

William Lacon (Laken) 1410-1475 (History of Parliament, Wedgwood, 1936, pp. 522-3)

LACON (LAKEN), WILLIAM (1410-75); of Willey, Salop, and of Stone, Kent. Serjeant-at-law 1453-65; Justice K.B. 1465-75. M.P. SALOP 1449-50, 1450-1, 1453-4. Sumnd. 1467-8, 1469, 1470-1, 1472-5.

S. of Richard Lacon M.P. by Elizabeth da. of Sir Hamond Peshall M.P.; m. (2) Sibil, da. of John Syterwald of Cleever, Salop, who survived him and rem. Sir Thomas Berkeley.⁵

J.P. Salop, of the quorum, 30 May 1443 to 1 Sept. 1460; elector, Salop, 1450 (when elected, his father being also an elector) and 1455; on Salop and Wales comns. 1452-8; and was made Justice of North Wales (for this turn) 17 Oct. 1450, while M.P.; sheriff, Salop, 1451-2. In 1452/3 the grooms and pages of the King's Household sued him in Chancery as late sheriff of Salop for his failure to deliver a tally of £114 upon the collectors of the 15th and 10th in Salop voted in the Parliament of 27 Henry VI, 1449 (1), which was given to the petitioners for their reward, their wages being only 13s. 4d. and 6s. 8d. by the year.⁶

He was made serjeant-at-law in 1453 while M.P., and must have left Salop for Kent and Berkshire; J.P. Kent, 2 May 1458 till death; J.P. Berks., 13 May 1460 till death; on Kent comns. from 1447 impartially for Lancastrian and Yorkists. In 1449 the Rye Corporation spent 2s. 6d. on 3 felt caps to be given to Young of Bristol, Lacon and Elam "that they might the sooner be friends to us and the

¹ *English Chronicle*, p. 74.

² *Rot. Parl.* v. 477; Shaw, *Knights*, i. 13; Hasted's *Kent*, viii. 71, 407; *Arch. Cant.* v. 127; Scofield, *Edward IV*, i. 144.

³ *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1467), 511.

⁴ *Arch. Cant.* v. 124-5; Hasted, *Kent*, x. 250.

⁵ *Early Chan. Proc.* 59/216.

⁶ *ibid.* 17/344.

franchise of Tenterden."¹ He was pardoned in 1462 (m.26) as "of Stone, Kent, gent."; and in 1468 (m.37) as "late of London, senior, gent., *alias* Justice of the King's Bench, *alias* Serjt.-at-law". Apptd. Justice of the King's Bench, 4 June 1465, and put on the bench in Essex, Herts., Mdsx., Surrey and Sussex. Sumnd. to Parlt. 1467 onwards.

D. 6 Oct. 1475, buried at Bray, Berks. His son of the same name was pardoned in 1476 as "of Altmere *alias* of Stone, Kent, late escheator of Salop," and was dead by 1485 leaving das.² Arms:—Quarterly per fesse indented, ermine and azure.

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