

manor was granted to Sir Ralph Sadler, in the year 1608.

Twining Church is the shell of an unusually spacious Norman structure, into which decorated windows have been inserted, and which still retains two Norman doors, and an arch into the Chancel.

The registers at Twining, and the documents at Christchurch, Oxford (in the gift of which College it is), contain much information. In the former are records of the Twining family until the year 1800, and the registers at Painswick and Pershore constantly refer to the Twinings of Twining. The earliest record as yet discovered relates to Thomas Twining, born about 1360, died 1412. He possessed some property in Tewkesbury adjoining the estates of the Lords of Tewkesbury.

In the year 787, we first hear of Winchcombe, as it is spelt in Domesday. It is twelve miles from the village of Twining, in a beautiful valley under the Cotswold hills. Since an eminent ancestor of the Twining family was a mitred Abbot of Winchcombe, and it was partly through his exertions that the Monastery became so great, we will add a few facts