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## FRESH MATERIAL EVIDENCE RELATING TO NORMAN GLOUCESTER.

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CONFIRMATION OF GRANTS OF LAND TO ST. PETER'S,  
GLOUCESTER, BY HENRY I., A.D. 1114, AT GLOUCESTER.

OF the following deeds the first one is of prime importance, and it is difficult to perceive how it can have been overlooked by the local historians of Gloucester, for it is nothing less than King Henry I.'s Confirmation of the great gifts of land to Serlo's new Abbey, made during a vacancy of the See of Worcester, and at Gloucester itself, probably in April, 1114, when he led an army to Wales. I owe thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester for permitting me to complete certain of my researches, to which are due not only the following, but the very remarkable Charter (of Lisieux), October, 1106, printed by me in *Notes and Queries*, March, 1919.

(Reg. A, f 12, Abbot Froucester.)

Carta Regis Henrici de Terra in Maisemore et Confirmatio ejusdem de terris in diversis comitatibus.

(The style of the King and the usual formula descriptive of those to whom he addresses himself has suffered erasure and alteration, so that it no longer pertains to the Charter. Otherwise the latter is complete.)

Sciatis me dedisse Deo et S. Petro de Glocestria et Serloni Abbati ad victum monachorum terram de Maisemore sicuti ego ipse in meo dominio (demesne) melius habui scilicet cum omnibus rebus illi terrae pertinentibus et sciatis Adelinam<sup>1</sup> uxorem Rogerii de Ivreio (Ivri) meo concessu dedisse ecclesiae

<sup>1</sup> Daughter of Hugh de Grantemenil, died at Rheims 1091, buried at St. Evroult.

S. Petri de Glocestria et monachis terram illam quam habebat in Broctrop<sup>1</sup> et terram quam Rogerius de Glocestria dedit ecclesie S. Petri de Gloc. pro anima fratris sui Herberti (d. 1086) scilicet duos Radniltes et unam ecclesiam (at Westwode<sup>2</sup>) cum una hida terrae et unum molendinum meo concessu dedisse et in Deveneschira terram quandam que vocatur Seldena de Goscelino de Pomereia<sup>3</sup> et de Radulfo Bloiet ultra Savernam terram que vocatur Rudelay<sup>4</sup> dimidiam hidam terrae quam Willelmus de Boleneia<sup>5</sup> dedit eis concessu domini sui Radulfi et concedo tres elemosinas que Bernardo de Novo Mercato<sup>6</sup> dedit (A.D. 1088) eis scilicet<sup>7</sup> Glesbury cum omnibus ad eam spectantibus et totam decimam totius domini (demesne) sui quod habet in Brechinio<sup>8</sup> scilicet annone pecorum caseorum (cheeses) venationum mellis in super eciam ecclesiam de Coure<sup>9</sup> cum tota decima illius parrochie et terra ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinente et unam hidam que vocatur Bece<sup>10</sup> terram etiam de Hamtona quam Willelmus Revellus<sup>11</sup> dedit (1102) eis concessu Bernardo de Novo Mercato concedo ecclesiam Sancti Cadoci<sup>12</sup> cum xv. carucatis terrae que dedit<sup>13</sup> Robertus filius Hamonis testibus Abbate Girmundo (of Winchcombe) et Radulfo Bloiet concedo ecclesiam quoque<sup>14</sup> S. Gundeli (*Newport*, co. Monmouth) quam frater meus Rex dedit Sancto Petro cum dominio (demesne) quod ibi habebat teste Roberto filio Hamonis ecclesiam quoque de Cernei<sup>15</sup> cum decima ad eam pertinente et ecclesiam S. Helene (Alveston) cum una virgata terrae que dedit Walter Vicecomes testibus Girmundo<sup>16</sup> Abbate (de Winchcombe) et Rogerio de Glocestr'<sup>17</sup> et Hugone Parvo<sup>18</sup> Concedo etiam terra illam quam

<sup>1</sup> Brookthorp. This is Roger the son of Durand and cousin of Walter de Gloucester.

