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Assignment 1:

Exercise in Dating Records

- (a) Memorandum that the Thursday after the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 8th year of King Richard II the abbot of Byland was accused in the wapentake court held at Pickering**

Modern Date: Thursday 19th August 1384

This extract is a court document relating to an accusation against the Abbot of Byland Abbey at Pickering.

Identifying 8th regnal year of King Richard II from 22nd June 1384 to 21 June 1385. Specifying the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary on Sunday, August 15th in the year 1384. Stipulates the Thursday after the feast, giving the date of Thursday 19th August.

The document is dated Thursday 19th August in the 8th year of Richard II reign, 1384.

Following the Year of Grace 1384, therefore, the modern date remains the same.

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- (b) Confirmation by Bishop Anian of St Asaph of the charters of Shrewsbury Abbey issued by his predecessors Bishop Reiner, Abraham, and Hugh. Given at Shrewsbury the day after St Mary Magdalene in the first year of his pontificate.**

The extract is a charter confirming the charters of Shrewsbury Abbey.

Identifying Bishop Anian of St Asaph in Wales, elected Bishop after 27th September 1249 to 29 September 1266. The charter is dated the day after the feast of St Mary Magdalene on Friday 22nd July. Specifying the first year of Anian's pontificate to the see of Shrewsbury. The feast falls in the year 1250. Therefore, dated July 22nd, 1250 both in the medieval and the modern date.

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(c) Downham: court held on Thursday the day after Ash Wednesday in the fourth year of the reign of King Edward and the first year of the episcopate of John de Ketene [Ketton]

Modern Date: 25th February 1310.

The extract is a court document held at Downham, Lancashire. Identifies the episcopate of John de Ketene, Bishop of Ely from 6th September 1310 to 14 May 1314.

Indicates the reign of Edward II in the fourth year of his reign, from 8 July 1310 to 7 July 1311. Stipulates the date as held on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday. In the year of 1311 Easter fell on April 11th, calculating Ash Wednesday on 24th of February. Therefore, the document was dated the 25th of February, the Thursday after Ash Wednesday.

The Medieval date is February 25th 1121, however as it is dated between 1 January and the 25th March it falls into the previous year to correlate with the dating of the Medieval New Year.

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(d) Henry, king of the English, greets the bishop of Lincoln and Earl David and the earl of Leicester, and Earl Rannulf of Chester, and all the barons and lords of whom Geoffrey Ridel held lands, and all the sheriffs within whose jurisdiction he held them. Know that I have given to Richard Basset the daughter of Geoffrey Ridel to wife, and the custody of Geoffrey Ridel's land until Robert Ridel can be made a knight and marry the granddaughter of Ralph Basset, namely the daughter of one of his daughters. ... And this gift and compact have been made at the request and with the advice of Rannulf, earl of Chester, and William his brother, and Nigel d'Aubigny and Robert Ridel's other kin and Geva his mother, and Geoffrey the earl's chancellor, and Simon, dean of Lincoln, and William, son of Rannulf, and Thomas of St John and Geoffrey de Clinton, and Payn son of John, and William d'Aubigny and Humphrey de Bohun and Robert Musard and Robert Basset and Osmund Basset and Thurstan Basset and William, constable of Earl Rannulf of Chester, and Ralph, son of Norman, and Hugh Maubanc. At Woodstock.

Modern Date: 1121

The extract is a charter confirming lands to the heir of Geoffrey Ridel, 2nd Lord Witheringe in response to the White Ship disaster on 25th November 1120.

The charter identifies King Henry who reigned from 5 August 1100 to 1 December 1135. The reason to suggest this date is specified by the key witnesses' present. David of Scotland at

this time was earl, who would later become king of Scotland in 1124. The Bishop of Lincoln, Robert Bloet, who was consecrated before February 22nd, 1094, died in 1123. Humphrey de Bohun also died in 1123.

The charter includes witnesses, Ranulf le Meschin, Earl of Chester (d.1129), his brother, William Meschin (d.1130/35) and William Fitz Nigel, the Constable to the Earl of Chester (d.1125).

Robert de Beaumont, the second Earl of Leicester (d.1168) was knighted in 1120 at the age of 16. Therefore, it is certain he was earl at the time of the charter. His brother Roger de Beaumont was involved in the 1122 rebellion by his twin Waleran de Beaumont, 1st Earl of Worcester.

Geoffrey Ridel's daughter, Mathilda married Richard Basset in c. 1122, suggesting an estimated date of 1121. The tone of the charter proposes a date before the marriage and after the death of Geoffrey Ridel in 1120. Finally, G.W.S Barrow, has asserted that Earl David was in Westminster between January and August 1121, supposing he was at Woodstock during that time.

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