

Langham in Rutland

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However an updated version will be added to this document in due course.

Introduction

The intention of this list of possible sources is to provide starting points for researchers. Do not be put off by the length of the list: you will probably need only a fraction of it.

For the primary sources - original documents or transcriptions of these - efforts have been made to include everything which might be productive. If you know of or find further such sources which should be on this list, please tell the Langham Village History Group archivist so that they can be added. If you find a source that we have given particularly productive, please tell us what needs it has satisfied; if you are convinced that it is a waste of time, please tell us this too!

For the secondary sources - books, journals and internet sites - we have tried to include just enough useful ones, whatever aspect of Langham history that you might wish to investigate. However, we realise that there is then a danger of the list looking discouragingly long.

Probably you will want to look at only a fraction of these. For many of the books, just a single chapter or a small section found from the index, or even a sentence, here and there, useful for quotation, is all that you may want.

But, again, if you find or know of further especially useful sources, please tell us.

A final plea to all researchers: when you do find a useful fact or opinion or quotation, which you might one day want to pass on to others, please, please be sure to note the source. The minimum needed for any useful publication of historical research is:

- For primary sources (and unique secondary sources such as Ph.D. theses): the name of the archive; the reference number of the document; the page/folio number, if relevant.
- For books: the title; the author; the publisher or place of publication; the date of the actual edition used; the page number(s).
- For articles in journals: the title of the article; the author; the name of the journal; the serial number of the journal; the date of publication; the page number(s).
- For internet sites: the full site reference, from the bar at the top of the screen, and the date viewed.

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Langham Sources

11th to 13th century

Leicester University Library

Archdeacon Irons deposit (1908-1935?): MS 80. The Langham and Oakham sections have been transcribed and are published on www.... There may be small errors in transcription but Irons, himself, made errors of transcription and omission and it is preferable, where possible, to go back to the Calendars listed below or, where these do not cover the relevant items, to original sources.

Northamptonshire Record Office

PD/CL/6 Institution papers: 6/4/1-2 1200-1928 (supposedly includes transcriptions from Lincoln Diocese records for the pre-Reformation period)

The National Archives (TNA)

C241/8/273 Chancery: Certificates of Statute Merchant and Statute Staple. Debtor: William de Potton [of Kent] Creditor: Lambinus de Langham. Amount: 13m. 6s. 8d. 1287 (But which Langham?)

E119/1 Exchequer: King's Remembrancer: Accounts of the Revenue of the Earldom of Cornwall...Oakham, Langham, Rutland . 1295 - 1297.

E179/165/1 eleventh and seventh... to Edward I, in aid of his war in France to recover Gascony. 1296.

E179/165/137 pt3 fifteenth and tenth. 1100.

JUST1/ 726-8*, 1181, 1193, 1196*, 1197, 1206*, 1221, 1223, 1228*, 1237, 1244, 1252, 1257, 1261, 1263, 1287, 1293, 1304* & 1316* Assize rolls including essoins etc. between 1254 and 1300. All are Rutland; those held at Oakham (inc. 'Bradecroft') are marked *.

JUST1/817 'Assize rolls including some other civil business and appeals (including Rutland) printed in Northamptonshire Record Office V(1930) pp.99-163', date covered given as 1203. (Glazier has noted this)

(N.B. Full details of JUST1 may be found in List of Assize Rolls 1206-1481 preserved in the Public Record Office, List & Index Society Vol. 220, HMSO, 1986)

JUST3/92, 96 Assize and Gaol Delivery records etc., 1294-99

SC5/RUT/CHAPTER/1 3Edwl (1275) Hundred rolls. See Rotuli hundredorum temp. Hen III & Edw I in Turr. Lond. Etc., vol.2, London, 1818, pp.50-51, below. (Glazier has noted this)

Westminster Abbey Muniments

WAM 20218-20336 Manor of Oakham Account Rolls and other records including extents (rentals), charters and court records mainly in the WAM 20*** series (See Rutland Record 5, Mason, E. & Donnelly, J., below):

e.g. 20224 B Accompt ... for the Manor of Ocham and Langham...1297; 20224 D Accompt of William the Servant of all his receipts and expenses for the sale of old corn at Langham after the retirement of William de Westhamme 1297/8

The National Archives has a card index detailing Oakham Manor Court Rolls for 1275-76 and 1287-1412 (and later) in the collection.

