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ACASTER SELBY MANOR

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Location: Stillingfleet, Yorkshire
Associated places: Stillingfleet, Yorkshire

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lord of the Manor of Acaster Selby | Associated | by 1881 | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

Acaster Selby Manor was the manor associated with Acaster Selby, also known historically as Nether Acaster, in the former West Riding of Yorkshire and within the ancient parish of Stillingfleet. Acaster Selby lies on the west bank of the River Ouse, opposite Stillingfleet. Medieval landholding in the township was divided among religious institutions, with Selby Abbey holding the largest recorded portion. A separate late-medieval collegiate foundation, St Andrew's College, was established at Nether Acaster by Robert Stillington in 1470 or shortly thereafter; its endowed lands should not be confused with the whole manor. The surviving Manor Farm was formerly Acaster Hall and is a late-seventeenth-century building associated with the local manorial estate. By the late nineteenth century, contemporary directories explicitly described Sir Frederick George Milner, Baronet, as lord of the manor and stated that the whole township was his property. The documentary descent between the Dissolution of Selby Abbey and the appearance of the manor in Milner ownership remains incompletely established from the public sources located.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely located evidence connects land at Acaster Selby with Selby Abbey. A nineteenth-century historical description states that Acaster Selby belonged anciently to the abbey of Selby, while a surviving 1315 royal confirmation records Thomas de Acastre granting five acres of wood in Acaster, held of Selby Abbey, to the abbey. These records demonstrate substantial Selby Abbey lordship or estate interest in Acaster, although the precise legal extent of the manor

and the complete medieval descent have not been reconstructed. Selby Abbey surrendered its possessions to the Crown on 6 December 1539. The subsequent conveyance history is currently a documentary gap. The late nineteenth-century evidence is clear: by 1881 Sir Frederick George Milner, 7th Baronet, was described as lord of the manor, and the 1890 account states that the 1,523-acre township of Acaster Selby was solely his property. No secure public evidence was located establishing each intervening owner or the exact instrument by which the manor passed from the Crown or another post-Dissolution holder to the Milner family.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- anciently; securely evidenced by the medieval period - 6 December 1539 | Selby Abbey | Ancient possession or acquisition; the precise original conveyance into Selby Abbey's hands is not established by the sources located. A 1315 royal confirmation records land in Acaster held of Selby Abbey and granted to the abbey. | | Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York, Selby Abbey parish records catalogue, item 355: royal confirmation to Selby Abbey concerning five acres of wood in Acaster, Westminster, 25 January 1315; corroborated by the historical description of Acaster Selby in the Comprehensive Gazetteer of England and Wales.
- by 1881 - after 1890; exact terminal date not established | Sir Frederick George Milner, 7th Baronet | Unknown; the manor and the whole township appear in Milner ownership by 1881. The intervening conveyance from the post-Dissolution holder is not established. | | Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1881, entry for Acaster Selby; corroborated by Bulmer's Directory of Yorkshire, 1890, entry for Acaster Selby with Appleton Roebuck.

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