Richard GOWLE (ca.1440-1504)

of London. Mercer.

Son of John Gowle(q.v.). (Ricardian 93 pp.238-44)

1 = ? (ibid.)

Children: Edmund and 5 daughters. (ibid.)

2 = 2 Anne, daughter of John and Alice Ive of Great Finborough, Suffolk, and widow of

Nicholas Timperley(d.1490). (ibid.)

His friends included John Sulyard(q.v.), Thomas(q.v.) and Richard Feldyng(q.v.), John

Sutton(q.v.) and Ralph Tylney(q.v.). (ibid.)

ca. 1440 Born, probably on Stowmarket, Suffolk. (ibid.)

1445-6 He was apprenticed to Thomas Shelley(q.v.). (ibid.)

1461 He received 5 marks and a bed in his father’s Will. (ibid.)

by 1472 He was extablished as a mercer in his own right. (ibid.)

pre 1472 He lent money to the Duchess of Bedford. (ibid.)

in 1472 He rented a shop in the upper floor of The Crown in Cheapside from the

Mercers’ Company. (ibid.)

Sep. He was one of the two mercers who were chosen to collect the money to

pay for the cost of the riding of the Wardens and others to greet Edward IV

back from France. (ibid.)

1473 He was granted property by Ralph Constantine. (ibid.)

1475 He was one of those who were appointed by the Mercers to assist their

Wardens in assessing their members’ wealth. (ibid.)

1476 He sued Beatrice, widow of the late Sir Matthew Philip, for £6. (ibid.)

He sold £50 16s worth of silk cloth to Richard of Gloucester. (ibid.)

21 Apr.1477 He was involved in the gift of the goods and chattels of John Crowe of

Waltham Holy Cross. (C.C.R. 1476-85 p.108)

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Crowe, mercer, of Waltham Holy Cross. (Ricardian 93 pp.238-44)

1479 He was left 20 marks in the Will of John Sutton(q.v.). (ibid.)

1480 He supplied the Great Wardrobe with velvet. (ibid.)

4 May He was one of the mercers who were pardoned of debts by

Edward IV. (C.P.R. 1476-85 p.243)

1480’s He had apprentices called Thomas Baldry andWilliam Bromwell(q.v.).

(Ricardian 93 pp.238-44)

1483 He and Ralph Tylney of London(q.v.) made a plaint of debt against

John Newton, Abbot of the monastery of St.Osyth.

(<http://aalt.law.uh.edu/Indices/CP40Indices/CP40no885A/CP40no885APl.htm>)

He supplied the Great Wardrobe with goods for the Coronation of Richard of

Gloucester and Anne Neville. (Ricardian 93 pp.238-44)

Aug.1484 Richard III promised to pay him £180 for silk and other mercery. (ibid.)

4 Mar.1504 He made his Will. (ibid.)

13 Mar. He was dead by this date. (ibid.)

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