WAM 20619 Award by the Archdeacon of Lincoln ... that the Abbat and Convent, on the cession or decease of Dom. Gilbert (Marescall) Rector of Okam, shall have by the name of a perpetual benefice entirely all the fruits and revenues of Okham Church and of the chapels of Langham, Egleton, Broc, Gunthorp ... Thorp... except those which shall pertain to the Rector of Okham ... to whose portion shall belong the whole attelage of Okham Church, and of the said chapels with the small tithes ... (etc.) 1231

In relation to Langham, Harvey, B, *Westminster Abbey and its estates in the Middle Ages* (pp. 404 and 430 footnotes) gives relevant references in *Regesta Rerum Anglo-Normannorum, 1066-1154* (see Davis, H., below (*Regesta* i, 381-2)), *Taxatio ecclesiastica Angliae et Walliae...* c. A.D.1291 (see Ayscough, S, below, (65b)) and also to WAM Register Book iii (65-6) and WAM 20632

See also Harvey, B.: *The Obedientiaries of Westminster Abbey*, pp. 56-62, re Oakham Rectory: she gives guidance on various accounts in WAM 20219-20355, 23318-23451, 23692

Printed transcriptions and summaries of primary sources

Ayscough, S, & Caley, J (ed.), *Taxatio ecclesiastica Angliae et Walliae auctoritate P. Nicholai IV, c. A.D.1291*, Record Commission, 1802 (Tax (tenth) granted by the Pope in 1288 to Edward I towards an expedition to the Holy Land: p.65 shows Ecclia de Okhm in Decanatus Roteland in Archidiaconatus Northampton valued at £70 and Vicaria eiusdem (i.e. its vicarage) at £20, out of a Rutland total of £624-6s)

Calendar of entries in the Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland 1198-1521, HMSO & Irish Manuscript Commission, 1893-2005

Calendar of the Charter Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office, 1215-1516, HMSO, 1903-27

Calendar of the Close Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office, 1227-1509, Public Record Office, 1892-1972

Calendar of the Fine Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office, 1216-42, 1272-1509, Public Record Office/ National Archives, 1911-, 2007- (Glazier notes a Langham reference in 1283 but this is Langham, Essex)

Calendar of inquisitions post mortem ... preserved in the Public Record Office, 1216-1447, HMSO, 1898-2003. (Glazier notes Langham references in 1298 and 1300)

Calendar of inquisitions miscellaneous (Chancery) ... preserved in the Public Record Office, 1219-1485, HMSO, 1916-

Calendar of the Patent Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office, (the final years being described as Draft of ...), 1216-1589, Public Record Office/ National Archives, 1893-1994

Calendar of various Chancery rolls ... 1277-1326, Public Record Office, 1912

Davis, H, Whitwell, R, Davis, R, & Cronne, H (ed.), *Regesta Regum Anglo-Normannorum, 1066-1154*

De Haas, E, & Hall, G (ed.), *Early registers of writs*, Selden Society No.87, 1970 (pp. li & 98-9, re Abbot Richard de Ware v. William de Langham re 30 acres in Langham, c.1260)

Inquisitions and assessments relating to feudal aids, 1284-1431, vol. 4 Northamptonshire - Somerset, Public Record Office, 1906

List of Assize Rolls, 1206-1481, preserved in the Public Record Office, List & Index Society vol. 220

Rotuli hundredorum temp. Hen III & Edw I in Turr. Lond. etc., Public Record Office, London, 1818

Turner, G, *Select Pleas of the Forest*, Bernard Quaritch, London, 1901 (pp.6-7 Re Rutland 1209; pp.43-53 re Rutland 1269 (p.53 re Langham); pp.116-7 re Rutland 1299) (Glazier has noted the Langham entry)

There is a large range of transcribed sources relating to Lincoln diocese published by Boydell & Brewer Ltd. on behalf of the Lincoln Record Society, some of which are worth investigating for references to Langham/Oakham:

The Acta of Hugh of Wells, Bishop of Lincoln, 1209-1235

Papal Decretals relating to the Diocese of Lincoln in the twelfth century.

