

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the grant dated 25 November 1541 by Henry VIII to James Strelley (d. 20 March 1549) of the site of the recently dissolved Carmelite priory in the city of Nottingham, the White Friars, for £96 15d and payment of an annual rent of 14s 3d.

James Strelley married Rachel Newburgh (d. 4 November 1554), the daughter of Thomas Newburgh, esquire, of Berkley, Somerset, who at the time of the marriage was the widow of Thomas Rich (d.1531) of South Weald, Essex. See:

D J Keene and Vanessa Harding, 'St. Mary le Bow 104/12', in *Historical Gazetteer of London Before the Great Fire Cheapside; Parishes of All Hallows Honey Lane, St Martin Pomary, St Mary Le Bow, St Mary Colechurch and St Pancras Soper Lane* (London, 1987), pp. 252-255 <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/london-gazetteer-pre-fire/pp252-255>

In 1541 James Strilley of Nottingham, gentleman, and his wife Rachel, widow of Thomas Riche, gentleman, leased their messuage or tenement with cellars, solars, warehouses and yard adjoining, in Bow churchyard in the parish of St. Mary le Bow to George Robynson, citizen and mercer, for 40 years at £8 rent. The lessors covenanted to repair, maintain, pave and cleanse during the term if Rachel should live so long, and the lessee agreed to pay all quit-rents. In 1543 James Strilley and Rachel, with Edward Riche, gentleman, son and heir of the said Thomas Riche, granted and quitclaimed to Anthony Marker (? recte Marler), citizen and haberdasher, in their messuage in Bow churchyard, in which Marker lived.

For the will of Thomas Rich, which was witnessed by Thomas Bodley (d.1537), great-uncle of Sir John Bodley, landlord of the Globe playhouse from 1601-1622, see TNA PROB 11/24/36.

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 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.

For the licence dated 15 September 1573 granted to James Strelley's son and heir, Humphrey Strelley, to alienate a portion of the former White Friars property to John Manners (c. 1534 – June 4, 1611), esquire, a younger son of Thomas Manners (c.1497–1543), 1st Earl of Rutland, see TNA C 66/1099, m. 8.

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 surname is spelled 'Sturley' throughout the document.

The King to all to whom etc., greeting. Know that we, for the sum of ninety-six pounds & fifteen pence of our lawful money of England paid to the hands of our Treasurer of our Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown to our use by our beloved James Strelley of the city of Nottingham in our county of Nottingham, gentleman, of our special grace, certain knowledge & mere motion have given & granted and by these presents do give & grant to the same James Strelley all the house & site late the priory of the late Carmelite Friars commonly called 'lez Whyte ffryers' within the city of Nottingham in our county of the city [sic?] of Nottingham, now dissolved;

And all the church, belfry & cemetery of the same late priory;

And all our messuages, houses, buildings, garden plots, orchards, gardens, lands & soil both within and without & being the same(?) site, enclosure, ambit, circuit & precinct of the same late priory;

And one garden of ours with the appurtenances containing by estimation the fourth part of one rood of land lying & being in the parish of Saint Nicholas within the said city of Nottingham to the said late priory lately belonging & appertaining and being parcel of the possessions of the same late priory;

And all those our four messuages & tenements and gardens with the appurtenances now or late in the several tenures of Bartholomew Chetley, William Coke, Richard Bawdwyn [=Baldwin?] & Richard Lymmyings or their assigns;

And one messuage & tenement of ours with its appurtenances now or late in the tenure of John Strete & Elizabeth, his wife, and their assigns;

And one orchard of ours now or late in the tenure of Robert Mose or his assigns;

And two shops of ours with their appurtenances in 'lez shamelles' called 'lez Wekeday shamelles' now or late in the tenure of Lawrence Warehorne, situate, lying & being in the said parish of Saint Nicholas within the said city of Nottingham;

And also all those our three messuages & tenements with the appurtenances now or late in the several tenures of Margaret Holland, widow, John Manwaring & John Fryons or their assigns;

And also one garden of ours formerly in the tenure of Robert Salmon;

And two chambers of ours now or late in the several tenures of William Smythson, clerk, & John Bacon, hermit, situate, lying & being in the parish of Blessed Mary the Virgin within the said city of Nottingham;

And the revenues, rents & yearly profits of all & singular the premises & any parcel thereof;

Which certain messuages, tenements, gardens & other all & singular the premises above specified with the appurtenances to the said late priory lately belonged & appertained and were parcel of the possessions of the same late priory and which lately came to & ought to have come to our hands and are now in or ought to be in our hands;

