militare unam bovatam et dimidiam bovatam terre in Tharlestorpe et valet bovata per annum in omnibus exitibus xl. s. et quatuor tofta quorum quodlibet valet per annum in omnibus exitibus iiij. s.

Item dicunt quod Jacobus filius predicti Roberti de Ros propinquior heres ejus est et est etatis ix. annorum. Ebor'.

[*Extat in fine alterius eschaetoris responsio, cujus tenor in hæc verba sequitur*—]

Robertus de Ros nullas alias terras seu tenementa tenuit in balliva mea die quo obiit nisi terras et tenementa in istis inquisicionibus contenta Set per istud breve non cepi terras et tenementa illa in manum Regis quia antequam breve istud ad me venit terras et tenementa predicta occasione mortis predicti Roberti ex officio meo cepi in manum Regis et ea liberavi Roberto Darcy et Will'o de Vaux quibus Rex concessit custodiam eorundem habend' usque ad legitimam etatem heredis predicti Roberti per aliud breve domini Regis.

[*Vide Rot. Fin.* 4 *Edw.* II., *m. m.* 4, 13.]

(*To be continued*).

FIRST BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS.

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95

1226, May.—*Grant of the advowson of the church of Milverton made by William Briwer to Joscelyn, bishop of Bath, in the presence of the king, archbishop of Canterbury and several bishops.*

Omnibus *etc.* Willielmus Briwer salutem Sciatis me *etc.* dedisse et concessisse venerabili patri domino Joscelino Bath' episcopo advocationem ecclesie de Melverton cum omnibus pertinentiis *etc.* Hanc autem donationem meam feci coram domino meo illustri Rege Anglie presentibus domino Stephano Cant' Archiepiscopo et dominis P. Winton H. Lincoln' W. Exon' et G. Elyen'. Dat. 1226, mense Maii.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 104 d.]

96

1226.—*The abbot and convent of Mont S. Michel in Normandy yield the advowson of the church of Martock to Jocelyn, bishop of Bath.*

Radulphus Abbas montis sancti Michaelis de periculo maris et conventus dederunto Joscelino episcopo Bathon' et successoribus suis advocationem ecclesie de Mertok cumi pertinentiis et quietum clamaverunt quicquid beneficii vel pensionis de eadem ecclesia. receperunt. 1226.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 91.]

97

1227, Nov. 7.—*Hugh, bishop of Lincoln, grants to (his brother) Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, and his successors, the town of Axbridge in frank almoigne.*

Omnibus *etc.* Hugo Linc' episcopus salutem Sciatis nos concessisse venerabili fratri [nostro] Joscelino Bathon' episcopo et successoribus suis in perpetuum quod habeant et teneant villam de Axebrige cum omnibus pertinentiis que est de feodo nosrto in liberam purma et perpetuam elemosynam quietam de sequela forinsec

hundredi quam eadem villa nobis et heredibus nostris debebat *etc.* et ab omni servicio et exactione seculari cum omnibus libertatibus *etc.* Dat. vii. Id. Nov. pontificatus nostri xviij°.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 101.]

98

1229, May 15.—*Charter of Henry III. granting perpetual quittance of toll to Jocelyn bishop of Bath, and his successors; also to the abbot and monks of Glastonbury, the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and monks of Bath, and their successors.*

Henricus Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, *etc.* Sciatis, quod, intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ meæ, et antecessorum et heredum nostrorum, concessimus venerabili patri, Joscelino, Bathon. episcopo, et successoribus suis, *etc.* quod ipsi, et omnes homines sui proprii, *etc.* sint quieti in perpetuum de Theoloneo, salvo nobis *etc.* Datum per manum venerabilis patris, Radulphi Cicest. episcopi, cancellarii nostri, apud Fuleham, xv. die Maii, anno regni nostri decimo tertio. Reg. Well. iii. fol. 14.

[*Domerham* (ed. Hearne), i. 247.]

99

1230, Sept. 30.—Inspeximus *by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, of a charter made by Reginald formerly bishop of Bath, concerning the Archdeaconry of Glastonbury.*

De Archidiaconatu Glastoniensi.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus etc. Jocelinus, Dei gracia Bathoniensis episcopus, Salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, nos inspexisse cartam piæ recordacionis Reginaldi episcopi, prædecessoris nostri, in hec verba. Omnibus Christi fidelibus *etc.* Dat. Well. per manum J. de templo in crastino Sancti Michaelis pontificatus nostri anno xxv°.

