

Information assembled by Dr John S Plant (May 2004) concerning William Plant of Keele, 1545

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folio 188:

Plaintiff: Hugh Dykens and William Plant

Defendant: John Burton, Randall Harryson, Richard Harryson and
others

Place or Subject: Forcible entry and seizure of cattle at Keele

County: Stafford

Full Record (received from W. Keith Plant)...

STAR CHAMBER DEPOSITIONS HENRY VIII xiii f 188 3 May 1545 complaint of
William Plant:

To the King, our most dread sovereign Lord: complaineth your faithful
subject and daily orator William Plant, otherwise Plont, that
whereas, the late Prior of St John of Jerusalem in England and his
co-brethren of the same by their deed of indented bearing date the
30th May in the 28th year of your reign [1536] demised and let to
farm to Sir Henry Delves knight all that his manor of Kele, county
Stafford and Salop and all their lands, etc. to the said manor
belonging for forty years. The said Henry Delves, about two years
last, let to farm to your said subject two pastures of land, parcel
of the said manor, called Gorsty Hyll and Kele Wood, and divers other
lands and tnements, parcel of the said manor for eight years which
yet enduring one John Burton of Newcastle under Lyme, yeoman,
Randolle Haryson of the same town, saddler, and Richard Harryson of
the same town, labourer, with divers other evil and riotous persons
the 3rd day of May in the 37th year of your reign [1543] with force
of arms, that is to wit, with swords, staves and knives and other
warlike weapons in manner of war arraye, by the commandment of
William Snede of Bradwall, County Stafford, esquire, forcibly entered
into the said two pastures and took and drove away ten kine and twenty
calves, price £14, of your said subjects, and one of the said kine
with great strokes did beat so that the said kowe thereof died, and
the je of oon other of the seid kyne aforesaid then and there stroke
out, and the residue of the said kine and calves did so beat and
strike and did so unreasonably drive and chase them so that the said
beasts are lost and destroyed, to the damage of £24; and also the

said riotous persons by the commandment of the said William Snede with force and arms expelled your beseechers out of the possession of the said two pastures: please your Highness to grant your writs of supoena to be directed to the said riotous persons to appear in your Sterryd Chambre in answer to the premises. To answer on the morrow of All Saints.