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Dear Mr Williamson,

Patricboume belonged to a French house of Augustinian Canons, Beaulieu near Rouen, and there seems to be evidence that sometimes a small group of canons lived in the village, instead of it being merely a manor which was leased out to provide an income. The Hundred Years War was made difficult for these alien cells. In 1390 the manor was rented by a layman who sold his lease to Merton Priory in Surrey (also Augustinian Canons) in 1409. In the same year the manor was acquired by Merton & it remained among their possessions until the dissolution of the Priory in 1538.

Walter de Merton, the founder of Merton College, is said to have taken his name from Merton Priory because he was educated there.

The Augustinian Canons, or Black Canons, were founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century & had houses in most western European countries. They followed the 'Rule' of St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) & have nothing to do with St Augustine of Canterbury and his abbey