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ABBOTS IN EAST WALTON MANOR

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Location: East Walton, Norfolk
Associated places: East Walton, Norfolk

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Abbots in East Walton was a manor in East Walton, Norfolk, formerly held by the Premonstratensian Abbey of St Mary at West Dereham. It was subsequently known as Abbots manor, East Walton Abbots, or East Walton Abbys alias Abbots. The manor house appears to have stood at or near the site of the present Abbey Farm, close to the ruins of St Andrew's Church. A late sixteenth-century survey referred to a capital messuage called Richolds at this location, and identified the associated land as part of the manor formerly held by West Dereham Abbey. The name Gowties is recorded for part of the Abbots manor estate. The manor should not be confused with the separate East Walton manors of Howards and Stranges, East Walton, or Bishop of Norwich.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The manor is securely documented as held by West Dereham Abbey from about 1196 until the Dissolution of the Monasteries. West Dereham Abbey was founded in 1188 by Hubert Walter and its foundation was confirmed by King John in 1199. The abbey was dissolved in 1539, after which the consulted public sources do not establish the precise Crown grant, sale, or other conveyance by which the East Walton Abbots estate passed into private hands. By 1593, land formerly belonging to the Abbots manor was incorporated in an estate surveyed as Thomas Baker's manor of Emhouse; a late sixteenth-century Chancery case also describes Thomas Baker as lord of the manor and refers specifically to land parcel of East Walton Abbots alias Abbots, called Gowties, formerly belonging to West Dereham. This establishes a post-Dissolution connection with Thomas Baker, but not the exact date or legal

form of
the transfer, nor whether he held every component of the former monastic manor as a single
undivided
estate. No later public source located in this research securely identifies a subsequent
lord of the
specific Abbots in East Walton manor.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- about 1196 - 1539 | West Dereham Abbey | unknown | Manor Property |
- by 1593 | Thomas Baker | unknown | Manor Property |

RECORDED RIGHTS

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