

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

HIGH ABBOTSDIDE MANOR

Location:

Aysgarth, Yorkshire

Recorded historical holders:

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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. **Abbot and convent of Fors Abbey, later Jervaulx Abbey, Abbot and convent of Jervaulx Abbey, earlier Fors Abbey | 1145 - 1539**

Transfer: Foundation grant of land at Fors and Worton to establish a monastery; the community moved from Fors to the Jervaulx site in 1156 and retained the associated Wensleydale estate until the Dissolution.

Holding: The monastic estate later known as the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside; the precise medieval legal share is not stated. / Jervaulx monastic estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. **The Crown, Crown of England under James I | 1539 - 1544**

Transfer: Dissolution and forfeiture of Jervaulx Abbey's lands to the Crown.

Holding: Other / The former monastic Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside estate. / Crown custody after Dissolution

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. **Matthew Stewart, 4th Earl of Lennox, and Margaret Douglas, Countess of Lennox | 1544 - 1603**

Transfer: Grant by Henry VIII of the former Jervaulx Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside to Matthew Stewart, Earl of Lennox, and Margaret Douglas.

Holding: Joint / Whole estate as granted; the source does not specify separate beneficial shares. / Lennox joint grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. The Crown, Crown of England under James I | 1603 - 1603

Transfer: Reversion or return of the estate to the Crown on the accession of James I; the source states that the Lennox holding returned to the Crown in 1603.

Holding: Other / Whole former Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside estate. / Crown reversion

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox, 2nd Duke of Lennox, 1st Duke of Richmond, Earl of March | 1603-08-06 - 1614

Transfer: Royal grant by James I on 6 August 1603 of the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside, together with Settrington and Temple Newsam.

Holding: Whole manor or lordship as granted. / Lennox ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Sir Francis Baildon, Thomas Rookwood and Edmund Rolte, Sir Francis Baildon of Kippax, Thomas Rookwood of London, Edmund Rolte of Gray's Inn | 1614 - 1616

Transfer: Purchase of the entire manor from Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox, for £10,000.

Holding: Joint / Whole manor; the source does not state the internal shares of the three purchasers. / 1614 purchasing consortium

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. George Cole and Thomas Cole, Gentry purchasers of portions of the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside | 1616 - 1618

Transfer: Acquisition of one-third share of the manor from the 1614 purchasers; the related survey and later account describe two parts as passing to the Coles.

Holding: Share / One-third share, with the Coles also acquiring or controlling another third through a separate transaction. / Cole share / Co-holders: George Cole

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. George Cole, Purchaser of portions of the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside | 1616 - 1618

Transfer: Acquisition of a further one-third share of the divided manor, according to the account of the 1616 transactions and 1618 survey.

Holding: Share / One-third share, in addition to the share associated with George and Thomas Cole. / Cole share / Co-holders: George Cole and Thomas Cole

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Mary Coleby, Holder of one-third share in the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside | 1616 - 1678

Transfer: Acquisition of the remaining one-third share of the divided manor; she subsequently leased it to George Cole for ten years at £220 per annum.

Holding: Share / One-third share / Coleby share

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. John Coleby, Holder and vendor of the Coleby share in the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside | By 1678 - 1678

Transfer: Sale of the Coleby share of the manor to Alexander Smith in 1678.

Holding: Share / The part of the manor descended through Mary Coleby's interest; the exact fraction is not restated in the sale account. / Coleby successor share

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Alexander Smith, Purchaser of the Coleby share in the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside | 1678 - By 1717

Transfer: Purchase of John Coleby's part of the manor in 1678.

Holding: Share / The former Coleby part of the manor; exact fraction not restated in the accessible account. / Smith share

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Henry Lowther, 3rd Viscount Lonsdale | By 1717 - 1723

Transfer: The whole manor was reported to be owned by Lord Lonsdale by 1717; he sold it to Edward Wortley Montagu in 1723. The intermediate acquisition of the remaining shares is not identified.

Holding: Whole Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside by 1717. / Lonsdale ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Edward Wortley Montagu, English landowner and Member of Parliament, husband of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu | 1723 - 1755

Transfer: Purchase of the Manor of Wensleydale or Dale Grange from Henry, Viscount Lonsdale, in 1723.

Holding: Whole manor before its division into High and Low Abbotside. / Wortley ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. Mary Wortley Montagu, English aristocrat, writer and traveller, daughter of Edward Wortley Montagu | 1755 - After 1755 and before succession of James Archibald Stuart

Transfer: Life interest under Edward Wortley Montagu's testamentary disposition; after her life interest the estates were to pass to James Archibald Stuart, her second son.

