

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABDON MANOR

Location:

Abdon, Shropshire

Recorded historical holders:

34

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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. Uluuin | before 1066 - 1066

Transfer: Pre-Conquest recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, 1st Earl of Shrewsbury, Norman baron and lord of Arundel, Norman magnate | 1086 - 1086

Transfer: Norman superior lordship recorded at Domesday

Holding: Other / overlord / Co-holders: William FitzAlan and the FitzAlan lords

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Rainald the Sheriff | 1086 - after 1086

Transfer: Domesday tenure under Earl Roger

Holding: tenant under Earl Roger

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Azo | 1086 - after 1086

Transfer: Domesday undertenancy under Rainald the Sheriff

Holding: Other / undertenant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. **William FitzAlan and the FitzAlan lords, Lord of the FitzAlan honour, 12th Earl of Arundel, English nobleman and courtier, Baron of Clun, Baron of Oswestry | 1155 - after 1165**

Transfer: Superior lordship passed into the FitzAlan honour

Holding: Other / overlord / Co-holders: Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. **Sir John le Strange, Lord of Knockin, associated in the record with Hunstanton, escheator for the Duchy of Lancaster in the sixth and seventh years of Henry IV, and chief justice of the King's Palace | by 1165 - after 1255**

Transfer: Held Abdon of the FitzAlan barony

Holding: Other / mesne lord

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. **Geoffrey de Ledwyche and the Ledwyche family | 1226 - 1284**

Transfer: Held Abdon under John le Strange

Holding: Other / undertenants

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. **Bishop Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lord Chancellor | late 13th century - 1292**

Transfer: Abdon became part of the Burnell estates

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. **Sir Philip Burnell | 1292 - 1294**

Transfer: Succession as nephew and heir of Bishop Robert Burnell

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. **Edward Burnell | 1294 - 1315**

Transfer: Succession to the Burnell inheritance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. **Maud Burnell and Sir John de Handlo | 1315 - after 1350**

Transfer: Inheritance through Edward Burnell's sister Maud and her settlement with her second husband

Holding: Joint / joint marital holding and settlement

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. **Nicholas de Handlo, later Nicholas Burnell | after 1315 - 1382**

Transfer: Settlement of the Burnell inheritance on Maud Burnell's male issue

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. **Sir Hugh Burnell, Baron of Holgate | 1382 - 1417**

Transfer: Succession as son and heir of Nicholas Burnell

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. **Katherine Burnell and Sir John Radcliffe | 1417 - before 1454**

Transfer: Settlement by Sir Hugh Burnell on his daughter Katherine; possession exercised by her husband in her right

Holding: Joint / wife's inheritance and marital possession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. William Lovel, Baron Lovel of Titchmarsh | before 1454 - 1454

Transfer: Burnell inheritance passed, apparently on Katherine's death, to the heir male of Maud Burnell's first husband

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. Francis Lovel, Lord Lovel, Viscount Lovel | after 1454 - 1485

Transfer: Succession through William Lovel's line

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. Jasper Tudor, Duke of Bedford | after 1485 - 1497

Transfer: Crown grant of Francis Lovel's forfeited estates

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey, later 3rd Duke of Norfolk | 1513-1514 - after 1514

Transfer: Grant by Henry VIII of Abdon and associated estates

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

19. Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, 3rd Duke of Norfolk | after 1514 - before 1551

Transfer: Succession and later conveyance to Sir John Dudley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

20. Sir John Dudley | before 1551 - mid 16th century

Transfer: Conveyance from Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

21. Henry Cresset, Esquire | 1556 - 1562

Transfer: Acquisition or leasehold succession from the Dudley interest; exact conveyance uncertain

Holding: Other / leaseholder or lord of manor

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

22. Richard Cresset of Upton, Esquire | 1562 - after 1580

Transfer: Devise under Henry Cresset's will

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

23. Adam Lutley | before 1590 - 1590

Transfer: Separate or partial interest evidenced by will and inquisition post mortem

Holding: Other / possible manor or manor-related holding

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

24. Humphrey Briggs of Earnstrey, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1605 | late 16th century - 1625

Transfer: Later appearance as lord of Abdon; intervening conveyance not identified

