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Dunham-on-the-Hill

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lordship of Dunham-on-the-Hill | Associated | Medieval period | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

(a paramount lordship held in-chief of the Crown)

THE SITUATION of this Lordship accords precisely with its Saxon name, dun a hill, and ham a dwelling

place. The FitzAlans, afterwards Earls of Arundel, who were connected by marriage with the Earls of

Chester, were the first grantees of this Manor. As a result Dunham became the head of an extensive

seigniorship comprising the Manors of Alvanley, Helsby, Mickle Trafford, Wimbolds Trafford, Hoole, and

Hapsford.

In the reign of Edward II, Edmund FitzAlan, Earl of Arundel forfeited his estates and was beheaded

at Hereford. However, his son Richard, was subsequently restored to his father's estates by

Edward III, but his son and namesake was beheaded for treason in 1397. Thomas, the 11th Earl of

Arundel died without issue in 1415 and his estates, but not his title, passed to his sisters and

coheirs. Elizabeth married four times: William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury (1378); Thomas Lord

Mowbray, Earl of Nottingham and Duke of Norfolk: best remembers in the opening scene of Shakespeare's Richard II when he challenges Henry, Earl of Hereford and Derby (later Henry IV)

to a duel (1389); Sir Robert Gonshill (1401); Sir Gerrard Ufflete (1416). The second sister, Joan,

married William Beauchamp, Baron Abergavenny; and the third, Margaret, was the wife of Sir Rowland

Lenthall. Under these sisters, William Troutbeck held a lease of part of the Lordship in the reign

of Henry V.

In Lord Shrewsbury's archives is a letter from Elizabeth, the eldest sister, confirming Mr

Troutbeck holding:

The Duchesse of Norff; Right dere well belovet, we grete you well, and for alsmycull (forasmuch)

as we have given under our grete seale of our armes, unto our servant Norman Baynton, and Margaret his wife, and unto the heirs of Norman, the third part of the manors of Staune Dunham ... with the app tenuz (appurtenances), of which, William Troutbeck hold of us the thrid part t me (for the term) of his life yealding to us yerely a certayne rent, as the said William Troutbeck and declare you more pleyneley, we pray you with all oure hart, that ye make fine to be reud before you of thri part of the s d manoirs, and also of the thrid part of the ferme (farm ie lease) of which the s d Troutbeck yealds to us and to our sisters, unto the said Norman and Margaret and to the heirs of Norman, and with warrantie written under our great seale at Annesley XX May . Over a period of time all of the coheirs sold their moities to William Troutbeck who by 1444 became vested with the whole of the Manor. William's son, Sir William, claimed many rights in a writ of quo warranto in 1466: that part of the Forest of Delamere which lay within the Paramountcy with free warren of rabbits and power to fell and sell the trees, together with free pannage, the right to paster his and his tenants' pigs. Effectively, he became the sole forester for that part of Delamere that lay within his Manorial jurisdiction. The area contained in this liberty is specified in the charter: extending from Stamford Bridge along the King's highway to Northwich, and from Northwich to Darleigh Brook, following the course of Darleigh Brook to the bounds between Rushden and Otton to Yanelegh Mill, and following thence the bounds between Ayton and Alpram to the town of Torpley, and from thence the bounds of the forest to Stamford Bridge . Sir William had within this bailiwick criminal jurisdiction and the right to take two bucks in summer and two does in winter with the right to keep greyhounds and hunting dogs for hares, rabbits, and foxes. He had the view of frankpledge in the Manor at Easter and Michaelmas, and a Court Baron every three weeks. He also asserted the right of free fishery in the River Dee, and the office of keeper of Bridge Gate at Chester. The Troutbecks held the Manor for several more generations until it passed to the Earls of Shrewsbury by the marriage of Margaret Troutbeck to Sir John Talbot of Grafton. Rights, customs and incidents The Duchesse of Norff; Right dere well belovet, we grete you

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Catalogue source Lot #28 Manorial Auctioneers Partnership October 1990

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

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CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- | Troutbecks | held_manor | | Lot #28 Manorial Auctioneers Partnership October 1990
- 1326 - 1326 | Edmund FitzAlan, 9th/10th Earl of Arundel | royal forfeiture | Manor And Title |
- 1331 | Richard FitzAlan, 10th/11th Earl of Arundel | royal restoration | Manor And Title |
- - 1397 | Richard FitzAlan, 11th/12th Earl of Arundel | forfeiture | Manor And Title |
- 1415 | Elizabeth FitzAlan, Duchess of Norfolk, and her sisters Joan FitzAlan and Margaret FitzAlan | descent to coheirs | Manor And Title |
- 1413 - 1444 | William Troutbeck | lease and purchase of coheirs' shares | Manor Property |
- 1466 | Sir William Troutbeck | succession and quo warranto | Manor Property |

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Free warren within the relevant manorial jurisdiction: Sir William Troutbeck claimed free warren in a 1466 quo warranto.
- Power to fell and sell timber within the part of Delamere Forest lying within the paramouncy: Claimed by Sir William Troutbeck in 1466.
- Free pannage: The right to pasture the lord's and tenants' pigs was claimed in 1466.
- Criminal jurisdiction within the bailiwick: Asserted by Sir William Troutbeck in connection with the manorial jurisdiction.
- Hunting rights, including specified rights to take bucks and does and keep hunting dogs: The supplied account records rights to take two bucks in summer and two does in winter, and to keep greyhounds and hunting dogs for hares, rabbits and foxes.
- View of frankpledge: Held at Easter and Michaelmas according to the supplied account.
- Court Baron every three weeks: The supplied account records a triennial-cycle manorial court held every three weeks.
- Free fishery in the River Dee: Asserted by Sir William Troutbeck.
- Office of keeper of Bridge Gate at Chester: The supplied account records this office as an asserted incident of the lordship.

RESEARCH GAPS / WANTED EVIDENCE

- [OPEN] Verify whether Dunham-on-the-Hill has a securely attested Domesday entry and its Domesday spelling. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Verify the precise historical parish designation and any additional medieval name forms. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Verify whether the paramount lordship constituted a distinct surviving title and determine its status and holder. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point

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