

How to read old title deeds, XVI

Richard de Catesby, chaplain, has granted to Albred, son of Robert de Preston, and Agnes his wife, the messuage and all the tenements in the town of Preston, which he has of the gift of said Albred; to hold to Albred and Agnes, and the heirs by them lawfully begotten, of the chief lords of that fee, by the services due and accustomed; should grantees die without heirs, the premises shall remain to Robert, son of Roger de Preston, and his heirs, for ever; to be held of the chief lords of that fee by the like services. Barkwith, from which the donor takes his name, is in Lincolnshire, and the fact that the first witness is the abbot of the nearby abbey of Topholme suggests that this deed was executed in Lincolnshire. Dated at Preston on Monday after feast of St.

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