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Queene Hithe Warde

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NEXT vnto Bredstreete Warde on the south side thereof, is Queene Hithe Warde.
 Queene Hithe warde, so called of a water gate, or harborow
 for boates, lighters, and barges, and was of old time for
 shippes, at what time the timber bridge of London was
 drawne vp, for the passage of them to the said Hithe, as to
 a principall strand for landing and vnloading against the
 middest and hart of the Citie. This Warde beginneth in
 the East, in Knightriders streete, on the south side thereof, Knightriders
streete.
 at the East end of the parish church called the holy Trinity,
 and runneth west on the south side to a lane called Lambert
 hill, which is the length of the warde in Knightriders streete,
 out of the which streete are diuers lanes, running south to
 Thames streete, and are of this warde: the first is Trinity Trinity lane.
 lane, which runneth downe by the west end of Trinity Church.
 Then is Spuren lane, or Spooners¹ lane, now called Huggen Spuren lane,
or Huggen
lane.
 lane. Then Bredstreete hill. Then *S. Mary Mounthaunt*:
 out of the which lane, on the East side thereof, is one other
 lane, turning East, through *S. Nicholas Olanes* church yard, to
 Bredstreete hill. This lane is called Finimore lane, or fiue Finimore or
fiue foote lane.
 foote lane, because it is but fiue foote in breadth at the west
 end: In the middest of this lane, runneth downe one other
 lane broader, south to Thames streete, I thinke the same to
 bee called *Desboorne* lane, for I reade of such a lane to haue Desborne lane
 beene in the parish of *Mary Summerset*, in the 22. yeare of
Edward the third, where there is sayde to lye betweene the
 Tenement (of) *Edward de Mountacute* knight, on the East
 parte, and the Tenement sometime pertayning to *William*
Gladwine on the west, one plot of ground, contayning in length
 towards Thames streete 25. foote, &c.

Last of all, haue you Lambart hill lane, so called of one Lambert hill.
 Lambart owner thereof: and this is the furthest west part of
 this warde.

¹ Spooners] 1603; Sporners 1598

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On the north side comming downe from Knightriders street, the | East side of Lambart hill is wholly of this warde: and the west side, from the north end of the Blacke-smithes Hall (which is about the middest of this lane) vnto Thames streete. Then part of Thames streete is also of this warde, to wit, from a Cooks house called the signe of King *David*, three houses west from the old Swan Brewhouse in the East, vnto *Huntington* house, ouer against Saint *Peters* Church in the west, neare vnto Powles Wharffe. And on the lane side, from a Cookes house called the blew Boore, to the west end of Saint *Peters* Church, and vp Saint *Peters* hill, two houses North about the said Church. And these be the bounds of this ward: in which are Parrish churches seuen, Halles of companies two, & other ornaments as shall be shewed.

Parish church
of the Trinity.

First, in Knightriders streete, is the small parish church of the holy Trinity, very old, and in danger of downe falling: collections haue beene made for repairing thereof, but they will not stretch so farre, and therefore it leaneth vpon proppes, or stilts. Monuments as followeth.

John Brian, Alderman in the raign of *H.* the fift, a great benefactor. *John Chamber* had a Chauntrie there. *Thomas Rishby* Esquier, and *Alice* his wife, within the Chauncell. *John Mirfen*, auditor of the Exchequer 1471. Sir *Richard Fowlar* of Rycote¹ in Oxfordshire, 1528. *George Cope* second sonne to sir *John Cope* of Copesashby in Northamptonshire, 1572.

Parish church
of S. Nicholas
Cold Abbey.

Towards the west end of Knightriders street is the parish church of *S. Nicholas Cold Abbey*, a proper church, somewhat ancient, as appeareth by the wayes rayed thereabout, so that men are forced to descend into the body of the church: it hath bin called of many *Colden*² *Abbey*, of some, *Cold Abbey*², or *Cold Bey*, & so hath the most ancient writings, as standing in a cold place, as Cold harbor, and such like. The steeple or tall tower of this church, with the south Ile, hath beene of a later building, to wit the 1. of *R.* 2. when it was ment the whole old church should haue bin new builded, as appeareth by the arching begun on the east side the steeple, vnder y^e which, in the stone work, the armes of one *Buckland* Esquier and his wife, daughter to *Beaupere*, are cut in stone, & also

¹ Rycote] Ricks 1603² Colden, Cold 1633

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are in the glasse windowes, wherby it appeareth he was the builder of y^e steeple, & repairer of the residue. The 26. of *E. the 3. An(drew) Aubery* being | Maior, *T. Frere* Fish-
 monger gaue one peece of ground to the said parish church of *S. Nic.* contayning 86. feete in length, & 43. feete at one end, and 34. at the other in bredth, for a Cemitorie or churchyard. The 20. of *Richard* the second, *Thomas Barnarde-Castle*, *Clarke*, *John Sonderash* *Clarke*, and *John Nouncy*, gaue to the Parson and Churchwardens of the saide church and theyr successors, one messuage and one shoppe with the appurtenances in Distaffe lane and olde Fishstreete, for the reparation of the body of the saide church, the Belfrey or steeple, and ornaments.