To have, hold & enjoy the said site of the said late priory and all & singular the foresaid messuages, lands, tenements, gardens & other all & singular the premises above expressed & specified with their entire appurtenances to the foresaid James Strelley, his heirs & assigns forever, holding of us, our heirs & successors, in chief by service of the twentieth part of one knight's fee, and yielding therefore yearly to us, our heirs & successors fourteen shillings & three pence sterling to be paid to our Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel every year for all rents, services & demands whatsoever therefore to us or our successors in any wise to be yielded, paid or made;

And moreover of our more abundant grace we do give & by these presents do grant to the forenamed James Strelley all issues, rents, revenues & profits of all & singular the messuages, lands, tenements, gardens & other all & singular the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances from the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin in the thirty-first year of our reign until this time coming or growing, to hold to the same James Strelley of our gift without account or any other [+thing?] therefore to be yielded, paid or made to us, our heirs or successors, in any wise;

And further of our more ample grace we will and by these presents for us, our heirs & successors do grant to the forenamed James Strelley, his heirs & assigns, that we, our heirs & successors forever yearly & from time to time will discharge, acquit & save harmless the same James, his heirs & assigns, against us, our heirs & successors, & against other persons whatsoever of all & all manner of corrodies, rents, fees, annuities, pensions, portions & sums of money whatsoever concerning the premises or any parcel thereof in any wise issuing or to be paid or upon the same charged or to be charged except the rent & service above by these presents reserved to us, our heirs & successors;

Willing also & by these presents firmly enjoining beforehand(?) both our Chancellor & Council of our Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown for the time being, as also all our receivers, auditors & other officers & ministers whatsoever, that they & any of them, upon the only showing of these our letters patents without any other writ or warrant from us, our heirs or successors in any wise to be obtained or prosecuted, will make & from time to time will cause to be made full, entire and due allowance,

deduction, defalcation & manifest discharge regarding all & all manner such corrodies, rents, fees, annuities, pensions, portions & sums of money issuing from the premises, as is aforesaid, or to be paid or on that account charged or to be charged, from & on the payment of the said yearly(?) rent of fourteen shillings & 8 pence above by these presents reserved to us, as is aforesaid, to the forenamed James Strelley, his heirs & assigns, as often as the same allocation or deduction shall require to be made(?);

And these our letters patents shall be yearly & from time to time both to our said Chancellor & Council of our said Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown for the time being and to whatsoever our receivers, auditors & other officers & ministers whatsoever a sufficient warrant & discharge in that regard;

We will also & by these presents do grant to the forenamed James Strelley that he may & shall have these our letters patents under our Great Seal of England duly made & sealed without fine or fee, great or small, in our Hanaper or elsewhere to our use in any manner yielded, paid or made;

Because express mention etc. In [+testimony] of which [+thing] etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the 25 day of November.

By writ of Privy Seal etc.

LM: D{e}(?) con{cessione}(?) sibi & hered{ibus}

1 Rex Om{n}ib{us} ad quos &c Sal{u}t{e}m Sciatis q{uo}d nos p{ro} sum{ma} nonaginta sex librar{um} & quindecim denarior{um} legalis monete n{ost}re

2 Angl{ie} ad manus Thes{aurarij} n{ost}ri Cur{ie} n{ost}re Augmentacionu{m} reuencionu{m} Corone n{ost}re ad vsum n{ost}r{u}m p{er} dil{e}c{tu}m nob{is} Iacobum

3 Strelley de villa Notyngham in Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Notyngh{am} Gen{er}os{um} solut{a} de gr{aci}a n{ost}ra sp{eci}ali ac ex c{er}ta sciencia & mero motu

4 n{ost}ris dedim{us} & concessim{us} ac p{er} p{re}sentis dam{us} & concedim{us} eidem Iacobo Strelley totam domu{m} & scitum nup{er} prioratus

5 dudum ffr{atru}m Carmelitar{um} vulgarit{er} nuncupat{um} lez Whyte ffryers infra villam Notyngham in Com{itat}u ville Notyngh{a}m

6 modo dissolut{um} Ac totam eccl{es}iam Campanile & Cimit{er}iu{m} eiusdem nup{er} Prioratus Ac om{n}ia mesuagia domos edific{ia}

7 ortos pomaria gardina t{er}ras & solum n{ost}ra infra qu{a}m ext{r}a & Ip{s}e Scitum septum ambitum circuitum & p{ro}cinct{um}

8 eiusdem nup{er} Prioratus existen{tes} Ad vnu{m} gardinu{m} n{ost}r{u}m cum p{er}tin{entijs} continen{s} p{er} estimac{i}o{n}em quartam partem vnus

9 rode t{er}re iacen{s} & existen{s} in parochia s{an}c{t}i Nich{ola}i infra d{i}c{t}am villam Notyngh{am} d{i}c{t}o nup{er} Prioratui dudum spectan{s} &

