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HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABBOTS WORTHY MANOR

Location:

Kings Worthy, Hampshire

Recorded historical holders:

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HOLDER 1**909 - At the Dissolution of the Monasteries, 1539**

Hyde Abbey, Winchester, also known as the New Minster or St Peter's Abbey, Benedictine abbey, St Peter's Abbey at Winchester

Transfer:

Held from 909; the estate remained in the possession of Hyde Abbey until the Dissolution according to local historical and heritage accounts.

Previous holder:

Royal or episcopal landholding before the 909 grant; the precise immediately preceding holder is uncertain in the available sources.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Hyde Abbey ecclesiastical estate

Narrative / explanation:

The place-name history identifies Abbots Worthy, formerly Easton Worthy, as held by Hyde Abbey from 909. A local authority historic-settlement report likewise states that the manor was held by Hyde Abbey from 909. The exact terms of the early grant and the precise boundaries of the estate remain uncertain because the Anglo-Saxon charters for the Worthy settlements are difficult to correlate with later manorial boundaries.

Source citation:

Coates, Richard, place-name and local historical account for Abbots Worthy; Hampshire County Council, Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy Historic Rural Settlement publication, section 15.2; Victoria County History, Hampshire, volume 4, parish history of Kings Worthy.

Source URL:

<https://www.oldhampshiremapped.org.uk/hantsgaz/hantsgaz/s0000008.htm>

Other parties:

Hyde Abbey, Winchester

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hyde-abbey-winchester-4414

Person dates:

Founded as the New Minster in the late ninth century; dissolved 1539

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1545 - After 1545; before the later Russell-Bedford ownership

Thomas Wriothesley, later 1st Earl of Southampton, Secretary of State, Lord Chancellor, Lord Chancellor of England

Transfer:

The lordship of the manor of Worthy Abbot was authorized to be alienated to Thomas Wriothesley by Letters Patent in September 1545, following the Dissolution of Hyde Abbey.

Previous holder:

Hyde Abbey, Winchester, whose property was confiscated or otherwise transferred at the Dissolution.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Wriothesley post-Dissolution acquisition

Narrative / explanation:

A research thesis citing Hampshire Record Office, Wriothesley Deeds, volume 2, page 131, records that Dr Augustine was authorized by Letters Patent in September 1545 to alienate to Wriothesley the lordships of the manors of Worthy Abbot, Bycketon Foughlerton, and Leeford in Southampton. This is the clearest located evidence linking the post-Dissolution manor specifically to Wriothesley. The source does not establish the exact date or legal mechanism by which the manor subsequently left the Wriothesley family.

Source citation:

Hampshire Record Office, Wriothesley Deeds, vol. 2, p. 131, as cited in Gibbons, The English Reformation and the Dissolution of the Monasteries, discussion of the 1545 authorization; Winchester City Council, Abbots Worthy Conservation Area Technical Assessment.

Source URL:

https://wrap.warwick.ac.uk/id/eprint/4242/1/WRAP_THESIS_Gibbons_1999.pdf

Other parties:

Thomas Wriothesley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-wriothesley-4114

Person dates:

1505-1550

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

After the Wriothesley holding; date uncertain - By the later seventeenth century, when the property formed part of

Lord Russell and the Russell family, exact individual not identified by the source

Transfer:

The Abbots Worthy estate is described as having passed from the Wriothesley or Earl of Southampton interest to Lord Russell. The precise conveyance, date, and legal form are not identified in the located sources.

Previous holder:

Thomas Wriothesley, later 1st Earl of Southampton, or his successors

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Russell family transition to the Bedford Estates

Narrative / explanation:

Winchester City Council's conservation-area assessment states that after the Dissolution Abbots Worthy was acquired by Thomas Wriothesley, Earl of Southampton, and that the land then passed to Lord Russell. The source does not provide a deed, fine, inheritance instrument, or exact date for this transition. It is therefore recorded as a documented but undated transfer rather than being assigned to a specific Russell individual.

Source citation:

Winchester City Council, Abbots Worthy Conservation Area Technical Assessment, section 3.3, historical ownership summary.

Source URL:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/attach/21683/Abbots-Worthy-Conservation-Area-Technical-Assessment-Aug1997.pdf>

Other parties:

Lord Russell, Russell family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lord-russell-4415

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

Seventeenth century - At least part retained in the eighteenth century; land partly sold in 1801

The Bedford Estates, represented by the Russell family, Earls and Dukes of Bedford

Transfer:

The Abbots Worthy land formed part of the Bedford Estates after the Russell transition. A published historical study states that the Bedford family still owned manorial rights in part of Abbots Worthy in the eighteenth century.

Previous holder:

Lord Russell and the Russell family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The source expressly supports continuing rights in part of Abbots Worthy; the extent of the complete manor is uncertain.

Shared holding:

Bedford Estate manorial and landed interest

Narrative / explanation:

The local authority conservation assessment says that Abbots Worthy formed part of the Bedford Estates during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. A study of the Hyde and Abbots Barton estates, citing the relevant estate history, specifically states that the Bedford family still owned the manorial rights of Abbots Worthy in the eighteenth century. This distinction is important: the evidence supports Bedford ownership of manorial rights or an estate interest, but does not prove that every parcel later associated with Abbots Worthy House remained part of one undivided manor.

Source citation:

Winchester City Council, Abbots Worthy Conservation Area Technical Assessment, section 3.3; Grover, Hyde: From Dissolution to Victorian Suburb, extract 2, discussion of Bedford manorial rights at Abbots Worthy.

Source URL:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/257936197_Hyde_From_Dissolution_to_Victorian_Suburb_extract_2_-_Reunification_of_Abbots_Barton_and_Hyde_Abbey_Farms_and_the_sale_by_Jane_Austen%27s_brother_Edward

Other parties:

Russell family, Bedford Estates

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lord-russell-4415

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=russell-family-and-bedford-estates-4416

Person dates:

Seventeenth to eighteenth centuries in this holding context

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1801 - Later nineteenth century; exact end of the manor or complete estate holding uncertain

The Baring family, Baring banking family, Sir Thomas Baring, 2nd Baronet, and descendants

Transfer:

An area of Abbots Worthy was sold by the Bedford interest to the Baring family in 1801. The sources use

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both estate and land terminology and do not prove that the transaction conveyed all surviving manorial rights.

Previous holder:

The Bedford Estates and Bedford family

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Part of the former Abbots Worthy estate; the extent of any manor or manorial-rights interest is uncertain.

Shared holding:

Baring estate at Abbots Worthy

Narrative / explanation:

The 1801 sale is consistently reported by local authority and heritage sources. The Hampshire Garden Trust states that some of the Abbots Worthy land was sold to the Baring family in 1801, while the Winchester conservation assessment says that the land was sold to the Baring family. Thomas Baring subsequently built Abbots Worthy House in 1836 for the Reverend Charles Baring. Because the evidence describes the sale as an area or part of the estate, this entry is classified as a partial landed interest rather than an unequivocal transfer of the complete manor.

Source citation:

Hampshire Garden Trust, Abbots Worthy House research, historical development section; Winchester City Council, Abbots Worthy Conservation Area Technical Assessment, section 3.3; Historic England, listed-building record for the kitchen garden wall formerly belonging to Abbotsworthy House.

Source URL:

<https://research.hgt.org.uk/item/abbots-worthy-house/>

Other parties:

Baring family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=baring-family-4417

Person dates:

Acquired Abbots Worthy land in 1801; associated with the estate through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.