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Buried in this church, *John Calfe*, & *William Cogeshall*, 1426. *Waltar Turke* Fishmonger, Mayor 1349. *Richarde Es(g)astone* Fishmonger, 1330. *Nicholas Wolberge* Fishmonger, 1407. *Thomas Paddington* Fishmonger, 1485. *Robert Hary*, Fishmonger, *John Suring*, 1490. *Roger Darlington*, Fishmonger, 1557. *Richard Lacty*, Parson, vnder a fayre tombe on the North side the Quire, 1491. *Richard Bradbrudge*, 1497. *William Clarke*, 1501. *Iames Picman*, 1507. *Richard Farnesford*, 1525. *Thomas Nicholas*, Fishmonger, 1527. *William Barde* Fishmonger, 1528.

On the North side of this church in the wall therof, was of late builded a conuenient cistern of stone and lead, for receipt
 of Thames water, conueyed in pipes of lead to that place, for the ease and commoditie of the Fishmongers and other inhabitantes, in and aboute old Fishstreete. *Barnard Randolph*, common sergeante of the cite of London, did in his life time deliuer to the Company of Fishmongers the summe of nine hundred pound, to be employed towards the conducting of the said Thames water, and cesterning the same, &c. in the parishes of *S. Mary Magdalen*, and *saint Nicholas Cold Abbay*, neare vnto Fishstreete, seuen hundred pound, and other two hundred pound to charitable deedes: he deceased 1583. and shortly after this conduit with the other was made and finished.

Waterconduit.

In *Trinity lane*, on the west side thereof, is the *Painter stayners hall*, for so of olde time were they called, but now

Painter stayners hall.

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Earle of Cornwel his house.

Parish church of S. Nicholas Oliue.

Old Fishstreete hill.

Bishop of Herefords house.

Parish church of Saint Mary Monte alto.

that workemanship of stayning is departed out of vse in England. Lower down in Trinity lane on the east side thereof, was sometime a greate | Messuage pertayning vnto *John Earle of Cornwell*, in the fourteenth of *Edward the 3.* On Bredstreet hill down to the Thames on both sides, bee diuers faire houses, inhabited by Fishmongers, Cheesemongers, and Marchantes of diuers trades. On the West side whereof is the parish church of S. Nicholas Oliue, a conuenient church, hauing the monumentes of *W. Newport*, Fishmonger, one of the shiriffes, 1375. *Richard Willowes Parson*, 1391. *Richard Sturges* Fishmonger, 1470. *Thomas Lewen*, Ironmonger, one of the shiriffes, 1537. who gaue his messuage with the appurtenances, wherein hee dwelt, with foureteene Tenementes in the said parrish of saint Nicholas, to be had after the decease of *Agnes* his wife, to the Ironmongers, and they to giue stipendes appointed to Almes men, in fiue houses by them builded in the church yeard of that parrish, more to poore schollers in Oxford and Cambridge, &c. *Blitheman*, an excellent Organist of the Queens chappell, lyeth buried there with an Epitaph, 1591. &c. The next is old Fishstreete hill, a lane so called, which also runneth downe to Thames streete. In this lane, on the east side thereof, is the one end of Finimore, or Fiue foote lane. On the west side of this old Fishstreete hill, is the Bishoppe of Herefords Inne or lodging, an auncient house and large roomes builded of stone and timber which sometime belonged to the Mounthautes in Norfolke. *Radulphus de Maydenstone* Bishoppe of Hereford, about 1234. bought it of the Mounthautes, and gaue it to the Bishoppes of Hereford, his successors. *Charles Booth*¹, Bishoppe of Hereforde and Chauncellour of the Marches, about the yeare 1517. repayed it, since the which time, the same is greatly ruinated, and is now diuided into many small tenementes: the Hall and principall rooms are an house to make Suger loaues, &c.