Holding: Other / Life interest in the Wortley estates, including High and Low Abbotside according to the consulted descent account. / Wortley life interest

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. James Archibald Stuart, Colonel James Archibald Stuart, later Stuart-Wortley-Mackenzie | After Mary Wortley Montagu's life interest and before 1797 - Before 1797

Transfer: Remainder interest after Mary Wortley Montagu; the source states that James Archibald Stuart received the estates and then demised them to his eldest son John Stuart.

Holding: Wortley estates including High and Low Abbotside, subject to the settlement and subsequent demise. / Stuart-Wortley remainder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. John Stuart, Eldest son of James Archibald Stuart, heir apparent to the Wortley estates | After the succession of James Archibald Stuart and before 1797 - 1797

Transfer: Demise from his father, James Archibald Stuart; the consulted source states that the estates were then held by his eldest son John Stuart until his death unmarried in 1797.

Holding: Other / Estate holding under a demise; the exact legal interest is not stated. /

Stuart-Wortley demised estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. James Archibald Stuart Wortley Mackenzie, 1st Baron Wharncliffe from 1826, British soldier and politician | 1797 - 1818

Transfer: Succession to the Wortley estates after the death of his elder brother John Stuart in 1797.

Holding: Wortley estates including the manors of High and Low Abbotside. / Wortley-Mackenzie ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. Earl of Wharnccliffe, 3rd Baron Wharnccliffe, 1st Earl of Wharnccliffe from 1876 | By 1890 - 1912

Transfer: Later descent within the Wortley-Stuart-Wharnccliffe family; the precise intervening conveyances from 1818 to 1890 are not established here. In 1890 the Earl of Wharnccliffe was expressly identified as lord of the manor of High Abbotside.

Holding: Lordship of High Abbotside Manor; the same source also identifies the Earl as lord of Low Abbotside. / Wharnccliffe estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1145 - 1539

Abbot and convent of Fors Abbey, later Jervaulx Abbey, Abbot and convent of Jervaulx Abbey, earlier Fors Abbey

Transfer:

Foundation grant of land at Fors and Worton to establish a monastery; the community moved from Fors to the Jervaulx site in 1156 and retained the associated Wensleydale estate until the Dissolution.

Previous holder:

Akarius Fitz Bardolf and other lay donors

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The monastic estate later known as the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside; the precise medieval legal share is not stated.

Shared holding:

Jervaulx monastic estate

Narrative / explanation:

The sources identify the former Manor of Wensleydale and Abbotside estate as the land held by the abbot of Jervaulx. The first foundation was at Fors in 1145, and the monastery moved to Jervaulx in 1156. By 1301-02 the abbot paid subsidy for Dale Grange and associated settlements including Skelgill, Cams, Simonstone and Cotterdale. This is the securely evidenced predecessor of the later High and Low Abbotside manors.

Source citation:

Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1 (1914), pp. 68-70, as cited in the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey; corroborated by the York Archaeological Trust account of Jervaulx Abbey.

Source URL:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/02/Mitcham-2019-Community-archaeology-surveys-and-excavation-at-Floshes-Hill.pdf>

Other parties:

Fors Abbey, Jervaulx Abbey

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=abbot-and-convent-of-jervaulx-abbey-4458

Person dates:

1145-1539

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2**1539 - 1544****The Crown, Crown of England under James I****Transfer:**

Dissolution and forfeiture of Jervaulx Abbey's lands to the Crown.

Previous holder:

Abbot and convent of Jervaulx Abbey

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

The former monastic Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside estate.

Shared holding:

Crown custody after Dissolution

Narrative / explanation:

The sources state that the Manor of Wensleydale was taken from Jervaulx Abbey at the Dissolution in 1539 and passed into Crown ownership before its grant in 1544.

Source citation:

Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1 (1914), pp. 68-70, as cited in the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey.

Source URL:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/02/Mitcham-2019-Community-archaeology-surveys-and-excavation-at-Floshes-Hill.pdf>

Other parties:

The Crown

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-4461

Person dates:

1603

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**1544 - 1603****Matthew Stewart, 4th Earl of Lennox, and Margaret Douglas, Countess of Lennox****Transfer:**

Grant by Henry VIII of the former Jervaulx Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside to Matthew Stewart, Earl of Lennox, and Margaret Douglas.

