

The Evolution of the Charters from the Unknown Charter to 1225

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A visual summary of the addition, deletion and movement of the chapters of the various charters, using colour-coding to indicate how chapters were grouped by topic.

Key:

Church
Family & property
Taxes and service
Legal matters
Local govt
Towns and trade
Forest
Topical issues
Enforcement and security

Unknown Charter

1	Judgment; sale of justice
2	Inheritance of adults
3	Inheritance of minors; wardship
4	Re-marriage of widows
5	Chattels of intestates
6	Rights of widows
7	Overseas service
8	Scutage 1 mark, more by counsel
9	Disafforestation
10	Knights' woods in forest
11	Debt to Jews
12	Penalty of life or limb for beast

Articles of the barons

1	Inheritance of adults
2	Inheritance of minors
3	Wardship, maintenance, marriage
4	Rights of widows
5	Debt
6	Assessment of aids by tenants-in-chief
7	Limitation of service
8	Common pleas, assizes
9	Amercement of freemen and villeins
10	Amercement of clerks
11	Bridges
12	Weights & measures
13	County sessions
14	Pleas of the crown; shire revenues
15	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
16	Chattels of intestates
17	Re-marriage of widows
18	Payment for prises
19	Castle guard
20	Commandeering of horses and carts
21	Commandeering of timber
22	Lands of felons
23	Fish weirs
24	Writ praecipe
25	Unlawful disseisin in previous reigns
26	Writ of life and limb
27	Prerogative wardship
28	Official unsupported allegations
29	Judgment of peers or by law of the land
30	Sale of justice
31	Protection of merchants
32	Scutage and aids; London
33	Freedom to travel
34	Debt to Jews
35	Inherited debt to Jews
36	Heirs of tenants of escheats
37	Remission of unlawful fines
38	Restoration of hostages & charters
39	Forest summonses; evil customs
40	Dismissal of alien officers
41	Dismissal of mercenaries
42	Knowledge of law, and sheriffs
43	Custody of abbeyes
44	Welsh lands and liberties
45	Return of Welsh hostages
46	Restoration of Scottish hostages, liberties
47	Disafforestation; river banks
48	Extension of liberties to undertenants
49	Court of Twenty Five

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Topics omitted

7	Overseas service
10	Knights' woods in forest
12	Penalty of life or limb for beast

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17	Re-marriage of widows
18	Payment for prises
19	Castle guard
20	Commandeering of horses and carts
21	Commandeering of timber
22	Lands of felons
23	Fish weirs
24	Writ praecipue
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26	Writ of life and limb
27	Prerogative wardship
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30	Sale of justice
31	Protection of merchants
32	Scutage and aids; London
33	Freedom to travel
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Enforcement etc

Magna Carta 1215

1	Rights and liberties of church	New
2	Inheritance of adults	
3	Inheritance of minors	
4	Wardship and wastage of land	
5	Maintenance of land by guardians	
6	Marriage of heirs	
7	Rights of widows	
8	Re-marriage of widows	
9	Debt	
10	Debt to Jews	
11	Inherited debt to Jews	
12	Scutage and aids	
13	Liberties of London	
14	Summoning of council	New
15	Assessment of aids by tenants-in-chief	
16	Limitation of service	
17	Common pleas	
18	County assizes	
19	County sessions	
20	Amercement of freemen and villeins	
21	Amercement of peers	New
22	Amercement of clerks	
23	Bridges	
24	Pleas of the crown	
25	Shire revenues	
26	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief	
27	Chattels of intestates	
28	Payment for prises	
29	Castle guard	
30	Commandeering of horses and carts	
31	Commandeering of timber	
32	Lands of felons	
33	Fish weirs	
34	Writ praecipue	
35	Weights & measures	
36	Writ of life and limb	
37	Prerogative wardship	
38	Official unsupported allegations	
39	Judgment of peers or by law of the land	
40	Sale of justice	
41	Protection of merchants	
42	Freedom to travel	
43	Heirs of tenants of escheats	
44	Summonses to forest courts	
45	Knowledge of law, and sheriffs	
46	Custody of abbeys	
47	Disafforestation; river banks	
48	Investigation of evil customs	
49	Restoration of hostages & charters	
50	Dismissal of alien officers	
51	Dismissal of mercenaries	
52	Unlawful disseisin in previous reigns	
53	Crusader's respite for disafforestation etc	New
54	Restriction of appeal by women	New
55	Remission of unlawful fines	
56	Welsh lands and liberties	
57	Crusader's respite for Welsh lands	New
58	Return of Welsh hostages	
59	Restoration of Scottish hostages, liberties	
60	Extension of liberties to undertenants	
61	Court of Twenty Five	
62	Pardon & amnesty, letters testimonial	New
63	Corroboration and oath of observance	New

