

Pre-conquest documents from the archive of Rochester cathedral

This is a skeletal list of the Anglo-Saxon charters surviving from the archive of the church of Saint Andrew of Rochester. They are identified by the numbers assigned to them in Sawyer's (1968) catalogue; but I have sorted them into the order which I like best. The manuscripts are cited, and so are the printed editions (bracketed if they are unreliable or derivative, or if they were superseded by a second edition of the same book). Items printed [blue](#) diverge from Sawyer's catalogue: they are the corrections and additions that I suggest should be made when that catalogue is overhauled (which, fifty years on, it does stand much in need of).*

* Some of these additions have already been incorporated into the online version of Sawyer's catalogue (<http://www.esawyer.org.uk/about/index.html>). That is a useful resource, but not quite as useful as it might be. It really does need to be taken apart and reconstructed piece by piece.

There are two borderline cases, which I resolve in the same way that Sawyer did. I do include one late forgery; I do not include the bridgework text (Priv fos 166v-7r and other copies), which (in whatever form it took) appears to have been entrusted to the church for safekeeping, but is not to be regarded as part of the church's archive.

Two words of warning. (1) I have not verified the references to Reg temp: I quote them from Sawyer (1968) and Campbell (1973). (2) I have not seen the volumes of facsimiles edited by Bond (1876-8): again I quote the references from Sawyer and Campbell.

Diplomas

1 Æthelbert - SW quadrant Priv fo 119r-v Reg temp fo 3v
(Dugdale 1655:27) [Dugdale 1682:27](#) (Hearne 1720:62-3 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Thorpe 1769:13-14 (Bandinel 1813:162 from Dugdale) Kemble 1839:1 no 1 (Haddan and Stubbs 1871:52 from Kemble) Birch 1885:7-8 no 3 (Earle 1888:1-2 from Kemble)
[Campbell 1973:1 no 1](#)

88 Æthelbald - ship Cotton ch xvii 1 ([formerly viii 10](#))
Priv fos 120v-2r Reg temp fo 7v (Hearne 1720:66-8 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) ([Stevens 1723:114 from Hearne](#)) Thorpe 1769:14-15 from single sheet (Bandinel 1813:184-5 and 165 botched by printer from Stevens) Kemble 1839:93-5 no 78 from single sheet Thorpe 1865:21-3 from Kemble and (?) single sheet Bond 1876 no 1 Birch 1885:220-1 no 152 Earle 1888:27-8 Bruckner and Marichal 1963 no 197 [Campbell 1973:1-3 no 2](#)

27 Eadberht - Stoke Priv fos 119v-20v (Dugdale 1655:27)
[Dugdale 1682:27](#) (Hearne 1720:64-6 from Bodl Gough Kent 1)

(Bandinel 1813:162 from Dugdale) Kemble 1839:102-3 no 85
(Thorpe 1865:24-5 from Kemble) Birch 1885:229-30 no 159
(Earle 1888:32-4 from Kemble) [Campbell 1973:3-4 no 3](#)

30 Eardwulf - swine Priv fo 123r-v (Hearne 1720:70-1 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:114-15 from Hearne\)](#) Thorpe 1769:15-16 (Bandinel 1813:165 from Stevens) Kemble 1839:115-16 no 96 Birch 1885:251-2 no 175 [Campbell 1973:5 no 4](#)

32 Sigiered - 1½ acres Priv fos 122r-3r Reg temp fo 4r-v
(Dugdale 1655:27-8) [Dugdale 1682:27-8](#) (Hearne 1720:68-70 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Thorpe 1769:15 (Bandinel 1813:162 from Dugdale) Kemble 1839:134-5 no 110 Birch 1885:273-4 no 193 (Earle 1888:331-2 from Kemble) [Campbell 1973:6 no 5](#)

