

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Wannerton

Location:

Worcestershire

Recorded historical holders:

8

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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. Sir Edward Bromley of Sheriff Hales | After 1609-1610

Transfer: The estate reverted to Sir Edward Bromley under Thomas Bromley's will after Thomas died without issue.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Thomas Foley | 1683

Transfer: William Bromley conveyed the Lordship and Manor of Wannerton to Thomas Foley.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. William Ward, 11th Lord Ward, Gentleman, of Guisborough, 11th Baron Ward, 1st Earl of Dudley, Viscount Ednam, created 1860, 1st Viscount Ednam, 1st Earl of Dudley (created 1860) | About 1836 - About 1837

Transfer: Thomas Henry Foley sold the Manor of Wannerton, with other property, to William Ward, 11th Lord Ward.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Manasser Biset, Royal dapifer or steward under Henry II, Royal dapifer (steward), holder of the Biset barony of Kidderminster | Between 1156 and 1162

Transfer: Henry II alienated the lordship of Kidderminster, including its outliers, to his dapifer Manasser Biset; Wannerton was subsequently held under the Biset barony.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Thomas Foley | November 1777

Transfer: Thomas Foley succeeded his father as holder of Wannerton on the latter's death in November 1777.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Thomas Foley | 1793

Transfer: Thomas Foley succeeded his father in 1793 as holder of Wannerton.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Thomas Henry Foley, Member of Parliament for Worcestershire, MP for Worcestershire, MP for Worcestershire (1830–1832) | April 1833 - About 1836

Transfer: Thomas Henry Foley succeeded his father in April 1833 and held Wannerton until selling it about 1836–1837.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. William Humble Ward, 2nd Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland | May 1885

Transfer: William Humble Ward succeeded his father as holder of the lordship after the latter's death in May 1885.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

After 1609-1610

Sir Edward Bromley of Sheriff Hales

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

The estate reverted to Sir Edward Bromley under Thomas Bromley's will after Thomas died without issue.

Previous holder:

Thomas Bromley

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Thomas Bromley

To / transferee:

Sir Edward Bromley of Sheriff Hales

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Will and reversion

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Bromley had settled the estate on his widow Eleanor, but it afterwards reverted under his will.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-thomas-bromley

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1683

Thomas Foley

Holder position:

holder

Wannerton

Transfer:

William Bromley conveyed the Lordship and Manor of Wannerton to Thomas Foley.

Previous holder:

William Bromley

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

William Bromley

To / transferee:

Thomas Foley

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Conveyance

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Previous holder profile:

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

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**About 1836 - About 1837**

William Ward, 11th Lord Ward, Gentleman, of Guisborough, 11th Baron Ward, 1st Earl of Dudley, Viscount Ednam, created 1860, 1st Viscount Ednam, 1st Earl of Dudley (created 1860)

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Thomas Henry Foley sold the Manor of Wannerton, with other property, to William Ward, 11th Lord Ward.

Previous holder:

Thomas Henry Foley

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Thomas Henry Foley

To / transferee:

William Ward, 11th Lord Ward

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Sale

Wannerton

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

William Ward was created Earl of Dudley in 1860.

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-henry-foley**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-ward-25355**Person dates:**

died before July 1721; will dated 6 March 1717/18 and proved or copied in 1719

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**Between 1156 and 1162****Manasser Biset, Royal dapifer or steward under Henry II, Royal dapifer (steward), holder of the Biset barony of Kidderminster****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Henry II alienated the lordship of Kidderminster, including its outliers, to his dapifer Manasser Biset; Wannerton was subsequently held under the Biset barony.

Previous holder:

Henry II / the Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Henry II / the Crown

To / transferee:

Manasser Biset

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Royal alienation and feoffment

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The supplied history states that the sheriff accounted for Kidderminster until Henry II alienated it to Manasser Biset between 1156 and 1162, after which the lordship of Wannerton was enfeoffed under the Barony of Kidderminster Biset.

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Other parties:

Manasser Biset

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

fl. 12th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**November 1777****Thomas Foley****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Thomas Foley succeeded his father as holder of Wannerton on the latter's death in November 1777.

Previous holder:

Thomas Foley, his father

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Thomas Foley, his father

To / transferee:

Thomas Foley

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Descent

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The elder Thomas Foley died in November 1777 and was succeeded by his son Thomas Foley, who held the manor until his death in 1793.

Other parties:

Thomas Foley

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-foley-his-father**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1793

Thomas Foley

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Thomas Foley succeeded his father in 1793 as holder of Wannerton.

Previous holder:

Thomas Foley, his father

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Thomas Foley, his father

To / transferee:

Thomas Foley

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Descent

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The second Thomas Foley died in 1793 and was succeeded by his third and only surviving son, also Thomas Foley.

Other parties:

Thomas Foley

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-foley-his-father**Relationship to present holder**

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

April 1833 - About 1836

Thomas Henry Foley, Member of Parliament for Worcestershire, MP for Worcestershire, MP for Worcestershire (1830–1832)

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Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Thomas Henry Foley succeeded his father in April 1833 and held Wannerton until selling it about 1836–1837.

Previous holder:

Thomas Foley, his father

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Thomas Foley, his father

To / transferee:

Thomas Henry Foley

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Descent followed by sale

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Foley died in April 1833 and was succeeded by his son Thomas Henry Foley, who later sold the manor with other property to William Ward, 11th Lord Ward.

Other parties:

Thomas Henry Foley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-foley-his-father

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-henry-foley

Person dates:

1808–1861

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**May 1885****William Humble Ward, 2nd Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

William Humble Ward succeeded his father as holder of the lordship after the latter's death in May 1885.

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Previous holder:

William Ward, 1st Earl of Dudley

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

William Ward, 1st Earl of Dudley

To / transferee:

William Humble Ward, 2nd Earl of Dudley

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_and_title

Instrument type:

Descent

Manor and title passed together:

1

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

William Ward, created Earl of Dudley in 1860, died in May 1885 and was succeeded by his son William Humble Ward, the 2nd Earl. The registry states that the lordship continued with successive Earls of Dudley thereafter.

Other parties:

William Humble Ward, 2nd Earl of Dudley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-ward-25355

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-humble-ward-2nd-earl-of-dudley

Person dates:

1867–1932

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.