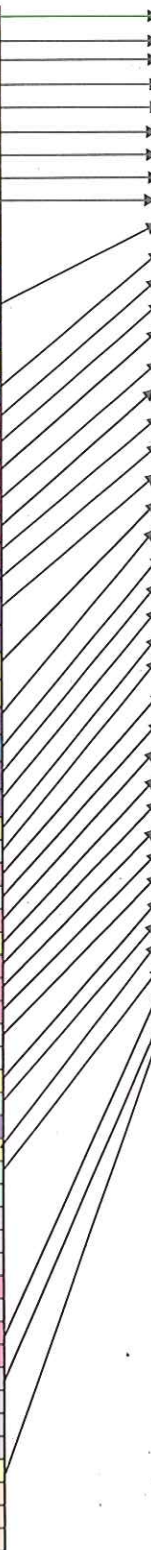
Magna Carta 1215

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3	Inheritance of minors
4	Wardship and wastage of land
5	Maintenance of land by guardians
6	Marriage of heirs
7	Rights of widows
8	Re-marriage of widows
9	Debt
10	Debt to Jews
11	Inherited debt to Jews
12	Scutage and aids
13	Liberties of London
14	Summoning of council
15	Assessment of aids by tenants-in-chief
16	Limitation of service
17	Common pleas
18	County assizes
19	County sessions
20	Amercement of freemen and villeins
21	Amercement of peers
22	Amercement of clerks
23	Bridges
24	Pleas of the crown
25	Shire revenues
26	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
27	Chattels of intestates
28	Payment for prises
29	Castle guard
30	Commandeering of horses and carts
31	Commandeering of timber
32	Lands of felons
33	Fish weirs
34	Writ praecipe
35	Weights & measures
36	Writ of life and limb
37	Prerogative wardship
38	Official unsupported allegations
39	Judgment of peers or by law of the land
40	Sale of justice
41	Protection of merchants
42	Freedom to travel
43	Heirs of tenants of escheats
44	Summonses to forest courts
45	Knowledge of law and sheriffs
46	Custody of abbeys
47	Disafforestation; river banks
48	Investigation of evil customs
49	Restoration of hostages & charters
50	Dismissal of alien officers
51	Dismissal of mercenaries
52	Unlawful disseisin in previous reigns
53	Crusader's respite for disafforestation etc
54	Restriction of appeal by women
55	Remission of unlawful fines
56	Welsh lands and liberties
57	Crusader's respite for Welsh lands
58	Return of Welsh hostages
59	Restoration of Scottish hostages, liberties
60	Extension of liberties to undertenants
61	Court of Twenty Five
62	Pardon & amnesty, letters testimonial
63	Corroboration and oath of observance

