

MS. 366

Records of the bishop of Lincoln's properties, etc., in Latin, English, and French England; s. xiv ex.

Text

1. (fols. D–E, 63–64) Flyleaves made from leaves of a 13th/14th-century English copy of a commentary, including (f. 64r–v) the start of a passage on Discordia: '[Text:] Discordia superbie proles est aliorum dissentio quos prius amoris vinculum colligavit ... meritoria comendatur [Commentary:] Discordia de qua metrice scribitur ...'; written in 2 columns of 49 lines; with 2-line initials in blue, flourished in red. [\[Image\]](#)

[Items 2–5 occupy quires 1–5]

2. (fols. 1r–33r) 'Hec est inquisicio facta de redditibus serviciis & consuetudinibus domini Lincolniensis episcopi ...' [\[Image\]](#); running headings at the top of the page include Luda (i.e. Louth, Lincs.), Louth/Lowthe, Norton (Lincs.), Nettleham (Nettleham, Lincs.), Dunham (Dunholme, Lincs.), Stowa (Stow, Lincs.), Newton, Fenton, Brampton, Marton (?Moreton, Oxon.), Normanby, Baketon (?Buckden, Huntingdonshire), Scleford (Sleaford, Lincs.), Haldyngham, Newerk (Newark, Nottinghamshire), Winiclthorpe (?Winthorpe, Notts.), Bauderton (?Boughton, Lincs.), Cotyngton (Coddington, Notts.), Rilvyngton(?) (Kylvington?, Notts.), Lidington (Liddington, Rutland), Kildesby (Kilsby, Northants.), Leicestria (Leicester), Turmodeston (Thurmaston, Leics.), Effordeby, Banbury (Oxon.), Cothrope, Thame (Oxon.), Dorchestera (Oxon.), Tingherst, Woburn, Bicleswade (Biggleswade, Beds.), Buggeden/Bukeden, and Spaudewic/Spaldewic (Spaldwick, Hunt.); '*Summa summarum tocus redditus firmarum & valorum molendinorum maneriorum lincolniensis Episcopi. & eciam redditus dictorum Archidiaconorum m.ccc.xxxj.li .i.d.*' [\[Image\]](#)
3. (fols. 33v–35v) Names of the tenants of the bishop of Lincoln, and of the homage due to him, in 1300: '*Luda Nomina tenentium foeda militaria de domino episcopo lincoln' & debencium homagium eidem episcopo anno domini millesimo Tricentesimo. Ranulphus ...*', the headings are Luda, Norton, Stowe, Scleford, Newerk, Lydyngton, Leycestria, Banbury, Thame, Dorchestria, Woburne, Bicleswade, Buggeden, and Spaldewick, followed by related notes and memoranda, including (fol. 35r) the '*Forma homagia faciendum* Ieo deueuk vostre home de vye & de membre ... *Postea faciat fidelitatem hoc modo* Ke ioe vous serroy feaus & leaus & leaument ...'; a memorandum that John de Bussy paid homage to John, bishop of Lincoln, on Ash Wednesday, 1305, at Lydington, and several more similar memoranda; the third from last in French: '*Nota hic de Newerk* A touz I ceaux qui cestes lettres verrount ou orrount. Iohan par la grace de dieu evesque de Nicole [sic] salut en dieu ...'.
4. (fols. 35v–38r) '*Placita de quo de waranto coram .W. de herle & sociis suis justiciariis domini regis. Itinerantibus apud Notyngham die lune proxima post festum sancti Martini Anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu iij^o* [13 November 1329] *Herle* Henricus Episcopus Lincoln summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino Regi placito quo waranto clamat habere wapentach de Neuwerk ... Et ei mittitur per

Willelmum de Scochawe clericum & cetera amen' (edited by W. Illingworth, *Placita de quo warranto, temporibus Edw. I., II., & III., in Curia Receptæ Scaccarii Westm. asservata* (London, 1818), pp. 660–2). [\[Image\]](#)

5. (fol. 38v) Added indenture in English between John, bishop of Lincoln, and John Babham Stuard, and others, granting a release of Waterstock after the death of John Danvers, dated 14 March 1526 (added on a previously blank leaf). [\[Image\]](#)

