

**This Charter gives further lands and confirms all the rights granted by Henry 1<sup>st</sup> to the Abbess of Elstow**

**Copy of the Charter (circa 1160), Henry 2nd to the Abbess of Elstow Abbey**

Extracted from: "Chronicles of the Abbey of Elstow" Reverend S R Wigram 1885

"HENRY, King of England, and Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and Earl of Anjou, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Justices, Barons, Sheriffs, Ministers, and all his faithful (subjects) of all England, greeting.

"Know ye that I have granted and confirmed to the Church of Elnestou, and to the Abbess and Nuns serving God there, all their lands and tenures, which they had in the time of King Henry my grandfather, and which were duly given to them.

§§ 3, 2, 1. "Of the gift of the Countess Judith, in Bedfordscir, the vill itself in which the Abbey is founded; the vill of Wilshamstudia; and in Meldona five hides of land.

§ 15. "With tithes of two sheepfolds of the vill of Offruit and Emifosbia in Bedfordia.

§ 16. "Of the rents of the same vill four pounds, ten shillings, and one meadow of ten shillings rent per annum.

§ 13. "And in Cameston the land which was that of William Medicus, which yields twenty shillings per annum.

§ 17. "And the mills of the same vill, and five virgates and twelve acres of land.

§ 18, 19, 20. "Of the gift of William Basset six virgates of land in the viii which is called Mordona; and his tithes of Disburc; and of Middelt.

§ 21, 22. "Of the gift of Walter de Einecourt his tithes of Sudbrant and one virgate of land; and his tithes of Woborna in Buckinghamscir, and in the same vill the tithes of three knights, namely Gilbert, Humphrey, and Bareng, and one virgate of land.

§ 23. "Of the gift of Simon de Bello Campo two parts of the tithes of his demesne of Upeton, and one acre of land.

§ 24, 25. "Of the gift of Helgot, son of Diog [enes], the tithes of Cotes and one virgate of land in Hamtonscir (Northamptonshire); and his tithes of Torendona, and one vitgate of land.

§ 6, 7. "Of the gift of Ralph of Langecot two hides of land and three virgates in Muleshou.

§ 8. "Of the gift of Nigell of Stafford ten and a half virgates of land in Legretscir (Leicestershire) in Ardesbia.

§ 26. "Of the gift of Ralph, steward of Gilbert of Gaunt, the tithes of his demesne of Croft, with all its appurtenances; namely of Torp, and Fenechelanda, and Goldelanda, and Biscopelanda, and Sutton a, and the tithes of his fisheries, as well of salt as of fresh water, and one virgate of land, and one salt-pit yielding thence twenty sextaries of salt per annum.

§ 14. "Of the gift of Ruelland of Abrincis four and a half virgates of land in the vill which is called Siwella in Northantscir.

§ 27. "Of the gift of David, King of Scotland, one tun of wine from his rent of Toteham.

§ 28." Of the, gift of Roger Murdac, first two parts of the tithe of his demesne and two bovates of land in t~e vill which is called Haltona, and afterwards the whole Church of the same vill,

§ 29, 30. "Of the gift of Walter of Buisseia the tithe of his demesne of Stutesforda, of all (things) whence tithe ought to be given, and one virgate of land; and the tithe of Burton, and half a virgate of land.

§ 31. "Of the gift of William Peverell tithe of Mealdon in Essex. ,

§ 32. " Of the gift of Geoffrey de Tralli two parts of the tithe of his. demesne of Lutegareshala, and one virgate of land.

§ 33. "Of the gift of Walter of Buissei~ three virgates of land in Wiment, yielding ten shillings per annum.

§§ 34,35. " Of the gift of Aelasia her tithes of Estmera; and Redewint.

§ 36. II Of the gift of Simon de Bello Campo one hide of land in Herghedona.

§ 11. "Of the gift of Richard Basset the whole land of Ivo Fridei in Avintona..

§ 12. " Of the gift of Jeva one mill in Duntona.

§ 37. " Of the gift of Oliver de Maleverer and Cecilia his wife the Church of Dumeslai and six acres of land in the same vill.

,§ 38. "Of the gift of Roger de Chandos, and bygrant of Robert his son, the whole land which he had in Dineleshou.

§§ 9, 10. " Of the gift of Nicholas Basset four marks of silver per annum from his rents in Qxenforda; and two marks of silver in Risendona.

.§ 39. "And one mill at Mixberia.

§ 40. " Of the gift of Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln, ten shillings per annum, from his rent of Bugendena.

§§ 4, 5. "Of the gift of King William the Church of Hiccha, and the whole land of the priest, namely two hides of land and one virgate, with all tithes and custom to the same Church appertaining; and expressly its Church of Weston.

.§ 41. "Of the gift of Roger de Frievill ten shillings [worth] of land in the vill which is called Fernecumba.

§ 42. "Of the gift of Roasia de Creint a third part of the tithe of her demesne in Beref.

§§ 43, 44. "Of the gift of the Countess Judith twelve acres of land at Caldwellella, and seven other acres adjoining the same place; and twelve acres in a place called Berchesdich.

§45. "Of the gift of William, son of Richard, two parts of his tithe of Rungeton.

§ 46. "Of the gift of Hugh de Bello Campo one mark of silver per annum, from the rent of the mill of Sandeia.

§§ 47, 48. "Of the gift of William de Bochelanda, and G. his sister, one virgate of land in Wescota; (and) of the land of the Burgesses of Bedford twenty-two acres of land.

*"Wherefore I will, and firmly enjoin, that they have and hold all these* (properties) aforesaid as well, and peaceably, and freely, and quietly, and honourably, as the Charter of King Henry my

grandfather testifies; in wood and in plain, in meadows and in pastures, in waters and in mills, in roads and in paths, in Churches and in Chapels, within borough and without, and in all places; with soc and sac" *and toll* and team, and in fangenethef, and with all other their liberties, and customs, and quittances, as well, and as freely, and as quietly, as ever they held them in the time of King Henry my grandfather, and as the Charters of the same King Henry testify.

" Witnesses: T[~eobald] Archbishop of Canterbury (1139-61),  
R[obert de] Chesney] Bishop of Lincoln (1148-6J),  
Ric[hard de Beaumes] Bishop of London (1152-62),  
R[eginald] Earl of Cornwall (1140-1175); R[obert] Earl of Leicester,  
Ric[hard] of Hum[et] Con-stable, War[in] Fitz Ger[old] Chamberlain,  
Man[asser] Biset, Steward, R[ichard] of Dunest[anville], Joc[elin] of Balliol.  
At Canterbury."

Wigram sourced this copy of the Charter from the "Confirmation Roll of 2 Henry VIII", a copy of which is held in the Bodleian Library Oxford.