

576 THOMAS SON OF HUGH DE SWYNFORD

LINCOLN. *Proof of age* taken at Lincoln, Friday ..., 18 Richard II.

John Plaint, aged 60 years or more, says the said Thomas was born at Lincoln on the feast of St Matthias, 47 Edward III and baptised the next day in the church of St Margaret in the Close, on which day the said John was servant to Master Thomas de Sutton, clerk, godfather of the said Thomas de Swynford, and brought fire to light the candle.

Richard Fynden of Lincoln, aged 70 years and more, agrees and says that on that day he was chamberlain to John de Worsop clerk, the other godfather.

John Liminour of Lincoln, aged 50 years and more, agrees and says that on that day he brought two books, one of which was a missal, to the said church and sold them to the said John, one of the godfathers.

John de Sereby of Lincoln, aged 63 years and more, agrees and says that on the day of the baptism William Hamond, his servant, taking two jars of wine to the church, fell and spilled the wine out of one jar, for which the said John beat him.

John Baldon, aged 56 years and more, agrees and says that on that day of the baptism he was servant to the said Thomas de Sutton and was riding to Louth on his master's business when his horse fell and the said John broke his leg.

Gilbert de Beseby of Lincoln, aged 54 years and more, agrees and says he was then chamberlain to lady Katharine de Swynford, mother of the said Thomas, and went with divers clothes of silk and gold to the said church when the said Thomas was baptised.

Nicholas Bolton, aged 60 years and more, agrees and says that he held a basin and offered water to the godfathers and godmother to wash after the baptism.

William de Middelton, aged 60 years and more, agrees and says he held a towel by the font for the godfathers and godmother to wipe their hands.

Richard Colvill of Lincoln, aged 52 years and more, agrees and says that on that day he was charged by the said lady Katharine's steward to bring home 24 bows, which the said steward bought and gave to divers servants.

Henry Taverner, aged 60 years and more, agrees and says that on the day of the baptism Agnes his wife gave birth to John his firstborn son.

Thomas Boterwyk, aged 68 years and more, agrees and says he was clerk in the church and took the chrism from the altar to the font.

John Waltham of Lincoln, aged 49 years and more, agrees and says that in that year William de Waltham, his father, set out for Jerusalem and died beyond the seas and in that year the said John entered into his inheritance.