Rotuli Hogonis de Welles, episcopi Lincolnensis, 1209-1235

The Registrum Antiquissimum of the cathedral church of Lincoln, C.11th - C.13th.

The Rolls and Register of Bishop Oliver Sutton, 1280-1299.

The Rolls of Richard Gravesend, Bishop of Lincoln, 1258-1279.

The Rolls of Robert Grosseteste and Henry Lexington, Bishops of Lincoln, 1235-1259.

Secondary sources

No attempt has been made, in the list below, to distinguish between works in which only a few pages or just one or two index entries may be found useful, and those which will merit thorough study. Some of the books recommended have been in bibliographies for many years and, although they may not represent the latest historical viewpoint, are included because many previous researchers have found them particularly helpful. The date of publication given is usually the date of a recent edition if there have been several.

General background

Bartlett, R, *England under the Norman and Angevin kings 1075-1225*, O.U.P., 2000

Carpenter, D, *The struggle for mastery. Britain 1066-1284*, Penguin, 2004

Chibnall, M, *Anglo-Norman England 1066-1166*, Blackwell, 1993

Gillingham, J, & Griffiths, R, *The Middle Ages 1066-1485*, O.U.P., 1992

Holmes, G, *The late Middle Ages 1275-1485*, Nelson, 1967

Poole, A, *From Domesday Book to Magna Carta 1087-1216*, Clarendon Press, 1970

Powicke, M, *The thirteenth century 1216-1307*, Clarendon Press, 1970

Prestwich, M, *Plantagenet England 1225-1360*, Clarendon Press, 2005

Rubin, M, *The hollow crown. Britain 1272-1485*, Penguin, 2006

Advice on research and sources

Bristow, J, *The local historian's glossary and vade mecum*, Countryside Books, 2001

Carter, P, & Thompson, K, *Sources for local historians*, Phillimore, 2005

Hey, D, *The Oxford companion to local and family history*, O.U.P., 2008

Rogers, A, *Approaches to local history*, Longmans, 1977

Stephens, W, *Sources for English local history*, Phillimore, 1994

Tate, W, *The Parish Chest*, Phillimore, 1983

Agriculture, landscape & transport

Ault, W, *Open-field farming in medieval England. A study of village by-laws*, Allen & Unwin, 1972

Gregory, J, *The story of the road*, A&C Black, 1938

Hallam, H (ed.), *The Agrarian History of England and Wales, 1042-1350*, C.U.P, 1988

Hindle, P, *Roads and Tracks For Historians*, Phillimore, 2001

Hoskins, W, *The Making of the English Landscape*, Hodder & Stoughton, 1955

Rogers, J, *A History of agriculture and prices in England* vols. 1 & 2 (1259-1400), Clarendon Press, 1866

Stratton, J, & Houghton Brown, J, *Agricultural Records A.D. 220 - 1977*, J. Baker, 1978

Church & Law

Chapman, C, *Sin, sex and probate. Ecclesiastical courts, officials and records* Lochin Publishing, 1997

Consett, H, *The practice of the spiritual or ecclesiastical courts*, London, 1708

Dirsztay, P, et alia, *Inside churches: a guide to church furnishings*, NADFAS, London, 1993

Harding, A, *The law courts of medieval England*, George Allen & Unwin, 1973

Knowles, D, *The religious orders in England*, C.U.P., 1948-59

Maynard Smith, H, *Pre-Reformation England*, Macmillan, 1938

Smith, D, *Guide to bishops' registers of England and Wales*, Royal Historical Society, London 1981

Smith, D, *Supplement to the Guide to bishops' registers of England and Wales*, Royal Historical Society, London, 2004

Temperley, N, *The music of the English parish church*, C.U.P., 2006

Dress

Barfoot, A, *Everyday costume in Britain from the earliest times to 1900*, B.T.Batsford, 1976

