

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Wolverhampton (aka Stowheath)

Location:

Staffordshire

Recorded historical holders:

5

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Public record URL:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=wolverhampton-aka-stowheath

Colour key: green - direct blood, blue - collateral, purple - marriage-linked blood, amber - in-law, grey - unclassified. Colours describe the saved relationship classification, not documentary certainty.

SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

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

1. James Leveson, Merchant of the Staple | 1532 - 1533

Transfer: Sale of the manor of Wolverhampton or Stowheath for 800 marks.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Sir John Giffard and Thomas Giffard | 1533

Transfer: Sale by James Leveson of one half of the manor to Sir John Giffard of Chillington and his son Thomas Giffard.

Holding: Share / one half

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells | 1274 - 1292

Transfer: Granted the manor of Stowheath/Wolverhampton and held it until his death.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Sir Philip Burnell | 1292

Transfer: Succeeded his uncle Robert Burnell in the manor after Robert's death.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk | 1514 - 1532

Transfer: Re-granted by Henry VIII after Thomas Howard's restoration of royal favour and restoration of the dukedom in 1514, with Wolverhampton among the associated grants of land.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1532 - 1533

James Leveson, Merchant of the Staple

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Sale of the manor of Wolverhampton or Stowheath for 800 marks.

Previous holder:

Thomas, 2nd Duke of Norfolk

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Thomas, 2nd Duke of Norfolk

To / transferee:

James Leveson

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

sale

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The registry gives the sale year and price as 800 marks (£533 6s. 4d.).

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-leveson

Person dates:

d. 1547

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1533

Sir John Giffard and Thomas Giffard

Wolverhampton (aka Stowheath)

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Sale by James Leveson of one half of the manor to Sir John Giffard of Chillington and his son Thomas Giffard.

Previous holder:

James Leveson

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

one half

From / transferor:

James Leveson

To / transferee:

Sir John Giffard and Thomas Giffard

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

sale

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The two halves were later reunited by James Leveson's successors, according to the registry.

Other parties:

Sir John Giffard, Thomas Giffard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-leveson

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1274 - 1292

Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Granted the manor of Stowheath/Wolverhampton and held it until his death.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Wolverhampton (aka Stowheath)

To / transferee:

Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

grant

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

By 1274 the manor had been granted to Robert Burnell, Lord Chancellor and Bishop of Bath and Wells; he held it until his death in 1292.

Other parties:

Robert Burnell

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1292

Sir Philip Burnell

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Succeeded his uncle Robert Burnell in the manor after Robert's death.

Previous holder:

Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells

To / transferee:

Philip Burnell

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

descent

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Wolverhampton (aka Stowheath)

Narrative / explanation:

The registry states that the manor passed from Robert Burnell to his nephew Philip Burnell on Robert's death in 1292.

Other parties:

Philip Burnell

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=philip-burnell-24556

Person dates:

Died before 1308

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1514 - 1532****Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Re-granted by Henry VIII after Thomas Howard's restoration of royal favour and restoration of the dukedom in 1514, with Wolverhampton among the associated grants of land.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

The Crown

To / transferee:

Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

royal grant

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The manor was re-granted by King Henry VIII to Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk; it was subsequently sold by his son Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk, to James Leveson in 1532.

Other parties:

Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk

Relationship to present holder

Wolverhampton (aka Stowheath)

No published relationship path recorded.