33 Sigiered - Islingham Priv fos 125r-6v (Dugdale 1655:28-9 omitting confirmation by king Eanmund) [Dugdale 1682:28-9 ditto](#)
(Hearne 1720:74-7 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:115 confirmation by king Eanmund from Hearne\)](#) (Bandinel 1813:163 from Dugdale) (Bandinel 1813:165 from Stevens) Kemble 1839:139-40 no 114 Birch 1885:274-6 no 194 (Earle 1888:49-51 from Kemble) [Campbell 1973:9-11 no 8](#)

105 Offa - Islingham Priv fos 123v-5r Reg temp fo 6v
(Dugdale 1655:28) [Dugdale 1682:28](#) (Hearne 1720:72-4 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) (Bandinel 1813:162-3 from Dugdale) Kemble 1839:135-7 no 111 Birch 1885:276-8 no 195 (Earle 1888:334-6 from Kemble) [Campbell 1973:7-8 no 6](#)

34 Ecgberht - haw in Rochester Priv fos 126v-7v (Hearne 1720:77-9 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:115 from Hearne\)](#) Thorpe 1769:16-17 (Bandinel 1813:166 from Stevens) Kemble 1839:137-9 no 113 Birch 1885:278-9 no 196 [Campbell 1973:8-9 no 7](#)

35 Ecgberht - Broomy Cotton ch viii 34 Priv fos 129r-30r
Reg temp fo 5r (Hearne 1720:82-3 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:116 from Hearne\)](#) [Casley 1734 pl 3 snippet](#)
Thorpe 1769:187-8 from single sheet (Bandinel 1813:166-7 from Stevens) Kemble 1839:160-1 no 132 from Priv omitting bounds
Kemble 1845:382-3 bounds Bond 1876 no 4 Birch 1885:317-18 no 227 Earle 1888:53-5 Bruckner and Marichal 1963 no 195
[Campbell 1973:11-12 no 9](#)

36 Ecgberht - Broomy again Priv fo 130r-v (Hearne 1720:84-5 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:116 from Hearne\)](#) Thorpe 1769:188-9 (Bandinel 1813:167 from Stevens) Kemble 1839:163 no 135 Birch 1885:318-19 no 228 [Campbell 1973:12-13 no 10](#)

37 Ecgberht - Halling Priv fos 127v-9r Reg temp fo 3r
(Hearne 1720:79-81 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:115-16](#)

from Hearne) (Bandinel 1813:166 from Stevens) Kemble
1839:193-5 no 160 omitting bounds Kemble 1845:386 bounds
Birch 1885:363-4 no 260 (Earle 1888:57-9 from Kemble)
[Campbell 1973:27-9 no 15](#)

129 Offa - Trottiscliffe Priv fos 131r-2r Reg temp fos
4v-5r (Hearne 1720:86-7 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens
1723:117 from Hearne\)](#) (Bandinel 1813:167 from Stevens)
Kemble 1839:183-4 no 152 Birch 1885:352-3 no 253 (Earle
1888:59-61 from Kemble) [Campbell 1973:14-15 no 12](#)

130 Offa - Broomy Priv fos 132r-3r Reg temp fo 5v
(Hearne 1720:88-9 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Kemble 1839:189-90
no 157 Birch 1885:358-9 no 257 [Campbell 1973:16-17 no 14](#)

131 Offa - 1½ acres Priv fos 133r-4r (Hearne 1720:90-1
from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Thorpe 1769:17-18 Kemble 1839:186-7
no 155 Birch 1885:354-6 no 255 [Campbell 1973:15-16 no 13](#)

157 Coenwulf for Swithhun Priv fos 135v-6v Reg temp fos
8v-9r (Hearne 1720:94-5 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Thorpe
1769:20-1 Kemble 1839:216-17 no 179 Birch 1885:420-1 no 303
[Campbell 1973:19-20 no 16](#)

