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## **RESEARCH REPORT**

### **Minting Priory – land distribution post-dissolution**

#### **Overview/summary:**

Minting was a priory of Benedictine monks, founded between 1148 and 1151 as a result of a grant by Ranulf (II), earl of Chester (d. 1153), to the abbey of St-Benoît-sur-Loire, or Fleury-sur-Loire (dépt. Loiret, France), of the church of Gantby and land in the two Mintings (Lincs.). Priors are mentioned at various dates from 1213 to 1358. The house was dissolved with the other alien priories in 1414. In 1421 its former estates were granted to the Carthusian priory of Mount Grace (Yorks. NR). (See notes attached from the Victoria County History).

At the dissolution of Mountgrace, Minting was granted to Westminster Cathedral in 1542. At the same time the lease of the manor/messuage of Halgarth in Minting was granted to Margaret Raweyter. There was also a dispute running concerning the lease of the manor of Minting between the Whittington family and the Roceter family (see Chancery Pleadings below). The rents and farms in Minting were leased by the crown to Christopher Dygthon (Dighton) and George Ayssheton (Ashton) in 1553.

Minting was parcelled off by the crown to various leaseholders after 1550, as parcels of lands, rents, tithes, the rectory and the advowson. The details can be found in the Patent Rolls (C 66), which have been calendared. All details are given below.

Apart from the crown lease of 1553, there are currently no records available for the exchange of property ownership in or of Minting prior to 1600. The Calendar of Ancient Deeds does not contain anything relating to Minting.

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**Alien priory**

E106/7/16 – indenture relating to the alien priory of Minting, 1324/25  
E106/11/11 – inquisition relating to the alien priory of Minting, 1386/87

**Lands of dissolved religious houses:**

SC 6/HENVIII/4630 – Mountgrace, Yorkshire:  
Property comprised of rents in Minting, including the manor of Hall Garth (or Halgarth), and farms and tithes of the rectory of Minting.  
See also SC 6/EDWVI/519 and SC 6/PHIL&MARY/319

**Chancery Pleading**

C 1/1167/21-23 – 22 April 1544 - 15 February 1547  
Alexander Whityngton, administrator of the goods of Thomas Whittington of Thorp, Nottinghamshire v. Richard Roceter. Dispute over the lease of the manor of Minting – of the demise of the prior and convent of Mountgrace in reversion after Margaret Roceter. Roceter pleads that the lease was void by the dissolution of the monastery.

**Particulars for Crown Leases**

E 310/3/16 78 – leased to Christopher Dyghton and George Ayssheton – ([blank] April 1553) – parcel of possessions of the cathedral church of Westminster: rents and farms in Minting. (Also recorded on the enrolment of leases E 315/225 ff. 203 & 207).

**Letters and Papers of Henry VIII (Calendared)**

Vol. 17

p. 392 Grants in August 1542

To the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Peter of Westminster:

1. The manor of Minting, formerly belonging to Mountgrace.
- p. 395 2. The rectory of Minting, formerly belonging to Mountgrace.
3. The advowson of Minting, formerly belonging to Mountgrace.

p. 695 Margaret Raweyter of Minting, Lincolnshire, widow. Granted a lease from the crown of the site and chief messuage of Halgarth manor in Minting, formerly belonging to Mountgrace. 28 May 1542.

**Patent Rolls – Edward VI (Calendared)**

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p. 261 1 August, 1550 – Grant to Silvester Leigh of Pountefreit, Yorkshire, gentleman, and Leonard Bate of Lupsett, Yorkshire, gentleman (among many other grants):

the tithes leased to William Kingeston, clerk, of grain, sheaves and corn in the parish of Minting, Lincolnshire, of the rectory of Minting late of Westminster Cathedral and previously of Mountgrace monastery.

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p. 291 23 June 1552 – Grant to William Cavendish, knight, treasurer of the Chamber:

the messuage called Hallegarth, six oxgangs of land and lands in Minting, Lincolnshire, in the tenure of Thomas Whittington, which belonged to Westminster Cathedral and are extended at the clear yearly value of £3.

