



## Dragon Hall, King Street, Norwich: Report No. 112: Excavation and Survey of a Late Medieval Merchant's Training Complex

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Norfolk Norwich Heritage Trust, United Kingdom, 2005. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 297 x 210 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. When a wealthy merchant built Dragon Hall in 1427 there had already been stone buildings on the site for 140 years, while the origins of settlement here lay in the period c. 975-1025. Some of the buildings used by these first settlers were uncovered during the recent work at Dragon Hall, along with evidence for a small riverside community within an extra-mural Late Saxon suburb. Until the mid 13th century the site comprised three properties engaged in small-scale craft and industry, alongside horticulture and keeping livestock. At this time there appears to have been little interest in the commercial possibilities of the nearby river. By the early 1300s, however, the site had passed into the hands of the professional and ecclesiastical elite. The earliest known document relating to the site is a deed from 1289 which records a land transfer between the Abbey of Woburn and a Norwich clerk, John Page. Both used the site to build substantial stone houses. One reason for the abbey's interest in the property was probably its situation between a river flowing through the...



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