

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABBOTS RIPTON MANOR

Location:

Abbots Ripton, Huntingdonshire

Recorded historical holders:

12

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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 John St John, Knight, of Bletsoe | 1541 - 1558

Transfer: Granted by the Crown in exchange for the manor of Paulerspury, Northamptonshire

Holding: Whole manor / St John family / Co-holders: John St John, Oliver St John

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. John St John, Member of the St John family, successor to Oliver St John, 1st Baron St John of Bletsoe | 1582 - 1596

Transfer: Succeeded to the St John family estate after the death of Oliver St John, 1st Baron St John of Bletsoe

Holding: Whole manor / St John family / Co-holders: Sir John St John, Oliver St John

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Oliver St John, Member of the St John family | 1596 - 1618

Transfer: Succeeded his elder brother John St John as the manor passed through the St John family

Holding: Whole manor / St John family / Co-holders: Sir John St John, John St John

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Hugh Bonfoy, Son of Nicholas Bonfoy | 1679 - unknown

Transfer: Inherited the Nicholas Bonfoy moiety in 1679

Holding: Share / One moiety or principal half of the divided estate / Bonfoy family, Nicholas branch

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Hugh Awdley, London financier and property owner | 1640 - 1662

Transfer: Conveyed to Hugh Awdley in 1640; the estate was divided after his death in 1662.

Holding: Whole manor

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Nicholas Bonfoy | 1662 - 1679

Transfer: Received one of the two principal portions created by the division of the estate after Hugh Awdley's death.

Holding: Share / One moiety or principal half of the divided estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Thomas Bonfoy | 1662 - unknown

Transfer: Received the other principal portion created by the division of the estate after Hugh Awdley's death.

Holding: Share / One moiety or principal half of the divided estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Susan Bonfoy | Unknown - Unknown

Transfer: Inherited the Thomas Bonfoy moiety and brought it into the Caesar family through her marriage to Sir Charles Caesar.

Holding: Share / Thomas Bonfoy moiety

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Sir Charles Caesar | Unknown - Unknown

Transfer: Acquired the Bonfoy moiety through his marriage to Susan Bonfoy.

Holding: Share / Susan Bonfoy's moiety

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Julius Caesar | 1741 - Unknown

Transfer: Inherited the reunited manor portions in 1741 and later sold the manor.

Holding: Reunited manor interest

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. William Henry Fellowes | 1794 - Unknown

Transfer: Acquired the principal portion of the manor, with 1794 being the date adopted in the supplied record despite a conflicting report of 1760.

Holding: Share / Principal portion of the manor

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. De Ramsey/Fellowes family | 1850s - Unknown

Transfer: Acquired the remaining part of the estate from descendants of the Bonfoy line, including the Rooper family.

Holding: Share / Remaining portion of the estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1541 - 1558

Sir John St John, Knight, of Bletsoe

Transfer:

Granted by the Crown in exchange for the manor of Paulerspury, Northamptonshire

Previous holder:

Ramsey Abbey

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

St John family

Narrative / explanation:

Following the Dissolution of Ramsey Abbey, the Crown granted Abbots Ripton Manor to Sir John St John in 1541. The Huntingdonshire conservation statement expressly describes the transaction as an exchange for the manor of Paulerspury in Northamptonshire. The end date is based on the reported death of Sir John St John in 1558; the source also reports that he had granted the village to his son Oliver in 1543, so the exact legal date at which Oliver became the manorial holder is not completely clear.

Source citation:

Huntingdonshire District Council, Abbots Ripton Conservation Area Character Statement, sections 3.4-3.5; local historical account citing the St John conveyance.

Source URL:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/2316/abbots-ripton-conservation-area-character-statement-adopted-march-1996.pdf>

Other parties:

Sir John St John

Co-holders:

John St John, Oliver St John

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-st-john-4361

Person dates:

By 1495-1558

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2**1582 - 1596****John St John, Member of the St John family, successor to Oliver St John, 1st Baron St John of Bletsoe****Transfer:**

Succeeded to the St John family estate after the death of Oliver St John, 1st Baron St John of Bletsoe

Previous holder:

Oliver St John, 1st Baron St John of Bletsoe

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

St John family

Narrative / explanation:

The local-authority account states that John St John inherited the title and associated estate after Oliver's death in 1582 and died in 1596 without a male heir. It identifies the subsequent passage of the manor to John's younger brother Oliver.

Source citation:

Huntingdonshire District Council, Abbots Ripton Conservation Area Character Statement, section 3.4-3.5.

Source URL:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/2316/abbots-ripton-conservation-area-character-statement-adopted-march-1996.pdf>

Other parties:

John St John

Co-holders:

Sir John St John, Oliver St John

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-st-john-4362

Person dates:

Died 1596

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**1596 - 1618****Oliver St John, Member of the St John family**

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Transfer:

Succeeded his elder brother John St John as the manor passed through the St John family

Previous holder:

John St John

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

St John family

Narrative / explanation:

The Huntingdonshire conservation statement says that after John St John died without a male heir in 1596, the manor passed to his younger brother Oliver. It then records a further succession to Oliver's son in 1618.

Source citation:

Huntingdonshire District Council, Abbots Ripton Conservation Area Character Statement, section 3.5.