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Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Whole estate as granted; the source does not specify separate beneficial shares.

Shared holding:

Lennox joint grant

Narrative / explanation:

The estate was granted by Henry VIII in 1544 to Matthew Stewart, Earl of Lennox, and his wife Margaret Douglas. The source describes the grant as applying to the Manor of Wensleydale, the predecessor estate of High and Low Abbotside. The estate returned to the Crown in 1603.

Source citation:

Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1 (1914), pp. 68-70, citing the relevant Patent Roll; reproduced and summarized in the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey.

Source URL:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/02/Mitcham-2019-Community-archaeology-surveys-and-excavation-at-Floshes-Hill.pdf>

Other parties:

Matthew Stewart, Earl of Lennox, Margaret Douglas

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-4461

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=matthew-stewart-and-margaret-douglas-4460

Person dates:

Matthew Stewart: 1516-1571; Margaret Douglas: 1515-1578

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1603 - 1603****The Crown, Crown of England under James I****Transfer:**

Reversion or return of the estate to the Crown on the accession of James I; the source states that the Lennox holding returned to the Crown in 1603.

Previous holder:

Matthew Stewart, Earl of Lennox, and Margaret Douglas

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Whole former Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside estate.

Shared holding:

Crown reversion

Narrative / explanation:

The source describes the estate as returning to the Crown in 1603. It was then granted on 6 August 1603 to Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox.

Source citation:

The Dales, Coleby Hall Askrigg historical account, citing the Patent Roll and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1 (1914), pp. 68-70.

Source URL:

<https://thedaes.org.uk/coleby-hall-askrigg/>

Other parties:

The Crown

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-4461

Person dates:

1603

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1603-08-06 - 1614

Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox, 2nd Duke of Lennox, 1st Duke of Richmond, Earl of March

Transfer:

Royal grant by James I on 6 August 1603 of the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside, together with Settrington and Temple Newsam.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor or lordship as granted.

Shared holding:

Lennox ownership

Narrative / explanation:

The Duke of Lennox received the estate from the Crown in 1603. His tenure was complicated by disputes with tenants over the existence of the manor, rents, fines and leases. In 1614 he sold the entire manor to Sir Francis Baidon, Thomas Rookwood and Edmund Rolte.

Source citation:

The Dales, Coleby Hall Askrigg historical account, citing the Patent Roll, Exchequer Depositions and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1, pp. 68-70.

Source URL:

<https://thedaes.org.uk/coleby-hall-askrigg/>

Other parties:

Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-4461

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ludovic-stewart-4462

Person dates:

1574-1624

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1614 - 1616

Sir Francis Baidon, Thomas Rookwood and Edmund Rolte, Sir Francis Baidon of Kippax, Thomas Rookwood of London, Edmund Rolte of Gray's Inn

Transfer:

Purchase of the entire manor from Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox, for £10,000.

Previous holder:

Ludovic Stewart, Duke of Lennox

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Whole manor; the source does not state the internal shares of the three purchasers.

Shared holding:

1614 purchasing consortium

Narrative / explanation:

In 1614 Lennox sold the entire manor to Baidon, Rookwood and Rolte. The subsequent history suggests that these men may have acted as purchasers or intermediaries before the estate was divided and sold in shares. No assumption is made about beneficial ownership beyond the recorded joint purchase.

Source citation:

The Dales, Coleby Hall Askrigg historical account, citing the relevant Exchequer and conveyancing records and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1, pp. 68-70.

Source URL:

<https://thedailes.org.uk/coleby-hall-askrigg/>

Other parties:

Sir Francis Baidon of Kippax, Thomas Rookwood of London, Edmund Rolte of Gray's Inn

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ludovic-stewart-4462

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-francis-baidon-thomas-rookwood-and-edmund-rolte-4463

Person dates:

Active in the early seventeenth century; individual dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1616 - 1618

George Cole and Thomas Cole, Gentry purchasers of portions of the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside

Transfer:

Acquisition of one-third share of the manor from the 1614 purchasers; the related survey and later account describe two parts as passing to the Coles.

Previous holder:

Sir Francis Baidon, Thomas Rookwood and Edmund Rolte

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One-third share, with the Coles also acquiring or controlling another third through a separate transaction.

