

DOMESDAY.

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BAMPTON:

The King holds *Bemtone*. There are  $27\frac{1}{2}$  hides. In demesne are 6 ploughs and 6 serfs, and 40 villeins and 17 boors (*buri*) and 13 bordars have 16 ploughs. In King Edward's time they had 26 ploughs. There are 4 mills (rendering) 25s. From the market (*mercato*) 50s. From the pannage and the salt pans (*salinis*) at *Wic* (*Droitwich*) and other customs of the men 9li and 13s. From the corn rent for a year 15li. The soke of 2 hundreds belongs to this manor. 76

Altogether it renders yearly 80li and 40s by tale.

*Ilbert de Laci* hold  $\frac{1}{2}$  hide by the gift of the Bishop of Bayeux, and *Walter Fitz Ponz* holds a parcel (*particulam*) of land, and *Henry de Ferieres* holds a certain piece of wood (land) (*silvam*) which *Bundi* the forester held. The county bears witness that all this belongs to the King.

BAMPTON DEANERY:

The Bishop of Exeter holds of the King 6 hides in *Bemtone* and *Bishop Rotbert* (holds) of him. *Bishop Levric* held it. There is land for 6 ploughs. Now in demesne (there are) 2 ploughs and 2 serfs; and 10 villeins with 7 bordars have 3 ploughs. There (are) 2 fisheries rendering (de) 33s and 48 acres of meadow. In King Edward's time it was worth 4li; now (it is worth) 6li. 19

BAMPTON; (Rex)

The 11th century manor of *Bampton*, large as it was, probably only represents a part of a much larger estate from which portions had been detached by the later O.E. kings. A grant of land at *Bampton*, *Aston* and *Chimney* by King *Eadwig*, apparently for the benefit of a local minister, is mentioned below. *Shifford* was given by King *Edgar* to *Alderman Byrhtnoth* (*Cart. of Eynsham, i, 21*), and in 984 *Aethelred II* gave land at *Brightampton*, *Aston* and *Lew* (*aet Hlaewe*) to his 'scriptor', *Elfwine* (*Hist. Mss. Com. Rep. ii*) Appendix p.105)

The succession of H. de Ferrars to Bundi the forester identifies Bundi with the important thegn of that name, whose lands in several counties, as at Dean and Chalford in Oxon had passed to H. by 1086, Bundi is described in D.B. as 'staller' and 'constabularious', and it is clear he was one of the Confessor's household officers. He appears in pre-Conquest documents as 'steallere' (Cod.Dip.822) and 'stabulator' (Cod.Dip.945) He is given the title of 'regis palatinus' in the foundation charter of Waltham Holy Cross (Cod.Dip.813) but the titles borne by individuals in this document are not always trustworthy.

#### BAMPTON DEANERY:

D.B. records that the manor was held by Leofric before the Conquest, but in 1069 Wm made a charter for the express purpose of allowing him to grant this land (with Holcombe in Dawlish to St. Peter's Ch. at Exeter (O.S. Facsimiles of A-S Charters, Pt.II, Exeter, No.xvi), and a list of the bishop's gifts to the Cath. states that the land at Bampton had formed part of his own property. In Wm's charter the Bampton estate, described in an endorsement as six hides at Bampton, Aston and Chimney is called the land which King Eadwig gave to saint and the community at Bampton. It had formed the endowment of a minister at that place before it came into the hands of Leofric.

x (Earle. Handbook to the Land Charters, 249-51).

#### EYNHAM:

There had been an important church at Eynsham in the 9th Cent., but the abbey mentioned in D.B. was founded by Aethelred II. (Birch.Cart.Sax. 509). It was by its monks in the disorders which followed the Norman Conquests. It was re-founded by Remigius of Lincoln (Cart of Eynsham) to whom the King seems to have granted a part of its pre-Conq endowment. By D.B. it only retained in Oxon 3 hides at Shifford, and land at Yarnton, besides the manor at Eynsham.

Ilbert de Lacy - an important tenant in capiti in Yorks, Lincs and Notts held several manors in Oxon including land at Bampton.

Robert d'Oilly was a royal constable and first castellan of Oxford castle.

Roger d'Ivry butler in the king's court, held the custody of Rouen Castle in 1078.

D'Oilly and D'Ivry were especially intimate. According to a tradition at Oseney Abbey they were 'sworn brothers, united by faith and oath'. (Cart. Oseney Abbey 13th Cent.)

Hugh de Bolbec held of Walter Giffard. In 1236 4 yardlands in Lew which clearly

represent a part of Aretius's Manor in 1086, were held by the sergeanty of keeping a Falcon in season (Bk of Fas.589)

Theodoric the Goldsmith who held land in Brize Norton Weald and Bensington almost certainly a servant of the Confessor.

BAMPTON: (Robert de Oilgi)

Roger holds of Robert Bentone.

There are 4 hides. (There is) land for 3 ploughs. Now in demesne there are 2 ploughs and 3 serfs; and 7 villeins with 6 bordars have  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ploughs.<sup>16</sup> There (are) 24 acres of meadow. It was worth 40s; now (it is worth) 4li.

WELDE:

The same (Teodoric the goldsmith) holds  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hides in WELDE. (There is) land for 2 ploughs. These and 2 serfs he has in semesne; and 3 villeins with 5 bordars have 1 plough. There (are) 24 acres of meadow. It was and is worth 40s. His wife held these two lands (1 hide in Brize ) freely in King Edward's time.

SHIFFORD: (Bishop of Bayeux).

The same Columban holds of the Bishop SCIPFORD. There are 3 hides. There is land for 5 ploughs. Now in demesne (there is) 1 plough; and 8 villeins with 5 bordars have 5 ploughs. There (are) 50 acres of meadow, and pasture 2 furlongs in length and 1 furlong in breadth, and (the manor yields) 250 eels, and 4s and 4d. It was worth 4li, now (it is worth) 100s.

BRIGHTHAMPTON: (Bishop of Lincoln.)

Wadard holds  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hides in BRIGHTHELMSTONE. (There is) land for 1 plough. This he has in demesne with 1 serf and 1 villein and 5 bordars. There (are) 16 acres of meadow. It was and is worth 40s.

LEW: (Walter Giffard).

The same (Hugh de Bobec) holds  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hides in LEWA. (There is) land for 1 plough. This is there in demesne with 1 bordar. Pasture  $1\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs in length and breadth. It was worth 10s; now (it is worth) 20s.

LEW:

Aretius holds of the King 2 hides less 1 virgate in LEWA. (There is) land for 1 plough. In demesne he has 1 plough; and 3 villeins with 3 bordars have 1 plough. There (is) pasture 1 furlong in length and  $\frac{1}{2}$  furlong in breadth. It was worth 20s; now (it is worth) 35s. Alwin held it.

BRIGHTHAMPTON: (William FitzOsbern, E. of Hereford).

The same Anschitil holds 6 hides in BRIGHTHELMSTONE. (There is) land for 7 ploughs. Now on demesne (there are) 2 ploughs and 4 serfs; and 15 villeins and 16 bordars have 7 ploughs. There (is) a mill rendering (de) 11s, and 90 acres of meadow. Pasture 10 furlongs in length and 4 furlongs in breadth. It was worth 100s; now (it is worth) 61s.

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