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Sir Richard Brooke of Norton

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BIOGRAPHY

Richard Brooke was a Cheshire landowner and naval officer who acquired the former Norton Priory estate after the Dissolution. He served as Vice-Admiral of England and was Sheriff of Cheshire in 1563. His purchase established the Brooke family's long association with Norton Priory and its dependent holdings, including Acton Grange.

NOTES / SOURCES

The 1545 purchase is documented for the Norton Priory estate, whose listed component settlements included Acton Grange.

Research sources:

- George Ormerod, History of the County Palatine and City of Chester, as cited in the biographical and estate account of Richard Brooke of Norton; corroborated by the Norton Priory historical chronology and Oxford Archaeology assessment.

<https://eprints.oxfordarchaeology.com/4572/1/Norton%20Geophysical%20Appraisal.pdf>

- Wikipedia biographical reference

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Brooke_%28Norton%29

The patent identifies the holding as 'Aston or Acton Grange'; in this context it is the

Acton Grange associated with Norton Priory and the Runcorn township.

Research sources:

- F. C. Beazley, 'Records of the XVII. Century', Transactions of the Historic Society of

Lancashire and Cheshire, citing Patent Roll 861, 7 Edward VI, part II, membranes 8-10; patent dated

24 February 1552-1553.

<https://www.hslc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/77-9-Beazley.pdf>

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