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EXTENDING FROM THE REIGN OF KING JOHN TO THE END OF
THE REIGN OF JAMES II. (1688),

WITH A LIST ADDED OF

THE CHARTERS RELATING TO WALSALL,

REFERRED TO IN THE WALSALL CHARTULARY

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OF

DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS

BELONGING TO THE

CORPORATION OF WALSALL.

1.

GRANT, for twelve marks, by William Rufus, to the Burgesses *Temp. JOHN.* of Walsale [Walsall, co. Stafford], of freedom from service, custom and secular demands, excepting tallage, 'when the king tallies his burgesses,' also of common of pasture in all his lands and forinsic woods, save in his park and his 'other defences,' and pannage at acorn time (*tempore pessionis*), reserving right to 'approve himself' of all his lands, without hindrance, etc., Rent, 12d. for each burgage. *Witn.* Sir Robert de Grendone, Robert Essington, John de Parles, Simon de Hetone, William de Derlavestone, Richard de Grendone, Nicholas de [Al]rewiz, and others. *Lat. Temp. John.* A copy of this deed, in a handwriting of the 16th cent. occurs in the Roll numbered 10.

2.

GRANT by Roger de Moriteyn, Knt., lord of Walsale, to John *Temp. EDW. I.* le Webbe, of the same, of a moiety of arable land in his demeane, in 'la middelley,' lying upon the East side, between the lands of John Marescall, in breadth, and a field called 'hungerforlong,' and in length descending from a field called 'chirche-greve' as far as the land of Richard Leveruch. Rent, 15d. for all demands save forensic service. *Witn.* William de Boel, lord of Rushale, William Hillari, of Bortmuscote [Brescot?] Robert de Bruiera, of the same, Geoffrey de la Hurist, and Stephen Petyte. *Undated. Fragm. of seal. Endorsed, "Middleles in Churche Grousefeld."*

See Bracton, lib. II., c. 16, fol. 3, for meaning of "forinsic" services.

3.

Same date.

GRANT by John le Poter, of Tampworthe, chaplain to *magister* Alan, called Brito, of the lands and tenements in Russhal, which the said John held of the gift and feoffment of William de Boeles, lord of Russhale, and of Thomas, son of Hugh le *Chirochemon*, of Russhale, the boundaries of which are contained in the charters of the said William and Thomas. Rent, a rose at St. John Baptist. *Witn.* William de Boeles, William Illory, William 'forestarius' [Forester], Roger de Derehulle, Osbert de Ordeseye, Roger le Pek', William, son of Richard Sweyn, Roger Goreway, and Richard, son of Nicholas de Russhale. *Lat. Undated.* Endorsed, "*Charter of John Potter, chaplain. There are xxxii. charters in the chest, of divers acquisitions of tenements of Russhale.*"

4.

1279.
[7 Edw I.]

INSPEXIMUS AND CONFIRMATION by Ralph de Semp-
ringham, the dean, and the Chapter of Lichfield, of a Confirmation by Roger de Meulond [Molend], bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, of the ordination and appropriation, by Roger de Weseham, bishop of the same, his predecessor, and Richard, [of Gloucester], treasurer of Lichfield, [dated 1248], of the church of Waleshale [Walsall], with its chapels of Wednesbury and Russhale, at the death or secession of *magister* Vincent, the rector; to the use of the abbot and convent of Hales [Hales Owen, co. Salop], of the Premonstratensian Order, whose means of living were insufficient, on account of the confluence of guests to the abbey. *Dat.* Lichfield, Annunc. B. V. Mary, [25 Mar.], 1279 '*inchoante.*' *Lat.* Endorsed, "*Confirmation by the Chapter of Lichfield of the church of Waleshale.*"

5.

17 Edw. I.
[1289.]

GRANT by William de Boeles, lord of Russhale, to Henry de Mistreton, clerk, of a tenement in Russhale called 'le Morecroft,' lying between the moor (*moram*) of the said Henry, upon the West, and the culture called 'le lanedicroft.' Also of William, son of Margery del Strete, of Russhale, his native, with all his goods, and half a virgate of land which he held in Rusehale. Rent, a grain of corn at Michaelmas. *Witn.* William Illory, of Russhale, John, his son, Robert de Ordeseye, of the same,

Thomas Mabelyn, Roger Goreweye, of the same, William Gorewey, and Roger del Pak,' of the same. Dat. Russhale, Palm Sunday, Ae. 17 Edward son of king Henry [Edw. I.] [1289]. *Lat.* Endorsed, "*Charter of W. Booles made to Hen. Mystertone.*"

QUIT-CLAIM by Robert, son of William de Booles, of Russhale, to Henry de Mistretone, clerk, of a meadow in Russhale, called 'le Polmedon.' *Witn.* . . . Illory, of Russhale, Henry de Wednesfeld, Roger del Pak', Richard Gorewyz, of the same, and Thomas Mabely. Dat. Russhale, the morr. of the Invention of Holy Cross, [4 May], Ae. 19 Edward son of king Henry [Edw. I.], [1291]. *Lat.* *Fragm. of seal.*

6.
19 Edw. I.
[1291.]

QUIT-CLAIM by Richard, son of Geoffrey de Freford, to *magister* Alan, called 'le Bretone,' of a messuage and lands in Russhale, which John le Peter, chaplain, enfeoffed to the said Alan. *Witn.* William de Altherwych', Thomas de Attelberg', Thomas de Abenhale, William de Booles, sen., Henry de Althorwas, clerk, William del Lee, and Robert de Esseburne. Dat. Lichfield, Wedn. n. aft. the Octaves of S. Hilary, [13 Jan.], Ae. 21 Edward son of king Henry [Edw. I. 1293]. Sir John de Berwyke, and his companions, at that time itinerating at Lichfield. *Lat. Seal.* Endorsed "*Richard de Freford, quit-claim in Russale.*"

7.
21 Edw. I.
[1293.]