10 p{er}tinen{s} ac parcell{am} possessionu{m} eiusdem nup{er} Prioratus existen{s} Ac om{n}ia illa quatuor mesuagia & ten{ementa} ac gardina

11 n{ost}ra cum p{er}tin{entijs} modo vel nup{er} in separalib{us} tenuris Barth{olome}i Chetley Will{elm}i Coke Ric{hard}i Bawdwyn & Ric{hard}i Lymmyng{es}

12 vel assign{atorum} suor{um} Ac vnu{m} mesuagiu{m} & ten{ementum} n{ost}r{u}m cum suis p{er}tin{entijs} modo vel nup{er} in tenuris Ioh{ann}is Strete & Elizabeth{e} vx{or}is

13 eius ac assign{atorum} suor{um} Ac vnu{m} pomariu{m} n{ost}r{u}m modo vel nup{er} in tenura Rob{er}ti Mose vel assign{atorum} suor{um} Ac duas shops

14 n{ost}ras cum suis p{er}tin{entijs} in lez shamelles vocat{as} lez Wekeday shamelles modo vel nup{er} in tenura laurencij

15 Wakehorne situat{as} iacen{tes} & existen{tes} in d{i}c{t}a parochia s{an}c{t}i Nich{ola}i infra d{i}c{t}am villam Notyngh{a}m Aceciam om{n}ia

16 illa tria mesuagia & ten{ementa} n{ost}ra cum p{er}tin{entijs} modo vel nup{er} in sep{ar}alib{us} tenuris Margarete Hollande vidue Ioh{ann}is

17 Manwaryng & Ioh{ann}is ffryons vel assign{atorum} suor{um} necnon vnu{m} gardinu{m} n{ost}r{u}m quondam in tenura Rob{er}ti Salmon

18 ac duas Cameras n{ost}ras modo vel nup{er} in sep{ar}alib{us} tenuris Will{elm}i Smythson cl{er}ici & Ioh{ann}is Bacon heremite

19 situat{as} iacen{tes} & existen{tes} in parochia b{eat}e Marie Virginis infra d{i}c{t}am villam Notyngham Ac reu{en}c{i}o{n}es redditus

20 & annualia p{ro}ficua o{mn}i{u}m & singulor{um} p{re}missor{um} & cuiusl{ibe}t inde parcella Quequidem mesuagia ten{ementa} gardina & cet{er}a om{n}ia &

21 singula p{re}missa sup{er}ius specificata cum p{er}tin{entijs} d{i}c{t}o nup{er} Prioratui dudum spectabant & p{er}tinebant ac parcella possessionu{m}

22 eiusdem nup{er} Prioratus extiterunt et que ad manus n{ost}ras nup{er} deuenerunt & deuenire debuerunt ac in manib{us} n{ost}ris iam

23 existunt seu exist{er}e debent h{ab}end{um} tenend{um} & gaudend{um} d{i}c{tu}m Scitum d{i}c{t}i nup{er} Prioratus ac om{n}ia & singula p{re}d{i}c{t}a

24 mesuagia t{er}ras ten{ementa} gardina & cet{er}a om{n}ia & singula p{re}missa sup{er}ius exp{re}ssa & specificata cum suis p{er}tin{entijs} vniu{er}sis

25 p{re}fato Iacobo Strelley hered{ibus} & assign{atis} suis imp{er}p{etuu}m Tenend{um} de nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris in capite p{er} s{er}uiciu{m}

26 vicesime partis vnus feodi Militis Ac reddend{o} inde annuatim nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris quatuordecim

27 solidos & tres denarios sterlingor{um} ad Cur{iam} n{ost}ram Augmentacionu{m} reuencionu{m} Corone n{ost}re Ad festum s{an}c{t}i Mich{ael}is

28 Arch{angel}i singulis annis soluend{os} p{ro} om{n}ib{us} redditib{us} s{er}uicijs & demand{is} quibuscumq{ue} p{ro}inde nob{is} vel successorib{us} n{ost}ris

29 quo quo modo reddend{o} soluend{o} vel faciend{o} Et vlt{er}ius de ub{er}iori gr{aci}a n{ost}ra dam{us} & p{er} p{re}sentis concedim{us} p{re}fato Iacobo

30 Strelley om{n}ia exitus redditus reuenc{i}o{n}es & p{ro}ficua o{mn}i{u}m & singulor{um} mesuagior{um} t{er}rar{um} ten{ementorum} gardinor{um} & cet{er}or{um} o{mn}i{u}m & singulor{um}

31 p{re}missor{um} sup{er}ius exp{re}ssor{um} & specificator{um} cum p{er}tin{entijs} a festo Annunciac{i}o{n}is b{eat}e Marie Virginis Anno regni n{ost}ri tricesimo primo