Clinch, G, *English costume from Prehistoric times to the end of the eighteenth century*, Methuen, 1909

Economic & Financial

Carus-Wilson, E (ed.), *Essays in Economic History*, Edward Arnold, 1954-66

Clapham, J, *A concise economic history of Britain, from the earliest times to A.D. 1750*, C.U.P., 1966

Jurkowski, M, Smith, C, & Crook, D, *Lay taxes in England and Wales 1188-1688 P.R.O.*, London, 1998

Phelps Brown, H, & Hopkins, S, *A perspective of wages and prices*, Methuen, 1981

Education & the written word

Barrett, J. & Iredale, D, *Discovering old handwriting*, Shire, 2001)

Orme, N., *Medieval English Schools from Roman Britain to the Renaissance*, Yale University Press, 2006

Food

Pullar, P, *Consuming passions: a history of English food and appetite*, Penguin, 2001

Health

Allday, R, *The story of medicine*, Ginn, 1969

Delmege, J, *Towards national health: or, health and hygiene in England from Roman to Victorian times*, Heinemann, 1931

Social

Alvey, N, *From chantry to Oxfam*, Phillimore, 1995

Baker, M, *Folklore and customs of rural England*, David & Charles, 1974

Briggs, A, *A social history of England*, Penguin, 1999

Dyer, C, *Everyday life in medieval England*, Hambledon & London, 2000

Hibbert, C, *The English. A social history 1066-1945*, Paladin, 1988

Strutt, J, *The sports and pastimes of the people of England*, Firecrest Publishing, 1969

Works with sections of particularly relevance to the local region, Rutland and/or Langham

This list mainly consists of a subset, appropriate to this period, of the excellent bibliography *Rutland in Print* compiled by J.D.Bennett and published in Rutland Record 25

Chinery, A (ed.), *The Oakham survey of 1305: a translation and commentaries*, Rutland Record Society Occasional Paper 2.

Clarke, A, *Memorials of the Clarkes of Whissendine and Langham...* published by the author, 1936

Cossons, A, *The Turnpike roads of Leicestershire and Rutland*, Kairos Press, 2003

Galitzine, Prince Y, *Domesday Book in Rutland: the dramatis personae*, Rutland Record Society, 1986 (This contains numerous inaccuracies, and the RLH&RS are looking to republish it electronically with corrections)

Gazeteer of markets and fairs in England and Wales to 1516, List & Index Society, Special Series, vol.33, Chippenham, 2003 (part 2, p.286 gives details re Oakham and other Rutland markets and fairs 1297-1792)

Harvey, B.: *The Obedientaries of Westminster Abbey*, Boydell & Brewer, 2002

Hilton, R, *The economic development of some Leicestershire estates in the 14th and 15th centuries*, O.U.P., 1947

Hoskins, W, *The Midland peasant: the economic and social history of a Leicestershire village (Wigston Magna)*, Phillimore, 2008

Millward, A *history of Leicestershire and Rutland*, Phillimore, 1985

Owen, D, *Church and society in medieval Lincolnshire*, Lincolnshire Local History Society, 1971

Page, W (ed.), *The Soke of Oakham: Langham*, St.Catherine's Press, 1935

Page, W (ed.), *Victoria County History of Rutland*, Dawson, 1975

Paradise, T, *Rutland churches: Langham, Oakham*, 1895

Pevsner, N, *The buildings of England: Leicestershire and Rutland*, Penguin, 1984

Phythian-Adams, C (ed.), *The Norman conquest of Leicestershire and Rutland: a regional introduction to Domesday Book*, Leicestershire Museums, 1986

Rutland Magazine and County Historical Record 1903/4 pp.137-151 *Langham* but sources not fully given.