Shared holding:

Cole share

Narrative / explanation:

The available account states that in 1616 one third of the manor was sold to George and Thomas Cole for £4,750. It separately states that another third was bought by George Cole, while the final third was acquired by Mary Coleby. A 1618 survey described the estate as divided into two parts to the Coles and one part to Mary Coleby.

Source citation:

The Dales, Coleby Hall Askrigg historical account, citing Exchequer Depositions, Close Rolls and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1, p. 69.

Source URL:

<https://thedaes.org.uk/coleby-hall-askrigg/>

Other parties:

George Cole, Thomas Cole

Co-holders:

George Cole

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-francis-baidon-thomas-rookwood-and-edmund-rolte-4463

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-cole-and-thomas-cole-4464

Person dates:

Active in the early seventeenth century; individual dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1616 - 1618****George Cole, Purchaser of portions of the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside****Transfer:**

Acquisition of a further one-third share of the divided manor, according to the account of the 1616 transactions and 1618 survey.

Previous holder:

Sir Francis Baildon, Thomas Rookwood and Edmund Rolte

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One-third share, in addition to the share associated with George and Thomas Cole.

Shared holding:

Cole share

Narrative / explanation:

The historical account distinguishes a third bought by George Cole from the third bought by George and Thomas Cole. The 1618 survey is summarized as assigning two parts to the Coles and one part to Mary Coleby. The exact legal form of George Cole's separate acquisition is not stated in the accessible account.

Source citation:

The Dales, Coleby Hall Askrigg historical account, citing Exchequer Depositions, Close Rolls and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1, p. 69.

Source URL:

<https://thedaes.org.uk/coleby-hall-askrigg/>

Other parties:

George Cole

Co-holders:

George Cole and Thomas Cole

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-francis-baildon-thomas-rookwood-and-edmund-rolte-4463

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-cole-4465

Person dates:

Active in the early seventeenth century; individual dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**1616 - 1678****Mary Coleby, Holder of one-third share in the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside****Transfer:**

Acquisition of the remaining one-third share of the divided manor; she subsequently leased it to George Cole for ten years at £220 per annum.

Previous holder:

Sir Francis Baildon, Thomas Rookwood and Edmund Rolte

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One-third share

Shared holding:

Coleby share

Narrative / explanation:

Mary Coleby acquired the final third of the manor in the 1616-1618 division. The source states that she leased this share to George Cole for ten years. Her son John Coleby later sold his part of the manor in 1678 to Alexander Smith, indicating descent of this share through the Coleby family, but the exact date and legal mechanism by which John succeeded to Mary Coleby's interest are not supplied.

Source citation:

The Dales, Coleby Hall Askrigg historical account, citing Exchequer Depositions, Close Rolls and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1, p. 69.

Source URL:

<https://thedaes.org.uk/coleby-hall-askrigg/>

Other parties:

Mary Coleby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-francis-baildon-thomas-rookwood-and-edmund-rolte-4463

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-coleby-4466

Person dates:

Active in the early seventeenth century; individual dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**By 1678 - 1678****John Coleby, Holder and vendor of the Coleby share in the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside**

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Transfer:

Sale of the Coleby share of the manor to Alexander Smith in 1678.

Previous holder:

Mary Coleby

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

The part of the manor descended through Mary Coleby's interest; the exact fraction is not restated in the sale account.

Shared holding:

Coleby successor share

Narrative / explanation:

The source identifies John Coleby as a son of Mary Coleby and states that he sold his part of the manor to Alexander Smith in 1678. This entry records only the documented manor conveyance; it does not infer the precise route by which the share passed from Mary to John.

Source citation:

Feet of Fines of Yorkshire, East Riding, Easter 33 Charles II, together with Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire and the Historical Manuscripts Commission report, as cited by Victoria County History and summarized in the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey.

Source URL:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/02/Mitcham-2019-Community-archaeology-surveys-and-excavation-at-Floshes-Hill.pdf>

Other parties:

John Coleby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-coleby-4466

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coleby-4467

Person dates:

Active in the seventeenth century; individual dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

1678 - By 1717

Alexander Smith, Purchaser of the Coleby share in the Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside

Transfer:

Purchase of John Coleby's part of the manor in 1678.

Previous holder:

John Coleby

Holding arrangement:

share

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Share / interest:

The former Coleby part of the manor; exact fraction not restated in the accessible account.

Shared holding:

Smith share

Narrative / explanation:

Alexander Smith acquired John Coleby's part of the manor in 1678. By 1717 the whole manor was reported to be owned by Lord Lonsdale, but no secure conveyance linking Alexander Smith's share, or the other Cole and Smith interests, to Lord Lonsdale has been identified. The gap is therefore preserved rather than bridged by inference.