Magna Carta 1216

1	Rights and liberties of church
2	Inheritance of adults
3	Inheritance of minors
4	Wardship and wastage of land
5	Maintenance of land by guardians
6	Marriage of heirs
7	Rights of widows
8	Re-marriage of widows
9	Debt
10	Liberties of London
11	Limitation of service
12	Common pleas
13	County assizes
14	County sessions
15	Amercement of freemen and villeins
16	Amercement of peers
17	Amercement of clerks
18	Bridges
19	Pleas of the crown
20	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
21	Payment for prises
22	Castle guard
23	Commandeering of horses and carts
24	Commandeering of timber
25	Lands of felons
26	Fish weirs
27	Writ praecipe
28	Weights & measures
29	Writ of life and limb
30	Prerogative wardship
31	Official unsupported allegations
32	Judgment of peers or by law of the land
33	Sale of justice
34	Protection of merchants
35	Heirs of tenants of escheats
36	Summonses to forest courts
37	Custody of abbeys
38	Disafforestation; river banks
39	Restriction of appeal by women
40	Welsh lands and liberties
41	Extension of liberties to undertenants
42	Doubtful topics deferred

New



Chapters from 1215 Magna Carta omitted in 1216

10	Debt to Jews
11	Inherited debt to Jews
12	Scutage and aids
14	Summoning of council
15	Assessment of aids by tenants-in-chief
25	Shire revenues
27	Chattels of intestates
42	Freedom to travel
45	Knowledge of law and sheriffs
48	Investigation of evil customs
49	Restoration of hostages & charters
50	Dismissal of alien officers
51	Dismissal of mercenaries
52	Unlawful disseisin in previous reigns
53	Crusader's respite for disafforestation etc
55	Remission of unlawful fines
57	Crusader's respite for Welsh lands
58	Return of Welsh hostages
59	Restoration of Scottish hostages, liberties
61	Court of Twenty Five
62	Pardon & amnesty, letters testimonial
63	Corroboration and oath of observance

"Dubitabilia" in chapter 42
of Magna Carta 1216

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1	Rights and liberties of church
2	Inheritance of adults
3	Inheritance of minors
4	Wardship and wastage of land
5	Maintenance of land by guardians
6	Marriage of heirs
7	Rights of widows
8	Re-marriage of widows
9	Debt
10	Liberties of London
11	Limitation of service
12	Common pleas
13	County assizes
14	County sessions
15	Amercement of freemen and villeins
16	Amercement of peers
17	Amercement of clerks
18	Bridges
19	Pleas of the crown
20	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
21	Payment for prises
22	Castle guard
23	Commandeering of horses and carts
24	Commandeering of timber
25	Lands of felons
26	Fish weirs
27	Writ praecipe
28	Weights & measures
29	Writ of life and limb
30	Prerogative wardship
31	Official unsupported allegations
32	Judgment of peers or by law of the land
33	Sale of justice
34	Protection of merchants
35	Heirs of tenants of escheats
36	Summonses to forest courts
37	Custody of abbeys
38	Disafforestation; river banks
39	Restriction of appeal by women
40	Welsh lands and liberties
41	Extension of liberties to undertenants
42	Doubtful topics deferred

Magna Carta 1217

1	Rights and liberties of church
2	Inheritance of adults
3	Inheritance of minors
4	Wardship and wastage of land
5	Maintenance of land by guardians
6	Marriage of heirs
7	Rights of widows
8	Re-marriage of widows
9	Debt
10	Liberties of London
11	Limitation of service
12	Common pleas
13	County assizes
14	County sessions determined elsewhere
15	Darrein presentment at Bench
16	Amercement of freemen and villeins
17	Amercement of peers
18	Amercement of clerks
19	Bridges
20	River banks
21	Pleas of the crown
22	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
23	Payment for prises
24	Castle guard
25	Commandeering of horses and carts
26	Demesne carts
27	Commandeering of timber
28	Lands of felons
29	Fish weirs
30	Writ praecipe
31	Weights & measures
32	Writ of life and limb
33	Prerogative wardship
34	Official unsupported allegations
35	Judgment of peers or by law of the land
36	Sale of justice
37	Protection of merchants
38	Heirs of tenants of escheats
39	Alienation of fee
40	Custody of abbeys
41	Restriction of appeal by women
42	Sheriff's tourn; shire revenues
43	Alienation in mortmain
44	Scutage
45	Extension of liberties to undertenants
46	Saving of liberties
47	Adulterine castles