Rutland Record 5 pp.163-6 Mason, E, *Westminster Abbey's Rutland churches*; pp. 167-71; Donnelly, J, *Westminster Abbey's Oakham Manor, 1275-1535*

Rutland Record 18 pp.333-41. Clough, T: *Peter de Neville and his wrongdoings as Warden of the Forest of Rutland*. (Useful bibliography; not directly relevant to Langham)

Ryder, I, *Common right and private interest*, RLH&RS No. 8, Oakham, 2006

Tew, D, *Langham and Barleythorpe in Rutland: its history, church and people*, the author, c.1970

Tew, D, *The parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Langham, Rutland*, the author, c.1970

Thorn, F (ed.) *Domesday Book, Rutland*, Phillimore, 1980

Traylen, A, *Langham with Barleythorpe in Rutland*, RLH&RS, 1975

Traylen, A, *Dialect, customs and derivations in Rutland*, Spiegl Press, 1990

Widmore, R, *An history of the Church of St. Peter, Westminster, commonly called Westminster Abbey ...*, London, 1751

Wright, J, *The history and antiquities of the County of Rutland*, London, 1684 & 1687 (N.B. Additions 5 re tithes of mills C.12th)

The internet

The website www.copac.ac.uk is particularly useful for detecting the dates of first editions of books, if these are required, and also for finding which university libraries (but including also The British Library) have copies - but notice that not all universities are included yet and Leicester University is one that is not, apart from its 'Special Collection'. Bear in mind also that 60,000 books from the Library of Congress (and more from elsewhere) can be read on-line at www.archive.org !

There is an enormous number of additional sources accessible through the internet - so many, and of such varying quality and reliability, as to be confusing and discouraging. The Langham History Group Archivist can provide useful advice.

The site www.intute.ac.uk may be found especially helpful in identifying reliable sources. www.archiveshub.ac.uk is a national gateway to descriptions of archives in UK universities and colleges and www.history.ac.uk is well worth exploring. In particular, www.history.ac.uk/partners/bbih provides the Royal Historical Society Bibliography of British and Irish history.

There is a range of important research sources currently only available through institutions which have subscribed to them. Examples are the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and JSTOR (short for Journal Storage, which archives academic journals) and EEBO (Early English Books Online). These can be used, free of charge, by members of certain group subscribers, notably those following a university course, but also by anyone prepared to sit in a British Library Reading Room.

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Eg.Roll. 2092 Common pleas 1386-7 (2nd hand Rutland reference, not confirmed and not known to concern Langham!)

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Lincolnshire Archives

REG/2 Episcopal Register of Bishop John Dalderby, 1300 -1320 (also on microfilm MF 6/4)(The Victoria County History notes: Linc. Episc. Reg. Mem. Bp. [Lincoln Episcopal Registers Memorials of Bishop] Dalderby re chapel of the hermitage)

REG/3 Episcopal Register of Bishop John Dalderby, 1300 -1320 (also on microfilm MF 6/5)

REG/5 & 5B Episcopal Registers of Bishop Henry Burghersh, 1320-1340 (also on microfilms MF 6/7-8) N.B. it is not clear to what extent, if at all, these are the same as REG/4 which has been transcribed by the Lincoln Record Society: see below)

REG/6,7&7B Episcopal Registers of Bishop Thomas Bek, 1342-1347 (also on microfilms MF 6/9)

REG/8,9,9B,9C&9D Episcopal Registers of Bishop John Gynwell, 1347-1362 (also on microfilms MF 6/10,11)

REG/10,11,12&12B Episcopal Register of Bishop John Buckingham, 1362-1398 (also on microfilms MF 6/11-14) Folio 5 onwards of RE/12B has been transcribed and published by the Lincoln Record Society: see below.

REG/13 Episcopal Register of Bishop Henry Beaufort, 1398-1405 (also on microfilm MF 6/14).

The contents are described in detail in: Smith, D, Guide to Bishops' Registers of England and Wales, London, 1981

Northamptonshire Record Office

PD/CL/6 Institution papers: 6/4/1-2 1200-1928 (supposedly includes transcriptions from Lincoln Diocese records for the pre-Reformation period)

Information relating to document ref. no. L(C) 938 Drawing of the Coat of Arms of the Langham family, with heraldic description, and descent of Langhams traced from Henry de Langham (Rutland). [Northants Record Office, THE LANGHAM (COTTESBROOKE)...] These documents are held at: Northamptonshire Record Office

The National Archives has a card index of Manorial Documents which includes a card referring to a 'survey' of 1387 re Oakham Manor. On the back of the card is written: 'Return 1932, Hon.Sec. Northants Record Society, MS from Earl of Winchelsea, 1930'

The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland

(For the Oakham Survey of 1305 see the Rutland Record Society occasional publication of 1988, of that title.)

