

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABBOTS MANOR

Location:

Braunston, Northamptonshire

Recorded historical holders:

3

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SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

Earliest recorded holder to present. Relationship descriptions are reproduced from saved published paths; categories are not evidence ratings.

1. Dame Hillaria Trusbut, widow of Sir Robert de Boulers, heiress and landholder in the Trussebut/Boulers inheritance. | unknown - after 1216

Transfer: Inherited or otherwise held a one-third part of Brandeston/Braunston; the precise commencement of her interest is not established by the sources located.

Holding: Share / one-third part of Brandeston/Braunston, as described by Eyton / Trussebut/Boulers interest

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Lilleshall Abbey, Augustinian abbey of St Mary, Shropshire. | after 1216 - 1538

Transfer: Gift by Dame Hillaria Trusbut of her land at Braundeston, identified as a third part of Branston/Braunston, to maintain a canon at Lilleshall Abbey. The charter's explanatory text records the revenues of the third of Brandeston being applied to the abbey's uses.

Holding: Share / At least one-third of Brandeston/Braunston is directly evidenced by the charter; later heritage records describe the manor itself as belonging to Lilleshall Abbey, but the process by which any additional share was acquired is not established. / Lilleshall Abbey

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Thomas Manners, 1st Earl of Rutland, 12th Baron de Ros, Knight of the Garter. | 1538 - 1543

Transfer: At the Dissolution, the lands of the Braunston manor associated with Lilleshall Abbey were sold to the Earl of Rutland. The available source does not specify the precise legal instrument, exact completion date, or whether the sale covered the whole manor or only the abbey's interest.

Holding: Other / Not stated in the available sources; described as the manor's lands or the lands belonging to the abbey manor. / Rutland estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

unknown - after 1216

Dame Hillaria Trusbut, widow of Sir Robert de Boulers, heiress and landholder in the Trussebut/Boulers inheritance.

Transfer:

Inherited or otherwise held a one-third part of Brandeston/Braunston; the precise commencement of her interest is not established by the sources located.

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

one-third part of Brandeston/Braunston, as described by Eyton

Shared holding:

Trussebut/Boulers interest

Narrative / explanation:

Eyton states that Hillaria Trussebut's charter to Lilleshall gave all her land at Braundeston, which he identifies as a third part of Branston in Northamptonshire. The source does not establish when she first acquired the share, and the family relationship to earlier holders is not used as a substitute for a documented manor link.

Source citation:

Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 11, p. 124-125, discussion of Hillaria Trussebut's grant to Lilleshall; the text cites the Lilleshall Chartulary, folio 76.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol11.html>

Other parties:

Dame Hillaria Trusbut

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=dame-hillaria-trusbut-4281

Person dates:

Died by 12 April 1241; the grant is dated by Eyton to later than 1216.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

after 1216 - 1538

Lilleshall Abbey, Augustinian abbey of St Mary, Shropshire.

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Transfer:

Gift by Dame Hillaria Trusbut of her land at Braundeston, identified as a third part of Branston/Braunston, to maintain a canon at Lilleshall Abbey. The charter's explanatory text records the revenues of the third of Brandeston being applied to the abbey's uses.

Previous holder:

Dame Hillaria Trusbut

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

At least one-third of Brandeston/Braunston is directly evidenced by the charter; later heritage records describe the manor itself as belonging to Lilleshall Abbey, but the process by which any additional share was acquired is not established.

Shared holding:

Lilleshall Abbey

Narrative / explanation:

The direct medieval charter evidence establishes an abbey interest in Hillaria Trusbut's one-third share. Eyton dates the grant to later than 1216 because it is absent from Pope Honorius's confirmation issued after that year. Independent Northamptonshire heritage records subsequently describe the Braunston manor as belonging to Lilleshall Abbey and state that it was still tenanted in 1421. The entry therefore preserves the distinction between the charter's directly evidenced share and the later description of the manor as an abbey holding.

Source citation:

Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 11, p. 124-125, citing the Lilleshall Chartulary, folio 76; corroborated by Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record MNN8327, Probable Medieval Manor, Braunston.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN8327/>

Other parties:

Lilleshall Abbey

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=dame-hillaria-trusbut-4281

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lilleshall-abbey-4282

Person dates:

Founded in the 12th century; surrendered at the Dissolution in 1538.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1538 - 1543

Thomas Manners, 1st Earl of Rutland, 12th Baron de Ros, Knight of the Garter.

Transfer:

At the Dissolution, the lands of the Braunston manor associated with Lilleshall Abbey were sold to the

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Earl of Rutland. The available source does not specify the precise legal instrument, exact completion date, or whether the sale covered the whole manor or only the abbey's interest.

Previous holder:

Lilleshall Abbey

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Not stated in the available sources; described as the manor's lands or the lands belonging to the abbey manor.

Shared holding:

Rutland estate

Narrative / explanation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record MNN8327 and Historic England's Braunstonbury scheduled-monument record both state that the manor or its lands belonged to Lilleshall Abbey and were sold to the Earl of Rutland at the Dissolution. A separate Northamptonshire HER entry for Braunston Mill dates the Rutland acquisition of the former religious-house manors to circa 1540. Thomas Manners was the first Earl of Rutland from 1525 and died in 1543. No secure subsequent holder of this particular Abbots Manor has been identified in the sources searched.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record MNN8327, Probable Medieval Manor, Braunston; Historic England, Braunstonbury deserted medieval village, moat and fishpond, National Heritage List entry 1017580; Northamptonshire HER MNN171602, Braunston Mill, for the circa 1540 Rutland acquisition context.

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1017580>

Other parties:

Thomas Manners, 1st Earl of Rutland

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lilleshall-abbey-4282

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-manners-4283

Person dates:

Born before 1492; died 20 September 1543.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.