

A LIST OF THE ALDERMEN AND BAILIFFS  
OF BURY ST. EDMUNDS FROM THE  
TWELFTH TO THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.

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The following lists have been compiled mainly from the names of the officials witnessing charters. Copies of these are scattered throughout the monastic registers. The *Registrum Nigrum*, now in the University Library at Cambridge, and the *Registrum Cellerarii*, in the same library, are two of the most important sources. The former manuscript was written between the end of the twelfth and the middle of the fourteenth century, the latter in the fifteenth century. Some original charters have survived and are now preserved in the British Museum, in the Bodleian Library at Oxford and in the Town Hall at Bury.

As the early charters are undated we have to rely largely on the evidence of paleography for the correct arrangement of the twelfth and thirteenth century officers. There are a few other data. *Normannus* and *Frodo* witnessed a charter, dated for once, in 1112. This has been printed by Mr. Douglas in his *Feudal Documents of the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds*. *Wlf* and *Frodo* witness a charter of Abbot Anselm (1121-48). As Prior Baldwin, a fellow witness, was superseded by Prior Talbot during Anselm's reign, and the sacrist Geoffrey, who is mentioned in the charter had held office from 1107, at least, it is probable that the charter belongs to the first half of Abbot Anselm's tenure of office.

*Wlwinus* can safely be made to follow *Wlf* and *Frodo* as he is found witnessing with Prior Talbot (Douglas, *op. cit.* p. 117).

*Nicholaus* and *Humfridus* were probably reeves under Abbot Hugh I as a fellow witness in one charter, Benedict the chaplain, is found witnessing two grants by Abbot Hugh.

## TWELFTH AND EARLY THIRTEENTH CENTURY REEVES.

- 1112 Normannus and Frodo.  
 Circa 1120-30 Wlf and Frodo.  
 Circa 1130-50 Wlwinus.  
 Circa 1160-80 Nicholaus and Humfridus.  
 1182 Godefridus and Nicholaus (*Jocelin de Brakelonda*, p. 54).  
 Circa 1203 Durandus. (*Ibid*, p. 101).  
 Gilbertus de Stagno.

## ALDERMEN.

- 1210-20 Wdardus filius Helie.  
 1220-1240 Stephanus or Stephanus filius  
 Radulphi or filius Laticie.  
 (Witnesses a dated charter in  
 1235).  
 1220-50  
 1250-60 Johannes filius Luce.

## BAILIFFS.

- Adam de Phalesham.  
 Adam de Phalesham.  
 Willelmus filius Ade.  
 Joceo and Thomas filius Radulphi.  
 Martinus Peverel and Thomas filius Radulphi.  
 Martinus de Bertune and Thomas filius Radulphi.  
 Martinus de Depedene and Thomas filius Radulphi.  
 Walterus Wdard and Martinus de Bertune.  
 Radulphus de Anhus and Thomas de Bockinge.  
 Willelmus de Feretro and Ricardus de Pulham.  
 Willelmus de Feretro and Thomas de Bockinge.  
 Willelmus filius Rogeri and Ricardus de Pulham.  
 Radulphus de Henhowe and Thomas clericus  
 ballivorum.

## ALDERMEN.

1260-70

Galfridus filius Gilberti.  
 Johannes Aurifaber.  
 Johannes filius Henrici.

Galfridus filius Johannis.  
 Nicholaus filius Fulcon'  
 Galfridus Spot or Galfridus  
 filius Roberti.

- 1 Edward I  
 2 Edward I Galfridus Spot.  
 3 Edward I Galfridus Spot.  
 4 Edward I

## BAILIFFS.

Ricardus de Pulham, Jocus de Walpole.  
 Robertus de Bretham, Robertus de Huntendon.  
 Robertus de Bretham.  
 Nicholaus de Cressingham.  
 Lucas filius Johannis, Willelmus de Walpole.  
 Radulphus de Hildercle, Ricardus clericus.  
 Walterus de Monasterio, Willelmus de Stradeshill.  
 Willelmus, Robertus.  
 Thomas de Bocking, Lucas filius Johannis.  
 Lucas filius Johannis, Willelmus le Large.  
 Ricardus de Pulham, Jocus de Walpole.  
 Ricardus de Pulham, Ricardus de Mildenhall.  
 Ricardus de Walpole, Willelmus le Large.  
 Ricardus de Pulham, Willelmus de Northwode.  
 Nicholaus filius Fulcon', Ricardus de Saxham.  
 Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Johannes le Blunt.  
 Ricardus filius Fulcon', Johannes le Blunt.  
 Willelmus de Walpole, Willelmus de Northwode.  
 Willelmus de Pakenham.

Lucas filius Johannis, Willelmus de Walpole.  
 Lucas filius Johannis, Galfridus de Eli.  
 Lucas filius Johannis, Willelmus de Walpole.  
 Lucas filius Johannis, Willelmus de Walpole.