[*Domerham* (ed. Hearne), ii. 347.]

100

1232, June 5.—*The prior and convent of Bath confirm the writing by which Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, grants to William Gele in free burgage land in Wells.*

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Joscelinus Dei gracia Bath' episcopus salutem. Noveritis nos dedisse *etc.* Will'o Gele quatuor acras terre et dimidiam que jacent intra metas burgi nostri de Well' *etc.* Dat. apud Dogm' Non. Junii pontificatus nostri anno vicesimo septimo.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 67.]

101

1234-5, Jan. 15.—*The charter of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, granting that his town of Chard be a free borough, is recited in an* Inspeximus *of Edward I. dated 7 Jan.* 1285-6.

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Jocelinus Dei gracia Bathon' Episcopus salutem in Domino Quia desideramus emendacionem Manerii nostri de Cerde volumus et concedimus quod villa de Cerde infra metas subscriptas sit liber burgus *etc.* Dat' apud Wermyustre per manum Magistri Walteri de Maydenestane die sancti Mauri anno Pontificatus nostri vicesimo nono.

[*Pat. Roll*, 14 *Edw. I*, schedule to *m.* 24.]

102

1229-1237.—*Concerning four marks to be assigned to the vicar of the prebend of Warminster during the pontificate of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath.*

Will. de Ralegh Thesaurarius Exon' scribit R[icardo] Dunolmensi episcopo tempore J. episcopi Bathon' de quatuor marcis assignandis vicario prebende de Werminster preter triginta marcas contingentes canonico. ms Welle

[*Harl. MS* 6968, *f.* 77 d.]

103

[1232—1237.]—*Deed concerning a purchase made by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, of ten shillings yearly rent paid to the Hospital of S. Bartholomew, London.*

Willielmus capellanus procurator hospitalis sancti Bartholomei London' et sorores ejusdem hospitalis confirmarunt perpetuam venditionem x. solidorum redditus domino Joscelino episcopo Bath' et successoribus suis quos idem episcopus illis reddere solebat annuatim de parte messuagii sui in parochia sancti Clementis de Dennissemanne cherch in parte australi dicte ecclesie versus Tamysiam solvendo unam libram piperis dominis feodi. Pro hac concessione dominus Joscelinus episcopus dedit illis novem marcas. Testibus Andrea Bukerell majore London' *etc.*

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 101 d.]

104

1219-1238.—*Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, acquires from Reginald de Cornhull a capital messuage with land, opposite Saint Helen's church in the city of London.*

Reginaldus de Cornhull concessit domino Jocelino Bathon' episcopo totam terram et capitale managium suum ex opposito ecclesie sancte Helene in London', que extenduntur a vico regio orientali tendente versus Bisopesgate usque ad vicum de Bradestrate *etc.* reddendo inde sibi et heredibus annuatim unam libram cere vel quatuor denarios *etc.* Pro hac concessione dictus episcopus dedit dicto Reginaldo ducentas marcas in gersumam. Testibus Petro Winton' episcopo *etc.*

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 8.]

¶ The name of Reginald de Cornhull (Cornhill) occurs very frequently on the *Close Rolls*. The last mention is on 21 Nov. 1221. [*Close Roll*, 6 *Hen.* III, *m.* 18.]

105

1239, Oct. 24.—*Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, after the dedication on the previous day of the church of Wells, further endows it with the manor and church of Wynescumbe.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Joscelinus, Dei gratia, Bathon. episcopus, Salutem in Domino. Noveritis, nos, in dedicatione ecclesiæ nostræ Wellen. quam die Sancti Romani, mense Octobri, anno incarnationis Dominicæ 1239, in honorem Sancti Andreæ, apostolorum mitissimi, dedicavimus, dedisse et concessisse *etc.* in dotem eidem ecclesiæ nostræ, et decano et capitulo nostro Wellen. manerium de Wynescumbe *etc.* et ecclesiam ejusdem manerii *etc.* Datum Welliæ in crastino Sancti Romani, anno incarnationis Dominicæ 1239, et pontificatus nostri anno xxxiv. Reg. Well. i. fol. 50.

[*Dòmerham* (ed. Hearne), i. 252.]