(Also recorded in E101/427/1 – memorandum as to an exchange of lands between the king and Sir William Cavendish, treasurer of the chamber.)

**Patent Rolls – Philip and Mary (Calendared)**

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p. 317 12 February 1555 – Lease for 21 years to Anthony Kyme, gentleman:

Possessions formerly of the monastery of Mountgrace, Yorkshire: 5 cottages (in the tenure of Robert Herd, 4s, Abraham Burton, 4s, Ralph Hewton, 3s 8d, Thomas Bust, 3s, and John Arnolde, 2s), a messuage and a bovate of land and meadow (in the tenure of Edmund Chambers, 12s 8d), a messuage and a bovate of land (in the tenure of Margaret Thompson, 11s), a messuage and 2 bovates of land (in the tenure of William Chambers, 21s), a close of land and pasture (in the tenure of William Kyngson, 3s), a messuage (in the tenure of Richard Thomson, 9s), and two cottages (in the tenure of John Patwyn, 3s, and George Hewton, 4s) in Minting.

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pp. 152-5 30 November 1557

Whereas the following 21-year leases had been granted by the Court of Augmentations (amongst others):

24 December 1549 – a messuage in Minting to Oliver Byrkyshawe (formerly of Westminster Cathedral, and Mountgrace monastery)

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28 February 1549 – two messages in Minting to John Smyth (formerly of Westminster Cathedral, and Mountgrace monastery)

Before 6 July 1553 – 4 messages (in the tenure of William Holton, Richard Smyth, John Chesyll and John Hyll) in Minting to George Asheton (formerly of Westminster Cathedral)

Before 6 July 1553 – 4 messages and lands (in the tenure of John Swabye, Nunman Temple, John Hallyfax and John Elande) in Minting to Christopher Dighton (formerly of Westminster Cathedral)

20 January 1556 – a message and a bovate of land in the tenure of Henry Howton, and a message and bovate sometime in the tenure of John Smyth and then in Anthony Keyne's, all in Minting and late of the monastery of Mountgrace, to Anthony Keyne, gentleman

Now granted to Edward Mylner and Nicholas Pynde of London, gentlemen, of the reversion of all the said lands in Minting in the above leases, and their yearly rents.

**Patent Rolls – Elizabeth I (Calendared)**

Vol. 1

p. 459 8 April 1560 – Grant to John Conyers and William Habar of London: the rents in Minting, Lincolnshire, late of Westminster Cathedral

1584-5

675 25 February 1585 – pardon of alienation by the will of John Welcombe, whereby he left two-thirds of his lands, including a third part of the rectory of Minting, to Anne his wife, with the remainder to Thomas and Mary Welcombe.

781 26 July 1585 – Grant to Anthony Collins and Lawrence Woodnett of London: lands in Minting with yearly rents of 8d, 3d and 9d.

1586-7

145 30 April 1587 – grant to Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler: perquisites of courts etc in the manor of Minting (late of the monastery of Westminster).

1587-8

911 13 July 1588 – grant to William Tipper and Robert Dawe of London:

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the perquisites of the court and the regalities of Minting manor,  
Lincolnshire (late of Mountgrace priory).  
the rectory of Minting, Lincolnshire, with the advowson of the vicarage  
(late of Westminster Cathedral).

1591-2

293 8 Jun 1592 – grant to Avice Moigne, widow, of the wardship and marriage of Gifford Moigne, son and heir of John Moigne; with an annuity (for the proper and pious education of the said Gifford) of £5 from 15 Sep 31 Eliz. [1589] when John died, until Gifford attains 7 years, to be assigned from the manor of Wathe, Lincs, and lands in Wathe, Lossington, Merrett Rayson, Ludforde, Hemingby, Marshe Chappell, Tevelby, Gawdeby, Minting, Hornecastle, Edlington and Northecotes, Lincs, and 5 cottages in the city of Lincoln, and thereafter £7 to be assigned from the said manor and lands (for the better education and exertions of the said Gifford in good discipline and exercises worthy of his status and suitable for an ornament of the state) until he attains 21 years; yearly value of the inheritance £22 13s.

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