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The books of Hatfield in year 35 (34) of Henry VIII (1543)

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The first book

The King's Manor of Ampthill in August year of reign of Henry VIII 35th

From the Sunday the 19th day of August unto the Sunday the 16th day of September by
the space of 4 weeks

The Kings manor of Ampthill in August year Henry VIIIth 35th (1543)

Payments made and paid by me by James Needham clerk and surveyor general of the sovereign lord the kings works as well upon wages not only to artificers labourers purveyors clerk and others working upon certain reparations done against his majestys coming unto the said manor to be done at his graces commandment// but also upon emptions of stuff bought requisite and necessary with cart and recart of the same/ as by the particular payments thereof more at wages doth appear that is to say from the Sunday the 19th day of August inclusive unto the Sunday the 16th day of September exclusive by the space of 4 weeks.

The overseer and setter out of the works

o o

16d Lawrence Bradshaw ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 17s 4d paid to Black

Carpenters

Working not only in making of a new pair of winding stairs going up to the kings privy chamber/ but also making of a new door to the same stairs with like making of 4 other doors over and beside this working in making of dressers and setting them up in the kitchens more on making of table trestles and cupboards with other works by them done

o o

10d William Evorston //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 10s10d paid to Blacknall

o o

9d Giles Egam //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 8s 3d paid to Black

o o

8d Thomas Barington//ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 8s 8d paid to Blacknall

o o

John Sampson //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 8s 8d “

o o

Richard Sellisby //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 8s 8d “

o o

Thomas Phillips //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....// 8s 8d “

Sum 3£ 11s 1d

yet carpenters

8d	Thomas Phillipson	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	8s 8d paid to William Blacknall
	Thomas Martine	o //ooooo//.....//.....//.....//	4s “
	Thomas Ventiman	o //...to//ooo...//.....//.....//	3s 4d “
	Thomas Shepard	o o //ooooo//ooo...//.....//.....//	6s 8d “
At 9d	Thomas Lawrence	o //ooooo//ooo...//.....//.....//	6s 9d “
7d	William Wenlock	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	7s 7d “
	Robert Blondell	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	7s 7d “
	Rauf Homer	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	7s 7d “
	William Reed	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	7s 7d “
	John Ransom	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	7s 7d “
	Thomas Medelton	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	7s 7d “

Sawyers

Working in sawing of boards planks quarters to be employed by the carpenters and for the furnishing of the said house with like sawing of laths pieces over and beside that sawing of boards for the new making of a closet for the king moreover of planks and rails for the said new stair and for the kitchen and stables with other things more

At 14d	John Simpson Robert Harvey	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	15s 2d paid to William Blacknall
	Thomas Burton Richard More	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	15s 2d “
	Symond Millis John Hutton	o o //ooooo//ooooo//.....//.....//	15s 2d “
At 12d	Robert Woodward Edmond Elgar	//ooooo//ooo...//.....//.....//	8s “
	Mighell Bordon Thomas Ledon	//ooooo//ooo...//.....//.....//	8s “

6£ 14s 8d

Tilers

Working not only in the ripping, repairing and mending of the tile over the kings lodgings and the queens but also like ripping **sherching** and mending of faults on all the lodgings both in the inner court and also in the outer court over and beside this working in pargetting of the queens standing with mortar and white liming of it / more on mending the walls of the lodgings with mortar as well in the inner and outer court in divers place with other sundry work there done

7d	Christoper Blande	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	5s 3d	paid to William Blacknall
	Thomas Atkinson	o o //oooto//oooo..//.....//.....//	6s 5d	“
	Thomas Ladman	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	5s 3d	“
	Robert Hamonde	o o //oooto//oooo..//.....//.....//	6s 5d	“
	James Welcome	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	5s 3d	“
	William Medelston	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	5s 3d	“
	John Benton	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	5s 3d	“
	Thomas Roof	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	5s 3d	“

Plumbers

Working in **sherching** // mending and soldering of divers cracks and faults in the leads as well on the kings lodging and the queens

7d	Randall Botton	o //oooto//.....//.....//.....	3s 6d	paid to Blacknall
6d	William Harman	o //oooto//.....//.....//.....	3s	“

2£ 10s 10d

Labourers to the carpenters

Labouring as well // in cutting of cross **carves**
 making of sawpits and in helping the carpenters
 and sawyers to remove to and from timbers to the saw
 and other places with like gathering of **rods** and other
 sundry labour by them done