## ALDERMEN.

6 Edward I	
9 Edward I	
10 Edward I	
11 Edward I	
12 Edward I	
13 Edward I	
14 Edward I	
15 Edward I	Galfridus Spot.
17 Edward I	Galfridus Spot.
18 Edward I	—
19 Edward I	Galfridus Spot.
20 Edward I	Adam de Bradefelde.
22 Edward I	Nicolaus filius Fulcon'.
23 Edward I	Walterus de Westle.
24 Edward I	Petrus de Elingham.
25 Edward I	Petrus de Elingham.
26 Edward I	Nicolaus filius Fulcon' or Nicolaus Fuke. Johannes de Lenn le Iremongere.

## BAILIFFS.

Willelmus filius Bartholomei, Willelmus de Walpole.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Amselmus de Baburch.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Gilbertus le Brunne.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Gilbertus le Brunne, Stephanus filius Benedicti.
Johannes filius Henrici, Aurifaber, or Johannes le Orfeure, Stephanus filius Benedicti.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Willelmus le Large.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Johannes le Blund.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon'.
Nicolaus filius Fulcon', Adam Hereward, Thomas Neulin.
Nicolaus de Cressingham, Adam Bakun.
Adam de Bradefeld, Robertus de Hyndyngtone.
Henricus filius Willelmi.
Henricus filius Willelmi.
Henricus filius Willelmi.
Thomas de Denham, Radulphus de Mildenhale.
Radulphus de Mildenhale.

## ALDERMEN.

- 27 Edward I Johannes de Lenn.  
 28 Edward I Nicolaus Fuke.  
 29 Edward I Edmundus Kempe.  
 30 Edward I Johannes de Hockewold.  
 31 Edward I Edmundus filius Luce.  
 32 Edward I Johannes de Hockewold.  
 Willelmus de la Grene.  
 33 Edward I Willelmus de la Grene.  
 34 Edward I Thomas de la Gore.  
 Robertus de Douñham.  
 35 Edward I Robertus de Donnham.  
 1 Edward II Thomas le Blowere  
 or le Cornour.  
 Thomas le Cornour.  
 2 Edward II { Willelmus le Carectarius,  
 Willelmus de la Wyngne.  
 3 Edward II Thomas de la Gore.  
 Edmundus filius Luce.  
 4 Edward II { Thomas le Cornour.  
 Thomas de la Gore.

## BAILIFFS:

- Radulphus de Mildenhale, Ricardus de Stanton.  
 Radulphus de Mildenhale, Ricardus de Stanton  
 clericus.  
 Radulphus de Mildenhale, Ricardus de Stanton,  
 Radulphus de Hildercle.\*  
 Radulphus de Mildenhale, Ricardus de Stanton.  
 Johannes de Lincoln, Thomas de Denham.  
 Johannes de Lincoln, Edmundus filius Luce.  
 Laurencius Rede, Thomas de Denham.  
 Willelmus de Gypwyc, Laurencius de Rede.  
 Adam le Lunge, Laurencius de Rede.  
 Adam le Lounge, Willelmus de Gypwic.  
 Adam le Lung.  
 Thomas de Denham, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Adam Le Long.  
 Johannes de Ingham, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Thomas de Denham, Johannes de Lincoln.

\* Probably a sub-bailiff. \*

## ALDERMEN.

- 5 Edward II Thomas de la Gore.  
 6 Edward II Thomas le Cornour.  
 7 Edward II Willelmus de la Vine.  
 8 Edward II Edmundus filius Luce.  
 9 Edward II Edmundus filius Luce  
 Robertus de Dounham.  
 10 Edward II Edmundus filius Luce.  
 11 Edward II Edmundus filius Luce.  
 12 Edward II Robertus de Downham.  
 13 Edward II Johannes Osborne  
 15 Edward II Edmundus filius Luce.  
 16 Edward II Stephanus de Ecclesia,  
 Aurifaber.  
 17 Edward II Edmundus filius Luce.  
 18 Edward II Stephanus de Ecclesia.  
 19 Edward II Ricardus de Berton.  
 20 Edward II Ricardus de Berton.  
 1 Edward III Johannes de Bertone.  
 2 Edward III ———  
 4 Edward III ———  
 5 Edward III Henricus filius Rogeri.  
 6 Edward III Henricus filius Rogeri.  
 Galfridus Arsyk.

