

Placita in Crastino Clausi Pasche Anno Regni Reg. John (1199)

(Pleas on the Morrow of the Close of Easter, in the Year of the Reign of King John in 1199)

English Translation

“Walter de Insula was ordered to appear before the Lord King and to produce the charters he held from William de Vernun—grandfather of Margery de Vernun—concerning land in Freshwater [Isle of Wight]. Walter appeared and stated that, while it was true that Geoffrey, his father, had held charters for that land, he had married his daughter to William de Braose and given him, as a marriage dowry, land in Freshwater worth one hundred shillings.”

Dying in 1221, he left issue two sons, Geoffrey and Jordan. He also had a married daughter living in 1199, as shown by the following entry¹¹ :—

“Preceptum fuit Waltero de Insula quod esset coram domino Rege et haberet cartas quas habet de Will'o de Vernun avo Margerie de Vernun de terra in Freskewater. Qui venit et dicet quod revera Gaufridus pater habuit cartas de terra illa. Sed ipse maritavit filiam suam Will'o de Braibof et ei dedit in maritagium centum solidos terre in Freskewater.”

¹ W., *App.*, No. 59.

² *Monasticon*, vol. iv, p. 305.

³ W. & W., *Hampshire*, vol. iii, p. 128.

⁴ Hillier, *Hist. & Antiqt. I. W.*, part ii, p. 73.

⁵ W., *App.*, No. 65.

⁶ Stratton, *Island Quarterly*, vol. i, p. 383.

⁷ *Cal. of Doc. France*, vol. i, p. 321.

⁸ *Hist. MSS. Com.*, p. 454, Br. Mus.

⁹ Stone, *Archit. Antiqt. I. W.*, vol. ii, p. 55.

¹⁰ W., *App.*, No. 64.

¹¹ *Placita in Crastino Clausi Pasche Aº Regni Reg. John (1199)*.

Figure: Excerpt of Dr. John L. Whitehead's 1911 publication "The Undercliff of the Isle of Wight"