GRANT by Richard de Ordeseye, of Russhale, and Richard, his son, to William, son of Robert Colesone, of the lands and tenements which Thomas Hillare formerly held in the Manors of Rushale and Barre. *Witn.* John Marthis, William Marthis, Thomas Sprot, Robert 'molendinariis' [Miller] and John atte Hurst. *Lat. Undated.* Endorsed, "*Charter of Richard de Ordesey, for lands of Thomas Hillary.*"

8.
Temp. Edw. II.

9.
2 Edw. II.
[1309.] GRANT by Roger de Morteyn and Thomas Rufus, Knts., lords of Walsall, to the burgesses of that place, of freedom from all demands of tallage and pannage, and from breach of assize of beer made between Christmas and the Purification, and at all times of fairs in Walesdale, according to ancient custom, with other liberties. *Witn.* John, lord of Bentley, William de Bowelys, lord of Rushall, William, lord of Aledriche, Hugh le Rydere, lord of Aston, Thomas, lord of Derlaston, Ralph de Pype, John de Lappeleya [Lappele] clerk, and others. Dat. Waleshall, Mond. n. aft. Purification of B. V. Mary, [2 Feb.] A^o. 2 Edw. II. [1309]. Endorsed, "*A coppie of the grante from Morten and Rufus to the burgesses of Walsall.*"
10. A ROLL containing copies of the Charters numbered 1 and 9, in a handwriting of the 16th cent. Endorsed, "*The agreement betwixt Sir Rich. Wilbraham and ye Towne for our Customs.*" [See No. 197.]
11.
17 Edw. II.
[1324.] GRANT by Robert, son of John Berdles, of Misterton, heir of Henry de Lycheffeld, clerk, to Roger de Gryngleye, clerk, of a messuage and lands which the said Henry had of the gift of Robert, son of Henry de Ordaseye, in Russchale, except the culture called 'le leecroft.' *Witn.* William de Boeles, lord of Russchale, Roger del Peck', of the same, William le Ken, of Pellechale. Dat. Russale, Tuesd. n. bef. Conversion of S. Paul, [25 Jan.], A^o. 17 Edward son of king Edward [Edw. II. 1324]. *Lat.* [See No. 16].
12.
6 Edw. III.
[1332.] GRANT by Peter de Livesey, lord of Arlay, to William Gaypin, of Bascote and Alice his wife of a quarteroun [*quarterona*] of land with messuage, and an acre and a certain 'ploit' [plot] of meadow lying near 'Nezeresiche,' with appurtenances in the fields of Bascote. Rent, 6s. 8d., for all service save forensic. *Witn.* William Sampsun, William Reynal, William Ward, Richard Walter, John Osebarn. Dat. Bascote, Annunc. B. V. Mary, [25 Mar.] A^o. 6 Edw. III. [1332]. *Lat.* Endorsed, "*Charter to William Gaypin, contains xi acres in Bascote.*"

13.
13 Edw. III.
[1339.]

GRANT by William Poul, of Rushale, to Adam le Tailleur, of Walshale, jun., of two places of arable land in the fee of Rushale, in breadth between the land of Henry Budde and the high way (*regia strata*) leading to Walshale, and extending lengthwise, from the land of Robert Greygos to the road leading to the mill of Rushale. In case the said land should be impleaded, the said Adam to recover land wherever he pleases. *Witn.* Roger de Pek', Henry le Smyth, Thomas Gorewei, Thomas Serle, Richard Filcos. Dat. Rushale, Mond. the morr. of S. Barnabas Apostle, [11 June], Ao. 13 Edw. III. [1339]. *Lat.*

14.
22 Edw. III.
[1348.]

GRANT by William, son of John ate Walkemulne, [Walkmill] to John le Licun, of thirteen selions of land in a field called 'le Stockinge.' *Witn.* William Huet, Walter Diriday, Simon Pach, Richard Leverich, John in le greue, Peter Halwyn. Dat. Walsale, Mond. S. Michael Archangel [Sep. 29], Ao. 22 Edw. III. [1348]. *Lat.*

15.
23 Edw. III.
[1349.]

GRANT by John Marchys, of Bloxwyche, to William Boweles, jun., William Huwet, Roger Huwet, John Huwet, William Huwet, jun., Robert Colesone and William, his son, John Marchys, sen., John le Webbe, William Marchys, Richard Petyt, Roger Serle and William, his son, William Dyrday, John le Marchal and John le Hernde, chaplain, and Roger de Berscote, clerk, of a messuage in Walshale, lying between the tenement of John Marchys, son of William Marchys, and that formerly belonging to Robert Magotesone. Also three places of arable land in Little Bloxwyche, in the fee of Walshale, near 'le Brokestwyssse,' of which one is called 'le ladyrudyng,' another 'le middelfeld,' and the third 'le Brokestwysssefeld.' *Witn.* Roger Hillary, Knt., and Roger his son, Robert Hillary, John de Herounville, Richard Basset, William, lord of Allerwych, and John, son of William Marchys. Dat. Walshale, Mond. n. aft. S. Barnabas, [11 June], Ao. 23 Edw. III. [1349]. *Lat.*

This deed is repaired with a portion of a Covenant between John Codwell and Richard Wollaston, respecting the arrears of rent issuing from lands in Croydon, co. Surr. (17th cent.) *Engl.*