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Brocton

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lordship of Brocton | Associated | | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

The Lordship of Brocton, in the East Cuttlestone Hundred of Staffordshire, originally formed part of

the Manor of Baswich. The lordship was given to the Priory of St. Thomas.

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the manor was vested by Act of Parliament in the person of

His Late Majesty King Henry VIII. It is recorded in the Letters and Papers of the King that in 1539

the manor was granted to Bishop Roland Lee. The Bishop settled the manor on his nephew, Brian

Fowler, in 1540.

On Brian Fowler's death in 1587, the lordship came to his son, Walter. He died in 1621 and was

succeeded by his son, Edward, and the manor remained in the Fowler family until Catherine Fowler, an

heiress, married Viscount Fauconberg in 1726.

By 1744 the manor had been acquired by Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, who left the lordship to her

grandson, John Spencer. In 1785 George, Earl Spencer, transferred his interest to George Anson, an

ancestor of the present Lord of the Manor, the Earl of Lichfield.

Catalogue sourceLot #35 of Bernard Thorpe Auction - June 1986

Associated manorial documents / archive references1 House of Lords Appeal cases Fauconberg v.

FitzGerald 17302 Anson Papers Abstract of title of Lord Spencer to William Fowler's estate3

Court papers on trespassing case 1626

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Historical holder / succession informationBishop Roland Lee1539 • granted_to •

historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: It is recorded in the Letters and Papers of the King

that in 1539 the manor was granted to Bishop Roland Lee.his son, Walter [source claim requiring

identity review]1587 • passed_to • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: On Brian Fowler's death in 1587, the lordship came to his son, Walter. Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough1744

• purchased_by • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: By 1744 the manor had been acquired by Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, who left the lordship to her grandson, John Spencer.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1539 | Bishop Roland Lee | granted_to | | Lot #35 of Bernard Thorpe Auction - June 1986
- 1744 | Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough | purchased_by | | Lot #35 of Bernard Thorpe Auction - June 1986
- 1540 | Brian Fowler | settlement | Manor And Title |
- 1587 - 1621 | Walter Fowler | descent | Manor And Title |
- 1621 | Edward Fowler | descent | Manor And Title |
- 1744 | John Spencer | bequest | Manor And Title |
- 1785 | George Anson | transfer | Manor And Title |

RECORDED RIGHTS

RESEARCH GAPS / WANTED EVIDENCE

- [OPEN] Verify the historical parish designation and any variant medieval or Domesday names. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Verify whether Brocton has a Domesday Book entry. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Verify the status and later descent of the Lordship of Brocton. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point

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