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NOTITIA MONASTICA  
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OF THE  
Religious Houses  
IN  
ENGLAND and WALES.

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KENT.

1. Canterbury.

Here was an Abby founded by King Æthelbert /a A. D. 600. and dedicated by St. Austin the Monk to Christ Jesus. In it were Secular Priest's till A. D. 1003. at which time Archbishop Elfric placed Benedictines here. It's yearly revenues at the Dissolution amounted to 2489 l. 4 s. 9 d. King Henry VIII. turned the Monks into a Dean and twelve Canons.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 18. Angl. Sacr. T. 1.  
The Antiquities of Canterbury by Will. Somner.  
London. 1640.

Evidentias Eccl. Christi Cant. inter X. Script.  
Hist. Angl. edit. Lond. 1652.

Gervasii vitas Pontificum Cantuar. &c. Ibid.

\* Collectanea MS. Augustini Baker Mon. Ord.

Bened. in Bibl. Coll. Jesu Oxon. Vol. 1.

\* Registrum sive Martyrologium Ecclesiæ Christi  
Cant. In Bibl. Coll. Gresham.

\* Librum Obitualem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuar. In  
Bibl. Lambeth. fol. 20.

\* Registrum Benefactorum Ecclesiæ Christi. In Bibl.  
Cotton. Galba. F. 2.

2. Rochester.

A. D. 602. King Æthelbert built a Monastery  
for Secular Priests, to the honour of St. Andrew.

/a Not King Æthelred as in Speed.

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A. D. 1089. Bishop Gundulf introduced Black  
Monks; but Secular Canons were brought in  
again by King Hen. VIII. It was valued 26. Hen.  
VIII. at 486 l. 1 s. 5 d. per an.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 27. Angl. Sacr. T. 1.  
Textum Roffens. MS. apud Rochester reserv.

penes Dec. & Capit.  
Annales Roffenses in Bibl. Cotton. Vitell. E. 14.  
\* Statuta Ecclesiæ Roff. autoritate Hen. VIII.  
edita. In Bibl. Bodl. in Musæo. A. 136.

### 3. Canterbury.

King Æthelbert and St. Austin A. D. 605.  
founded another Monastery here, and com=  
mended it to the Patronage of St. Peter and St.  
Paul. This was afterwards called St. Augustine's  
Abby, and was endowed at the Suppression with  
1413 l. 4 s. 11 d. ob. per an. It was of the Bene=  
dictine Order.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 23. Reyner. Apost.  
Bened. T. 1. p. 46.

Guil. Thorn de rebus gestis Abbatum S. Aug.  
Cantuar. inter X. Script. Lond. 1652.

Et Chronologiam quondam spectantem ad prædictum  
Cœnobium. Ibid.

\* Collectanea MS. Aug. Baker Mon. Ord. S. Bened. in  
Anglia Generalis in Bibl. Coll. Jesu Oxon. Vol. 1.

\* Registra penes Heneage Finch de Ravenston  
in Com. Buck. In Scaccario penes Remem. Regis. &  
penes W. Howard de Naworth Castro.

\* Cronicon S. Aug. Cant. ad An. 1220. cum suc=  
cessionem Abbatum. In Bibl. Lambeth 4to. 95.

\* MSS. de Historia hujus Cœnobii in Bibl. Cotton.

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Vitellius. A. 2. E. 4. D. 10. D. 11. Faustina A. 1.  
Claudius. D. 10. Julius D. 2. 6.

Historiam MS. de Abbatibus S. Aug. Cant. ad  
Hugonem III. in Bibl. publ. Cantab.

### 4. Folkstone.

An old Nunnery founded by King Eadbald  
about A. D. 630. which was destroy'd during  
the Danish wars. Nigel de Munewell gave the  
Church of St. Mary and St. Eanswith here to  
the Abby of Lolley in Normandy, A. D. 1095. to  
which it became an Alien-Priory. It was able  
to dispend 41 l. 15 s. 10 d. per an. Dugd. 63 l. 7 d. Sp.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 85, 560.

### 5. Liming.

A Nunnery for Benedictines founded by St.  
Edburgh or Ethelburg Sister to King Eadbald a=  
bout A. D. 640.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 85.