DE728/1 Gift in Tail, 1389, includes Robert de Langham as a witness.

Staffordshire Record Office

Information relating to document ref. no. D641/1/1/1/1 Oakham & Langham [co. Rutland]. Copy letters patent, date lost; end of document is missing, reciting grants dealing with lordship from 1377.

Information relating to document ref. no. D641/1/4S/1 Oakham Court (monthly) Great Court of Edward Earl of Rutland. Apr. 1397 and Oct. 1397 Court pleas of debt and trespass and assault: Admissions and surrenders; strays; fines for entry. Great Court: Detail as above but presented by areas: Oakham, Egleton, etc..

The National Archives

C88/122 No.18 (previously Chancery Miscellanea Bdle 75 File 1 No.18) 16RichII (1393) inc. account of robberies in various places inc. Langham

C260/55 No.14 (previously Chancery Miscellanea Bdle 75 File 1 No.7) 18EdwIII (1345) Account of lay subsidies 9EdwIII (1334). Liability of men of Oakham, Langham & Egleton.

(For these last two items, see Chancery Miscellanea part VI, Northumberland to Suffolk, List & Index Society vol. 81, HMSO, 1972.)

(The Victoria County History also notes Chancery Miscellanea Bdle 8 no.3 re frankpledge & Langham)
E101/584/2 See Rutland Record 19 pp.400-402 re 100 sides of bacon supplied to the army by Rutland.
E179/35/7 clerical poll tax from Canterb. particulars of account. 1377. (See Rutland Magazine and County Historical Record 1911-12, below)
E179/165/3 twentieth. Following his accession to the throne in January, the young Edward III was determined to continue the war with Scotland, 1327.
E179/165/6 fifteenth and tenth. ... in two equal instalments. 1336 - 1337.
E179/165/7 fifteenth and tenth 1335.
E179/165/8 three fifteenths and tenths. Edward III envisaged a swift and successful campaign to settle his claim to the French crown, even though he was still at war with Scotland. 1339.
E179/165/9 three fifteenths and tenths. 1339.
E179/165/13 two ninths and fifteenths ... the lords and commons granted a ninth of corn, wool, and sheep ('the ninth sheaf, the ninth fleece, and the ninth lamb') for two years. 1341.
E179/165/14 two fifteenths and tenths ... in four equal instalments over two years. 1344.
E179/165/15 two fifteenths and tenths. ... in four equal instalments over two years. 1346.
E179/165/16 three fifteenths and tenths. 1350.
E179/165/17 three fifteenths and tenths 1351.
E179/165/18 three fifteenths and tenths. ..to defend Gascony and Brittany, and to safeguard the sea, 1354.
E179/165/20 indented receipts 1358.
E179/165/23 poll tax receipts 1377.
E 179/165/24 indented receipts 1358
E 179/165/25 The return made from Rutland, indeed, specified which parishes contributed extra sums to subsidise the poorer ones
E179/165/27 two fifteenths and tenths 1346 - 1348.
E179/165/28 two fifteenths and tenths. 1378.
E179/165/29 one and a half fifteenths 1380.
E179/165/31 half a fifteenth and tenth. 1384.
E179/165/32 one and a half fifteenths. expenses of war and the defence. 1386.
E179/165/33 half a fifteenth and tenth. 1388.
E179/165/34 half a fifteenth and tenth. To procure the funds needed for the country's defence, the government borrowed money in anticipation Date: 1387.
E179/165/35 fifteenth and tenth. 1393.
E179/165/36 fifteenth and tenth. 1395.
E179/165/37 one and a half fifteenths 1398.
E179/165/38 first half of the one and a half fifteenth and tenths, relating to Langham, Oakham, Eggleton, Lyndon and Stretton, all wrongly taxed at a tenth in 1334. 1398.
E179/165/43 fifteenth and tenth. 1385.
E179/192/3 aid to marry the king's daughter 1302.
E179/269/51 poll tax (individuals) 1377.
E179/276/48 three fifteenths and tenths. The king's need for money led the Exchequer to suggest reviving the tallage, particularly Date: 1344.
JUST1/ 1304*, 1316*, 1320*, 1322*, 1325B*, 1327*, 1331-2*, 1343*, 1350*, 1352, 1376*, 1393B*, 1400(mm.117-20 & 233), 1408*, 1428*, 1433*, 1437*, 1463*, 1467*, 1472(m.13), 1481*(m.29), 1486*(m.18), 1488*, 1501*(m.105). Assize rolls including essoins etc. between 1300 and 1395. All are Rutland; those held at Oakham (inc. 'Bradecroft') are marked *. There is a reference to JUST4/5/6 in relation to JUST1/1488 for some reason.
(N.B. Full details of JUST1 may be found in List of Assize Rolls 1206-1481 preserved in the Public Record Office, List & Index Society Vol. 220, HMSO, 1986)
JUST 3/58/1-3; JUST3/101, 110, 133, 137A&B, 140, 146, 148, 160, 167, 177, 188, 195 Assize and Gaol Delivery records etc. re Oakham 1301-98 (Irons's notes mention of Roger Wright of Langham in 1376)
SC2/197/85 Special Collections: Court Rolls SC 2/197/85 Manorial Court of Oakham (Ocham), with Langham, 1325 - 1326.

