PATTERNS OF RE-USE: THE TRANSFORMATION OF FORMER MONASTIC BUILDINGS IN POST-DISSOLUTION HERTFORDSHIRE, 1540-1600.

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Introduction

The purpose of this section, which serves as a guide to the Appendix, is to provide a list, by site, of all known visual evidence, primary and secondary sources for the sites described in the Appendix. The list for each site is followed by a selection of illustrations, consisting variously of modern photographs, plans, historic views and maps.

The bulk of the fieldwork from which the site reports in the Appendix are compiled was carried out between 1989 and 1992 with an additional visit to Ware Priory in February 1994 when extensive repairs were being carried out to the building as part of a conversion project. The criteria and methodology applied in examining the fabric of each site are described on pages 27-30 of the thesis itself. It is intended in due course to deposit the notes and files which make up the archive at the Hertfordshire Record Office.

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D. The great hall during demolition, S. Lysons (c.1802); D. & S. Lysons, Magna Britannia, i (1806), 492.

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Istridge House the seat of the Duke of Bridgewater once the monastery of Istridge. The upper drawing is copied from an engraving made about seven years ago, the part it represented has been taken down near two years, it seems only in its original state till it was destroyed. Some part of the buildings and most the rest the beautiful Cloisters are now being taken down.

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FIG. II. OVERALL PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF SITES A–E
(Based on the Ordnance Survey Map with the sanction of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office, Crown Copyright reserved)
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E. Detail of close studding and infilled mullion window to former outside (west) wall of Priory House (February 1992); photograph by N. Doggett.
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROYSTON

CHANCEL

KEY

1300-1799
1700-1849
1850-1899
1900-1967
MODERN

Scale 1/80 1'

One complete window from 17th century triple lancet

Pulpit

Woodwork of oak

Oak screen

Chancel window inserted 1700

Archway led to side chapel

Parapet

Old glass fragments

N Aisle

Nave, mainly chancel, south of old monastery

Roof early 16th century (restorations)

Roof

South aisle

Arch

Original building

Synagogue over ringing chamber

Panels from old pews

Tower

South wall of old nave

D. C. B. M. 1884
ST GILES IN THE WOOD, FLAMSTEAD (BEECHWOOD PARK)

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C. West front of house (September 1990); photograph by N. Doggett.

D. Fireplace in housemaster's study (September 1990); photograph by N. Doggett.

E. Detail of fireplace in housemaster's study (September 1990); photograph by N. Doggett.
ST MARGARET'S, NETTLEDEN

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SOPWELL NUNNERY

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SOPWELL HOUSE, FROM A MAP ENTITLED: THE MANOR OF SOPWELL LYING AND BURNING IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORD PART OF THE POSSESSIONS OF ROBERT SADLE, ESR.

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SOPWELL NUNNERY, NEAR ST. ALBAN'S, HERTS.

This nunnery, which is situated a small distance south-west of the town of St. Alban's, according to tradition, owes its origin to the following circumstance: Two religious women, whose names are forgotten, having made themselves a kind of hermitage with branches of trees, and covered it with leaves and bark, near Eywood, by the river side, dwelt there a considerable time, leading lives of such abstinence, chastity, charity, and piety, that the fame thereof reached the ears of Jeffery, the 16th abbat of St. Alban's; who, about the year 1140, built them a cell, and caused them to be clothed like nuns, and to assume the rules of St. Benedict. For their support he gave them certain lands and rents; and to preserve their fame from the assaults of scandal, he ordered they should always be locked up in their house, and that their number should not exceed thirteen, all select virgins; though at the dissolution there were only nine. He also allotted them a burying ground, which he caused to be consecrated, but with a restriction that none but the nuns of that house should be buried there; probably to prevent his abbey from being deprived of the advantages arising from the sepulture of great or rich personages. This house was subject to the abbey of St. Alban's, and dedicated to the honour of the Blessed Virgin.
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Remains of a large stone building were found when sewers were cut across the garden in 1954 and 1977 and under the roots of a large cedar tree which fell down in January 1990.

West Wing: GUEST HOUSE or "refectory" with "solar chamber" for honoured guests above part of it.

East Wing: FRATER - the friars' accommodation behind and above the cloister

- Original work still existing
- Assumed lines of original friary buildings
- Later work
WYMONDLEY PRIORY

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E. (Top) 13th-century lancet windows in south wall of former church truncated by inserted 16th-century floor (November 1989); photograph by N. Doggett. (Bottom) 13th-century trussed rafter roof of former church (November 1989); ibid.
The Domesday Book records that Purwell had probably a watermill by the early 13th century. However, a watermill existed at Purwell as early as the 12th century. The mill was probably used for the milling of corn and possibly wool, and was probably a simple watermill, driven by a turbine or waterwheel. The mill was probably located near the river, which would have provided a consistent source of water flow.

The mill was probably built during the 13th century, and was probably in use by the late 13th century. In the 13th century, the mill was probably owned by the Priory of Little Wyndyke, which was located near the mill. The Priory was a religious institution that owned and ran the mill, and was probably responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the mill.

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