges toll

Bradwell tithingman presents cert of 5s and that Walter <later came> Elys, John <3d> Mertemer[?] and Richard <3d> Drempe made default and that William <4d> Arneyate brewed etc

Swyndon tithingman presented cert of 2s and that John <afterwards came> Bolle made default and that Richard <6d> Wynter drewe blood unjustly of Richard Courthyne pledge [...] and that the ditch of Simon <3d> Bayly at Prestesmill is inundated to the common harm and that the miller <8d> of Prestbury unjustly charges toll

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