SC8/132/6562 Online Document SC 8/132/6562 Poor people of Oakham, Langham and Egleton in Rutland. King and council. Request concerning liability to tallage on the royal ancient demesne. It is answered elsewhere. Oakham, Rutland Langham, Rutland Egleton, Rutland. The petition is of uncertain Date range: 1300 - 1350. = Special Collections: Ancient Petitions SCV 8/132/6562

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(See also Harvey, B.: The Obedientiaries of Westminster Abbey, pp. 56-62, re Oakham Rectory: she gives guidance on various accounts in WAM 20219-20355, 23318-23451, 23692)

In particular, see:

20251 B Manor of Ocham, Langham and Brok: View of Autumn expenses 1336

20254 B Expenses of Ocham, Langham and Broke Manor in autumn 1339

20261 Accompt of John de Langham, Praepositus of Okam Manor 1343/4

20266 Autumn expenses made at Okham Manor by view of Thomas de Langham, Capellanus 1350

20272 B.C. Langham Manor: View of Autumn expenses 1352

20347 Autumnal expenses of Ocham Manor ... about the tithe of Ocham, Langham and Brok

20353 Langham Manor: Autumnal expenses 1336

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The ongoing (for the last 30-40 years) reorganization, reclassification, etc. of the archives continues to result in periodical changes to classification: the following list uses references acceptable in 2010 but researchers are advised to start by looking again at the current version of the catalogue before trying to order documents, using the following as a check-list. Many listed items are inadequately described so that some may well be found not relevant when investigated.

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PD/CC/1 Instance Books: Inst.1,3,4-6,8-13,15,18 and Corr.22 1548-1600

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PD/CC/8-9 Marriage licenses & bonds: Misc. Book 5 1573-5; Misc. Book 8 1587-8; Misc. Book 11 1598-1636

PD/CL/1 Ordinations: 1/1 1571-1595; 1/2 1599-1616

PD/CL/5 Institution Books etc.: 5/1-5 1541-1600

PD/CL/6 Institution papers: 6/4/1-2 1200-1928 (supposedly includes transcriptions from Lincoln Diocese records for the early period)

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The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland

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DE2150 Langham Parish Records 1559-1974 deposited by the Rev. AJF Dudley (Some items have been photographed - see LVHG archives)

DE3214 (Exton papers):

DE3214/36 Langham Manor Court Rolls 1486-1546: See transcription on www.langhamvillage.com

Contents of certain 'pink slips' re the C16th have already been noted and published to LVHG members in connection with the C17th book, namely: DE3214/182/1,4,5,17,27,29-33

Cataloguing remains very incomplete. However the following additional 'pink slips' of documents are noted (Jan. 2010):

DE3214/177/14 9 Sep 1536. Filed under Brooke but possibly concerning land in Langham owned by Brooke Priory.

