

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Giffords

Location:

Hertfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

20

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SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

Earliest recorded holder to present. Relationship descriptions are reproduced from saved published paths; categories are not evidence ratings.

1. Henry George Ward | 1882

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Giffard de Gilston | 1190s

Transfer: held_by

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Sir John Gifford, lord of Plardiwick, of Chillingham | 1341

Transfer: settled_on

Holding: Joint

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. John Chauncy | 1418

Transfer: quitclaimed_to

Holding: Joint / moiety mentioned in the quitclaim

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. John Chauncy | 1479

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. William Chauncy | - 1587

Transfer: settled_on

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Henry Chauncy | 1587

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. George Chauncy | 1587

Transfer: conveyed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Alexander Williams

Transfer: purchased_from

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. John Gore | - 1636

Transfer: purchased_from

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Sir John Gore | 1636 - 1659

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Humphrey Gore | 1659 - 1699

Transfer: settled_on

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Henry Gore | 1699

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. John Plumer | - 1719

Transfer: purchased_from

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. William Plumer | 1719

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. William Plumer | 1754

Transfer: settled_on

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. John Hodgson

Transfer: purchased_from

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

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18. William Hodgson | 1882 - 1886

Transfer: succeeded_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

19. Edward Salvin Bowlby | 1886 - 1902

Transfer: passed_to

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

20. Arthur Salvin Bowlby | 1902

Transfer: inherited_from

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1882

Henry George Ward

Transfer:

passed_to

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Source role: historical_holder_or_transferee. The Manor passed to Henry George Ward, who sold it to John Hodgson, whose brother William succeeded in 1882.

Source citation:

Lot #24 of Manorial Auctioneers – December 1996

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-george-ward

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1190s

Giffard de Gilston

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

held_by

Holding arrangement:

sole

To / transferee:

Giffard de Gilston

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

charter and warranty

Manor and title passed together:

0

Giffords**Evidence status:**

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Giffard de Gilston called Peter de Goldington to warrant a quarter of a virgate in Gilston held by charter of Thomas, his father; the record identifies the Giffard or Gifford family as holding Giffords at this period.

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=giffard-de-gilston**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**1341****Sir John Gifford, lord of Plardiwick, of Chillingham****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

settled_on

Holding arrangement:

joint

To / transferee:

John Gifford

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

settlement

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

John Gifford made a settlement of two messuages, two mills, and 240 acres with appurtenances in Gilston, Sawbridgeworth, and Eastwick on himself and his wife Margaret.

Other parties:

Margaret

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-gifford**Person dates:**

died 1556

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1418****John Chauncy****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

quitclaimed_to

Previous holder:

Margaret Gifford and John Chauncy

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

moiety mentioned in the quitclaim

From / transferor:

Margaret Gifford and John Chauncy

To / transferee:

John Chauncy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

quitclaim

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

William Johane of Hatfield Broad Oak quitclaimed a moiety of the estate to John Chauncy and his wife Margaret, an heiress of the estate.

Other parties:

Margaret Gifford

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-chauncy**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1479****John Chauncy****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

passed_to

Previous holder:

John Chauncy, his father

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

John Chauncy, his father

To / transferee:

John Chauncy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

descent

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

John Chauncy died seised of Giffords in 1479, and the manor passed to his son, also John Chauncy.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-chauncy**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-chauncy**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**- 1587****William Chauncy****Holder position:**

holder

Giffords

Transfer:

settled_on

Previous holder:

John Chauncy

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

John Chauncy

To / transferee:

William Chauncy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

settlement and quitclaims

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The younger John Chauncy settled Giffords on his son William. The record also notes quitclaims to William in 1492 and 1549 before the manor passed to his second son Henry.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-chauncy**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-chauncy

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1587****Henry Chauncy****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

passed_to

Previous holder:

William Chauncy

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

William Chauncy

Giffords

To / transferee:

Henry Chauncy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

descent and conveyance

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Giffords passed to Henry Chauncy, the second son of William Chauncy; immediately after Henry's death in 1587 it was conveyed by his heir William to George Chauncy.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-chauncy**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-chauncy**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1587****George Chauncy****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

conveyed_to

Previous holder:

William Chauncy, heir of Henry Chauncy

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

William Chauncy, heir of Henry Chauncy

To / transferee:

George Chauncy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

conveyance

Manor and title passed together:

0

Giffords

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

George Chauncy received the manor by conveyance from William, heir of Henry Chauncy, after Henry's death in 1587.