New
New

New

New

New; from 1215, ch 25
New
From 1215, ch 12
New
New

Topics omitted

14	County sessions
36	Summonses to forest courts
38	Disafforestation
40	Welsh lands and liberties
42	Doubtful topics deferred

Magna Carta 1217

1	Rights and liberties of church
2	Inheritance of adults
3	Inheritance of minors
4	Wardship and wastage of land
5	Maintenance of land by guardians
6	Marriage of heirs
7	Rights of widows
8	Re-marriage of widows
9	Debt
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15	Darrein presentment at Bench
16	Amercement of freemen and villeins
17	Amercement of peers
18	Amercement of clerks
19	Bridges
20	River banks
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22	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
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24	Castle guard
25	Commandeering of horses and carts
26	Demesne carts
27	Commandeering of timber
28	Lands of felons
29	Fish weirs
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33	Prerogative wardship
34	Official unsupported allegations
35	Judgment of peers or by law of the land
36	Sale of justice
37	Protection of merchants
38	Heirs of tenants of escheats
39	Alienation of fee
40	Custody of abbeys
41	Restriction of appeal by women
42	Sheriff's tourn; shire revenues
43	Alienation in mortmain
44	Scutage
45	Extension of liberties to undertenants
46	Saving of liberties
47	Adulterine castles

Magna Carta 1225

1	Rights and liberties of church
2	Inheritance of adults
3	Inheritance of minors
4	Wardship and wastage of land
5	Maintenance of land by guardians
6	Marriage of heirs
7	Rights of widows; re-marriage
8	Debt
9	Liberties of London
10	Limitation of service
11	Common pleas
12	County assizes; determined elsewhere
13	Darrein presentment at Bench
14	Amercement of all groups
15	Bridges
16	River banks
17	Pleas of the crown
18	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief
19	Payment for prises
20	Castle guard
21	Commandeering of horses carts & timber
22	Lands of felons
23	Fish weirs
24	Writ praecipe
25	Weights & measures
26	Writ of life and limb
27	Prerogative wardship
28	Official unsupported allegations
29	Judgment of peers; sale of justice
30	Protection of merchants
31	Heirs of tenants of escheats
32	Alienation of fee
33	Custody of abbeys
34	Restriction of appeal by women
35	Sheriff's tourn; shire revenues
36	Alienation in mortmain
37	Scutage
	Saving of liberties
	Extension of liberties to undertenants
	Grant of fifteenth
	Liberties inalienable

New
New; cf Articles ch 49

Omitted

47	Adulterine castles
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Magna Carta 1297

Repealed

1	Rights and liberties of church	
2	Inheritance of adults	1863
3	Inheritance of minors	1863
4	Wardship and wastage of land	1863
5	Maintenance of land by guardians	1863
6	Marriage of heirs	1863
7	Rights of widows; re-marriage	1925, 1969
8	Debt	1969
9	Liberties of London	
10	Limitation of service	1948
11	Common pleas	1879
12	County assizes; determined elsewhere	1879
13	Darrein presentment at Bench	1863
14	Amercement of all groups	1967
15	Bridges	1969
16	River banks	1969
17	Pleas of the crown	1892
18	Debts of deceased tenants-in-chief	1947, 1949
19	Payment for prises	1863
20	Castle guard	1863
21	Commandeering of horses carts & timber	1863
22	Lands of felons	1894
23	Fish weirs	1969
24	Writ praecipe	1863
25	Weights & measures	1948
26	Writ of life and limb	1828, 1829
27	Prerogative wardship	1863
28	Official unsupported allegations	1863
29	Judgment of peers; sale of justice	
30	Protection of merchants	1969
31	Heirs of tenants of escheats	1863
32	Alienation of fee	1887
33	Custody of abbeys	1863
34	Restriction of appeal by women	1863
35	Sheriff's tourn; shire revenues	1887
36	Alienation in mortmain	1863
37	Scutage	1863
	Saving of liberties	
	Extension of liberties to undertenants	
	Grant of fifteenth	
	Liberties inalienable	