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Abbess and Convent of West Malling

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BIOGRAPHY

The West Malling religious house was a Benedictine nunnery that held the Great Cornard manor and administered it through a manorial steward.

NOTES / SOURCES

The source tradition gives both a 1316 purchase from Thomas de Grey and a broader early-twelfth-century association with West Malling; the exact initial acquisition history requires archival verification.

Research sources:

- G. Crabbe, 'The de Greys of Little Cornard', Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of

Archaeology and History, vol. 6, part 1, 1888, p. 18; Historic England Research Report 4947, Tree-ring analysis of timbers from Abbas Hall, Great Cornard.

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