



Eyre Rolls 1249

Little Bedwyn

The Eyre for the common pleas, as it was known generally in the thirteenth century as distinct from the Eyre for forest pleas, was a royal court held by the King's justices in the county at intervals of several years and usually as part of a countrywide visitation. The justices were commissioned to hold all pleas of writs, or civil pleas, which had been appointed to come before them and all crown pleas which had arisen since the last Eyre or were then undetermined.

The following entry relates to Little Bedwyn for the year 1249.

John Harold was found dead in the town of Cnolle. The first finder has died. The townships of Estbedewynde, Froxfelde, Cherlton and Hensete did not come to the inquest etc., so they are in mercy. It is testified that [the body] was removed from Ramesbury Hundred before it had been viewed by the coroner, so Ramesbury Hundred is in mercy.

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