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ABBOT'S BOURTON MANOR

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Location: Black Bourton, Oxfordshire
Associated places: Black Bourton, Oxfordshire

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Abbot's Bourton was the Oseney Abbey estate and manor in Black Bourton, Oxfordshire. The place was also known as Burton Abbots, and the prefix 'Abbot's' refers to the Augustinian canons of Oseney Abbey, who owned the estate. Black Bourton contained more than one manorial estate: the Oseney or Abbot's Bourton estate should not be conflated with the Hungerford family's separate Bourton Winslow or Bourton Place estate. The Oseney estate included the later Manor Farm estate in the southern part of the parish. Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the former Oseney property passed to Christ Church, Oxford, whose Dean and Chapter remained lords of the manor in the nineteenth century and continued to hold the Manor Farm estate. The exact medieval acquisition date and the precise legal instruments by which the estate passed at the Dissolution have not been established from the publicly accessible sources consulted.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The securely evidenced descent is from Oseney Abbey, whose canons owned Abbot's Bourton in the medieval period, to the post-Dissolution Christ Church foundation at Oxford. A local history account states that Oseney continued to own the southern manor until the Dissolution under Henry VIII, after which Christ Church succeeded to the Abbey lands and continued to own Manor Farm. A nineteenth-century directory identifies the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, as lords of the manor. The Hungerford family were lords of a different Black Bourton manor and are excluded from this descent unless specifically linked to Abbot's Bourton by a direct conveyance.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- Dissolution of the Monasteries, sixteenth century | Christ Church, Oxford | Dissolution transfer; precise instrument unknown | Manor Property |

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