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-chauncy

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**Dates not recorded****Alexander Williams****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

purchased_from

Previous holder:

George Chauncy

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

George Chauncy

To / transferee:

Alexander Williams

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

sale

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

George Chauncy sold Giffords to Alexander Williams of the Pipe Office.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-chauncy

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alexander-williams

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**- 1636****John Gore****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

purchased_from

Previous holder:

Alexander Williams

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Alexander Williams

To / transferee:

John Gore

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

sale

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Giffords was later sold to John Gore, Lord Mayor of London in 1624; he died seised of the lordship in 1636.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alexander-williams**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-gore**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1636 - 1659****Sir John Gore**

Giffords

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

passed_to

Previous holder:

John Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

John Gore

To / transferee:

Sir John Gore

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

descent and settlement

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The son of John Gore succeeded to the lordship, was Sheriff of Hertfordshire in 1639, was knighted by Charles I in 1641, and died in 1659 after settling Giffords and other properties on his son Humphrey Gore.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-gore**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**1659 - 1699****Humphrey Gore****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

settled_on

Previous holder:

Sir John Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Sir John Gore

Giffords

To / transferee:

Humphrey Gore

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

marriage settlement

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Sir John Gore settled Giffords on his son Humphrey Gore on the occasion of Humphrey's marriage to Persis English. Humphrey was knighted in 1660 and was succeeded by his second son Henry in 1699.

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=humphrey-gore**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13**1699****Henry Gore****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

passed_to

Previous holder:

Humphrey Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Humphrey Gore

To / transferee:

Henry Gore

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

descent and sale

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Giffords

Narrative / explanation:

Henry Gore, Humphrey Gore's second son, succeeded in 1699 after his elder brother had died during their father's lifetime, and later sold the manors to John Plumer of Blakesware.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=humphrey-gore

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-gore

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

- 1719

John Plumer

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

purchased_from

Previous holder:

Henry Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Henry Gore

To / transferee:

John Plumer

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

sale

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Henry Gore sold Giffords and the associated manors to John Plumer of Blakesware, who died in 1719.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-gore

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-plumer

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15**1719****William Plumer****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

passed_to

Previous holder:

John Plumer

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

John Plumer

To / transferee:

William Plumer

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

descent

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The lordships passed to John Plumer's second son William, who was MP for Hertfordshire in 1754.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-plumer**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-plumer**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16**1754****William Plumer****Holder position:**

holder

Giffords

Transfer:

settled_on

Previous holder:

William Plumer, his father

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

William Plumer, his father

To / transferee:

William Plumer

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

settlement

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

William Plumer settled the manors on his son, also William, who was MP for Hertfordshire from 1768 to 1806.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-plumer**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-plumer

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17**Dates not recorded****John Hodgson****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

purchased_from

Previous holder:

Henry George Ward

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Henry George Ward

Giffords

To / transferee:

John Hodgson

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

sale

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Henry George Ward sold Giffords to John Hodgson.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-george-ward**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-hodgson

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18**1882 - 1886****William Hodgson****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

succeeded_to

Previous holder:

John Hodgson

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

John Hodgson

To / transferee:

William Hodgson

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

descent

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Giffords

Narrative / explanation:

John Hodgson's brother William succeeded to Giffords in 1882 and held it until his death in 1886.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-hodgson

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-hodgson

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 19

1886 - 1902

Edward Salvin Bowlby

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

passed_to

Previous holder:

William Hodgson

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

William Hodgson

To / transferee:

Edward Salvin Bowlby

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

descent

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

On William Hodgson's death in 1886, Giffords passed to his nephew Edward Salvin Bowlby.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-hodgson

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-salvin-bowlby

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 20

1902

Arthur Salvin Bowlby**Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

inherited_from

Previous holder:

Edward Salvin Bowlby

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Edward Salvin Bowlby

To / transferee:

Arthur Salvin Bowlby

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

inheritance

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Arthur Salvin Bowlby inherited Giffords in 1902, and the manor remained in that family according to the record.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-salvin-bowlby**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=arthur-salvin-bowlby**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.