

Concord between Matillis, daughter of Baldric and the Abbot of Westminster concerning one virgate of land in Mordon [1235]

This is the final concord made in the court of the lord King at Bermondsey on the fifteenth day from Michaelmas {13 Oct} of the nineteenth year of the reign of King Henry son of King John before William of York, William de Insula, Ralph of Norwich and Hugh Plays, circuit judges, and others faithful to the lord King then there present. Between Matilda, daughter of Baldric, plaintiff, and Richard, Abbot of Westminster, defendant, by Theobald his monk in his place, to the gaining or losing of one virgate of land with pertinences in Mordon. An agreement was made between them in court. Namely that the aforesaid Abbot recognised the whole of the aforesaid land with pertinences to be the right of Matilda herself, to have and to hold to the same Matilda and her heirs from the aforesaid Abbot and his successors and his church of Westminster forever. Rendering thence annually four shillings sterling at the four terms of the year, namely at Christmas twelve pence, at Easter twelve pence, at the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist twelve pence and at Michaelmas twelve pence, for all services and exactions. And for this recognition, fine and concord the same Matilda gave the aforesaid Abbot twenty shillings sterling.

NOTES:

This case is mentioned three times in *The 1235 Surrey Eyre*, published by Surrey Record Society (SRS Vol. XXXII (1983)) entries 15, 222, & 355 (and notes) The published translation is as follows:

15: Essoins: <<new plea>> Richard abbot of Westminster against Maud de Morden in a plea of land by Stephen of Wandsworth. To Michaelmas 3 weeks, by pledge of William de Bradesmere and Alexander de Coggeshall.

222: Maud de Morden gives half a mark for licence to concord with the abbot of Westminster in a plea of land by pledge of Richard de Corneville. <<half a mark>> Know that Theobald the monk is the abbot's attorney by the king's writ.

355: Maud daughter of ~~Ralph~~^{Baldric} de Morden acknowledged that she gave Richard de Corneville a virgate of land with appurtenances in Morden, as the charter which she made him thereon testifies.

Maud/Matilda de Morden claimed and received a virgate of land with appurtenances in Morden from Westminster Abbey at 4s. p.a. quarterly, for a consideration of 20s. She gave the virgate of land to Richard de Corneville, her surety against the Abbot, who on 7/5/1234 had been involved in a plea of land against Maud, daughter of Baldric in King's Bench (KB 26/114, m.22). He was probably the sitting tenant.

Brother Theobald came from the abbey manor of Ashwell, co. Herts. As brother Theobald or Brother Theobald de Ashwell he was appointed by the abbot as his attorney in six actions in the 1235 Middlesex eyre (JUST 1/536, mm. 1d, 3, 4) – SRS XXXII p. 490.

For the Justices, see SRS XXXI – Biographia