

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence dated 15 September 1573 by which Humphrey Strelley, gentleman, and Eleanor, his wife, and John Lowth (d.1590), Archdeacon of Nottingham, and his first wife, Blanche, were granted permission to alienate part of the former Whitefriars in Nottingham to John Manners (c. 1534 – June 4, 1611), esquire, a younger son of Thomas Manners (c.1497–1543), 1st Earl of Rutland. John Manners married Dorothy Vernon (c. 1545 – June 24, 1584), the daughter of Sir George Vernon of Haddon Hall.

For the grant of the White Friars to Humphrey Strelley's father, James Strelley (d. 20 March 1549), in 1541, see TNA C 66/704, m. 8.

For the inquisition post mortem taken 24 January 1551 after the death of James Strelley, see TNA C 142/91/60. In the inquisition the age of James Strelley's son and heir, Humphrey Strelley, was left blank; later, in a different hand, the words 'decem & novem annor{um} & quatuor me{n}s{u}m' [=19 years and 4 months] were added.

For the inquisition post mortem taken 31 January 1555 after the death of James Strelley's wife, Rachel Newburgh Riche Strelley, at which date her son and heir, Humphrey Strelley, is said to have been 23 years and 4 months old, see TNA C 142/104/64.

Humphrey Strelley appears to have been the father of Margaret Strelley, who married Nicholas Brend (d. 12 October 1601), first landlord of the Globe playhouse. See TNA C 24/496/114, ff. 3-4, a deposition dated 31 January 1623 in which Margaret Strelley's sister, Mary Strelley, states that she is the daughter of Humphrey Strelley of Strelley, Nottinghamshire, deceased.

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know that we, of our special grace, and for twenty-six shillings & eight pence paid to us in our Hanaper, have granted & given licence, and for us, our heirs & successors by how much is in us by these presents do grant and give licence to our beloved Humphrey Strelley, gentleman, & Eleanor, his wife, & John Lowthe & Blanche, his wife, that they might be able to give & grant, alienate or acknowledge by fine or recovery in our court before our Justices of the Common Pleas at Westminster or by any other manner whatsoever at the pleasure of the same Humphrey, Eleanor, John & Blanche to our beloved John Manners, esquire, one messuage, one garden, one orchard, twenty acres of arable land, six acres of meadow & six acres of pasture with the appurtenances in our city of Nottingham which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have & to hold to the same John Manners and his heirs & assigns to the sole & proper behoof & use of the same John Manners and his heirs & assigns forever of us, our heirs and successors, by the services owed therefore, & by right customary;

And similarly by the tenor of these presents we give, and for us our heirs and successors do give special licence to the same John Manners that he might be able to receive from the foresaid Humphrey, Eleanor, John & Blanche & hold to himself and his heirs & assigns forever of us, our heirs & successors aforesaid the messuage, garden, orchard, lands, meadow & pasture aforesaid with the appurtenances by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Humphrey, Eleanor, John & Blanche or their heirs or the forenamed John Manners or his heirs by reason of the premises might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or other officers or ministers or [+those] of our said heirs or successors whatsoever therefore in any way, nor might be by any of them therefore troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed. In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the 15 day of September.

LM: D(?) licen{cia} Alienand{o} p{ro} H Strelley Gen{erose} & al{ijs}

1 Regina Om{n}ib{us} ad quos &c Sal{u}t{e}m Sciatis q{uo}d nos de gr{aci}a n{ost}ra sp{eci}ali ac p{ro} viginti sex solidis &

2 octo denarijs nob{is} solut{is} in Hanap{er}io n{ost}ro concessim{us} & licenciam dedim{us} ac p{ro} nob{is} heredib{us} &

3 successorib{us} n{ost}ris quantum in nob{is} est p{er} p{re}sentis concedim{us} & licenciam dam{us} Dil{e}c{t}is nob{is} Humfr{id}o

4 Strelley Gen{er}oso & Elianore vx{or}i eius & Ioh{ann}i Lowthe & Blanchie vx{or}i eius q{uo}d ip{s}i vnu{m}

5 mesuagi{m} vnu{m} gardinu{m} vnu{m} pomariu{m} viginti acras t{er}re sex acras prati & sex acras pasture

6 cum p{er}tin{entijs} in villa n{ost}ra Notingh{am} Que de nob{is} tenent{ur} in Capite vt dicit{ur} dare possint &

7 conced{er}e alienare aut cognosc{er}e p{er} finem vel p{er} recup{er}ac{i}o{n}em in Cur{ia} n{ost}ra coram Iustic{iarijs} n{ost}ris de

8 Banco apud West{monasteriu}m seu aliquo alio modo quocumq{ue} ad libitum ip{s}or{um} Humfr{id}i Elianore Ioh{ann}is

9 & Blaunchie Dil{e}c{t}o nob{is} Ioh{ann}i Manners Armig{er}o h{ab}end{um} & tenend{um} eidem Ioh{ann}i Manners ac

10 heredibus & assignatis suis ad solum & proprium opus & vsum ipsius Iohannis Manners ac heredum & assignatorum

11 suorum imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta

12 Et eidem Iohanni Manners quod ipse mesuagium gardinum pomarium terrarum prata & pasturam predictam cum

13 per tinentibus a prefatis Humfrido Elienora Iohanne & Blanchia recipere possit & tenere sibi ac heredibus &

14 assignatis suis de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum

15 tenore presentium similitur licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris dampnate spem

16 Nolentes quod predicti Humfridus Elianora Iohannes & Blanchia vel heredibus sui aut prefatus Iohannes

17 Manners vel heredes sui ratione premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios

18 Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut alios officiales sue Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum

19 vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque proinde villo modo occasione molestentur impetantur vexentur

20 in aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis inde occasione molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo

21 seu grauetur In cuius rei & Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium xv die Septembris