

(i.e. was part of the endowment of the
Bishopric of Lincoln)

The manor of Banbury was held
by the bishops of Lincoln from
at least the time of Domesday
book (1184-6) down to 1547
when it was surrendered to the
crown (Hen VIII). Banbury Castle
was built by Alexander of Blois,
bishop of Lincoln about 1125.

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Egnesham ought to be Egnesham,

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now Ensham, 6 miles E of Whitney 6
m. N.W. of Oxford. Great Council held
there in Saxon times & in AD 1186. Benedictine
Abbey founded there in ^{early part of} eleventh century.
The bishop of Lincoln (Rob. Bloet) at end of
11th cent. gave the tithes of Banbury to the
abbot of Egnesham, confirmed by charter
of Hen. I; - (so it was a natural connection in the story)
See History of Banbury, by Alfred Beesley, London 1852
pp. 60, 63, 92, 215.

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