

In 1290, an unlikely group of pilgrims set off from Swansea for the shrine of St Thomas at Hereford Cathedral. Among them was William Cragh, a Welsh outlaw, walking bare-foot, wearing a rope noose around his neck.

Just a few weeks before, Cragh had been hanged in Swansea by Lord William de Briouze, the Norman ruler. But Cragh's execution had ended unexpectedly: the dead man came back to life, in what local people understood as a miracle of St Thomas of Hereford. Now William Cragh travelled – together with Lord and Lady de Briouze – to give thanks at the tomb of the saint.

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