<sup>2</sup> In Herefordshire.      <sup>3</sup> Pomeroy.      <sup>4</sup> Rodley before 1086.

<sup>5</sup> Bulley on Severn, given in 1103.

<sup>6</sup> Father-in-law of Milo, Earl of Hereford.

<sup>7</sup> Glasbury.      <sup>8</sup> Brecknock.      <sup>9</sup> Cowarne, co. Hereford.

<sup>10</sup> In Cowarne.      <sup>11</sup> Will. Revel.

<sup>12</sup> At Llancarvan, co. Glamorgan.      <sup>13</sup> c. 1100.      <sup>14</sup> S. Gundel.

<sup>15</sup> North Cerney.      <sup>16</sup> 1095-1122.

<sup>17</sup> Wounded near Falaise; died 1105.

<sup>18</sup> Hugh the Little, tenant of Walter the Sheriff.

Rogerus de Glocestr' dedit eis pro escambio Westburie scilicet Athelegam (*Hatherley*) et Sanderst concedo etiam ecclesiam de Wirectebiria<sup>1</sup> et ecclesiam de Laverchestoc (*Larkstoke*) quas Robertus Gernon<sup>2</sup> dedit eis et omnia que ad easdem ecclesias pertinent et dimidium molendini et medietatem terrae quae ad illud pertinet teste Mathilde Regina (d. 1118) et Rogerio (1107-39) Episc. Salisberri et Willelmo (1107-29) Epis. Wintoniae et Bernardo Capellano<sup>3</sup> et Unfride de Albinio apud Teckesberiam et quandam decimam (*i.e.* 9s) de Roberto Beckefort apud Aicote<sup>4</sup> concedo ecclesiam S. Paterni et terram quam Gislebertus filius Ricardi dedit eis (A.D. 1111)<sup>5</sup> inter divisiones maris et duarum aquarum et in super medietatem magnae piscature sue et decimas omnium rerum de dominio suo appendentem ad Castellum suum de Pennedich<sup>6</sup> scilicet annone venationis carminum (*wool*) et coreorum (*hides*) caseorum (*cheeses*) vitulorum pistrinorum molendinorum pascuagiorum (*pastures*) hujus donacionis testes Hugo<sup>7</sup> de Laci Octrinus<sup>8</sup> et Blaganeret Walenses (Welshmen) Willelmus de Curcune<sup>9</sup> Rannulfus de Baschevilla, Alveredus de Bernavale, Robertus Oil de Larun<sup>10</sup> Hugo de Loventon et Laurentius Willelmus filius Johannis<sup>11</sup> Droco Jerevered (*i.e.* Jorwerth) concedo etiam domos et terras quas habeat in Glocestria ex dono Adelaide<sup>12</sup> vice-comitissa teste Waltero filio suo et Hugone Parvo, et Roberto proposito (*Reeve*) et Rannulfo clerico et Rev(ell)o Barbato scilicet terram et domos

<sup>1</sup> Wraysbury, co. Bucks.<sup>2</sup> *c.* 1109-18.<sup>3</sup> Holder of a prebend in Berkeley. *Cf.* D. S. under Roger de Berkeley. Later (1115-47) Bishop of St. David's.<sup>4</sup> 1104-1114. *Cf.* *Landbooc Winche.*, i. 212.<sup>5</sup> Gilbert FitzRichard, holder of Striguil, ancestor of De Clare family.<sup>6</sup> *i.e.* Penwedick in Wales.<sup>7</sup> Died 1121.<sup>8</sup> Ughtred.<sup>9</sup> Will. de Curzon.<sup>10</sup> Nick-name *Thief's eye*.<sup>11</sup> Youngest brother of Pain FitzJohn.<sup>12</sup> Wife of Durand the Sheriff.

quas habeat de Rannulfo clerico et omnes domos et tenuras quas habent in Glocestria aut dono aut pacto (?).

