

the name of all lands and tenements which formerly belonged to *William Galpyn the father of Matilda*, within the fee of Kyngesley, and he produced the deed which was dated from Kyngesley on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, 1 Ric. II (1377).

The plaintiff denied the deed was the act of Matilda, and appealed to the jury and to the witnesses of it who were *John Galpyn*, Richard de Thornbury, Adam de Homresley (Hammersley), John Bate, and Simon the Clerk.

The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon a jury and the witnesses for the Quindene of Easter. *M.* 484.

*Copgrave, Chronicle of England*

A.D. 1388.

Before the murder of Richard II his adherents and supporters were seized and imprisoned.

“At the Parliament these men were condemned to various prisons (among numerous others) *Jon Golopyn knyht* of the Kingis house.”

*Salt Arc. Soc.*, vol. xv, p. 77.

*De Banco*

Mic., 20 Ric. II (1396).

*Ralph Galpyn* was attached at the suit of Thomas Beke, Chivaler, for waste and destruction in houses, gardens, etc., which Thomas had demised to him for a term of years, and Thomas stated that on the Monday before the Feast of St. Michael, 44 Edw. III, 1770 he had demised to the said Ralph at Dilrun (Dilhorn) two messuages, two carucates of land, and ten acres of wood in Dilrun and Chedele to be held by him for the following six years, and that Ralph had wasted the tenements by digging and selling marl and clay from two acres of the value of 40s. and by pulling down a hall and selling the timber for ten marks and by pulling down two chambers each worth £40, a kitchen and a stable each worth 40s., and by cutting down and selling from the woods forty oaks each worth 4s., sixty ash trees each worth 3s., and by cutting down in the gardens one hundred cornules each worth 8d., twenty pear trees each worth 4s., and twenty apple trees each worth 6s., and for which he claimed £200 as damages.

*Ralph* appeared by attorney and denied the waste in the tenements at Chedele, and as regards the messuage in Chedele he stated he held it for the life of *Alice* his wife by the demise of the said Thomas and not for a term of years as stated. Thomas stated that at the time the messuage was wasted *Ralph* held it for a term of years only, and he appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Octaves of St. Hilary, and the Sheriff was ordered to make an inquisition on the oath of a jury respecting the alleged waste in the interim.

A postscript shows adjournment of the suit up to the Quindene of Trinity, 23 Ric. II (1399), on which day the suit was made a remanet, because the late King Richard had relinquished the Government of his kingdom [de regimini regni sui se demisit]. Subsequently, on the Monday after the Quindene of St. Michael, 1 Hen. IV (1400), Thomas prayed for a re-summons and it was conceded, returnable for the Octaves of St. Hilary.

A further postscript shows adjournment of the suit up to Trinity term 1 Hen. IV. *M.* 407 *dorso*.

Vol. xvi, p. 82.

*Coroner's Roll.* 1 Hen. IV (1400).

At Blore, on the body of William Wasteneys, the jury, Richard Peeshale, *John Galpyn*, Robert Walle, and nine others, stated that he was cutting down an oak tree, and it had fallen on him and killed him.

FINAL CONCORDS, STAFFORDSHIRE, *temp.* Hen. IV, at a month, from the day of St. Michael, 6 Hen. IV (1405)

Between Alexander Benet, Vicar of Dulrone, Richard Beek, Chaplain, and Robert Baret, Chaplain, complainants, and Thomas Beek, Knight, deforciant, of eight messuages, three and a half carucates of land, four acres of meadow, four acres of wood, and 30s. of rent in Dulrone, Kyngsley, Chedull, Fulford, Fowall, and Fossebroke.

Thomas acknowledged the said tenements to be the right of the complainants for which the complainants granted them to Thomas for his life with remainder to *Ralph*, son of *John Basset*, and *Matilda* his wife and their issue and failing such to the issue of *Matilda* and failing such to the issue of *Elizabeth*,