Source citation:

Feet of Fines of Yorkshire, East Riding, Easter 33 Charles II, and Victoria County History, A History of the County of York: North Riding, volume 1, p. 69, as summarized in the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey.

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Other parties:

Alexander Smith

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coleby-4467

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alexander-smith-4468

Person dates:

Active in the late seventeenth century; individual dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12

By 1717 - 1723

Henry Lowther, 3rd Viscount Lonsdale

Transfer:

The whole manor was reported to be owned by Lord Lonsdale by 1717; he sold it to Edward Wortley Montagu in 1723. The intermediate acquisition of the remaining shares is not identified.

Previous holder:

Alexander Smith and other earlier share-holders; precise intermediate conveyances unknown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Manor of Wensleydale or Abbotside by 1717.

Shared holding:

Lonsdale ownership

Narrative / explanation:

By 1717 the whole manor was in the hands of Lord Lonsdale. The source does not document how the several

seventeenth-century shares were consolidated, so this entry begins with the earliest reported date of whole ownership and expressly leaves the acquisition gap open.

Source citation:

Recovery Rolls of Yorkshire, Trinity 3 George I, rot. 64, and related local history, as cited in the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey and the Northern Mine Research Society account.

Source URL:

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/02/Mitcham-2019-Community-archaeology-surveys-and-excavation-at-Floshes-Hill.pdf>

Other parties:

Henry Lowther, 3rd Viscount Lonsdale

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-lowther-4469

Person dates:

1694-1751

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1723 - 1755

Edward Wortley Montagu, English landowner and Member of Parliament, husband of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

Transfer:

Purchase of the Manor of Wensleydale or Dale Grange from Henry, Viscount Lonsdale, in 1723.

Previous holder:

Henry Lowther, 3rd Viscount Lonsdale

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor before its division into High and Low Abbotside.

Shared holding:

Wortley ownership

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Wortley Montagu bought the manor from Lord Lonsdale in 1723. After this acquisition the estate became known as the manors of High Abbotside and Low Abbotside. The division was an administrative and estate division of the former Manor of Wensleydale, not evidence of a separate medieval title creation.

Source citation:

Northern Mine Research Society, British Mining no. 45, Minutes Regarding Mines in Upper Wensleydale, summarizing the 1723 purchase and later descent; corroborated by the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey.

Source URL:

<https://nmrs.org.uk/assets/pdf/BM45/BM45-151-161-london.pdf>

Other parties:

Edward Wortley Montagu

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-lowther-4469

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-wortley-montagu-4470

Person dates:

1678-1761

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

1755 - After 1755 and before succession of James Archibald Stuart

Mary Wortley Montagu, English aristocrat, writer and traveller, daughter of Edward Wortley Montagu

Transfer:

Life interest under Edward Wortley Montagu's testamentary disposition; after her life interest the estates were to pass to James Archibald Stuart, her second son.

Previous holder:

Edward Wortley Montagu

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Life interest in the Wortley estates, including High and Low Abbotsdale according to the consulted descent account.

Shared holding:

Wortley life interest

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Edward Wortley Montagu left his estates to his daughter Mary for her life, with remainder to James Archibald Stuart. This is recorded as a life interest rather than unrestricted sole ownership. The precise date at which her life interest ended is not supplied in the manor source.

Source citation:

Northern Mine Research Society, British Mining no. 45, Minutes Regarding Mines in Upper Wensleydale, summarizing the Wortley estate settlement.

Source URL:

<https://nmrs.org.uk/assets/pdf/BM45/BM45-151-161-london.pdf>

Other parties:

Mary Wortley Montagu

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-wortley-montagu-4470

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-wortley-montagu-4471

Person dates:

1689-1762

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15

After Mary Wortley Montagu's life interest and before 1797 - Before 1797

James Archibald Stuart, Colonel James Archibald Stuart, later Stuart-Wortley-Mackenzie

Transfer:

Remainder interest after Mary Wortley Montagu; the source states that James Archibald Stuart received the estates and then demised them to his eldest son John Stuart.

Previous holder:

Mary Wortley Montagu

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Wortley estates including High and Low Abbotsdale, subject to the settlement and subsequent demise.