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

25. Moreton Briggs, Baronet from 1641 | 1625 - after 1641

Transfer: Succession as son of Humphrey Briggs

Holding: Briggs family holding / Co-holders: Sir Humphrey Briggs, Sir Hugh Briggs

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

26. Sir Humphrey Briggs, Baronet, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1666 | after 1641 - before 1747

Transfer: Succession within the Briggs family

Holding: Briggs family holding / Co-holders: Moreton Briggs, Sir Hugh Briggs

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

27. Sir Hugh Briggs, Baronet | before 1747 - 1747

Transfer: Succession within the Briggs family

Holding: Briggs family holding / Co-holders: Moreton Briggs, Sir Humphrey Briggs

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

28. Elizabeth Briggs and the Briggs female coheirs | 1747 - eighteenth century

Transfer: Descent to the sisters and coheirs of Sir Hugh Briggs

Holding: Joint / Undivided coheir interests; precise shares not stated / coheirs

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

29. Reverend Rev. John Brooke of Shifnal | eighteenth century - after 1747

Transfer: Inheritance through Elizabeth Briggs and Leigh Brooke

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

30. George Townshend | eighteenth century - 1800

Transfer: Devise by Rev. John Brooke to his nephew

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

31. Viscount Fitzwilliam, 7th Viscount Fitzwilliam | 1800 - 1816

Transfer: Assignment under Act of Parliament partitioning the Briggs estates

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

32. George Augustus Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery | 1816 - after 1851

Transfer: Bequest by Lord Fitzwilliam

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

33. Hon. Sydney Herbert, later 12th Earl of Pembroke, later 12th Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery | before 1851 - after 1851

Transfer: Remainder under Lord Fitzwilliam's bequest; later succession to the Pembroke title

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

34. William Bradley, Esquire, farmer and landowner | 1872 - 1905

Transfer: Purchase from the Herbert or Fitzwilliam inheritors

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

before 1066 - 1066

Uluuin

Transfer:

Pre-Conquest recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Uluuin is recorded as having held Abdon in the time of King Edward the Confessor. This is a Domesday antecedent holding and not a documented conveyance in the modern sense.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon, citing Domesday Book.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=uluuin-4552

Person dates:

flourished before 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - 1086

Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, 1st Earl of Shrewsbury, Norman baron and lord of Arundel, Norman magnate

Transfer:

Norman superior lordship recorded at Domesday

Previous holder:

Uluuin

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

overlord

Narrative / explanation:

In 1086 Abdon was held under Earl Roger. This represents superior lordship rather than direct occupation or undertenancy.

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Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon, citing Domesday Book.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Co-holders:

William FitzAlan and the FitzAlan lords

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=uluuin-4552

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=roger-de-montgomery-earl-of-shrewsbury-4553

Person dates:

died 1094

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1086 - after 1086

Rainald the Sheriff

Transfer:

Domesday tenure under Earl Roger

Previous holder:

Uluuin

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

tenant under Earl Roger

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday records Abdon as held under Earl Roger by Rainald the Sheriff. Azo was the undertenant, so Rainald's interest is distinguished from Azo's immediate tenancy and from Earl Roger's superior lordship.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon, citing Domesday Book.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=uluuin-4552

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rainald-the-sheriff-4554

Person dates:

flourished in 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1086 - after 1086****Azo****Transfer:**

Domesday undert tenancy under Rainald the Sheriff

Previous holder:

Rainald the Sheriff

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

undertenant

Narrative / explanation:

Azo is expressly recorded as Rainald's undertenant at Abdon. Eyton identifies him as Azo Bigot and records that he later granted land in Abdon to Shrewsbury Abbey, but that ecclesiastical grant was not necessarily a transfer of the manor.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon; Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 4, pp. 128-129.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol04.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rainald-the-sheriff-4554

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=azo-probably-azo-bigot-4555

Person dates:

flourished circa 1086-1136

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1155 - after 1165****William FitzAlan and the FitzAlan lords, Lord of the FitzAlan honour, 12th Earl of Arundel, English nobleman and courtier, Baron of Clun, Baron of Oswestry****Transfer:**