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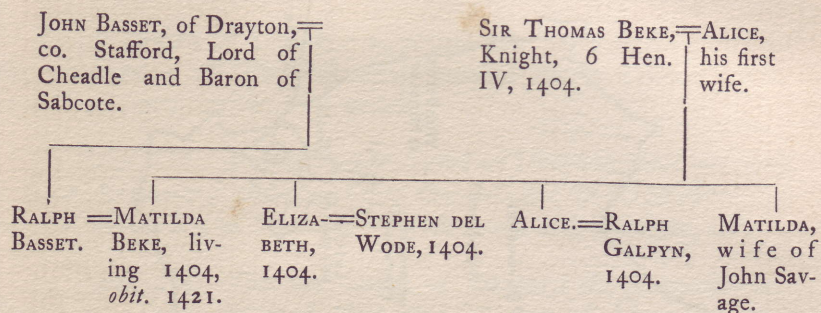
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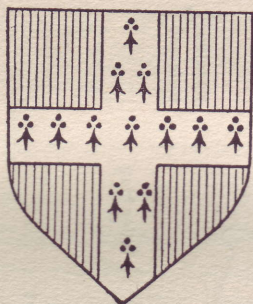
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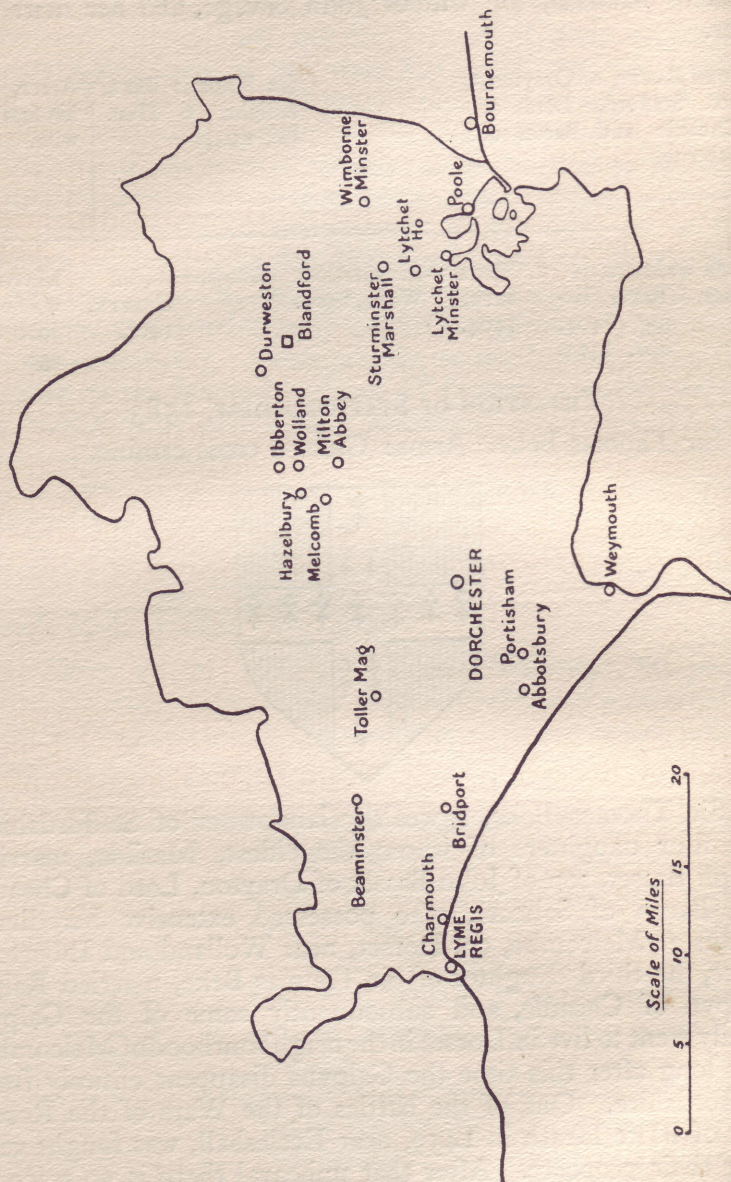
## VISITATION OF STAFFORDSHIRE, 1583

Sir Thomas Beke. Arms: Gules a cross ermine.



Sir Thomas Beke, a wealthy landowner of Staffordshire, had four daughters of whom the eldest, Matilda, married Ralph Basset, son of John Basset of Drayton, Lord of Cheadle and Baron of Sabcote, who possessed extensive hereditary estates at Melcombe, co. Dorset, near Wolland and Ibberton. Alice, the third daughter of Sir Thomas Beke, married Ralph Galpyn of Cheadle, and subsequently some of the Galpyn family went to live in Dorset in the neighbourhood of Melcombe. Not long after this time the Galpyns disappear entirely from Staffordshire. One of the battles of the Wars of the Roses, that of Blore Heath in 1459, near Eccleshall, was fought very near their property. After that upheaval there is no trace of the name in Staffordshire. Although the Wills at Lichfield commence as early as 1539, there is not a single Galpyn Will

in any form of spelling, and this branch of the family was only continued by one or more who moved to Dorset.



*Melcombe Hornsey, near Woolland and Ibberton.*

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5 *Edw. I.* Engleran le Waleys and Alice his wife, in consideration of £100 sterling, released and quitclaimed the Manor of Melcombe to Ralph Basset of Drayton and his heirs, etc."

Ralph Basset of Drayton appoints attorneys and agents to take possession of this and other estates and to collect rents, dispose of corn, cattle, and goods.

39 *Edw. III.* Ralph Basset, Lord of Drayton, had granted to John Brunning and his heirs the Manor of Upmelcombe and the advowson of Melcombe with rents and services, etc.

24 *Edw. III.* On the death of Richard de Amondevile, Chevalier, a jury decided that the Manor of Upmelcombe should revert to the heir of Ralph, son of Ralph, son of the said Ralph Basset of Drayton, now under age, as Ralph Basset of Drayton had granted the Manor of Upmelcombe to the same Richard de Amondevile, father of Richard de Amondevile, Chevalier, who had died without issue male of his body, etc.—Hutchins' *Hist. of Dorset*, vol. iv, p. 364.

*Salt Soc.*, new series, vol. iii, p. 151.

*De Banco.* Trinity, 17 Hen. VI (1438)

John Sutton sued *William Galpyn of Meulewyche*, yeoman, Thomas Doxsey of James Rushton, husbandman, and John Chaterton of Rodeyerd, husbandman, for breaking into his close at James Rushton and cutting down his underwood, digging in his soil, and carrying away hay belonging to him and trees and underwood to the value of 100s.

The defendants did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit (*i.e.*, to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael). *M. 475 dorso.*

#### SUBSIDY ROLLS FOR DORSET

##### Milton Abbas

16 Hen. VIII (1524-5). P.R.O.

John Galpyn	goods	vj <sup>li</sup>	ij <sup>s</sup>
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