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Charter of the Countess Juliana of Brockley

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Let all the sons of our holy mother church, both present and future, know that I, Countess Juliana, do give, grant and confirm in this present charter of mine, for the salvation of my soul, and for the souls of my father and mother, and of my lords, Hugh Bigod, and Walkelin Maminot, and for the souls of all my ancestors, in perpetual alms, to God and to Saint Mary of Brockley, and to the brethren of the Premonstratensian order serving God there, the whole land of Brockley, with all its appurtenances, in forest and plain, lands and pastures, meadows and marshes, roads and paths; which land Michael Turnham sold to me, as his free gavilike and stockikinde, to found a house of religion there, granting to Stephen Turnham his nephew; and in the tenement of Declinges, the land of Waldeminton, which Johannes de Stanham sold to me, with all its appurtenances, in the forest and plain and pasture; and the land of Walter de Greenwich, and Flodham, and the rent of Stephen de Kinarditune, namely, two shillings. Wherefore I will and firmly command, that the aforesaid church and the prescribed brethren should have and hold and possess well and in peace, and honorably, freely, and quietly, and absolutely from all service, custom, and exaction, belong to me or my heirs, as some quiet alms and children may be possessed. To these witnesses, &c.