DE3214/182/1 15 Nov 1591. Settlement (i) Henry Lord Cromwell, (ii) Sir Drew Drewrie Lands to be settled on Gregory Cromwell, including Langham

DE3214/182/15-18 1597-1600 Defeasance of recognizance: Cromwell, Noel, Harington

DE3214/182/26-35 1565-1600. Re Presgrave's messuage & yardland in Langham

DE3214/184/39-49 1581-1626 (though document is after 1785). Filed under Forest of Leighfield; may contain information re Langham as once partly within Forest of Rutland or Leigh Forest.

The National Archives

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E179/165/123 subsidy. .. over two years, and four fifteenths and tenths. 1540

E179/165/124 subsidy. .. over two years, and four fifteenths and tenths. 154?

E179/165/128 subsidy. ... according to a complicated sliding scale of rates, 1545

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E179/165/135 two fifteenths and tenths. 1547.

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E179/165/140 subsidy ('relief'). ... over three years. In fact, the tax was similar to a subsidy, although initially it embraced a poll tax on sheep 1552

E 179/165/141 two fifteenths and tenths. 1553

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E179/165/145 subsidy. .. over two years. For the first time, payment of the subsidy was to be made in two unequal payments, ..1560.

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E179/165/147 two fifteenths and tenths. .. over two years. They also granted a subsidy.1564.

E179/165/148 subsidy. This subsidy is notable as being the one in which the minimum threshold of liability on moveable goods was ...1564.

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E179/165/150 fifteenth and tenth. .. over two years. 1567-8 E179/165/154 subsidy.. over two years. On the same day they granted two fifteenths and tenths. 1571.

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E179/165/153 part2 two fifteenths and tenths. .. over two years. On the same day they also granted a subsidy. 1572.

E179/165/154 subsidy 1571

E179/165/155 two fifteenths and tenths 1576.

E179/165/156 two fifteenths and tenths 1577.

E179/165/158 two fifteenths and tenths.. in two equal instalments over two years. On the same day.. 1581.

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E179/165/160 two fifteenths and tenths. .. in two equal instalments, 1585.

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E179/165/168 four fifteenths and tenths.. in four equal instalments. On the same day they granted two subsidies.1592.

E179/165/169 six fifteenths and tenths. ... in four unequal instalments. 1594

E179/165/170 six fifteenths and tenths. .. in four unequal instalments. 1595.

E179/165/171 six fifteenths and tenths. .. in four unequal instalments. 1596.

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The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland

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Add Mss 37251 ff 27 b - 29: Langham Church photos, late C19th.

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The ongoing (for the last 30-40 years) reorganization, reclassification, etc. of the archives continues to result in periodical changes to classification: the following list uses references acceptable in 2010 but researchers are advised to start by looking again at the current version of the catalogue before trying to order documents, using the following as a check-list. Many listed items are inadequately described so that some may well be found not relevant when investigated.

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PD/AO/1-4 Archdeaconry of Oakham(1876-) visitations: X4143-53(Visitation papers) 1876-1930; ML826-8(Articles of enquiry) 1876-1879

PD/B/2 Glebe Terriers: X624-7 1816,1820

PD/B/5-6 Tithe maps: T.282 Langham tithe map c.1841 (see LVHG website)

PD/BV/3 Visitation call books: ML604-24 (including lists of incumbents, curates and churchwardens) 1846-1900

PD/BV/4 Articles of enquiry; incumbents & churchwardens' returns: BoxX917-9, Misc.L.587,590,592,593, 595-7,599,600,602,603 (1846-1900)

PD/CC/3-4 Court proceedings: ML712-8(1780-1841), Misc.Bun.13(1797-1816)

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DE3302 Register of marriages from 1837

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DG11/1041 - 2 Probate 1846 of will of Anne Barker of Lyndon, leaving... £200 to Mary Baker, spinster, of Langham, daughter of former rector of Lyndon

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