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Ralph Paganel

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Dates: Flourished in the late eleventh century; active in Yorkshire by 1086-1089

BIOGRAPHY

Ralph Paganel, also known as Ralph Paynel, was a Norman landholder and sheriff of Yorkshire. Domesday evidence records him as holding numerous estates, and historical accounts associate him with the endowment of the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity at York and with Adel in the late eleventh century.

NOTES / SOURCES

The Dictionary of National Biography records his Yorkshire landholding and his refoundation of the

priory at York, while the Adel-specific sources identify him as lord of Adel Manor.

Research sources:

- Adel Parish Church, Our Church, Norman History Window and historical account; corroborated by

Leeds City Council, Adel Neighbourhood Design Statement, Appendix C, History of Adel.

<https://adelparishchurch.org.uk/church-buildings/our-church/>

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