165 Coenwulf - Borstal Cotton ch viii 31 Priv fos 136v-7r
Reg temp fo 4r (Hearne 1720:96-7 from Bodl Gough Kent 1)
[Casley 1734 pl 4 snippet](#) Thorpe 1769:21-2 from single sheet
Kemble 1839:248-9 no 198 from single sheet Bond 1876 no 10
Birch 1885:474-5 no 339 [Campbell 1973:20-1 no 17](#)

271 Ecgerht - liberties Priv fos 137r-8v (Hearne 1720:97-9
from Bodl Gough Kent 1) [\(Stevens 1723:121 from Hearne\)](#)
Thorpe 1769:22-3 (Bandinel 1813:170 from Stevens) [\(Palgrave
1832:ccxx incomplete from Hearne\)](#) Kemble 1839:287-9 no 223
(Thorpe 1865:66-7 from Palgrave) (Thorpe 1865:79-80 from
Kemble) Birch 1885:550-1 no 395 [Campbell 1973:21-2 no 18](#)

280 Ecgerht - Snodland Cotton ch viii 30 Priv fos 138v-9r
Reg temp fo 3r (Hearne 1720:99-100 from Bodl Gough Kent 1)
[Casley 1734 pl 4 snippet](#) Thorpe 1769:601 from single sheet
Kemble 1839:317 no 239 from single sheet Bond 1878 no 8
Birch 1885:584-5 no 418 [Campbell 1973:22-3 no 19](#)

289 Æthelwulf - Holborough Priv fo 139r-v (Hearne
1720:100-1 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Kemble 1840:15-16 no 252
Birch 1887:12-13 no 437 Earle 1888:287-8 [Campbell 1973:23-4
no 20](#)

291 Æthelwulf for Ceolmund Reg temp fo 4r Thorpe 1769:23
(Kemble 1840:17-18 no 254 from Thorpe) (Birch 1887:13 no 439
from Thorpe) [Campbell 1973:24-5 no 21](#)

299 Æthelwulf for Ealhhere Reg temp fo 9r Thorpe 1769:23-4

(Kemble 1840:35-6 no 264 from Thorpe) (Birch 1887:48-9 no 460
from Thorpe) [Campbell 1973:25 no 22](#)

315 + [1514](#) Æthelwulf for Dunn Priv fos 139v-40v Reg temp fo
9r (Hearne 1720:102-3 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Thorpe 1769:24
omitting Dunn's will Kemble 1840:57-8 no 276 (Haddan and
Stubbs 1871:644-5 omitting Dunn's will from Kemble) Birch
1887:86-7 no 486 (Earle 1888:336-8 from Kemble) (Robertson
1939:14-17 no 9 Dunn's will only) Robertson 1956:14-17 no 9
Dunn's will only [Campbell 1973:26-7 no 23](#)

321 Æthelwulf - Cuxton Priv fos 141v-2v Reg temp fo 4v
(Hearne 1720:106-8 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Kemble 1840:109-10
no 312 omitting bounds Kemble 1845:400 bounds Birch
1887:168-9 no 548 (Earle 1888:338-9 from Kemble) [Campbell
1973:32-3 no 27](#)

327 Æthelberht - 80 acres Cotton ch viii 29 Priv fos
134r-5v Reg temp fo 3v (Hearne 1720:91-4 from Bodl Gough
Kent 1) [Casley 1734 pl 3 snippet](#) Thorpe 1769:18-19 from
single sheet Kemble 1840:70-1 no 285 from single sheet
(Haddan and Stubbs 1871:651-2 from Kemble) Bond 1876 no 35
Birch 1887:107-9 no 502 [Campbell 1973:27-8 no 24](#)

266 Æthelberht - NE quadrant Cotton ch vi 4 Priv fos
130v-1r (Hearne 1720:85-6 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) ([Stevens
1723:117 from Hearne](#)) [Casley 1734 pl 3 snippet](#) Thorpe
1769:17 from Priv (Bandinel 1813:167 from Stevens) Kemble
1839:174-5 no 144 from single sheet Bond 1878 no 5 Birch
1885:336-7 no 242 (Earle 1888:332-3 from Kemble and single
sheet) [Campbell 1973:13-14 no 11](#)