106

1240, Dec. 25.—*Ordinance, concerning the church of Witechurch, in the diocese of Sarum, made with the assent of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath.*

ORDINATIO ECCLESIE DE WITECHURCH IN DIOCESI SARUM.

Universis *etc.* Robertus Sarum episcopus salutem *etc.* De ecclesia de Witechurche de assensu Joscelini Bath' episcopi patroni ejusdem, et capituli Well' et assensu decani et capituli Sarum qui pensionem sexaginta solidorum inde percipere consueverunt *etc.* sic ordinamus viz. quod. *etc.* et quod dicta ecclesia tunc de perpetuo vicario per nos et successores nostros ad pres' Bath' episcoporum instituendo perpetua successione ordinetur . . . in qua vicaria jus presentandi ad eandem domino Bath' episcopo et successoribus suis quotiescunque vacaverit perpetuo reservamus. Percipiet vicarius . . . Actum Sarum in festo Natalis Domini 1240 pontificatus nostri duodecimo.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *ff.* 111, 112*d.*]

107

[1219—1242.]—*The prior and convent of Bath present to Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, a clerk for admission to the living of Norstoke.*

Reverendo domino et patri J. Dei gratia Bath' episcopo Thomas prior et conventus etc. Dominationi vestre signamus Johannem capellanum personam de Norstoke diem

clausisse suppremum Hinc est quod paternitati vestre ad ecclesiam de Norstoke vacantem cujus advocatio ad nos pertinere dinoscitur Rogerum clericum et scolarem Oxon' latorem presentium presentamus devotissime rogantes ut eundem admittere dignemini et admissum in corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie faciatis induci. Valeat sancta paternitas vestra in Domino.

[*Reg. Bath Abbey, p.* 34.]

108

1241, Nov. 28.—*The king appoints a proctor in a question raised between himself and the bishop of Bath.*

De procuracione constituendo contra Episcopum Bathon'.

Rex venerabilibus patribus Hereforden' et Exon' Episcopis et Abbati sancti Edmundi salutem In negocio Inquisicionis quod inter nos vertitur ex una parte auctoritate apostolica et venerabilem patrem Bathon' episcopum ex altera magistrum Robertum de Forde procuratorem nostrum constituimus. Ratum *etc.* Teste Rege apud Merlebergh xxviij. die Novembris.

[*Patent Roll*, 26 *Hen. III. m.* 12.]

109

1241-2, January 25.—*Letters of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, recited in the register of John de Drokensford, bishop of Bath and Wells.*

Omnibus *etc.* Jocelinus Dei gracia Bathon' Episcopus salutem Litteras patentes *etc.* Dat. apud Woky die Conversionis sancti Pauli anno gracie Millesimo ducentesimo Quadragesimo primo.

[*Reg. Drokensford, f.* 58.

110

1242, June 30.—*The prior and convent of Merton submit to the ordinance of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, concerning tithes, &c. in the parish of Martock, on condition that the monks of Bath do the same.*

Prior de Merton et conventus submittunt se ordinationi Joscelini episcopi Bathon. super decimis et aliis rebus quas dictus conventus in parochia de Mertok percipere consueverunt, dummodo Prior et Conventus Bathon' faciant hoc idem. Jun. 30. 1242.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 94

111

1242, Oct. 17.—*Ordinance of bishop Jocelyn, greatly increasing the allowance, heretofore made for daily commons, to the dean, precentor, and others of the church of Wells.*

Omnibus *etc.* Jocelinus Dei gracia Bath' episcopus salutem in Domino Postquam ad episcopatus officium nos promoveri permisit Altissimus omne studium adhibuimus et nos adhuc adhibemus ut cultus divini nominis et decus ecclesie nobis commisse temporibus nostris cumuletur et amplietur quicquid ad disposicionem utilitatem et ornatum ipsius respicit semper cogitantes et ad effectum pro viribus nostris deducere festinantes ecclesiam sancti Andree Well. que periculum ruine patiebatur pre sui vetustate cui, Domino Jhesu Christo salvatore nostro permittente, presidemus Ipsius auxilium invocantes edificare cepimus et ampliare, in qua de sola sui gratia adeo profecimus quod ipsam divinis precibus . . ad divinum cultum explendum in eadem devote solenniterque consecravimus. Et quoniam ecclesias edificantibus non solum de edificio . . . In cujus rei robur et testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus, una cum sigillo Johannis Sarraceni Decani et Capituli Well'. Act' in Capitulo Well' 16 Kal. Nov. 1242 et pontificatus nostri 37. fol. 51.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *ff.* 34-36.]

