

Taken from "Chronicles of the Abbey of Elstow" Rev'd SR Wigram 1885

'After the death of Sr Humphrey Radcliffe, some of his family would seem to have come into possession of the Elstow property, and to have held it till 1616, when Sir Edward, son of Sir Humphrey, joined with Sir Thomas Cheeke and Essex his wife, daughter of Richard, Earl of Warwick, in a sale of it to Thomas Hillersden. Sir Thomas was son of Sir Henry, husband of Frances Radcliffe, and the property conveyed by the sale consisted of;

"the site of the lately dissolved Monastery of Elvestowe, alias Elstoe, with appurtenances, one messuage, two cottages, two dovecotes, three gardens, four orchards, two hundred acres of land, one hundred acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, one hundred acres of moor, free 'warren; goods and chattels of felons and fugitives, *fairs, markets, and profits, piccage, tolls and dues*, with appurtenances, in Elvestowe, Willshamstead, Bedford, Kempston, and Cardington; likewise the Rectory of Elvestowe, with appurtenances, and all manner of tithes whatsoever arising, growing, or renewing in Elstow; likewise the advowson of the Vicarage of the Church of Elvestowe ;" ‘