6 d	William Thomas	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....//	6s 6d	paid to Blacknall
	John Haynes	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....//	6s 6d	“
	Robert Harrold	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....//	6s 6d	“
	Robert Coterell	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....//	6s 6d	“
	William Bateman	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....//	6s 6d	“
	Thomas Bocher sen.	o //ooooto//oo...//.....//.....//	4s	“
	John Bocher jun.	o //ooooto//ooo...//.....//.....//	4s 6d	“

Labourers to Tilers

Labouring not only in bearing of water slaking and
 sifting of lime but also beating and working the said lime
 with sand to mortar with like pinning of tiles and serving
 the said workmen with other sundry labour there done

5d	Richard Lamton	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....	3s 9d	paid to Blacknall
	William Madding	o //.oooto//.....//.....//.....	2s 1d	“
	John Pemble	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....	5s 5d	“
	Richard Hutton	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....	5s 5d	“
	Robert Andelbye	o o //ooooto//oooooo//.....//.....	5s 5d	“
	Harry Watson	o //ooooto//ooo .//.....//.....	3s 9d	“
	William Forde	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....	3s 4d	“
	Thomas Mason	o o //.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....	3s 9d	“

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	o o			
William Combarlande	//.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....	3s 9d	“	
	o o			
William Botlar	//.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....	3s 9d	“	
	o o			
Antony Rayberton	//oooto//oooooo//.....//.....	5s 5d	“	
	o o			
Robert Fowell	//oooto//oooooo//.....//.....	5s 5d	“	
	o o			
John Cooke	//.oooto//ooo...//.....//.....	3s 9d	“	

4£ 16s

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The Purveyor

Making provision not only of stuff ready for the same work requisite but also for cart and recart of the same with other necessaries

	o			
12d William Wells	//oooto//oooooo//.....//.....	12s	paid to	
			Blacknall	

The Clerk

	o o o o o o			
6d William Blacknall	//oooto//oooooo//oooooo//.....	11s	paid	

23 s

Emptions as following

Timber had of the kings store

Timber had of the kings store from Houghton to be employed by the carpenters at the kings said manor of Ampthill as it appearith here after by the cart

Land cart of the said timber

To John Hunte of **Staughton** (Houghton?) for the land cart of two loads elm timber of the kings said store from Houghton to the said manor of Ampthill

12d paid to Giles Egam

To Thomas Pornay for one load cart of the same timber to Ampthill

6d “

To John Alyn of the said town for like cart of one load

6d “

To John Stretton of Houghton for the cart of two loads of the same timber

12d “

To Giles Egam of Houghton for cart of two loads one of the same of sawn boards

12d “

Drawing of timber to the sawing pit

To the said Giles Egham more for the drawing of the aforesaid timber unto the sawing pit made there by the space of one day

20d “

Oaken timber

To Giles Patifer of Great Missenden for five loads of square oaken timber of him had and bought for the kings use to be employed within his graces said manor of Ampthill at 9s the load with the cart

45s “

2£ 10s 8d

yet emptions

Lime

To William Exall of Ampthill for 7 quarters lime of him had for the kings use to be employed within his said manor price with cart 10s paid to Blacknall

Bricks

To him more for one thousand bricks of him in like manner had for the kings use with cart 6s paid.to Blacknall

To John Farmer of Ampthill for 4500 bricks of him likewise and bought for the kings use at 6s the thousand with the cart 27s paid to he

Plain tiles

To the said John yet more for 3500 of plain tiles of him in like manner had to be employed within the said manor at 5s 8d the thousand with the cart of the same 19s 10d paid to he

Plain Tiles

To William Exall of Ampthill more for one thousand four hundred plain tiles of him had price with cart 7s 4d paid to Blacknall

Lime

To William Bladwent of Ampthill for 14 quarters lime of him had and bought for the kings use price with the cart 20s paid to he

Sand

To the said William more for digging and cart of 34 loads of sand at 2d the load 5s 8d paid to he

To William Exall of Ampthill for digging and cart of 10 loads sand at 2d the load 20d paid to Black

To Robert Huett of Ampthill for digging and cart of 6 loads sand at 2d the load 12d paid to Blacknall

Loam

To the said Robert more for digging and cart of 3 loads loam at 4d the load 12d “

4£ 19s 6d

yet emptions with cart

Oaken plank boards

To George Gee of Flitwell (Flitvale?) for 868 ft
of oaken planks boards of him
had for the kings use at 2 s 4d the hundred with
the cart of the same

20s 2d paid to Blacknall

To Robert Bedwell of Flitwick for 1202 ½ ft
of like oaken planks boards of
him likewise had at 2s 4d the hundred with
the cart of the same

28s paid to he

Poles of the kings store

Poles had of the kings store from
Flitwick to be employed at his manor
of Ampthill

Land cart of poles

To Harry Spede of Flitwick for land
cart of 2 loads of the same poles from
Flitwick to the kings said manor

12d paid to B...