### 6. Reculver.

An Abby of Black Monks built by one Bassa  
A. D. 669. It was annexed to Christ-Church in  
Canterbury by King Eadred, A. D. 949.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 86.

### 7. Thanet.

A Nunnery founded by Domneva about A. D.  
670. and dedicated to St. Mildred. It was  
united to the Abby of St. Austin in Canterbury,  
A. D. 1033.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 83. Reyner. Apost. Benedict. Tr. 1. p. 61.

## 8. Elflet. Sp.

A Nunnery of Domneva's foundation. Speed.

## 9. Dover.

A. D. 696. Wictred King of Kent founded a College of Secular Priests here, who were turned into Benedictine Monks by Arch-bishop Theobald, A. D. 1139. St. Martin was the Tutelar Saint of this Monastery, whose yearly revenues at the Dissolution were worth 170 l. 14 s. 11 d. ob. Dugd. 232 l. 1 s. 5 d. ob. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 1.

Chronica S. Martini de Dover. in Bibl. Cotton.

Jul. D. 5. Vesp. B. 11.

\* Catalog. Bibliothecæ Prior. Dovoræ A. D. 1389. compilatum MS. in Bibl. Bodl. Arch. B. 24.

\* Registrum in armario Archiepiscopi Cantuar.

## 10. Shepey.

A Monastery for Benedictine Nuns first built by Sexburg Queen of Kent, about A. D. 710. but being burned by the Danes, it was reedified by William Arch-bishop of Canterbury, A. D. 1130. to the honour of St. Mary and St. Sexburg. It was rated 26 Hen. VIII. at 129 l. 7 s. 10 d. ob. per an.

Vide Mon. Ang. T. 1. p. 152.

## 11. Malling.

A Benedictine Monastery founded by King Edmund A. D. 944. and commended to the Pa-

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tronage of St. Mary and St. Andrew. It was afterwards converted into a Nunnery by Gundulf Bishop of Rochester, and endowed with 218 l. 4 s. 2 d. ob. per an. Dugd. 245 l. 10 s. 2 d. ob. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 352.

## 12. Lewesham.

An Alien-Priory of Black Monks to the Abby of St. Peter at Gant, to which it was given by King Edward the Confessor A. D. 1044. It was (after the Suppression of these houses) annexed by King Hen. V. to Shene Abby.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 550. T. 2. p. 890, 902.

## 13. Canterbury.

A. D. 1084. Lanfranc Arch-bishop of Canterbury built here a Priory of Black Canons, to the honour of St. Gregory. It was valued 26. H. VIII. at 121 l. 15 s. 1 d. per an. Dugd. 166 l. 4 s. 5 d. ob. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 373.

## 14. Herbaldown.

Arch-bishop Lanfranc /b founded a Hospital

here, and annexed it to a Priory of Black Canons, both which were valued at 266 l. 4 s. 5 d. ob. per an. Dugd. 109 l. 7 s. 2 d. Speed. It was dedicated to St. Michael.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 418.

/b Joh. Stratford Arch-Bishop of Canterbury was Founder according to Speed.

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15. Canterbury.

A Benedictine Nunnery founded by Archbishop Anselm, about A. D. 1100. and dedicated to St. Sepulcher. It was able to dispense at the Dissolution 29 l. 12 s. 5 d. ob. per an. Dugd. 38 l. 19 s. 7 d. ob. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 545.

16. Leedes.

A. D. 1119 /c. Rob. de Crevequer Knight, built a Priory of Black Canons here, to the honour of St. Nicholas. It was endowed with 362 l. 7 s. 7 d. per an. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 110.

17. Tunbridge.

A Priory of Black Canons erected by Rich. de Clare Earl of Hertford, (temp. Hen. I.) Its Patroness was St. Mary Magdalene. Its yearly revenues amounted to 169 l. 10 s. 3 d.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 258.

18. Boxley.

A Cistercian Abby founded A. D. 1144. by Will. de Ipre Earl of Kent, and dedicated to the blessed Virgin. It was rated 26. Hen. VIII. at 204 l. 4 s. 11 d. per an. Dugd. 218 l. 19 s. 10 d. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 827.

