

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ABBOTS MANOR

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Location: Braunston, Northamptonshire
Associated places: Braunston, Northamptonshire

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Abbots Manor, also recorded as the manor of Brandeston or Lilleshull, was a medieval manorial estate at Braunston, Northamptonshire. The surviving evidence associates it with the manor and medieval settlement of Braunston/Braunstonbury, including a moated manorial site and fishponds. A medieval charter discussed by Eyton records Dame Hillaria Trussebut's gift of all her land at Braundeston, identified there as a third part of Branston in Northamptonshire, to Lilleshall Abbey for the support of a canon; she retained a third part of the advowson. Later Northamptonshire heritage records describe the manor as belonging to Lilleshall Abbey, still tenanted in 1421, and state that its lands were sold to the Earl of Rutland at the Dissolution. The post-Dissolution descent of this particular manor has not been securely established from the sources located.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified proprietary interest is a one-third share of Brandeston/Braunston held by Dame Hillaria Trussebut, widow of Robert de Boulers. After a date later than 1216 and by 1241, she granted that land to Lilleshall Abbey, although the charter expressly concerned her share and she retained a third of the advowson. Later records describe the Braunston manor as belonging to Lilleshall Abbey and record that it was still tenanted in 1421. At the Dissolution, the lands were sold to the Earl of Rutland, identified in the period as Thomas Manners, first Earl of Rutland. The available evidence does not establish whether the abbey's original share was subsequently enlarged, nor does it provide a secure later descent after the Rutland acquisition.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- unknown - after 1216 | Dame Hillaria Trusbut | Inherited or otherwise held a one-third part of Brandeston/Braunston; the precise commencement of her interest is not established by the sources located. | | Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 11, p. 124-125, discussion of Hillaria Trussebut's grant to Lilleshall; the text cites the Lilleshall Chartulary, folio 76.
- after 1216 - 1538 | Lilleshall Abbey | Gift by Dame Hillaria Trusbut of her land at Braundeston, identified as a third part of Branston/Braunston, to maintain a canon at Lilleshall Abbey. The charter's explanatory text records the revenues of the third of Brandeston being applied to the abbey's uses. | | Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 11, p. 124-125, citing the Lilleshall Chartulary, folio 76; corroborated by Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record MNN8327, Probable Medieval Manor, Braunston.
- 1538 - 1543 | Thomas Manners, 1st Earl of Rutland | At the Dissolution, the lands of the Braunston manor associated with Lilleshall Abbey were sold to the Earl of Rutland. The available source does not specify the precise legal instrument, exact completion date, or whether the sale covered the whole manor or only the abbey's interest. | | Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record MNN8327, Probable Medieval Manor, Braunston; Historic England, Braunstonbury deserted medieval village, moat and fishpond, National Heritage List entry 1017580; Northamptonshire HER MNN171602, Braunston Mill, for the circa 1540 Rutland acquisition context.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- A third part of the advowson of Braunston/Brandeston was retained by Dame Hillaria Trussebut when she granted her one-third part of the land to Lilleshall Abbey.: The recorded medieval charter expressly states that Hillaria retained a third part of the advowson.

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