

For the brother of this king (Henry III), Richard, first Earl of Cornwall, and later King and 'Semper Augustus' of Germany, founded abbeys of monks of the Cistercian order at Royal (otherwise known as Rewley) in Oxford, and at Hayles in the Earldom / district of Gloucester, where he was buried with honour. However, his heart was interred at Oxford in a group of lesser brothers beneath a costly pyramid – a wonderful piece of work.

“Let present and future persons know that I (lit.we), Edmund (son of Lord Richard, of famous memory, King of Germany), and Earl of Cornwall, have, by this present charter of mine, given, granted and dedicated to God, and to the church of the blessed Mary of the Royal Place in North Oseney near Oxford, and to the abbot residing there and the fifteen chapel monks who profess (the faith?) there, celebrating with an offering (?) for the soul of my father Richard, sometime King of Germany, and to their successors residing there, who serve God and will serve Him for ever, all the lands and holdings which I had in North Oseneye near Oxford and (among other things) one acre of land, measured in accordance with the English custom, from my domain in the land of Bel near Roslyn, together with the avowal (?) of the church of St Wendrova and her/its (?) other belongings in the hundred of Kerier in Cornwall.”