

From a letter from Timberland Vicarage, Lincoln. Dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 1937

The Charity (approx £60 year) distributed on December 20<sup>th</sup> – St Thomas' Day by the Rector of Coningsby.

-Ordering of coal by the Rector.

-----Presume this is the Hirst Gibson Charity.

Licence granted by Henry VI in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of his reign to Ralph Cromwell, then Lord Treasurer of the Exchequer. The parish church of Tattershall was made collegiate for 7 priests, 6 secular clerks, 6 choristers and dedicated to the Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin.

---A perpetual almshouse erected on the college ground near the churchyard containing 10 acres of ground being parcel of the castle and manor of Tattershall for 13 poor of both sexes.

Almshouses escaped confiscation

It is a building in good repair divided into 10 tenements occupied 10 families placed there by the Earl Fortescue, Lord of the Manor of Tattershall.

The only documents produced relating to the charity is certain memoranda containing *inter alia* a notice of the above mentioned licence of Henry VI from which it appears that it was intended to bestow 10 acres of land as an endowment to the almshouses.