



Crofton, Great Bedwyn

Hemingby's Register

Hemingby's register is the name given to the earliest chapter act book of Salisbury Cathedral which consists of 74 parchment folios. The cover bears the statement 'Hemingsby Registrarius 1329'. Not until July 1341 does John Hemingby (Hemingsby is a late corruption of his surname) make his appearance. The date and terms of his appointment are unknown, but he describes himself as 'clericus et scriba capituli', and, as a notary public," was responsible for drawing up all legal instruments.

This entry relates to Crofton in Great Bedwyn and was transcribed by the Wiltshire Record Society

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Indenture of lease by the locum tenens and chapter to Richard Herblot of Crofton, Margaret his wife and Richard their second son 'ad terminum vite eorundem Ricardi, Margarete et Ricardi, et qui eorum diucius vixerit,' for an annual rent of 10 marks, payable at Easter and Michaelmas, of the mill of Bedwynd and its appurtenances. The lessees to maintain the premises in good repair at their own expense, and to be responsible for all rents and services due therefrom, whether ordinary or extraordinary. The lessors to have the right of re-entry in the event of the rent being two months or more in arrears."