## BAILIFFS.

- Johannes de Ingham, Thomas de Denham.  
 Thomas de Kypenham, Rogerus Blome.  
 Thomas de Kypenham, Rogerus Blome.  
 Johannes de Ernestede, Johannes de Brestete.  
 Johannes de Ernestede, Johannes de Brestete.  
 Johannes de Brestete, Johannes de Ernistede.  
 Johannes de Brestete, Robertus de Batesford.  
 Johannes de Lynton, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Johannes de Brestete, Robertus de Batesford.  
 Ricardus de Walsham, Johannes de Henyngham.  
 Johannes de Luton, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Johannes de Luton, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Johannes de Luton, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Johannes de Luton, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Willelmus de Rudham, Johannes de Lincoln.  
 Bricius de Lacford, Robertus de Battisford.  
 Godfridus Briseyard, Ricardus Copsus.  
 Henricus Pane de Bradly, Willelmus de Roughtone  
 Willelmus de Roughtone.  
 Willelmus Lithare, Lythare or Littlehare.  
 Galfridus Stace, Willelmus Lithare.  
 Nicolaus de Estone, Willelmus Lithare.

## ALDERMEN.

- 7 Edward III Galfridus Arsyk.  
 8 Edward III Robertus de Ereswell.  
 9 Edward III Robertus de Ereswell.  
                   Robertus de Paston.  
 10 Edward III { Robertus de Paston.  
                   Robertus de Ereswell.  
 11 Edward III Robertus de Ereswell.  
 12 Edward III Robertus de Ereswell.  
 13 Edward III Johannes Osbern.  
 14 Edward III Johannes Osbern.  
 15 Edward III Lucas filius Edmundi.  
 16 Edward III Radulphus le Tailleur.  
 17 Edward III { Radulphus le Tailleur.  
                   Lucas filius Edmundi.  
 18 Edward III Lucas filius Edmundi.  
 19 Edward III Robertus de Ereswell.  
 20 Edward III Robertus de Ereswell.  
 21 Edward III Robertus de Paston.  
 22 Edward III Theobaldus de Denham.  
 23 Edward III { Theobaldus de Denham.  
                   Robertus de Ereswell.  
 24 Edward III Theobaldus de Denham.  
 25 Edward III Johannes de Ewell.  
 26 Edward III Johannes de Ewell.

## BAILIFFS.

- Willelmus Lithare, Nicolaus de Estone.  
 Willelmus Lithare, Nicolaus de Estone.  
 Willelmus Lithare.  
 Henricus Pane, Johannes de Honyngham.  
 Alexander de Walsham, Johannes de Honyngham.  
 Alexander de Walsham, Johannes de Honyngham.  
 Ricardus de Walsham, Johannes de Honyngham.  
 Ricardus de Walsham, Johannes de Honyngham.  
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 Ricardus de Walsham, Johannes de Honyngham.  
 Ricardus de Walsham, Johannes de Honyngham.  
 Henricus de Ernested, Willelmus de Cheval.  
 Henricus de Ernested, Henricus Pane de  
   Bradleye.  
 Henricus Pane, Willelmus Sibilly or Sybyly.  
 Willelmus Sibilly, Rogerus Donne.

ALDERMEN.

BAILIFFS.

- 27 Edward III { Johannes Werard.  
Theobaldus de Denham.
- 29 Edward III Rogerus Rose
- 30 Edward III Rogerus Rose.
- 31 Edward III Rogerus Rose.
- 32 Edward III Theobaldus de Denham.
- 33 Edward III Theobaldus de Denham.
- 34 Edward III Thomas le Draper.
- 35 Edward III Willelmus Noreys.
- 36 Edward III Adam Poyk.
- 37 Edward III Adam Poyk.
- 38 Edward III
- 40 Edward III Theobaldus de Denham.
- 42 Edward III Ricardus Charman.
- 43 Edward III Edmundus filius Luce.
- 44 Edward III
- 45 Edward III Rogerus Rose.
- 46 Edward III
- 48 Edward III Theobaldus de Denham.
- 50 Edward III { Ricardus de Rugham.
- 51 Edward III {
- 1 Richard II Thomas Halesworth.
- 2 Richard II Herveus de Lacford.
- 4 Richard II Johannes Osbern.

- Willelmus Sibilly.
- Rogerus Lakyngheth.
- Rogerus Doune or Douwe.
- Rogerus Doune.
- Rogerus Doune.
- Rogerus Doune.
- Rogerus Doune.
- Rogerus Doune.
- Rogerus de Lakyngheth, Rogerus de Doune.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Rogerus de Lyng.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Willelmus Noreys.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Willelmus Noreys.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Walterus Beneyt.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Walterus Beneyt.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Walterus Beneyt.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Walterus Beneyt.
- Robertus de Kedyngton, Walterus Beneyt.