32 hucusq{ue} p{ro}uenien{tes} siue crescen{tes} h{ab}end{um} eidem Iacobo Strelley ex dono n{ost}ro absq{ue} compoto seu aliquo alio p{ro}inde nob{is}

33 hered{ibus} vel successorib{us} n{ost}ris quouismodo reddend{o} soluend{o} vel faciend{o} Et vlt{er}ius de ampliori gr{aci}a n{ost}ra volum{us} ac p{er}

34 p{re}sentis p{ro} nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris concedim{us} p{re}fato Iacobo Strelley hered{ibus} & assign{atis} suis q{uo}d nos hered{i} & succ{essori}

35 n{ost}ri imp{er}p{etuu}m annuatim & de tempore in tempus exon{er}abim{us} acquietabim{us} & indempnes conseruabim{us} eundem Iacobu{m}

36 hered{es} & assign{atos} suos v{er}sus nos hered{es} & successores n{ost}ros & ver{sus} quascumq{ue} alias p{er}sonas de om{n}ib{us} & om{n}imod{is} corrodiis

37 redditib{us} feodis annuitatib{us} penc{i}o{n}ib{us} porc{i}o{n}ib{us} & denarior{um} sum{m}is quibuscumq{ue} de p{re}missis seu de aliqua inde parcell{a}

38 quoquo modo exeunt{ibus} seu soluend{is} vel sup{er} eisdem on{er}at{is} seu on{er}and{is} p{re}terqu{a}m de redditu & s{er}uicio sup{er}ius p{er} p{re}sentis

39 nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris reseruat{is} volentes enim & p{er} p{re}sentis firmit{er} iniungendo p{re}cipientes tam Cancellario

40 & Consilio n{ost}ro Cur{ie} n{ost}re Augmentacionu{m} reuencionu{m} Corone n{ost}re tempore existen{tibus} qu{a}m om{n}ib{us} Receptorib{us} Auditor{ibus}

41 & aliis officiariis & Ministris n{ost}ris quibuscumq{ue} q{uo}d ip{s}i & eor{um} quil{ibe}t sup{er} solam demonstrac{i}o{n}em har{um} l{ite}rar{um} n{ost}rar{um}

42 patenciu{m} absq{ue} aliquo alio br{eu}i seu Waranto a nob{is} hered{ibus} vel successorib{us} n{ost}ris quoquo modo impetrand{o} seu

43 p{ro}sequend{o} plenam integram debitamq{ue} allocac{i}o{n}em deducc{i}o{n}em defalcac{i}o{n}em & exon{er}ac{i}o{n}em manifestam de om{n}ib{us} &

44 om{n}imod{is} huiusmodi corrodiis redditib{us} feodis annuitatib{us} penc{i}o{n}ib{us} porc{i}o{n}ib{us} & denarior{um} sum{m}is de p{re}missis vt p{re}fert{ur}

45 exeunt{ibus} seu soluend{is} vel sup{er}inde on{er}at{is} seu on{er}and{is} de & sup{er} soluc{i}o{n}e d{i}c{t}i annm [sic for 'annualis?'] redditus quatuordecim solidor{um}

46 & Triu{m} denarior{um} sup{er}ius p{er} p{re}sentis vt p{re}fert{ur} reseruat{i} p{re}fato Iacobo Strelley hered{ibus} & assign{atis} suis facient &

47 fieri causabunt tociens quociens huiusmodi allocacio seu deduccio fieri oportet Et hee l{ite}re n{ost}re patentes erunt

48 annuatim & de tempore in tempus tam d{i}c{t}o Cancellario & Consilio n{ost}ro d{i}c{t}e Cur{ie} n{ost}re Augmentacionu{m} reuencionu{m}

49 Corone n{ost}re p{ro} tempore existen{tibus} qu{a}m quibuscumq{ue} Receptorib{us} Auditorib{us} & aliis officariis & Ministris n{ost}ris quibusc{u}mq{ue}

50 sufficiens Warrantu{m} & exon{er}acio in hac parte volum{us} eciam & p{er} p{re}sentes concedim{us} p{re}fato Iacobo Strelley q{uo}d

51 h{ab}eat & h{ab}ebit has l{ite}ras n{ost}ras patentes sub magno sigillo n{ost}ro Angl{ie} debito modo fact{as} & sigillat{as} absq{ue} fine

52 seu feodo magno vel paruo nob{is} in Hanap{er}io n{ost}ro seu alibi ad vsum n{ost}r{u}m quoquo modo reddend{o} solvend{o} vel faciend{o}

53 Eo q{uo}d exp{re}ssa mencio &c In cuius &c T{este} R{egine} apud West{monasteriu}m xxv die Nouembr{is}

p{er} br{eue} de priuato sigill{o} &c