Source URL:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/2316/abbots-ripton-conservation-area-character-statement-adopted-march-1996.pdf>

Other parties:

Oliver St John

Co-holders:

Sir John St John, John St John

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-st-john-4362

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=oliver-st-john-4363

Person dates:

Dates not established in the consulted sources

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1679 - unknown

Hugh Bonfoy, Son of Nicholas Bonfoy

Transfer:

Inherited the Nicholas Bonfoy moiety in 1679

Previous holder:

Nicholas Bonfoy

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One moiety or principal half of the divided estate

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Shared holding:

Bonfoy family, Nicholas branch

Narrative / explanation:

The consulted local historical account states that Nicholas Bonfoy's son Hugh inherited half of Abbots Ripton Manor in 1679. No later instrument has been located showing the exact date or mechanism by which this moiety passed out of Hugh Bonfoy's hands. The later history indicates that the two portions were ultimately reunited under the Caesar family, but the precise conveyance is not established.

Source citation:

Local historical account, "Episode 26 – Abbots Ripton, Cambridgeshire," citing the Victoria County History and related sources.

Source URL:

<https://britainalphabetically.wordpress.com/2017/07/02/episode-26-abbots-ripton-cambridgeshire/>

Other parties:

Hugh Bonfoy

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-bonfoy

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-bonfoy-4364

Person dates:

Dates not established in the consulted sources

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1640 - 1662****Hugh Awdley, London financier and property owner****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Conveyed to Hugh Awdley in 1640; the estate was divided after his death in 1662.

Previous holder:

Oliver St John, Earl of Bolingbroke

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

From / transferor:

Oliver St John, Earl of Bolingbroke

To / transferee:

Hugh Awdley

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Conveyance

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Hugh Awdley held Abbots Ripton Manor from the conveyance of 1640 until his death in 1662.

Other parties:

Hugh Awdley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-awdley

Person dates:

Died 1662

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1662 - 1679

Nicholas Bonfoy

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Received one of the two principal portions created by the division of the estate after Hugh Awdley's death.

Previous holder:

Hugh Awdley

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One moiety or principal half of the divided estate

From / transferor:

Hugh Awdley

To / transferee:

Nicholas Bonfoy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Descent or division

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Nicholas Bonfoy received one principal moiety of Abbots Ripton Manor on the division following Hugh Awdley's death.

Other parties:

Nicholas Bonfoy

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-awdley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-bonfoy

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1662 - unknown

Thomas Bonfoy

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Received the other principal portion created by the division of the estate after Hugh Awdley's death.

Previous holder:

Hugh Awdley

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One moiety or principal half of the divided estate

From / transferor:

Hugh Awdley

To / transferee:

Thomas Bonfoy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Descent or division

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Bonfoy received the second principal moiety of Abbots Ripton Manor after the 1662 division.

Other parties:

Thomas Bonfoy

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-awdley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-bonfoy

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

Unknown - Unknown

Susan Bonfoy

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Inherited the Thomas Bonfoy moiety and brought it into the Caesar family through her marriage to Sir Charles Caesar.

Previous holder:

Thomas Bonfoy

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Thomas Bonfoy moiety

From / transferor:

Thomas Bonfoy

To / transferee:

Susan Bonfoy

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Descent and marriage settlement or marital succession

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Susan Bonfoy held the portion descended from her father Thomas Bonfoy; her marriage to Sir Charles Caesar transferred the relevant family interest into the Caesar line.

Other parties:

Susan Bonfoy, Sir Charles Caesar

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-bonfoy

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=susan-bonfoy

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

Unknown - Unknown

Sir Charles Caesar

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Acquired the Bonfoy moiety through his marriage to Susan Bonfoy.

Previous holder:

Susan Bonfoy

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Susan Bonfoy's moiety

From / transferor:

Susan Bonfoy

To / transferee:

Sir Charles Caesar

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Marital succession

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Charles Caesar held the portion of Abbots Ripton Manor that entered the Caesar family through his marriage to Susan Bonfoy.

Other parties:

Sir Charles Caesar, Susan Bonfoy

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=susan-bonfoy

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**1741 - Unknown****Julius Caesar****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Inherited the reunited manor portions in 1741 and later sold the manor.

Previous holder:

Caesar family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Reunited manor interest

From / transferor:

Caesar family

To / transferee:

Julius Caesar

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Inheritance

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Julius Caesar inherited Abbots Ripton Manor in 1741 after the two principal portions had been reunited under the Caesars.

Other parties:

Julius Caesar

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

18th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1794 - Unknown****William Henry Fellowes****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Acquired the principal portion of the manor, with 1794 being the date adopted in the supplied record despite a conflicting report of 1760.

Previous holder:

Julius Caesar

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Principal portion of the manor

From / transferor:

Julius Caesar

To / transferee:

William Henry Fellowes

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Sale or conveyance

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

William Henry Fellowes acquired the principal portion of Abbots Ripton Manor in 1794 according to the chronology adopted in the authoritative record; an alternative 1760 date is expressly retained there as unresolved source conflict.

Other parties:

William Henry Fellowes

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=julius-caesar**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-henry-fellowes**Person dates:**

1769-1838

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**1850s - Unknown****De Ramsey/Fellowes family****Holder position:**

holder

Transfer:

Acquired the remaining part of the estate from descendants of the Bonfoy line, including the Rooper family.

Previous holder:

Rooper descendants

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Remaining portion of the estate

From / transferor:

Rooper descendants

To / transferee:

De Ramsey/Fellowes family

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Acquisition or conveyance

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The De Ramsey/Fellowes interest acquired the remainder of the Abbots Ripton estate from the Rooper-descended interest in the 1850s, reuniting the principal portions.

Other parties:

De Ramsey/Fellowes family

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

No published relationship path recorded.