

[Queen's College Archives] 4 G 4

Cartulary of God's House, Southampton England, Oxford, c.1340 and c.1370–c.1390

Text

Edited by Kaye, 1976. The following description of the text relies heavily on (and quotes silently from) Kaye, but also adds some details and occasionally corrects minor errors.

1. (fol. 1v) Notes on the dates of the coronation and death of Henry IV and Henry V.
2. (fol. 2r–v) '*Custuma de Gussych*' (Kaye, pp. 3–5). [\[Image\]](#)
3. (fols. 3v–4r) Table of monarchs from William I to Henry VII (with additions up to Mary), with columns of the date of the start of their reign, of their coronation, of their death, the length of their reign, and the place of their burial; fols. 3r, 4v, 4ar are blank.
4. (fol. 5r) '*Modus recipiendi seculares ad ordinis nostri fraternitatem*' (Kaye, pp. 6–7).
5. (fol. 5v) Added numbered notes on the Kings of England from William I to Henry IV: the year of their coronation, death, and place of burial, and occasional extra notes: '1. Anno dni. M^{mo}lxvij coron. Willelmus Conquest. Qui anno regni sui xvij^{mo} fecit domesday ...', followed by a mnemonic verse for remembering the kings of England. [\[Image\]](#)
6. (fols. 6r–50r) Register of tenements in Southampton parishes, containing not only transcripts of the rentals, but also notes on the tenements compiled from documents other than those transcribed here: '*Paraochia Michaelis. Iohannes Thorney maritus Christine ...*' (Kaye, pp. 7–109). [\[Image\]](#) [\[Image\]](#)
7. (fols. 50r–52v) An added continuation, c.1380–90, of the section on St. John's parish, transcribed verbatim from a draft roll compiled c.1372–9 (Queen's College Archives, 4 G 10), breaking off abruptly near the end of a deed relating to West Hall (Kaye, pp. 110–20). Kaye suggests that a leaf is missing after fol. 52, since the draft roll contains entries for two more tenements. At fol. 52v the text extends down to very close to the bottom edge of the page, and the writing area becomes wider three lines from the bottom, so presumably the scribe was hoping to squeeze his text onto this page without requiring another. He may have inserted a small slip, comparable to fols. 4a and 16a.
8. (fols. 53r–64v) Provost Whitfield's '*quaterna antiqua*', with an added heading '*Carta prima rogeri*': transcripts of Master Roger's confirmation charters, Richard I's charter, a few other royal grants, the latest of which is the confirmation by letters patent of Edward III to Gilbert de Wygetone in 1332. (Kaye, pp. 120–138). [\[Image\]](#)
9. (fols. 65r–99r) Cartulary of the country estates: Gussage, Werror and Cosham, Padwell and Heckley, and possessions in Portsmouth and Exbury, Hampshire. (Kaye, pp. 138–214).
10. (fol. 99r–v) Further Southampton documents (Kaye, pp. 214–6); fols. 100r–101r are blank.

11. (fol. 101v) Note purportedly by Whitfield, though not in his own hand (Kaye, pp. 216–7, and pls. 6, 7), probably composed c. 1379: ‘Ego henricus Whitfeld quondam prepositus Aule Regine in Oxon. & custos domus dei de Suthamton istud registrum laboriosa diligentia composui ... Igitur registrum ipsum ad usum dicte domus dei exhibeo ut valeat quantum valere debeat’; above this is a 18th/19th-century transcript, and a note in English about Whitfield (Kaye, p. 216). [\[Image\]](#)
12. (fol. 102r) Added memoranda (Kaye, pp. 217–8).

Physical description

Parchment, c.335 x c.215 mm.; fol. 4a is c.240 x c.160 mm.; fol. 16a is c.100 x c.150 mm.

ff. iii (paper) + 103 + iii (paper), foliated in 20th-century pencil: i–iii, 1–4, 4a, 5–16, 16a, 17–105

Quires mostly of twelve leaves each: 1^{five} (structure uncertain, the 1st and 4th seem to be singletons; fols. 1–4, 4a); 2–5¹² (fols. 5–52); 6¹² (fols. 53–64); 7¹⁴ (fols. 65–78), 8¹² (fols. 79–90), 9¹²⁻¹⁺¹ (last leaf cancelled; present last leaf inserted; fols. 91–102).

Frame-ruled in leadpoint, the ruled space c.250 x c.120 mm. [\[Image\]](#)

Written in a variety of documentary cursive hands, some with cadels incorporating human faces. [\[Image\]](#)

Secundo folio: ‘uniuersis s(an)c(t)e’ (fol. 7r).

Binding

‘Standard’ Queen’s College binding, c.1730. Sewn on five cords, and bound in panelled calf. [\[Image\]](#) In 1730 Christopher Bowerbank, the College Bursar, noted that ‘Provost Whitfield’s Register is new bound and endorsed with the letters DD’ (Queen’s College Archives, 4 G 17).

Provenance

Compiled by Henry Whitfield, Provost of Queen’s College 1361–1377, with a series of additions of various dates, described by Kaye. Inscribed ‘DD’ (fol. 1r), and ‘Registrum sive Chartularium Hospitalis S^{ti} Juliani al(ia)s Domus Dei apud South’tone’ (fol. ir); with several small blue ink stamps ‘MUN. COLL. | REG. OXON.’ [\[Image\]](#)

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