

## Stories from the diaries - Gloucester.

1 John-le-Taverner - ~~around~~ 1317, Mayor of Bristol.  
Gloucestershire.  
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1320 On 15 April. John held a message in the suburbs of Bristol which came into the King's hands by escheat, because John absconded the realm for felony.

John-de-Weston now holds it by the King's gift.

This was confirmed:-

10 June 1319 :- Grant to John-de-Weston, the younger, with the assent of parliament at York, of all tenements and rent, late of ROBERT MARTIN, clerk, and John-le-Taverner in the town of Bristol and its suburbs which came into the hands of the King as escheats by reason of felonies which they had committed and for which they had absconded the realm.

On October 19 1321 at The Tower of London  
Pardon to John-le-Taverner, ~~and~~ Martyn Robert Martyn and Thomas, son of John-le-Taverner of Bristol of their outlawry in the County of Gloucester for not appearing before Henry-de-spigurnel and his fellows, Justices of Oyer & Terminer.



This was confirmed on November 9<sup>th</sup> the same year as follows.

Pardon to John-le-Taverner Burgess of Bristol of his outlawry for not appearing before Henry Spigurnel and his fellows lately appointed Justices of eye and terminer touching the death of Alex. de Villiers who was killed in the County of Gloucester, and of his abjuration of the realm for the same. Grant also to him of all his lands and tenements and goods which belong to the King as Escheats by reason of the said outlawry and abjuration.

The like to Robert Marteyn Burgess of Bristol

However that is not the end of the story. for on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1324

A Commission to Henry Spigurnel, Adam de Hereynton, and John de Clyvedon, Westminster by the King. Writ of venire facias in pursuance to the Sheriff of Gloucester.

Inquisition before the said Henry and John. Bristol Monday the morrow of the Nativity of st John the Baptist.

John-le-Taverner, late Mayor of Bristol, and others (many named), were maliciously in-do confederated to maintain the said John in office of Mayor, and falsely and maliciously indicted many good and lawful men, who did not consent to the conspiracy, and ejected many from the liberty of the town, and took their goods



and chattles, wherefore greue discords and  
dissensions arose and continued until, on  
Thursday the feast of St Giles the Abbot  
(1317) the said John le Taverner, Thomas, his son  
and Robert Martyn, were outlawed for the  
death of Alexander de Vylers, and abjured  
the realm. On Monday after St Nicholas, 1322  
the said John, Thomas and Robert returned  
to Bristol and showed the King's charters  
of pardon of the Outlawry and abjuration,  
and immediately afterwards, in the time  
of Richard Tilly, then mayor, maliciously  
executed many good and lawful men of the  
town by divers grievances and extortions.  
John & Thomas do not seem to  
have been nice folk.

Remember we began  
with John's lands being given to  
John-de-Weston. Imagine. in 1374  
there is an entry as follows:-

Geoffrey-le-Taverner at le Bole in  
Chepe is to receive in all from his  
afore said wife 40/- to which extent  
the testator had formerly defrauded  
him - Will of John-de-Weston!

So John-de-Weston, & Geoffrey-le-  
Taverner & his former wife were somehow  
related to John & Thomas of Bristol.

More research at Bristol might show  
how!

Appendix

Extract from Cal. of Wills, Court of Hastings  
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John - de - Skinner, to Tiphiana  
wife of Christian - le - Taverner, and John,  
son of Margaret her da. His tenement  
in the parish of St John de Walebrook,  
near Horsho Brugge. Also to the said  
John, rents in the parish of St  
Michael de Paternoster Church in a  
lane called "le Bowe".



## Another Gloucester Story

2. Edward - le - Taverner deputy chief butler  
in the port of Gloucester appointed by  
the King's sergeant and chief butler  
ref. Cal. of Pat. Rolls. 1330.

1331 - Made by Chief Butler. Appointment to  
collect 2/- per ton of wine imported by  
merchants in (ports listed) until Michaelmas,  
for a sum to be paid him at the exchequer.

10 Dec. Waverham.

Edward le Taverner of Gloucester in the  
port of Gloucester, ref. Cal. of Pat. Rolls.

1375 December 13. Edward Taverner of Gloucester  
and others - to deliver 2 prisoners to the Tower  
of London.

1376 Edward T. of Gloucester £ 16. 18 to Edward  
for 82 days at parliament.  
ref. Cal. of Pat. Rolls.

## Later Gloucester Taverners.

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Kemerston Worcs' Nr Opton U. 7 Nth of Gloucester

Mary T. bap. of W<sup>m</sup> & Frances T. 1619

Thomas T. " " 1622

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Thomas T. m Rebecca Cole 1673

Margaret T m W<sup>m</sup> Ireland 1670.