

Ewell: Declaration of lands and holdings there called

Richard Vynes in right of Elizabeth his wife, widow of John Codyngton, son and heir of Thomas de Codynton, [holds] freely there from the said Abbot, prior and convent, as of their manor of Morden in the said county of Surrey, one messuage [with] pertinents lying in Ewell aforesaid, next to the tenement now of Richard Skete and formerly of John Cosyn, ^{that once was of Geoffrey le Cras afterwards Thomas de Saint Michael, afterwards Laurence Codyngton afterwards Thomas Codyngton, afterwards ...} namely the hall, chamber ... gate with a chamber on each side of the aforesaid gate, excepting the stable next to the aforesaid tenement of the said Richard Skete and formerly of John Cosyn, situated on the north of the said tenement and containing in breadth seven feet, and with part of a close of the tenement of the said Richard, and formerly of the said Thomas de Codyngton, containing in length forty feet next to the tenement of the said Richard Skete and formerly of John Cosyn, he holds from the prior of Merton etc. The same Richard Vynes in right of Elizabeth his wife aforesaid holds from the aforesaid Abbot and convent, one other messuage with its pertinents in Ewell that once was of Walter Snell afterwards Thomas de Saint Michael afterwards ^{the aforesaid Laurence Codyngton,} Thomas Codynton and afterwards Richard Benton. And he owes suit at the court of Morden, heriot and relief. And he does ... various works just as they appear in the custumal of Domesday and the house of the messuage lies opposite the messuage in which the [said Richard] dwells, and one lane separates both the messuages aforesaid.

The same Richard holds from the said Abbot, prior and Convent, 1 acre of land, formerly of the said Thomas de Codyngton, lying in the N[orth] croft from Frelondesherne by a distance of two and half acres on the north part and Ricardesfeld on the west part and the ... footpath which leads from Ewell to Kingston at the other headland and a half acre of land now of William M[erston] esquire and formerly of John Ferby on the other part.

The same Richard holds from the said Abbot and convent in the aforesaid Northcroft, four acres of land together lying that formerly were of the said Thomas de Cuddyngton between Muggelespole on the one part and the land called the Mersshdyke on the other part and a half acre now of William Exham and formerly of Thomas Cynore on the southern part and the lands now of John Sandon and formerly of Thomas Smyth on the north part etc.

The same Richard holds from the aforesaid Abbot and convent in the said field of Northcroft, two acres of land which formerly were of the said Thomas de Codyngton and lie next to the land of William Merston esq and formerly of Walter Whitlok on the northern part and land of John Exham on the southern part and Ewelbroke at the east headland.

The same Richard, holds from the Abbot and convent themselves in Lyngcroft, four acres of land which formerly were of the said Thomas de Codyngton and they lie next to the royal road called Gallowstrete {=West Street} that leads from Ewell to Epysham {Epsom} and land of John Exham, once of Thomas Hayton on the east part and of the said John Exham once of John Kypppyng on the north part and the said lands are of the fee of the Abbot of Westminster and the land now of John Tregleston and formerly of John Hochon in right of his wife on the west part.

The same Richard holds from the said abbot and convent three acres of land formerly of the said Thomas de Codyngton and they lie in one furlong called Colleshegge and abut at the east headland upon the royal road which leads from Ewell to Epsom and between/among a half acre of land now of John Ovyngton and formerly of W Bole on the southern part.*

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* The half acre may have been divided into strips separating Richard's three acres.

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The same Richard holds from the aforesaid abbot and convent, three acres of land called Thomasdene formerly of the said Thomas de Coddington lying across the royal road that leads from Ewell to Epsom on the east part and the land of the Abbot of Chertsey on the north and west parts.

The same Richard holds from the aforesaid Abbot and convent, nine acres of land formerly of the aforesaid Thomas de Cuddyngton and they lie together at Longdowns and abut at the west headland upon one furlong called Clotedon and the said nine acres of land lie between one acre of land of William Merston esquire on the southern part and another acre of land of the same William on the northern part.

The same Richard holds of the said Abbot and convent nine acres of land that were formerly of John Leversage afterwards John Edwardby, of the Receipts of the lord king, and afterwards in the tenure of Richard Benton and they lie together at Albregge in a certain croft called Lyngcroft and the said nine acres are called Robertesland and they lie next to the royal road which leads from Ewell to the Common of the Prior of Merton in Ewell and abut to the lands formerly of Thomas de Codyngton and now of the said Richard Vynes on the west part and to the land of Thomas Smyth on the east part.

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NOTES:

A contemporary description of the vill and fields of Ewell in 1408 lists these and other holdings of Laurence de Cuddington in Ewell, though many are not attributed to Mordensfee.

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