

Unto Baroness Katherine of Lyneham
From Fildegard the Elder, Senechal

Joyous and Sad Tidings Mi-Lady.

Firstly, the sad - I must report to you that my father, Fildegard the Eldest, passed into the Light some 2 weeks and 3 days ago. He had been suffering the digestion for sometime, and began to vomit up blood. The old priest did what he could, but father did not long endure. Therefore, as the eldest Fildegard remaining, I have taken the position of senechal. I have rent my clothing, and will go with ripped apparel until the fifth month (then my wife will sew it up, who can waste good clothing), but he would have expected me to carry on the duties of the office and so,

Now the joyous - since my lady's precipitous arrival, elevation, and departure with your fellow - who we are now told has become Archduke of Canberry - we have prospered as never before. 2 local thorps and a knight's holding have joined us since word of your position at the mighty court to our south has spread. Farnsworth and DroponOgresToe have both become part of Farnsworth - happy day. Sir Thaddeus the near sighted and his holding have also Harvests have been good, there has been trade where there was none before, and a blacksmith has moved into Lyneham itself. As a result of all this, we have been able to collect a small tithe from the people while doing no harm to them.

From the tithe we have equipped 22 fit men and boys to back up the Knight and his band if we are attacked. We have repaired the manor and are planning for a wall around it in five years time and I am forwarding to you with this report 545 silver, 32 copper. We the proud people of Lyneham would not have you go ill dressed into the court of one of the mightiest monarchs in the world and are proud to remit the allowance that all nobles are entitled from their estates.

I send you the greetings and love of your people, and particularly of myself, my wife Phenixisa, my son Fildegard the Younger, his wife Gladiola and my grandson, Fildegard the Youngest and the other members of the family.

May you dwell long and well in the Light and may Lyneham rise to a glory its people deserve and have never had until now as they are under your guidance.

Thank you, thank you thank you.