Poles

To my Lord Morley for one load of poles
of him had out of pilage (Pillinge?) wood

Land cart of poles

To Giles Egam of Houghton for cart
of the same poles to Ampthill

8d paid to Blacknall

Baskets

To John Fowler of Ampthill for two baskets
and two shovels of him had price

8d “

Cooper

To Thomas Farrar of Marston cooper for
mending of two great buckets of the well
setting on of 4 hoops and for his days
wage there

16d “

2£ 11s 10d

yet emptions with cart

Tile pins

To Jeffrey Warren of Ampthill for one bushel of tile pins of him had 8d paid to Blacknall

Water tub

To Jone Pinocke of Ampthill for a great geet water tub to carry water to the mortarhoze 8d “

Candle

To Richard Bladden of Ampthill for the candle of him had for the plumbers 2 1/2d “

Solder

To Randall Botton plumber for 3lbs solder of him had and spent in the repairing of the said leads at 5d the lb 15d “

Felling of ashen poles of the kings store

To John Hunt of Flitwick for the felling of 2 loads of ashen poles of the kings store in Flitwick wood to make laths at the kings manor of Ampthill 7d “

Paper

To John Follar Of Ampthill for 6 sheets of white paper 1d “

Horse hire

To Thomas Blackeborne of Ampthill for the hire of a horse for the purveyor to make provision of stuff 8d “

Nails of all sorts

To Giles Lawson of Bedford, smith for 2000 6d nails english at 4s 2d the thousand 8s 4d “

Item to him for 3000 5d nails at 3s 4d the thousand 10s “

Item to him for 3000 2d nails at 12 d the thousand 3s “

Great Spiking nails

To William Flane of Ampthill smith for the making of 12 score great spiking nails price 4s 8d “

30s !/2d

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Ironwork brought and done as following hereafter

To William Hood of Ampthill smith for 2 dozen of new locks of him had for the kings use at 6s the dozen	12s	paid to Blacknall
Item to him for 16 new staples price	16d	“
Item to him for 2 hinges and 3 hooks	7d	“
Item to him for mending of 48 locks at 2d the piece	8s	“
Item to him for 7 new keys at 3d the piece	21d	“
Item to him for making of 3 new bolts for locks	5d	“
Item making of 6 new bolts for the kings chambers at 3d a piece	18d	“
Item for hooks and hinges for the new stairs door and other doors weighing together 32 lbs at 1 ½ d the lb	4s	“
Item to him for 4 other bolts for the kings chambers at 4d a piece	16d	“
Item to him for mending of hinges for other doors of offices	6d	“
Item to him for 3 days working in setting of locks giving attendance there at 6d the day	18d	“
	32s 11d	

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Glazing

To John Atwood glazier for 20ft of new glass set in the queens standing at 5d the foot	8s 4d	paid to William Blacknall
Item in my Lady Mary's lodging is 42 ft new glass at 5d the foot	17s 6d	“
Item in my Lady Douglas lodging is 16 1/2ft new glass at 5d the ft	6s 10 1/2d	“
Item in the said lodging is 22 1/2 ft of old glass set in new lead at 2d the ft	3s 9d	“
Item the kings chamber of presence is 28ft of old glass set in new lead at 2d the foot	4s 8d	“
Item in the queens bedchamber is 17ft of old glass set in new lead at 2d	2s 10d	“
Item in the queens stool chamber is 25 1/2 ft of new glass at 5d the ft	10s 7 1/2 d	“
Item the queens great chamber of old glass new set in casements containing 16 1/2 ft at 2d the ft	2s 9d	“
Item skowring (scouring?) and mending of 34 panes in sundry offices within the kings said manor at 4d the pane	11s 4d	“
Total 35£ 7s 5 1/2 d	3£ 8s 8d	