19. Feversham.

A. D. 1148. King Stephen built a Cluniack Ab-

/c A. D. 1137. Chronol. S. Aug. Cant.

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by here to the honour of St. Saviour. It was endowed at the Suppression with 286 l. 12 s. d. ob. q. per an. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 687.

Monasticon Fevershamense, or a Survey of the Monastery of Feversham, by Tho. Southouse, London. 1671. 12o.

\* Reg. penes ..... Diggs fil. & hæ. D. Dudl. Diggs.

20. Bradsole, or St. Radegund's juxta Dover.

A Priory of Præmonstratensian Canons founded by Hugh I. Abbat of St. Austin's in Canterbury, (temp. R. Steph.) and commended to the Patronage of St. Radegund. It was rated at 98 l. 9 s. 2 d. ob. per an. Dugd. 142 l. 8 s. 9 d. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 244. T. 3. P. 1. p. 69.  
Regist. penes Will. Pierpoint arm.  
\* Cartularium penes Henr. Hamon de Seling in  
Com. Cant. Armig.

21. Heyham.

A Benedictine Nunnery founded by King Ste=phen. It was Suppressed by Dr. Fisher Bishop of Rochester's means, and given to St. John's Col=lege in Cambridge /d.

22. Blakewose.

A Priory of White Canons dedicated to St. Michael /e, at first a Cell to Lavinden in Bucking=  
/d Leland. Itin. Vol. 6. p. 28. /e MS. Bodl.

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hamshire; but afterward annexed to St. Rade=gunds near Dover.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 3. P. 1. p. 71.

23. Ottenham and 24. Beigham /f.

Ralph de Dene (temp. Hen. II.) founded a Priory for Præmonstratensian Canons at Ottenham, whom Ela de Saukvile his daughter translated to Begham. St. Laurence was Patron of this Priory.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 636. T. 3. P. 1. p. 77.  
Registrum in Bibl. Cotton. Otho. A. 2.

25. Horton.

A Cell of Cluniack Monks to the Abby of Lewes, built by Rob. de Vere (temp. Hen. II.) to the honour of St. Mary and St. John the Evan=gelist. It was endowed at the Suppression with 95 l. 12 s. 2 d. per an. Dugd. 111 l. 16 s. 11 d. ob. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 621.

\* Reg. penes ..... Rooke de eadem.

26. Cumbwell.

Rob. de Turnham (temp. Hen. II.) founded a Priory of Black Canons here, and dedicated it to St. Mary Magdalene. It was valued at 80 l. 17 s. 5 d. per an.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 270.

\* Cartas Autographas penes Gul. Campion de eadem Armig.

27. Newington.

A Nunnery till the time of Henry II. in whose

/f Neither of these places are in Sussex, where they are placed in the Monasticon and Speed.

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reign it was turned into a College for seven Secular Canons.

Vide Cronica Will. Thorn. col. 1931. inter X.  
Scriptores Historiæ Angl. Lond. 1652.

28. Lesnes or Westwood.

A. D. 1178. Rich. de Lucy built a Priory of

Black Canons here, to the honour of St. Thomas the Martyr. It's annual incomes at the Dissolution amounted to 186 l. 9 s. per an.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 301.

29. Langdon.

Will. de Aubervill (temp. Rich. I.) built a Priory here for Præmonstratensian Canons, and dedicated it to St. Mary and St. Thomas the Martyr. It was endowed at the Suppression with with 56 l. 6 s. 9 d. per an. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 622.

Registr. de Langdon in Scaccario penes Remem. Regis.

30. Patricksborn.

An Alien-Priory to the Abby of Beaulieu in Normandy, to which it was given by John de Pratellis, (temp. R. Joh.)

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 576.

31. Daunton.

Fulk de Neweham built a Benedictine Nunnery here, to the honour of St. Mary Magdalene.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 1. p. 501.

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32. Ulcomb.

A. D. 1220. Stephen Langton Arch-bishop of Canterbury, founded a Collegiate Church here /\*.

\* Vide Cartas penes Franc. Clerk de ead. Armig.

33. Mottinden.

A Priory of the Order of the holy Trinity, founded by Rob. de Rokesly A. D. 1224. It was valued 26 Hen. VIII. at 60 l. 13 s. ob. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 833.

