

An Anglo-Saxon boundary description from a charter of Bath Abbey in a manuscript at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

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A.D. 941 De x hides de costune

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Bishop Geoffrey of Coutances
who held Newton after the
Conquest was Lord Chief Justice
for England. He was also
King Williams General in charge
of the Invasion - Held 268 parishes
in England He was Justice at the
trial of Ranulf & Odo of Bayeux
& died in 1293.

Savage. Hist. of Som.
~~Warner's Hist. of Som.~~

DORSETSHIRE

10/1780

John Haddon

Its translation is Victor's copy of 'Suet' vol p 460

The church (St. John) itself has CONSTONE 'which serves the whole town
T. A. E. and 'paid geld for 10 hides. There is land for 9 ploughs. Of this
land there are in demesne 5 hides where are 2 ploughs and
4 serfs and there are 5 villans and 8 bordars and 3 ploughs 'and four
hides'. 'There is 1 riding horse and 6 cows and 62 sheep.'

There is a mill paying 30 pence, and 6 acres of meadow.

It is worth 8 pounds, and when it was received it was worth
7 pounds.

note.

The entries in inserted columns are from a list of land mentioned come from
the Exeter Domesday and are very from the. The Exeter Domesday, so
called because it was in the possession of Exeter Cathedral, was two domesday books
in all - a summary of the lands, probably an initial survey for the list of
Exeter Cathedral Domesday was made, and a tax roll or Geld Inquest.

THE NORMANS



Here the Normans are cutting down trees and building their ships.



The ships are loaded with armour and food.



The Normans sail. (Can you see their horses in the ships?)

- 1271 ~~Saladin captured Acre~~ ^{the Port} 1270 King Edward I went to
— Acre & took Acre.
- 1273 Stephen Mauward ~~as~~ Rector of Corston.
- 1282 Wales conquered by Edward I
- 1291 Payments of Ecclesiastical Tax claimed ~~for~~
Expulsion of the Jews. 10000 refugees left England but most died deliberately
the Monks of Bath from Corston Newton & Behn ^{from}
1291. — End of Christians in Jerusalem. with the loss of Acre Elphinstone
- 1292 Corston Church valued 7 marks 9 shillings & 4 pence
~~and appropriated by the the prior & convent of Bath~~
1295 French Attack Dover
~~Engl. Garrison organized by Bishop John de Droghda~~
1306 Robert the Bruce
1308 Pick-up of Stephen M from Bath Abbey Documents
- 1310 Edward II Corston passed to Sir John Inge ^{from Sir Roger de Lo}
Walter Haselshaw. ^{of Newton}
- 1310 Bishop of Bath & Wells gave Vicar of Muchelney permission to
get one loaf 2 piches of ale each day for the abbey
with a dish of meat on Sundays & Tuesdays & a dish of eggs on
1314 Bannockburn on other days.
just as the Bailiff of Muchelney might decide from the Abbey Kitchens (warner)
1317. Abbot of Bath appropriated the rectory & made it a vicarage.
The Bishop John de Droghda
1321. 1st November. He ordained that the vicar & his successors
should have a hall with chambers, kitchen, bakehouse with garden
& pigeonhouse — 1 acre of land & pasture for sowing
The church - All saints - is a small structure of one pace
at the west end is a small tower with a small conical spire
containing 2 Bells.
- 1323 John Gurnard.

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13th June 1980

Dear Mr.Richards,

Dr.Betty has passed your letter to him over to me. I was very interested to find that your group is doing some work on the Corston Boundaries since I am also engaged in similar research and would be very pleased to come and talk to you. I did try to get in touch with you by telephone but don't seem to have been very successful. Perhaps you would like to suggest a date and time when I might call and see you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Costen

P.S. my home tel. no. is Axbridge 732678.

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Her swutelað on þisse cristes béc þ ægelsige æt linncúme hæfð
geboht wilwige his sunu út æt ælsige abb on baðon 7 æt eallon hirede
to écean fréote.

Her swutelað on þisse cristes béc þ ægelsige byttices sunu hæfð
geboht hildesige his sunu út æt ælsige abb on baðon 7 æt eallon hirede
mid sýxtigon penegon to écean fréote.

Leofgifu the
Northstoke

Her swutelað on þisse cristes béc þ godwig se bucca hæfð geboht
leofgife þa dægean æt norðstoke 7 hyre ofspring mid healfan punde
æt ælsige abb to ecan fréote on ealles þæs hires gewitnesse on baðon.
cris hine ablende þe þis æfre awende.

Godwig the Buck
bought Leofgifu the
Dowry maid at N.S.
for 1/2 a £ for eternal
freedom

Her swutelað on þisse cristes béc þ ælsige abb hæfð gefreod
godwine bace æt stantune forhine 7 for ealne þone hired on baðan on
sæmannes gewitnesse 7 wulwiges æt prisctune 7 ælfrices cermes.

(A. Bryant)

Note.—All these manumissions are given by Kemble, *C.D.* Nos. 833-837, and
also by Thorpe. The pages numbered 7 and 8 of the MS. are formed by a leaf torn
out of C.C.C. MS. cxi, a copy of the Gospels, and to this refer the words "this
Christ's book" in the manumissions. The leaf is pasted lightly into MS. cxi.
Wanley noted this, see Hickes, *Thesaurus* iii. 149, and Dr. Skeat, *St. Mark in
Anglo-Saxon versions*, pref. p. v, where a list is given of the places where the
contents of the inserted leaf have been printed.