## ALDERMEN.

7	Richard II	Rogerus Rose
9	Richard II	Johannes de Bury Adam Waterward.
10	Richard II	Adam Waterward
11	Richard II	
12	Richard II	
13	Richard II	
14	Richard II	
15	Richard II	Johannes Toller. Jacobus de Marham.
16	Richard II	Jacobus de Marham.
17	Richard II	Adam Waterward.
18	Richard II	Adam Wodeward.
20	Richard II	Adam Waterward.
21	Richard II	Johannes Osbern.
1	Henry IV	Egideus athe Pirye.
2	Henry IV	
4	Henry IV	Rogerus Frampton.
6	Henry IV	Rogerus Frampton.
7	Henry IV	Johannes Nottingham.
8	Henry IV	
9	Henry IV	Thomas Halysworthe.
11	Henry IV	Willelmus Methewold.
12	Henry IV	

## BAILIFFS.

Robertus de Kedyngton, Johannes Overton.
Robertus de Kedyngton, Thomas Ewel.
Edmundus Lakyngheth, Thomas Ewel.
Edmundus Lakyngheth, Thomas Ewel. Edmundus Lakyngheth, Edmundus Carleton.
Edmundus Lakyngheth, Edmundus Carleton.
Laurencius Trussebut, Robertus Somerton.
Radulphus Chamberleyn, Robertus Somerton.
Radulphus Chamberleyn, Robertus Somerton.

## ALDERMEN.

## BAILIFFS.

2 Henry V	Johannes Drenkeston.	Radulphus Chamberleyne, Robertus Somerton.
3 Henry V		
5 Henry V	Rogerus (?) Lygrene.	Radulphus Chamberleyne, Robertus Somerton.
6 Henry V		
7 Henry V	Willelmus Methwolde.	Radulphus Chamberleyne, Robertus Somerton.
9 Henry V	Ricardus Kyng.	Thomas Heigham.
2 Henry VI	Johannes Smyth.	Thomas Mylde.
3 Henry VI	Johannes Rothe.	Thomas Mylde.
4 Henry VI	Johannes Nottingham.	
7 Henry VI	Johannes Maggis or Maggez.	
8 Henry VI		
11 Henry VI	Rogerus Messenger.	Thomas Mylde.
12 Henry VI	Johannes Edward.	
13 Henry VI	Johannes Edward.	
14 Henry VI	Johannes Edward.	Thomas Mylde, Johannes Curteys, Thomas Heigham.
15 Henry VI	Johannes Gowty.	
17 Henry VI	Willelmus Rycher.	Thomas Heigham, Johannes Curteys.
18 Henry VI		
20 Henry VI	Rogerus Messenger.	
22 Henry VI		
23 Henry VI	Johannes Smyth.	Willelmus Powle, Johannes Curteys. Thomas Heigham, Johannes Curteys.
32 Henry VI	Johannes Thurston.	Johannes Bukke, Johannes Boode. Thomas Heigham.

## ALDERMEN.

33	Henry VI	Johannes Ayleward.
34	Henry VI	Johannes Smyth.
35	Henry VI	Johannes Redgis or Reggis
37	Henry VI	
2	Edward IV	Johannes Smyth.
3	Edward IV	
4	Edward IV	Willelmus Aleyn, armiger.
5	Edward IV	Thomas Bret.
6	Edward IV	
8	Edward IV	Robertus Gardyner.
9	Edward IV	Walterus Thurston.
10	Edward IV	Robertus Gardyner.
		Egidius athe Pyrye.
13	Edward IV	Johannes Forster.
14	Edward IV	Walterus Thurston.
16	Edward IV	Robertus Gardiner.
17	Edward IV	Walterus Thurston.
18	Edward IV	
19	Edward IV	Egidius athe Pyrye.
20	Edward IV	
21	Edward IV	Robertus Gardyner.
2	Richard III	—

## BAILIFFS.

Thomas Heigham, Johannes Bukke.
Thomas Heigham, Johannes Bukke.
Thomas Heigham.
Thomas Heigham.
Thomas Heigham, Willelmus Helperby.
Thomas Heigham, Willelmus Helperby.
Thomas Heigham, Willelmus Helperby.
Thomas Heigham, junior, armiger, Willelmus Helperby.
Thomas Heigham, Willelmus Helperby.
Thomas Heigham, Willelmus Helperby.

The following aldermen closely preceded Robert Gardiner. Their exact dates of office are unknown. William Thweyte, Clement Drury, William Buntynge, Andrew Skarbot, John Furseney, Thomas Bunning, John Riggeman, Simon Clerk, Robert Burgeys, John Mey, Thomas Emmys, William Copyng, Lawrence Smyth, Robert Creppyng, John Salman, John Forster. (See charter among the Corporation Muniments at Bury).

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| 9 Henry VII  | —— | William Helperby, Robert Drury (capital bailiffs). |
| 13 Henry VII | —— | William Helperby, Robert Drury.                    |
| 22 Henry VII | —— | Sir Robert Drury.                                  |
| 20 Henry VII | —— | Sir Clement Heigham.                               |