Has omnes elemosinas firmiter et perpetualiter habendas S. Petro de Glocestria pro anima patris mei matrisque mei et fratris mei Regis Willelmi et pro salute anime mee et Matildis Regine uxoris mee concessi et confirmavi anno ab incarnatione Domini mille centesimo XIII<sup>o</sup> indictione VII. anno regni mei XIII<sup>o</sup> apud Glocestria (*i.e.* 1112 Aug. 5—Aug. 5, 1113).<sup>1</sup>

GRANT BY CECILIA (FITZJOHN), COUNTESS OF HEREFORD,  
C. 1157, AT EBBWORTH, PAINSWICK.

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod Ego Cecilia, Comitissa de Herefordie filia Pagani filii Johannis dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Waltero de Baioco nutrico meo (*i.e.* my tutor) terram meam de Ebbeworth pro servicio suo et homagio suo integre et plenario et honorifice scilicet illam terram quam tenuit Osbertus qui fuit herbergiator (*i.e.* major-domo) patris mei Pagani filii Johannis (d. 1136) eo die et anno quo predictus Osbertus fuit vivus et mortuus tenendam de me et de heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate ille et heredes sui imperpetuum liberum et quietum ab omni servicio et consuetudine scilicet in bosco et plano in viis in semitis in pasturis et in molendinis in stagnis in ripis in pratis et exitibus, etc.

Walter de Bayeux is to render two shillings at four terms annually for the same.

Witnesses : William FitzJohn.

William de Eggeworth.

Richard de Sauna.

Walter de Baius (*Bayeux*), in like manner, grants the same land at Ebbworth and whatever he possesses in Wyck (*Painswick*) by gift of the Countess Cecilia to the Monks at

<sup>1</sup> There is good reason to regard the figure XIII<sup>o</sup> as a scribal error. Hence the date will be, as the Indiction shows, 1113-14.

Gloucester, and makes it over by deed and seal and delivery in their Chapter-House at Gloucester.

The witnesses for him are interesting likewise :—

Helie de Giffard (of *Brimsfield*).

Magister de Pateshull.

Magister de Brackeley.

Roger, parson of Wyck (*Painswick*).

William Fitz John was youngest of the three highly-placed brothers, Eustace (d. 1157), Pain (d. 1136), and himself (d. 1175).

William de Edgworth I believe to have been father of Peter de Edgworth, Sheriff of Gloucester *c.* 1221.

Elie de Giffard became a monk in 1163.

Roger, the parson of Painswick, must, I think, be placed after 1151, when the great quarrel between Lantony at Gloucester and the Countess Cecilia over the Advowson of Wyck had been settled, and John, the priest whom she had put in there, was withdrawn in favour of a Lantony presentment: probably Roger, above-recorded, was the result of this. Hence we may date the transaction to within eleven years, or, dividing these, call it *circa* 1157—early in the reign of Henry II.

Walter de Bayeux was probably one of the natural sons of Bishop Odo, the Conqueror's half-brother; and he here appears in the interesting capacity of the "Tutor," or "Master" of Cecilia's education. She was married to Roger before he became Earl of Hereford in succession to Milo, his father (*c.* 1136), and was probably born in 1123-24. It will be remembered that her mother was Sibilla de Laci, sister of Hugh, Roger and Walter.

Of interest, likewise, is the reference to Osbert, the *Herbergiator* of Pain Fitz John, who had been previously enfeoffed of Ebbworth. His office, probably, was that of *Major-Domo* at the Castle at Painswick. Before these documents became known to the writer, the explanation of

the early possession of Ebbworth (120 acres) by the Abbey of St. Peter was wanting. Cecilia lived to a great age (cf. *A Cottswold Manor*, pp. 67-69), and was alive in 1202, having been married to (1) Roger, son of Milo, Earl of Hereford (d. 1157), (2) William of Poitou, (3) Walter of Mayenne, by none of whom she had issue.