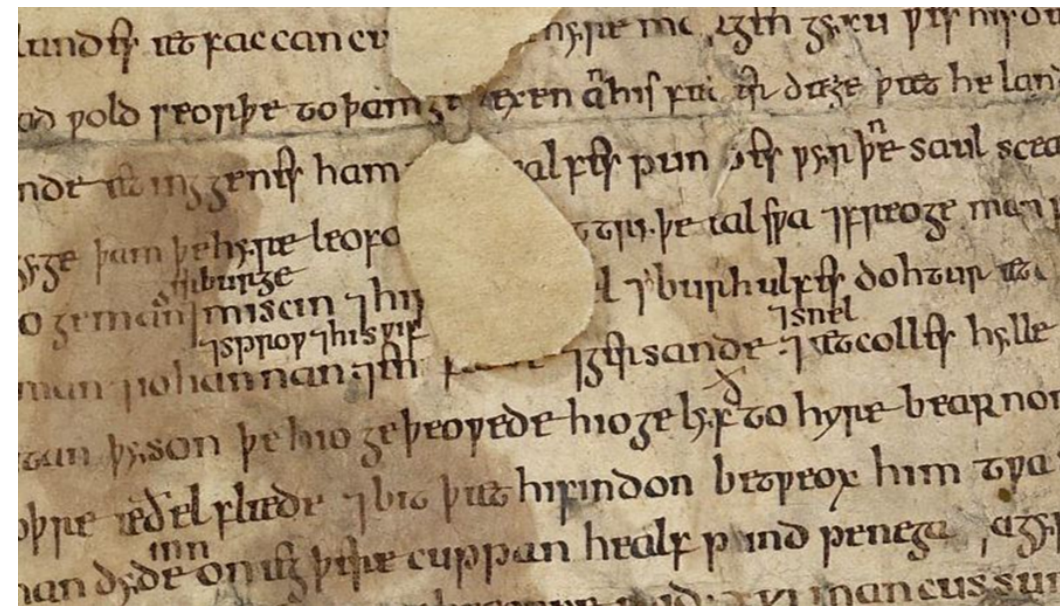
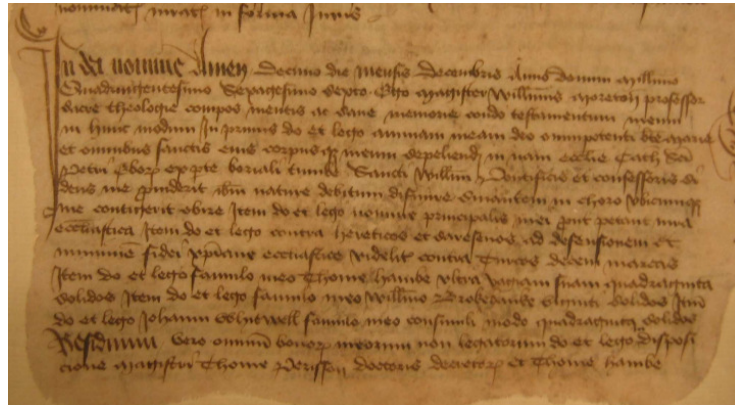


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17th April 2021

10.00am - 11.30am

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Tutor: Dr John Hunt, BA, PhD, FSA, FRHistS, PGCE

Wills have long been recognised by historians as invaluable documents that can often bring the reader into closer empathy with the lives and mentalité of men and women of the past. They offer insights into religious belief and practice, the social and economic context of daily life, and the material culture of the day; as Professor Miri Rubin has observed, 'Wills clearly reveal the life-worlds of their makers and illustrate efforts to knit together, at the end of a life, a web of associations and memories'.

In a series of three online sessions (the first of which will be free of charge) we will explore the character of medieval wills and their value as historical sources, as well as the process of will-making in medieval England. The first session will provide an overview of the development of will-making, including the evidence of Anglo-Saxon wills. Subsequent sessions will be focussed on case studies dealing with a rare example of a thirteenth century peasant's will, and with various later medieval wills made by members of the aristocracy, gentry, churchmen and others.



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Our first, introductory, session (via Zoom) will be on Saturday, April 17th at 10.00 am. If you would like to take part, please notify Karen by email (portcullishistory@gmail.com) not later than Monday April 5th so that she can make the arrangements and ensure that you are able to participate. Details of the subsequent sessions will be announced after this session, on which we would be grateful for your feedback. As a new venture for Portcullis History, it will be helpful to know if you enjoyed this experience, and how we might improve it for future events. Unfortunately, these events will lack Karen's biscuits!