112

1242, Oct. 29.—*Ordinance concerning the church of Merke* (Mark), *made by Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, with the assent of the dean and chapter of Wells.*

Die Mercurii proxima post festum Symonis et Jude 1242 Ricardus de Dynam rector ecclesie de Merke (que est de advocatione episcopi) resignavit eam in manus Jocelini episcopi Bathon' prupter varias contentiones inter dictum Ricardum et Decanum et

Capitulum Well' super dicta ecclesia et tandem dominus Jocelinus episcopus de voluntate et assensu Johannis Saraceni decani et Capituli Well' sic ordinavit et statuit, viz. quod dicta ecclesia de Merke ex nunc in perpetuum sit annexa prebende de Wedmor que est prebenda Decanatui Well' conjuncta, Ita quod manerium de Wedmor cum prebenda et dicta ecclesia de Merke perpetuo sit unitum beneficium in quo consistat Decanatus Well' Et quod una cum quatuor prebendis de viginti libris quas Decani Well' facere solent et debent de dignitate Decanatus in ecclesia Well' ad donationem nostram et successorum nostrorum spectantes faciat de cetero quicunque pro tempore fuerit Decanus Well' quintam prebendam de quatuor libris de dicta prebenda de Wedmor et ecclesia de Merke in ecclesia Well' quam conjungendam duximus et annectendam prebende de viginti solidis . . Volumus autem et ordinamus ut dicta prebenda de Wedmor cum dicta ecclesia de Merke eidem annexa sequatur in omnibus consuetudinem et formam aliarum prebendarum ecclesie Well' eo non obstante quod annexa est eadem prebenda Decanatui Well'. Actum in Capitulo Well' 1242, pontificatus nostri 37. die Mercurii proxima post festum Symonis et Jude.

[*Harl. MS.* 6968, *f.* 33 *d.*]

113

1242, Nov. 19.—*The death of Jocelyn, bishop of Bath, as recorded in the Cartulary of Glastonbury Abbey.*

1242. 13 Kal. Dec. obiit Jocelinus Bath' Episcopus—sepultus in Ecclesia Well'.

[Bishop Kennett in *Lansdowne MS.* 935.]

NOTE ON THE WREN PEDIGREE.

Communicated by W. T. LAW.

In the Genealogist (Vol. i. New Series, p. 262) is an excellent and, I believe, accurate pedigree of the Wren family compiled by Mr. H. Stinton Smith which I should like to supplement by adding a few particulars relating to the marriage and issue of Matthew Wren, Bishop of Ely 1638-67. In regard to the Bishop's marriage, different statements have been current. Mr. Stinton Smith says that the name of the Bishop's wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Cutler of Ipswich, evidently quoting from the Visitation of Cambridgeshire taken in 1684; while Dr. Benjamin Buckler in his "Stemmata Chicheleana" states that the lady was Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Beaumont whose descent from the family of Chichele he duly sets forth. On the strength of Dr. Buckler's researches (I suppose) one, at least, of Bishop Wren's descendants claimed Founder's kin at All Souls College, and had his claim allowed. Lastly in Miss L. Phillimore's interesting account of Sir Christopher Wren (nephew of the Bishop) and his relatives, Matthew Wren's spouse is designated Cull. This is not a misprint for Cutler, for in response to my enquiry, Miss Phillimore very kindly cited her authority, which as far I can recollect was a Chancery Proceeding or Trust, in which Bishop Wren was concerned. Now who was this mysterious wife of Matthew Wren?

In trying to settle this question it is natural to consult the pages of "Parentalia or Memoirs of the Family of the Wrens, by Christopher, son of Sir Christopher Wren, with the care of Joseph Ames, F.R.S., &c., London, 1750." This volume, which contains nearly all that is known about Bishop Wren, singularly enough, is absolutely silent as to his wife's parentage. Fortunately, however, in the pages of *Parentalia* is preserved a copy of Wren's Diary, "transcribed from his own handwriting in the blank pages of Pond's Almanack for the year