Shared holding:

Stuart-Wortley remainder

Narrative / explanation:

After the life interest of Mary Wortley Montagu, the estates passed to James Archibald Stuart, her second son. The source further states that he demised them to his eldest son John Stuart. The precise dates and legal form of the demise are not given.

Source citation:

Northern Mine Research Society, British Mining no. 45, Minutes Regarding Mines in Upper Wensleydale, summarizing the Wortley family estate descent.

Source URL:

<https://nmrs.org.uk/assets/pdf/BM45/BM45-151-161-london.pdf>

Other parties:

James Archibald Stuart

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-wortley-montagu-4471

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-archibald-stuart-4472

Person dates:

1747-1818

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16

After the succession of James Archibald Stuart and before 1797 - 1797

John Stuart, Eldest son of James Archibald Stuart, heir apparent to the Wortley estates

Transfer:

Demise from his father, James Archibald Stuart; the consulted source states that the estates were then held by his eldest son John Stuart until his death unmarried in 1797.

Previous holder:

James Archibald Stuart

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Estate holding under a demise; the exact legal interest is not stated.

Shared holding:

Stuart-Wortley demised estate

Narrative / explanation:

The source says that James Archibald Stuart demised the estates to his eldest son John Stuart. John died unmarried in 1797, after which the estates passed to his younger brother James Archibald Stuart Wortley Mackenzie. Because the source uses the term demise and does not specify whether John held a leasehold or another form of interest, the holding is classified as other rather than sole ownership.

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Other parties:

John Stuart

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-archibald-stuart-4472

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-stuart-4473

Person dates:

1773-1797

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17

1797 - 1818

James Archibald Stuart Wortley Mackenzie, 1st Baron Wharnccliffe from 1826, British soldier and politician

Transfer:

Succession to the Wortley estates after the death of his elder brother John Stuart in 1797.

Previous holder:

John Stuart

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Wortley estates including the manors of High and Low Abbotside.

Shared holding:

Wortley-Mackenzie ownership

Narrative / explanation:

The consulted account states that after John Stuart died unmarried in 1797, the estates passed to James Archibald Stuart Wortley Mackenzie. He was created Baron Wharnccliffe in 1826, after the period covered by this holding entry. The descent from 1797 is directly stated, although the exact conveyancing instrument has not been located in the accessible sources.

Source citation:

Northern Mine Research Society, British Mining no. 45, Minutes Regarding Mines in Upper Wensleydale; biographical corroboration from the Dictionary of National Biography.

Source URL:

<https://nmrs.org.uk/assets/pdf/BM45/BM45-151-161-london.pdf>

Other parties:

James Archibald Stuart Wortley Mackenzie

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-stuart-4473

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-archibald-stuart-wortley-mackenzie-4474

Person dates:

1776-1845

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18

By 1890 - 1912

Earl of Wharnccliffe, 3rd Baron Wharnccliffe, 1st Earl of Wharnccliffe from 1876

Transfer:

Later descent within the Wortley-Stuart-Wharnccliffe family; the precise intervening conveyances from 1818 to 1890 are not established here. In 1890 the Earl of Wharnccliffe was expressly identified as lord of the manor of High Abbotside.

Previous holder:

Wortley-Stuart-Wharnccliffe family; exact immediate predecessor not securely established in the consulted manor sources

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Lordship of High Abbotside Manor; the same source also identifies the Earl as lord of Low Abbotside.

Shared holding:

Wharnccliffe estate

Narrative / explanation:

Bulmer's 1890 directory explicitly states that the Earl of Wharnccliffe was lord of the manor and principal owner of High Abbotside, and also lord of the manor of Low Abbotside. The Earl was Edward Montagu Stuart Granville Montagu-Stuart-Wortley-Mackenzie, who held the earldom from 1876 until 1899. A

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later historical account states that the former Wortley estate was sold in 1912. The identity of the purchaser or purchasers after the 1912 sale has not been securely established.

Source citation:

Bulmer's History and Directory of North Yorkshire (1890), entry for High Abbotside; supplemented by Historic England's 1913 Simonstone Estate sale record and the Yorkshire Dales National Park archaeological survey.

Source URL:

<https://www.blunham.com/big/eng/YKS/NRY/Aysgarth/Aysgarth90.html>

Other parties:

Edward Montagu Stuart Granville Montagu-Stuart-Wortley-Mackenzie, 1st Earl of Wharnccliffe

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-montagu-stuart-granville-montagu-stuart-wortley-mackenzie-4475

Person dates:

1827-1899

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.