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This volume is offered as a tribute to Peter and Carolyn Hammond, who for decades have been an important force in the study of fifteenth-century England, and in particular the life and reign of Richard III. Among much else, they were vital to the foundation of the Yorkist History Trust, with Peter serving as a longstanding chairman and Carolyn as its first secretary. Their successors in 2025 (the year in which the Trust celebrates its Ruby Anniversary), Christian Steer and Richard Asquith, agreed that their manifold contributions to fifteenth-century studies ought to be recognised and celebrated with this Festschrift volume, which draws together thirty colleagues, friends, and admirers who have contributed essays on a wide variety of subjects and themes.

Reflecting the Hammonds' own involvement in the field, which bridges the gaps between established academic historians, independent scholars, and those interested in medieval history, contributors include a range of perspectives, a testament to the vitality of the study of the fifteenth century, the Wars of the Roses, and the reign of Richard III. Essays cover microhistories to broad chronological surveys encompassing the later Middle Ages. Traditional historical studies sit alongside discussions of literature and art, and several contributions cross these disciplinary boundaries. The city of York – the Hammonds' home – features prominently, as do areas relating to the Hammonds' research interests, including leading figures from the Wars of the Roses, documents such as last wills and testaments, and cases drawn from England's peerage.



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