

COMBERBACH

(LEYSTER.)

Roger [Lacy], constable of Cheshire and Baron of Halton, about the reign of *Richard the First*, granted Deo et Beata Maria, et fratribus servientibus beatis pauperibus Sancti Hospitalis de Jerusalem, totam medietatum de **Comberbeche** ; illam scilicet quam **Willielmus de Comberbeche** de me tenuit [&c]: unà cum salina in *Norwich [Northwich]* quæ pertinet ad Estonam juxtà *Buddewrethe* –in puram et perpetuam elemosynam–Et si Ricardus Fittun, vel hæredes suos recuperaverit , ego et hæredes mei prædictum donationem prædictis hospitalariis warrantabimus ; et **Willielmo Comberbeche** et hæredibus suis : tenendum de prædictis hospitalariis in feodo et hæreditate : reddendo eis annuatim sex denarios pro omnibus quæ ad domum et ad fratres ejusdem domus pertinent. Hiis testibus, **Henrico** priore de Nortona, **Ricardo Capellano**, **Riccardo** fratre constabularii, **Hugone** de Bosdele, **Radulfo** filio **Symonis**, **Thomâ** dispensatore, **Hugone** de Duttona, **Adâ** de Dutton, **Radulfo** filio **Rogeri**, **Alexandro** filio **Radulfi**, **Liulfo** vice-comite, **Bertramo Camerario**, **Johanne Burdon**, **Hugone** de Eccleston, **Ricardo** filio **Henrici**, **Roberto** de Pulle, **Johanne** filio **Aluredi**, **Gilberto** de Lymme, **Willielmo** de Gamul, **Alano** de Waley, **Willielmo** filio **Matthæi**, **Ricardo** filio **Johannis**, **Ricardo** filio **Gilberti Aytrop**, **Ricardo Starkey**, **Ricardo** de Witeleth, **Willielmo** de Tableth, [**Willo**] de Toft, **Johanne de Combirbech**, **Henrico fratre suo**, et toto hundredo de Haltonshire, [Hethehetto – sa.] Lib. C. fol. 274. num. 1. Out of the book of **Legh** of Swineyard's deeds, num. 1. now in his possession.

[This book or chartulary, is now in the possession of **George Cornwall Legh**, esq. The charter above mentioned refers to the paramount lordship; but, as will be seen, the manor early gave name to a family who, at the least, held a moiety as mesne lords. The following interesting charter is transcribed from the book referred to :

Pateat, &c qd ego **Johes filius Henr' filij Hugonis de Comburbache** concess' **Ade** filio **Willi** de Litlelegh et **Robto** fratro suo omis terras meus &c. cu dominis &c. in villa et in teritorio de **Comburbach** cu Capteli

mancone mea et cu alijs mesuag' meis et cum redditbz **Willi** de Wyrall iij^s iid., **Xpiane** ux **Ran** ijs. vjd., **Johis Starkey** sex s. vjd., **Marg'** ux **Henr'** ijs. vjd., **Ric' Brown**, **Willi Piscater** iijjs., **Ric' Bercar**, **Rich** de Herredun, xvijjs. vijd., **Hug'** de Merbur' iijjs, **Ric'** ffabri ijs. ix.d., **Johis** fil **Ad**, **Alex Piscor'**, **Robti Piscor'**, **Ran** fil **Johis**, **Johis** fil **Hug'** Knobot, **Thom** de Sowreby, **Rand** fil **Robti**, et **Hen** fil **Willi** &c. hab de me (sic) et heðibz meis &c. salvis domibz religiosis et, capitabus dnis, usqz ad terminum sex annor' px sequutu termino v^o incipient ad fm Sei Martini in heme Anno dni M^o CCC t^o cesimo tertio, Reddo &c. unam rosam &c. Test. **Gilberto** de Cups tune ballivo de Halton, **Symoe** del Hurst, **Rico Starkey**, **Hug'** de Merbury, **Johne** de M'bur' &c.]

John son of Henry de Comberbach, gave to **Adam** son of **William** de Litley in Aston juxtà [near] Budworth, all his lands in **Comberbach**, unà cum reversione dotis **Elenæ** matris prædicti **Johannis**–et piscariâ suâ in lacu de Budworth, &c. Entailing these lands, first on the said **Adam**, and the heirs of his body ; and in default of such, then on **Robert**, brother of the said **Adam**. Dated at **Comberbach** die Lunæ, Sancti Petri ad Vincula (which is the first day of August) anno Domini 1335, 9 Edw. III. Ibidem, num. 28.

The moiety of **Comberbach** is now (1666) in possession of:-

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard Legh of Swineyard hath two tenements. 2. Mrs. Ashton of Cogshull, two small cottages. 3. Mr Warburton of the Grange, nigh Weverham, three little tenements. 4. John Gleyve of High Legh, one little tenement, which Thomas Gleyve of High Legh purchased from Thomas Sonkey in Lancashire, 37 Hen. VIII. 1545. Lib. C. fol 269, num. 2. 5. Robert Venables of Anterbus in Over Whitley, one cottage, about two acres. | } | <p>Their tenants do at this day pay the chief rent of six pence at Tatten- Vurt</p> |
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6. **Sir George Warburton** of Arely, five small cottages, not two acres in all.

The other moiety of **Comberbach** was granted to the Priory of Norton.

After the dissolution of the abbeys by Henry the Eighth, the King sold all those lands which belonged to the Priory of Norton, unto **John Grimsditch** of London, gentleman, 36 Hen. VIII. 1544, then in possession of **Robert Merbury**, **George Hulme**, **Randal Worral**, **Agnes Walker**, **Randle Low**, **Lawrence Persivall**, **Roger Grymshaw**, and **George Eaton**; out of which, 7s. 7d. ob. chief

rent, is reserved to the King: and these were sold by **Grimsditch** to **Robert Eaton**; and lastly, bought by **George Low** of Hartford, from **John Eaton** of Over-Whitley, about fourteen or sixteen years ago.

Other two tenements, then in possession of **Homfrey Shakeshaft** and **Thomas Highfield**, out of which the yearly rent of 2s. 1d. was reserved to the King, were bought by **Mr. Merbury** of Merbury, and are lately sold to **Edward Piggott** of Cogshull, who is now owner of the same (1666).

ADDITIONS.

The manor of **Comberbach** is an appendage to the manor of Aston juxta Budworth; to the court of which it owes suit and service, and having descended by the same title, is now vested in [**R.E. Egerton-Warbuton**, esq.], the trustees of the will of the late **Sir Peter**

Warbuton, bart^a [having held it during **Mr. Egerton-Warbuton's** minority.]

The township is situated about two miles north of Northwich, at the western extremity of Marbury Mere.

^a Information of the Rev. R.E. Warburton

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