Copies of Cheam and Merstham court rolls

1462-1554

26.4.1462

1: William Byrkhed admitted to tenement and garden adjoining

Merstham: At the court held there the Monday called Hock Monday [*Hockemonday*] 2 Ed IV [26.4.1462], so it is enrolled, comes William Byrkhed son and heir of Hugh Byrkhed, and seeks his admittance to one tenement and one garden adjoining the same tenement which Agnes wife of the said Hugh Byrkhed lately held for the term of her life, the reversion thereof belonging to the said William, his heirs and assigns, who being present in court is admitted tenant thereof, to have to himself, his heirs and assigns, at the will of the lord according to the customs of the manor there by the rents and services in respect thereof of old due and customary by law. And he gives the lord for fine for having entry therein as appears by court roll, and he does the lord fealty.

2: William Byrkhed to Nicholas Gaynesford: tenement and garden adjoining 9.4.1464

Merstham: At the court held there the Monday called Hock Monday [*Hockemond'*] 4 Ed IV, so it is enrolled, comes William Byrkhed son and heir of Hugh Byrkhed, and surrenders into the lord's hand one tenement and one garden adjoining the same tenement late the said Hugh Byrkhed father of the said William, to the use of Nicholas Gaynesford esq, to whom the lord grants seisin thereof, to have to himself, his heirs and assigns, at the will of the lord according to the customs of the manor there by the rents and services in respect thereof of old due and customary by law. And he gives the lord for fine for having entry therein as appears by court roll, and he does the lord fealty and so he is admitted tenant thereof, etc.

3: Thomas & Margaret Compton to Roger & Anne Assheley: messuage + garden adjoining in Cheam 5.5.1490

Cheam: At the view of the same court held at Merstham 27 May 5 Henry VII [1490] it was witnessed by the steward that Thomas Compton and Margaret his wife out of court surrendered into the lord's hand one messuage with garden adjoining in Cheam to the use of Roger Assheley and Anne his wife, and the same Margaret being separately examined by the steward out of court surrendered into the lord's hand the said messuage with garden adjoining in Cheam to the lord's hand the said messuage with garden adjoining in Cheam to the use of the aforesaid Roger and Anne his wife, to whom is granted by the lord seisin thereof, to have to themselves and their heirs and assigns, according to the customs of the manor by the rents and services in respect thereof due and customary by law. And they are admitted tenants thereof. And they give the lord for fine for having entry therein 4 shillings, and they do fealty etc.

According to ERO D/DP T345 (now missing), dated 1473, Margaret Compton was widow of John Playstowe, presumably the John Playstowe junior, who was married to Margaret, daughter of Richard Best senior by July 1463 (see ERO D/DP T315: Bletchingley)

The 4th copy in this series is a surrender by William Marsshall, so this might be the Roger Assheley who died before December 1531 and was brother of William Marchall's wife Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Puplet (see ERO D/DP T347 m.1), or perhaps his and Elizabeth's father?

4: William Marsshall to Humfrey Wade: messuage, garden and orchard in Cheam 7.10.1549

West Cheam: Court of the most excellent prince Edward VI by grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish church, held there 7 October 3 Ed VI [1549].

At this court comes William Marsshall in his proper person, and surrenders into the lord's hand one messuage, one garden and one orchard with appurtenances now in the tenure of Robert Bedyll to the use of Humfrey Wade gent and his heirs, whereby there falls to the lord nothing for heriot because he remains a tenant etc. And upon this, at the same court, comes the aforesaid Humfrey and seeks his admittance to the premises, to whom the lord king by his steward grants him seisin thereof, to have to himself and his heirs, according to the customs of the manor. And he gives for fine for having entry therein 4 shillings, and he does fealty and is admitted tenant thereof, etc.

William Marchall of Cheam married Elizabeth Assheley, sister of a Roger Assheley who died before 1531, and widow of Thomas Puplet who died in 1522 (see ERO D/DP T347 m.1). The Roger and Anne Asheley admitted in 1490 (see the 3rd copy in this series) might refer to Elizabeth's brother and his wife or their parents.

5: Humfrey & Elisabeth Wade to Richard & Uritha Millis: messuage, garden and orchard in Cheam 9.1.1550

West Cheam: Court of the most excellent prince Edward VI by grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish church, held there 9 January 3 Ed VI [1550].

It is enrolled thus: At this court come Humfrey Wade gent and Elisabeth his wife, the same Elisabeth being separately examined by the steward, and surrender into the lord's hand one messuage, one garden and one orchard with appurtenances now in the tenure of Robert Bedyll to the use of Richard Millis gent and Uritha his wife and the heirs of the same Richard, whereby there falls to the lord nothing for heriot because they remain tenants etc. And upon this, at the same court, come the aforesaid Richard Millis and Uritha and seek their admittance to the premises, to whom the lord king by his steward grants them seisin thereof, to have to themselves and the heirs of the same Richard, according to the customs of the manor. And they give for fine for having entry therein 4 shillings, and they do fealty and ^{are} admitted tenants thereof, etc.

6: Richard & Uritha Millis to John Fromondes: messuage, garden and orchard in Cheam 4.10.1554

West Cheam: At the court held there 4 October 1 & 2 Philip & Mary [1554] by grace of God ...

It is enrolled thus: At this court comes Richard Mylles and Uritha his wife, the same Uritha being separately examined by the steward, and surrender into the lord's hand one messuage, one garden and one orchard with appurtenances late in the tenure of Robert Bedyll to the use of John Fromondes and his heirs, whereby there falls to the lord for heriot as appears in the court roll. And upon this, at the same court, comes the aforesaid John Fromondes and seeks his admittance to the premises, to whom the king and queen by their steward grant him seisin thereof, to have to himself and his heirs, to hold at the will of the lord according to the customs of this manor by the rents and services in respect thereof due and customary by law. And he gives for fine for having entry therein 4 shillings, and he does fealty and is admitted tenant thereof, etc.