Next adioyning is the parrish church of S. Mary de Monte Alto, or Mounthaunt, this is a very small church, and at the first builded to be a Chapple for the said house of the Mounthaunts, and for Tenementes thereunto belonging. The Bishop of Hereforde is Patron thereof. Monumentes in this church

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of *John Glocester* Alderman, 1345, who gaue Salt wharfe for two Chaunteries there, *John Skip* Bishoppe of Hereford 1539. sate xii. yeares, died at London in time of Parliament, and was buried in this | church. There was sometime a fayre house in the saide parrish of Saint Mary Mounthaunt, belonging to *Roberte Belkenape*, one of the Kinges Iustices, but the saide *Belkenape* being banished this Realme, King *Richarde* the second, in the twelfth of his raigne, gaue it to *William Wickham* Bishoppe of Winchester.

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Robert Belkenape his house giuen to W. Wickham.

On the east side of this olde Fishstreete hill, is one greate House, now letten out for rent, which house sometime was one of the Halles, pertayning to the Company of Fishmongers, at such time as they had sixe Hallmotes or meeting places: namely, twaine in Bridgestreete, or new Fish streete, twaine in old Fish street, whereof this was one, and twain in Stockfishmonger row or Thames street, as appeareth by a Record, the 22. of *Richarde* the second.

One old hall of the Fishmongers.

Fishmonger Hallmotes, six in number.

Next westward, is one other lane called Lambard hill, the East side whereof is wholly of this Warde, and but halfe the west side, to wit, from the north end of the blacke Smithes hall.

Lambard hill.

Blacksmithes hall.

Then in Thames street of this ward, and on the north side ouer against the Queens Hith, is the parrish church of saint Michael, a conuenient Church, but all the Monumentes therein are defaced.

Parish church of S. Michael at Queene Hith.

I finde that *Stephen Spilman*, Gentleman, of that Family in Norfolke, sometime Mercer, Chamberlaine of London, then one of the Shiriffes and Alderman, in the yeare 1404. deceasing without issue, gaue his landes to his Family the Spilmans, and his goodes to the making or repaying of bridges and other like godly vses: And amongst others in this church he founded a chauntrie, and was buried in the Quire.

Also *Richard Marlowe*, Ironmonger, Mayor 1409. gaue twenty pound to the poore of that Warde, and ten markes to the church.

Richard Gray Ironmonger, one of the shiriffes, one thousand fve hundred and fiteene, gaue forty pound to that church, and was buried there. At the West end of that church goeth vp a lane, called Pyellane. On the same North side, at the South end of Saint Mary Mounthaunt Lane, is the Parrish

Pyellane. Parrish church of Saint Mary Summerset.

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Summers
Hithe.

Church of Saint Mary Summerset, ouer against the Bro|ken Wharfe: it is a proper church, but the monumentes are all defaced. I thinke the same to bee of olde time called Summers Hith, of some mans name that was owner of the grounde neare adioyning, as Edreds Hithe was so called of *Edred* owner thereof, and sithence called Queene Hith, as pertayning to the Queene, &c.

Parish church
of S. Peter
parua by
Powles wharfe.

Then is a small Parrish church of Saint *Peter*, called parua or little, neare vnto Powles wharfe: In this Church no Monumentes doe remaine. At the West ende thereof, is a Lane called Saint Peters Hill, but two houses vp that Lane on the east side is of this warde, and the rest is of Castle Baynarde warde.

Townes ende
lane.

On the South side of Thames streete, beginning againe in the East, among the Cookes: The first in this warde, is the signe of *Dauid* the king: then is Townes end lane, turning downe to the Thames. Then is Queene Hith, a large receptacle for shippes, lighters, barges and such other vessels.

Edreds hith
or Queene
Hith.
Lib. Trinitate.

Touching the Antiquitie and vse of this gate and Hith, first I finde the same belonged to one named *Edred*, and was then called Edreds Hith, which since falling to the handes of King *Stephen*, it was by his Charter confirmed to *William De Ypre*: the Farme thereof in Fee and in Heritage, *William De Ypre* gauē it vnto the Prior and Couent of the Holy Trinitie within Aldegate, as appeareth by this Charter: To *Theobalde* by the grace of God Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of England, and Legate Apostolike, to the Bishoppe of London, and to all faithfull people, Clarkes and Laye men, *William de Ypre* sendeth greeting.

Know ye me to haue giuen and graunted to God, and to the Church of the Holy Trinitie of London, to the Prior and canons there seruing God in perpetuall almes, Edreds Hith with the appurtenances, with such deuotion, that they shall send euery yeare twentie pound vnto the maintenance of the Hospital of S. Katherens, which hospitall they haue in their hands, & 100. shillinges to the monkes of Bermondsey, & 60. shillinges to the brethren of the hospitall of saint Giles, and that which remayneth, the said Prior and Canons shall enioy to themselues: Witnesses Richard de Lu|cie, Raph Picot, &c.