[Items 6–9 occupy quire 6, added]

6. (fol. 39r–v) 'Inquisitio pro custodia filij Ricardi Wylby de Gedney', dated 1527–8.
7. (fols. 39v–40r) Charter of Edward [III?] granting the chattels of fugitive felons to the church of St. Mary's, Lincoln.
8. (fol. 40r–v) '*Feoda domini episcopi Lincolniensis. Ricardus de Cotes tenet unum feodum ...*'.
9. (fol. 41r) 'Inquisitio capta apud Dunstaple ... coram Manseld (sic) estetore domini nostri regis henrici octavi anno regni sui xxviii^{vo} in crastino sancti Valentini [15 February, 1536–7] ...'; fols. 41v–42v blank. [\[Image\]](#)

[Items 10–12 occupy quires 7–9]

10. (fols. 43r–62r) '*Terre prata & pasture domini Episcopi Lincolniensis mensurate per perticas xv. pedum regalium. Anno Regni Regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum vicesimo secundo*' i.e. 1348–9 [\[Image\]](#); running headings are Louthe, Norton, Stowepark, Donham, Nettyleham, Newerk, Scleford, Baghton, Lydyngton, Leycestre, Blycleswade, Buckeden, Spaldewyk, Kildesby, Cropry, Bannebury cum membris, Thame, Dorcestre, Tyngchurst, and Woburne.
11. (fol. 62v) 'H[enrici viij] Rex Anglie ... concedo quod Robertus episcopus Lincoln' habeat warrenam in terra sua de Banbury ...', and another, similar, added. [\[Image\]](#)
12. A slip of parchment found loose at the back of the volume is a vertical strip from the left-hand side of an indenture in English: 'This indentu[] / & Ric Coode [] / and pasture [] /w^t all landes [] / ...'. [\[Image\]](#)

Decoration

Paraphs alternately red or blue.

Physical description

Parchment, c.290 x c.210 mm., of good quality.

ff. iii (paper, fols. A–C) + ii (parchment, fols. D–E) + 62 + ii (parchment) + iii (paper, fols. F–H); the main text foliated in ink in mostly lower-case roman numerals; the back parchment flyleaves in 19th(?)-century ink; the remaining flyleaves in modern pencil using letters of the alphabet: A–E, i–lxii, 63–64, F–H.

Quires mostly of eight leaves each: 1–4⁸ (fols. 1–32), 5⁶ (fols. 33–38) | 6⁶⁻² (5th and 6th leaves cancelled) (fols. 39–42) | 7–8⁸ (fols. 43–58), 9⁴ (fols. 59–62); catchwords present except in the added quire, and the last quires of the original main sections.

Ruled in pale brown ink for two columns of 48 lines of text; the top one and bottom two horizontal lines extending the full width of the page; each column with a single vertical bounding line; the ruled space *c.* 205 x 135–40 mm., each column *c.* 60–65 mm. wide.

Written in anglicana script.

Secundo folio: ‘ad iehenam’ (fol. iir), ‘Chayman’ (fol. 2r).

Binding

‘Standard’ Queen’s binding (see Introduction). Sewn on five cords and bound in brown leather over pasteboards, each cover with a blind-tooled panel; the top of the spine with a paper label, printed ‘5’ (cf. under Provenance), and a trace of the usual blue-edged label.

[[Image](#)]

Provenance

1. Written in England, perhaps Lincoln.
2. Sections marked in the margins by various hands refer to Norton (fol. 2v) and to J Wardby / Wareby / Warby (fols. 9r, 9v), Ralph de Crumbwell (fol. 13v), Lambert de Buffay (fol. 15v),
3. Inscribed, 18th/19th-century: ‘A Leiger Book of the Mannors belonging to the Bp. of Lincoln’ (upper pastedown).
4. Queen’s College: apparently acquired after the original compilation of the shelflist in MS. 557; inscribed with the former shelfmark ‘O. 5.’, not crossed through (upper pastedown); inscribed in 20th-century pencil ‘N^o 366 in Mr Coxe’s Catalogue’, and ‘366’ on the pastedown and College bookplate. [[Image](#)]

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[There is a microfilm at Lincolnshire Archives]

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