331 Æthelberht for Dryhtwald Cotton ch viii 32 [Casley 1734
pl 4 snippet](#) Kemble 1840:72-4 no 287 Bond 1876 no 36
[Sweet 1885:438-9 bounds and proper names only](#) Birch 1887:113-15
no 506 Earle 1888:228-9 [Campbell 1973:29-30 no 25](#)

339 Æthelred - NW quadrant Priv fos 140v-1v (Hearne
1720:104-6 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) Thorpe 1769:24-5 Kemble
1840:86-7 no 295 Birch 1887:131-3 no 518 [Campbell 1973:30-2
no 26](#)

514 Eadmund - Malling Priv fos 143r-4r Reg temp fo 5r-v
(Dugdale 1655:352-3) [Dugdale 1682:352-3](#) (Hearne 1720:108-10
from Bodl Gough Kent 1) ([Stevens 1723:121 from Hearne](#))
Thorpe 1769:479-80 (Bandinel 1813:170-1 from Stevens) ([Ellis
1821:383 from Dugdale](#)) Kemble 1840:265-7 no 409 Birch
1887:516-18 no 779 [Campbell 1973:33-4 no 28](#)

671 Eadgar - Bromley Cotton ch viii 33 Priv fos 150r-2r
Reg temp fo 9r-v (Hearne 1720:120-3 from Bodl Gough Kent 1)
[Casley 1734 pl 5 snippet](#) Thorpe 1769:189-90 from single sheet
Kemble 1840:410-12 no 518 from single sheet omitting bounds

Kemble 1845:464-5 bounds Thorpe 1865:216-18 from single sheet
Bond 1877 pl 26 Birch 1893:609-11 no 1295 [Campbell 1973:34-6](#)
[no 29](#) [Barker 1978:183-5](#)

864 Æthelred for Æthelsige Cotton ch viii 14 Reg temp fo 6r
[Casley 1734 pl 5 snippet](#) Thorpe 1769:186-7 from Reg temp
Kemble 1845:226-8 no 657 from single sheet Bond 1877 no 33
Earle 1888:209-11 [Campbell 1973:37-9 no 30](#)

885 Æthelred - Wouldham Priv fos 152r-5r (Hearne 1720:124-9
from Bodl Gough Kent 1 omitting bounds of Littlebrook) (Kemble
1845:281-4 no 688 from Hearne) ([Kemble 1848:243 bounds of](#)
[Littlebrook from BL Harley 596](#)) [Campbell 1973:39-42 no 31](#)

893 Æthelred - Bromley Priv fos 156v-9v Reg temp fo 8r-v
(Hearne 1720:130-5 from Bodl Gough Kent 1 omitting bounds)
Thorpe 1769:191-2 (Kemble 1845:305-8 no 700 from Hearne)
(Kemble 1848:243 bounds from BL Harley 596) [Campbell 1973:42-4](#)
[no 32](#)

926 + [1562](#) Æthelred - Stanton Priv fos 159v-62r Reg temp
fos 6v-7v (Hearne 1720:135-9 from Bodl Gough Kent 1 omitting
bounds) (Kemble 1845:355-8 no 719 from Hearne) (Thorpe
1865:299-300 extract only from Kemble) (Perceval 1865:49-50
bounds from Soc Ant 177) [Campbell 1973:45-7 no 33](#)

Agreements

1456 bishop Godwine and Leofwine Priv fos 155r-6v Reg temp
fo 10v Hickes 1703:43 (Hearne 1720:129 from Bodl Gough Kent
1 rubric only) (Kemble 1846:266-7 no 929 from BL Harley 311)
(Thorpe 1865:301-4 from Kemble) (Adams et al 1876:360-1 from
Kemble) (Robertson 1939:140-3 no 69) Robertson 1956:140-3
no 69 [Campbell 1973:54-5 no 37](#)