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This Edreds Hithe after the aforesaid grantes, came againe to the Kinges handes, by what meanes I haue not read, but it pertayned vnto the Queene, and therefore was called *Ripa reginae*, the Queenes banke or Queens Hith, and great profite therof was made to her vse, as may appeare by this which followeth. Record.

King *Henry* the third, in the ninth of his raigne, commaunded the Constable of the Tower of London to arrest the shippes of the Cinque portes on the Riuer of Thames, and to compell them to bring their corne to no other place but to the Queens Hith onely. In the eleuenth of his raigne, hee charged the sayde Constable to destraine all fish offered to be sold in any place of this cittie, but at the Queene Hith. Moreouer in the twentie eight of the said kings raign, an inquisition was made before *William* of Yorke, Prouost of Beuerley, *Henry* of Bath, and *Hierome* of Caxton, Iustices Itenerantes, sitting in the Tower of London, touching the customs of Queen Hith, obserued in the year last before the wars betweene the king and his father, and the Barons of England, and of olde customes of other times, & what customes had beene changed, at what time the tax and payment of all things comming thether, and between woorepath, and Anede Hith, were found and ceased, according to the olde order, as well corne and fish as of other things: all which customes were as well to be obserued in the parte of Downegate, as in Queen Hith, for the Kinges vse. When also it was found, that the corne arriuing between the gate of the Guild hall of the Merchantes of Colleyne, and the soke of the Archbishop of Canterbury (for he had a house neare vnto the Blacke Fryers) was not to be measured by any other quarter, then by that of the Queenes soke. Ships of the ports arrested, and forced to bring their corne to Queene Hith.

After this, the Baliffes of the said Hith complayned, that since the said Recognition, foureteene forraine ships laden with Fishe, arriued at Belinges gate, which shippes should haue arriued at the saide Hith: And therefore it was ordered, that if any forraine shippe laden with fish, should in forme aforesaid arriue else where then at this Hith, it should bee at the Kinges pleasure to amerce them at fortie shillings. Notwithstanding, the shippes of the | Citizens of London Liberty of the Queens Hith from the Stil-yard to the Black Fryers.

Soke is court.Page 361

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were at libertie to arriue where the owners would appoynt them.

Queen Hith
let to farme to
the Maior and
Comminaltie
of London.

After this, the saide *Henrie* the third confirmed the graunt of *Richard* Earle of Cornwell, for the Farme of the Queene Hithe, vnto *John Gisors* then Maior, and to the Comminaltie of London, and their successors for euer, as by this his Charter appeareth:

Lib. Trinitate
Lon.

Henry by the grace of God, king of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Guien, and Earle of Aniw, to all Archbishops, &c. Bee it knowne, that we haue seene the couenant betweene our brother *Richard* Earle of Cornwell, of the one partie, and the Maior and Comminaltie of London on the other partie, which was in this sort. In the 30. yeare of Henry the sonne of king Iohn, vpon the feast of the translation of S. Edward at Westminster, this couenant was made betweene the honorable lord *Richard* Earle of Cornwel, and *John Gisors* then Maior of London, and the Commons thereof, concerning certaine exactions and demands pertaining to the Queene Hithe of London. The said Earle granted for himselfe and his heires, that the said Maior, and all Maiors insuing, and all the Commons of the citie, should haue and holde the Queene Hithe, with all the liberties, customes, and other appurtenances, repaying yearly to the said Earle, his heires and assignes, 50. li. at Clarken well, at two seuerall tearmes: to wit, the Sunday after Easter 25. pound, and at Michaelmas 25. pound. And for more suretie hereof, the said Earle hath set thereunto his seale, and left it with the Maior, and the Maior and Comminaltie haue set to their seale, and left it with the Earle. Wherefore we confirme and establish the saide couenant for vs, and for our heyres, Witnesses, Raph Fitz Nichol, Richard Gray, Iohn and Wil. Brithem, Paulin Painter, Raph Wancia, Iohn Cumband, and other: at Windsor the 26. of Februarie, the 31. of our reigne.

Rob. Fabian.

The charge of this Queene Hithe was then committed to the Shiriffes, and so hath continued euer since, the profits whereof are sore diminished so that (as writeth *Robert Fabian*) it was worth in his time little aboue 20. markes, or 15. pound one yeare with an other. Now for customs of this Queene

Li. Constitut.