34. Treweleigh.

An Alien Priory.

35. Lille Cherche.

A Priory of Black Monks dedicated to S. Mary /g.

36. Bilsington.

A Priory of Black Canons founded by Joh. Maunsell Provost of Beverley, A. D. 1253. and dedicated to the blessed Virgin. It was valued 26. Hen. VIII. at 81 l. 1 s. 6 d. per an. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 333.

37. Rumney.

An Alien-Priory founded by Joh. Maunsell Provost of Beverley, A. D. 1257.

\* Vide Munimenta penes Custodem & Socios Coll. Omn. Anim. Oxon.

38. Wingham.

A College for a Rector and six Canons founded  
/\* Somner's History of Canterbury p. 253. /g MS. Bodl.

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ded by John Peckham Arch-bishop of Canterbury,  
A. D. 1280. and endowed with 84 l. per an.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 3. P. 2. p. 52.

39. Ofpring.

A Preceptory of the Templers.

40. Swingfield.

A Preceptory of the Knights Templers, valued  
26. Hen. VIII. at 87 l. 3 s. 3 d. ob. per an.

\* Vide Mun. penes Tho. Gomeldon Armig.

41. Badlesmere.

A Priory of Black Canons founded by Bartholomew  
Badlesmere 13. Edw. II.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 351.

42. Cobham.

John Lord Cobham A. D. 1362 /h. built a Collegiate  
Church here, to the honour of St. Mary Magdalene. Its  
yearly revenues at the Suppression amounted to 128 l. 1 s. 9 d. ob.

Vide Hollinshed's History, Vol. II. p. 1500.

\* Cartas penes D. D. Jos. Williamson Eq. Aur.

43. Dertford.

A Nunnery of the Order of St. Austin founded by King  
Edw. III. A. D. 1373. and commended to the Patronage  
of St. Mary and St. Margaret. It was rated 26. Hen. VIII.  
at 380 l. 9 s. ob. per an. Dugd. 400 l. 8 s. Speed.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 2. p. 357.

/h Leland. Coll. Vol. 1. p. 84.

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\* Particulas terræ ad Mon. de Dertford spectant.  
in Bibl. Arundel 1645. nunc in Bibl. Coll. Græsham. Lond.

44. Bredgare.

A College built by Rob. de Bradgare Clerk,  
16. Rich. II. and dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 3. P. 2. p. 117.

45. Maidstone.

Will. Courtney Arch-bishop of Canterbury, 19.  
Rich. II. founded a College here to the honour of All-Saints.  
It was endowed with 159 l. 7 s. 10 d. per an.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 3. P. 2. p. 132.

46. West-Peccam.

A Preceptory of the Templers founded by Joh. Culpeper  
10. Hen. IV. valued 26. Hen. VIII. at 63 l. 6 s. 8 d. per an.

47. Wye.

A College of Secular Canons built by John Kemp Arch-bishop of Canterbury, (10. Hen. VI.) St. Gregory and St. Martin were the Tutelar Patrons of this House, whose yearly revenues were worth 93 l. 2 s. ob. per an.

Vide Mon. Angl. T. 3. P. 2. p. 191.

48. Ashford.

A College founded (temp. Edw. IV.) by Sir John Fogg.

<This little book of Tanner's is basically a guide to the contents of the three vast volumes of the 'Monasticon Anglicanum' (Dugdale 1655–73), incorporating references to other published and some unpublished sources. As far as Kent is concerned, there are no surprises among the published sources (though it may be worth noting that Tanner had access to an uncastrated copy of Holinshed (1587)). He does not admit to using Weever (1631), but some of his mistakes appear to derive from that book. (Bayham is close to the Kent/Sussex border, but on the Sussex side of it; Otham is a place in Sussex confused by Weever with a place of the same name in Kent.) The unpublished sources cited here are a small, haphazard assortment. (I do not know what the asterisks mean: possibly they mark the manuscripts which Tanner has seen for himself, but he never actually says that, as far as I can see.) Some twenty years later, when he started work on a second edition of this book, he was aiming to mention every single item of evidence, both published and unpublished. That edition was left unfinished at his death (he died in 1735), but was eventually completed and seen into print by his brother (Tanner 1744). – C.F. December 2010.>