---- Ægelsi and bishop Siward Priv fo 162v (Kemble 1846:305
no 975 from BL Harley 311) (Thorpe 1865:644 from Kemble)
[Pelteret 1986:493](#)

Will

1511 Byrhtic and Ælfswith Priv fos 144r-5r ([Lambard](#)
[1576:357-62](#)) [Lambard 1596:492-7](#) Hickes 1703:51 [Harris](#)
[1719:201-3](#) (Hearne 1720:110-12 from Bodl Gough Kent 1)
(Thorpe 1769:25-6 from Hickes) Kemble 1840:380-1 no 492
(Thorpe 1865:500-3 from Kemble) Birch 1893:373-4 no 1132
Whitelock 1930:26-9 no 11 [Campbell 1973:50-1 no 35](#)

1511-L Priv fos 145v-7r Hickes 1703:51-2 (Hearne 1720:112-15 from
Bodl Gough Kent 1) ([Stevens 1723:121-2 from Hearne](#)) (Thorpe 1769:26-7
from Hickes) (Bandinel 1813:171 from Stevens) (Kemble 1848:53-5 no 1242)

from Hearne) (Thorpe 1865:503-5 from Kemble) Birch 1893:374-6 no 1133
Campbell 1973:51-3 no 35b

Memoranda

1457 Bromley memo Priv fos 162v-3v (Hearne 1720:139 from Bodl Gough Kent 1 rubric only) (Kemble 1848:80-1 no 1258 from BL Harley 311) (Thorpe 1865:264-6 from Kemble) (Adams et al 1876:347-9 from Kemble) Birch 1893:612-13 no 1296 (Robertson 1939:122-5 no 59) Robertson 1956:122-5 no 59 Campbell 1973:53-4 no 36

1458 Wouldham memo Cotton ch viii 20 Priv fos 147r-8r Hickes 1703:58-9 from Priv (Hearne 1720:115-16 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) (Kemble 1848:126-88 no 1288 from BL Harley 311) (Thorpe 1865:271-3 from Kemble) (Adams et al 1876:350-4 from Kemble) Bond 1877 no 34 Earle 1888:211-13 Birch 1893:328-9 no 1097 (Robertson 1939:84-7 no 41) Robertson 1956:84-7 no 41 Campbell 1973:47-8 no 34

1458-L Priv fos 148r-50r Hickes 1703:59-60 (Hearne 1720:117-20 from Bodl Gough Kent 1) (Stevens 1723:122-3 from Hearne) (Bandinel 1813:171-2 from Stevens) (Kemble 1848:126-8 no 1288 from BL Harley 311) (Thorpe 1865:273-6 from Kemble) (Adams et al 1876:350-4 from Kemble) (Earle 1888:213-14 from Thorpe) Birch 1893:330-1 no 1098 Campbell 1973:48-50 no 34b

---- list of serfs relocated to Wouldham Priv fo 162r-v
Pelteret 1986:493

Late forgery

349 Ælfred - Freckenham Cotton ch viii 19 Reg temp fo 10r inflated version BL Cotton Faustina B v fos 67v-8r inflated version with subscription by archbishop Lanfranc Thorpe 1769:357-8 from single sheet Thorpe 1769:436-7 from Reg temp Thorpe 1769:441 incomplete from Faustina Kemble 1840:125-7 no 322 from single sheet Birch 1887:212-14 no 571 Keynes 1991 no 41 facsimile Brett and Gribbin 2004:10 no 8 subscription only from Faustina

Short references

Priv = Privilegia aecclesiae sancti Andreae Hrofensis concessa (Rochester, Dean and Chapter, DRc/R1, "Textus Roffensis", fos 119-235)

Reg temp = Registrum temporalium ecclesie et episcopatus Roffen' (Maidstone, Kent History and Library Centre, DRb/Ar/2)

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