Hithe, in the yeare 1302. the 30. of *Edward* the first, it was

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found by the oath of diuerse men, that Bakers, Brewers, and others buying their corne | at Queene Hithe, should pay for Page 362 measuring, portage, and carriage for euery quarter of corne Customs of Queen Hithe. whatsoever, from thence to west Cheap, to Saint *Anthonies* Church, to Horshew Bridge, and to Woolsey streete in the Parish of Alhallowes the lesse, and such like distances, one ob. q. : to Fleete bridge, to Newgate, Cripplegate, to Bercheouers lane, to Eastcheape and Billingsgate, one pennie. Also that the measurer (or the meater) ought to haue 8. chiefe A corne meater, 8. M. porters, and 24. porters vnder them, at queen hithe. Master Porters, euery master to haue three porters vnder him, and euery one of them to finde one horse, and seuen sakes, and he that so did not, to loose his office. This Hithe was then so frequented with vessels, bringing thither corne (besides fish, salt, fewel, and other marchandizes) that all these men, to wit, the meater, and porters, 37. in number, for all their charge of horses and sakes, and small stipend, liued well of their labors: but now the Bakers of London and other Citizens trauell into the Countries, and buy their corne of the Farmers, after the Farmers price.

King *Edward* the second in the first of his raigne, gaue to Liber Guild. *Margaret*, wife to *Peter de Gauestone*, fortie three pound, twelue shillings nine pence ob. q. out of the rent of London, to be receiued of the Queenes Hithe. Certaine Impositions were set vpon ships and other vessels comming thither, as vpon corne, salt, and other things, toward the charge of cleansing Roomeland there, the 41. of *Edward* the 3. Romeland at Queen Hithe.

The third of *Edward* the fourth, the Market at Queene Hithe being hindred by the slackenesse of drawing vp London bridge, it was ordained, that all maner of Vesselles, Shippes, or boats, great or small, resorting to the Citie with victuall, should bee solde by retaile, and that if there came but one vessell at a time, were it salt, Wheate, Rie, or other Queene Hithe to be more frequented of ships & boats then Billingsgate. Corne from beyond the Seas, or other graines, Garlicke, Onions, Hearings, Sprattes, Eles, Whiting, Place, Cods, Mackarell, &c. then that one vessell should come to Queene Hithe, and there to make sale: but if two vessels come, the one should come to Queene Hithe, the other to Billingsgate: if three, two of them should come to Queene Hithe, the third to Belingsgate, &c. alwaies the more to Queene Hithe: if the

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vessel being great, comming with salt from the Bay, and could not come to these keyes, then the same to be conueyed by lighters, as before is ment.]

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A garner for corne & stowage-house for malt at Queene Hithe.

One large house for stowage of corne craned out of Lighters and Barges, is there lately builded: sir *John Lion*, Grocer, Maior 1554. by his testament gaue an hundred pounce to wardes it, but since increased and made larger at the charges of the citie, in the yeare 1565.

Corne Mill vpon barges or lighters on the Thames.

Against this Queenes Hithe, on the riuer Thames of late yeres was placed a corne Mill, vpon, or betwixt two barges or lighters, and there ground corne, as water Milles in other places, to the wonder of many that had not seene the like, but this lasted not long without decay, such as caused the same Barges and Mill to bee remooued, taken asunder, and soone forgotten. I reade of the like to haue beene in former time, as thus: In the yeare, 1525. the sixteene of *Henrie* the eight, Sir *William Bayly* being Maior, *John Cooke* of Gloucester, Mercer, gaue to the Maior and Comminaltie of London and theyrs¹ for euer, one great Barge, in the which two corne Milles were made and placed, which Barge and Milles were set in, and vpon the streame of the Riuer Thames, within the iurisdiction and libertie of said citie of London.

Two corne mils in one barge giuen to this citie, 1525.

And also he gaue to the Cittie all such Tymber, Bourdes, Stones, Iron, &c. prouided for making, mending, and repayring of the sayde Barge, and Milles, in rewarde whereof, the Maior gaue him fiftie pounce presently, and fiftie pounce yearely during his life, and if the sayde *Cooke* deceased before *Iohan* his wife, then shee to haue fortie Markes the yeare during her life.

Stew lane. Timber hithe.

Next adioyning to this Queene Hithe, on the West side thereof, is Salt Wharffe, named of Salt taken vp, measured and sold there. The next is Stew lane, of a stewe or hotte house there kept. After that is Timber Hithe, or Timber street, so called of Timber or Boordes there taken vp and wharffed: it is in the parrish of saint *Marie Somershithe*, as I reade in the fiftie six of *Henrie* the third, and in the ninth of *Edward* the second. Then is *Brookes* wharfe & broken wharfe, a watergate or key, so called of beeing broken and

Brookes wharff.

¹ their heyres] theyrs *edd.*