Superior lordship passed into the FitzAlan honour

Previous holder:

Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury

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Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

overlord

Narrative / explanation:

The later medieval descent states that Rainald's over-lordship passed to the FitzAlans. Eyton records that by 1165 Abdon and other former Azo estates had probably formed part of the new fees held by John le Strange of the Barony of FitzAlan. The precise date and instrument of the transfer of superior lordship are not established.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon; Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 4, pp. 128-129.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol04.html>

Co-holders:

Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=roger-de-montgomery-earl-of-shrewsbury-4553

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-fitzalan-4556

Person dates:

died 1160

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

by 1165 - after 1255

Sir John le Strange, Lord of Knockin, associated in the record with Hunstanton, escheator for the Duchy of Lancaster in the sixth and seventh years of Henry IV, and chief justice of the King's Palace

Transfer:

Held Abdon of the FitzAlan barony

Previous holder:

FitzAlan lords

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

mesne lord

Narrative / explanation:

Abdon was held by Le Strange under the FitzAlans. Eyton records the holding in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries and states that in 1240 Abdon was among the fees held by John le Strange of the FitzAlan barony.

Source citation:

Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 4, pp. 128-130; A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol04.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-le-strange-4557

Person dates:

flourished twelfth-thirteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1226 - 1284

Geoffrey de Ledwyche and the Ledwyche family**Transfer:**

Held Abdon under John le Strange

Previous holder:

John le Strange

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

undertenants

Narrative / explanation:

Geoffrey de Ledwyche is recorded in 1226 as holding Abdon under Le Strange. The Ledwyches continued as tenants through the thirteenth century; Eyton records Geoffrey holding Abbeton under John le Strange in 1255 and a younger branch holding under the elder Ledwyches in 1284. This is a tenancy or mesne holding, not proof of direct freehold lordship of the manor.

Source citation:

Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 4, pp. 129-130; A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol04.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-le-strange-4557

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=geoffrey-de-ledwyche-4558

Person dates:

flourished 1226-1255

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**late 13th century - 1292****Bishop Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lord Chancellor****Transfer:**

Abdon became part of the Burnell estates

Previous holder:

Le Strange and the Ledwyche interest

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

By the close of the thirteenth century Abdon had become part of the great possessions of Bishop Robert Burnell and was associated with the Barony of Holgate. The precise conveyance into Burnell ownership is not identified in the consulted sources.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-burnell-4559

Person dates:

c.1239-1292

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**1292 - 1294****Sir Philip Burnell****Transfer:**

Succession as nephew and heir of Bishop Robert Burnell

Previous holder:

Bishop Robert Burnell

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Sir Philip Burnell, nephew and heir of Bishop Robert Burnell, held the Burnell inheritance and died seised in 1294. The direct manor link is supplied by the descent of Abdon within that inheritance.

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Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-burnell-4559

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-philip-burnell-4560

Person dates:

died 1294

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1294 - 1315

Edward Burnell

Transfer:

Succession to the Burnell inheritance

Previous holder:

Sir Philip Burnell

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Burnell succeeded his father Sir Philip Burnell. His 1315 inquisition post mortem found that he held Abdon under John le Strange, Lord of Knockin, by service of one-eighth of a knight's fee, with rents from free and customary tenants. This directly confirms Edward's manor holding while also showing the continuing mesne tenure under Le Strange.

Source citation:

Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 4, pp. 130-131; A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol04.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-philip-burnell-4560

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-burnell-4561

Person dates:

died 1315

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1315 - after 1350****Maud Burnell and Sir John de Handlo****Transfer:**

Inheritance through Edward Burnell's sister Maud and her settlement with her second husband

Previous holder:

Edward Burnell

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

joint marital holding and settlement

Narrative / explanation:

After Edward Burnell died without issue in 1315, the inheritance passed through his sister Maud. Maud was first married to Sir John Lovel and then to Sir John de Handlo. The source states that she joined with her second husband in settling the estates on their male issue, excluding her son by the first marriage. The precise date of the settlement is not given.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Other parties:

Maud Burnell, Sir John de Handlo

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-burnell-4561

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=maud-burnell-4562

Person dates:

flourished fourteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**after 1315 - 1382****Nicholas de Handlo, later Nicholas Burnell****Transfer:**

Settlement of the Burnell inheritance on Maud Burnell's male issue

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Previous holder:

Maud Burnell and Sir John de Handlo

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Burnell inheritance passed under Maud Burnell's settlement to Nicholas de Handlo, who assumed the Burnell name. He died in 1382 seised of the manor of Abdon, held under the Earl of Arundel.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=maud-burnell-4562

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-de-handlo-later-nicholas-burnell-4563

Person dates:

died 1382

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1382 - 1417

Sir Hugh Burnell, Baron of Holgate

Transfer:

Succession as son and heir of Nicholas Burnell

Previous holder:

Nicholas de Handlo, later Nicholas Burnell

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Hugh Burnell succeeded his father Nicholas Burnell. He is identified as Baron of Holgate and in 1417 settled Abdon and other manors on his daughter Katherine.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-de-handlo-later-nicholas-burnell-4563

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-hugh-burnell-4564

Person dates:

died after 1417

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

1417 - before 1454

Katherine Burnell and Sir John Radcliffe

Transfer:

Settlement by Sir Hugh Burnell on his daughter Katherine; possession exercised by her husband in her right

Previous holder:

Sir Hugh Burnell

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

wife's inheritance and marital possession

Narrative / explanation:

In 1417 Sir Hugh Burnell settled Holgate and other manors, including Abdon, on his daughter Katherine. She was initially contracted to John Talbot but later married Sir John Radcliffe, who possessed the estates in right of his wife. This is recorded as a holding through Katherine's inherited title, not as an independent absolute acquisition by Radcliffe.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Other parties:

Katherine Burnell, Sir John Radcliffe

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-hugh-burnell-4564

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=katherine-burnell-4565

Person dates:

flourished fifteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15

before 1454 - 1454

William Lovel, Baron Lovel of Titchmarsh

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Transfer:

Burnell inheritance passed, apparently on Katherine's death, to the heir male of Maud Burnell's first husband

Previous holder:

Katherine Burnell and Sir John Radcliffe

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that, apparently on Katherine's death, the Burnell inheritance passed to William Lovel, Baron Lovel of Titchmarsh, as heir male of Maud Burnell's first husband, Sir John Lovel. William Lovel died seised of Abdon in 1454.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=katherine-burnell-4565

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-lovel-baron-lovel-of-titchmarsh-4566

Person dates:

died 1454

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16

after 1454 - 1485

Francis Lovel, Lord Lovel, Viscount Lovel

Transfer:

Succession through William Lovel's line

Previous holder:

William Lovel, Baron Lovel of Titchmarsh

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

William Lovel's line continued through his son John to Francis Lovel, Lord Lovel. Francis forfeited his estates during the reign of Henry VII, after which Abdon was among the forfeited property granted by the Crown to Jasper, Duke of Bedford.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-lovel-baron-lovel-of-titchmarsh-4566

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Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=francis-lovel-lord-lovel-4567

Person dates:

c.1456-after 1487

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17

after 1485 - 1497

Jasper Tudor, Duke of Bedford

Transfer:

Crown grant of Francis Lovel's forfeited estates

Previous holder:

Francis Lovel, Lord Lovel

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

After Francis Lovel's forfeiture, Henry VII granted his estates to Jasper, Duke of Bedford. Jasper died without issue in 1497. The source does not provide a separate grant date or deed specifically for Abdon.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=francis-lovel-lord-lovel-4567

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=jasper-tudor-duke-of-bedford-4568

Person dates:

c.1431-1495 or 1497

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18

1513-1514 - after 1514

Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey, later 3rd Duke of Norfolk

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Transfer:

Grant by Henry VIII of Abdon and associated estates

Previous holder:

Crown after Jasper, Duke of Bedford

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

In 1513-1514 Henry VIII granted Abdon, with Holgate and other estates, to Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey. The date is retained as a regnal-year range because the source does not specify the exact day or instrument.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-howard-earl-of-surrey-4569

Person dates:

1473-1554

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 19

after 1514 - before 1551

Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, 3rd Duke of Norfolk

Transfer:

Succession and later conveyance to Sir John Dudley

Previous holder:

Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, conveyed Abdon and the associated estates to Sir John Dudley. The exact date and instrument of conveyance are not supplied.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-howard-earl-of-surrey-4569

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-howard-duke-of-norfolk-4570

Person dates:

1473-1554

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 20

before 1551 - mid 16th century

Sir John Dudley

Transfer:

Conveyance from Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk

Previous holder:

Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Sir John Dudley is identified as the recipient of the Abdon and Holgate-related estates from Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk. His brother Jerome Dudley was patron of Abdon in 1551. The source suggests, but does not prove, that Sir John Dudley or Jerome Dudley later conveyed the manor to Henry Cresset.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-howard-duke-of-norfolk-4570

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-dudley-4571

Person dates:

flourished sixteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 21

1556 - 1562

Henry Cresset, Esquire

Transfer:

Acquisition or leasehold succession from the Dudley interest; exact conveyance uncertain

Previous holder:

Sir John Dudley or Jerome Dudley

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Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

leaseholder or lord of manor

Narrative / explanation:

Henry Cresset appears as lord of Abdon in 1556. The source also states that in 1549 related estates were granted to the Bishop of Worcester and held on lease by Henry Cresset. It is probable, but not proven by the consulted source, that Sir John Dudley or Jerome Dudley conveyed the manor to Cresset. Henry Cresset devised the manor by will in 1562.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon, including note on the probable Dudley-to-Cresset conveyance.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-cresset-4572

Person dates:

died 1562

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 22

1562 - after 1580

Richard Cresset of Upton, Esquire

Transfer:

Devise under Henry Cresset's will

Previous holder:

Henry Cresset

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Henry Cresset's 1562 will devised the manor of Abdon to his nephew Richard Cresset of Upton. Richard presented to the rectory in 1580, corroborating his continuing connection with the Abdon estate, although the source does not give a later date for his holding.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon; Shropshire historical register material recording Richard Cresset's presentation at Abdon in 1580.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-cresset-4572

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-cresset-of-upton-4573

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Person dates:

flourished sixteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 23

before 1590 - 1590

Adam Lutley

Transfer:

Separate or partial interest evidenced by will and inquisition post mortem

Previous holder:

Unknown

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

possible manor or manor-related holding

Narrative / explanation:

Adam Lutley was seised of a messuage and lands in Abdon held of 'the lord of Abdon'. His will refers to his 'manor' of Abdon and leaves it to his eldest son John. Because the inquisition and will may refer to a manor-related estate or a partial interest rather than the entire lordship, this entry is classified as other and does not bridge the documentary gap between the Cressets and Briggs.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon, citing Adam Lutley's inquisition post mortem and will.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=adam-lutley-4574

Person dates:

buried 1590

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 24

late 16th century - 1625

Humphrey Briggs of Earnstrey, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1605

ABDON MANOR

Transfer:

Later appearance as lord of Abdon; intervening conveyance not identified

Previous holder:

Richard Cresset or Adam Lutley interest; exact predecessor uncertain

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that shortly afterwards Humphrey Briggs of Earnstrey was lord of the manor of Abdon. He died in 1625 seized of the manor, held by service not known. The source's note considers a Cresset-to-Briggs conveyance probable but does not establish the instrument or date; no such conveyance is invented here.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon, including the note on the probable Cresset-to-Briggs transfer.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=humphrey-briggs-of-earnstrey-4575

Person dates:

died 1625

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 25

1625 - after 1641

Moreton Briggs, Baronet from 1641

Transfer:

Succession as son of Humphrey Briggs

Previous holder:

Humphrey Briggs of Earnstrey

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Briggs family holding

Narrative / explanation:

The source identifies Moreton Briggs as the son of Humphrey Briggs and states that he was created a baronet in 1641 and was father of Sir Humphrey Briggs. It presents the Abdon manor as part of the Briggs family estate, but does not provide a separate dated conveyance or explicit statement of the precise year in which Moreton took possession.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

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Co-holders:

Sir Humphrey Briggs, Sir Hugh Briggs

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=humphrey-briggs-of-earnstrey-4575

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=moreton-briggs-4576

Person dates:

flourished seventeenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 26

after 1641 - before 1747

Sir Humphrey Briggs, Baronet, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1666

Transfer:

Succession within the Briggs family

Previous holder:

Moreton Briggs

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Briggs family holding

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Moreton Briggs was father of Sir Humphrey Briggs, who was Sheriff in 1666, within the period when Abdon was held by the Briggs family. The exact dates of Sir Humphrey's manor tenure are not separately documented in the consulted source.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Co-holders:

Moreton Briggs, Sir Hugh Briggs

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=moreton-briggs-4576

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-humphrey-briggs-4577

Person dates:

flourished seventeenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 27**before 1747 - 1747****Sir Hugh Briggs, Baronet****Transfer:**

Succession within the Briggs family

Previous holder:

Sir Humphrey Briggs

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Briggs family holding

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Hugh Briggs was the last male holder named in the Briggs succession. On his death in 1747 the baronetcy expired and his sisters became coheirs of the Briggs estates, including Abdon.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>**Co-holders:**

Moreton Briggs, Sir Humphrey Briggs

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-humphrey-briggs-4577**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-hugh-briggs-4578**Person dates:**

died 1747

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 28**1747 - eighteenth century****Elizabeth Briggs and the Briggs female coheirs****Transfer:**

Descent to the sisters and coheirs of Sir Hugh Briggs

Previous holder:

Sir Hugh Briggs

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Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Undivided coheir interests; precise shares not stated

Shared holding:

coheirs

Narrative / explanation:

After Sir Hugh Briggs died in 1747, his sisters became coheirs of the Briggs estates. Elizabeth married Leigh Brooke. The source does not give the names or precise shares of all coheirs, so only the documented joint inheritance is recorded.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Other parties:

Elizabeth Briggs, other unnamed sisters of Sir Hugh Briggs

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-hugh-briggs-4578

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=elizabeth-briggs-4579

Person dates:

flourished eighteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 29

eighteenth century - after 1747

Reverend Rev. John Brooke of Shifnal

Transfer:

Inheritance through Elizabeth Briggs and Leigh Brooke

Previous holder:

Elizabeth Briggs and the Briggs female coheirs

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Elizabeth's grandson, the Rev. John Brooke of Shifnal, inherited the Haughton and Abdon estates. The date of inheritance is not specified.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=elizabeth-briggs-4579

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Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rev-john-brooke-of-shifnal-4580

Person dates:

flourished eighteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 30

eighteenth century - 1800

George Townshend

Transfer:

Devise by Rev. John Brooke to his nephew

Previous holder:

Rev. John Brooke of Shifnal

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Rev. John Brooke devised the Haughton and Abdon estates to his nephew George Townshend. The 1800 partition subsequently assigned Abdon to Viscount Fitzwilliam, so Townshend's interest ended no later than that partition.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rev-john-brooke-of-shifnal-4580

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-townshend-4581

Person dates:

flourished eighteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 31

1800 - 1816

Viscount Fitzwilliam, 7th Viscount Fitzwilliam

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Transfer:

Assignment under Act of Parliament partitioning the Briggs estates

Previous holder:

George Townshend and the Briggs coheir interests

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

An Act of Parliament in 1800 made a more regular partition of the Briggs estates and assigned Abdon to Viscount Fitzwilliam, descended from Barbara, the eldest sister of Sir Hugh Briggs. The holder is identified by title in the source; the individual was Richard Fitzwilliam, 7th Viscount Fitzwilliam.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon; local Abdon parish history.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-fitzwilliam-7th-viscount-fitzwilliam-4582

Person dates:

1745-1816

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 32

1816 - after 1851

George Augustus Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery

Transfer:

Bequest by Lord Fitzwilliam

Previous holder:

Richard Fitzwilliam, 7th Viscount Fitzwilliam

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lord Fitzwilliam bequeathed Abdon to George Augustus Herbert, Earl of Pembroke. The source states that the bequest carried a remainder to the Earl's second son, Sydney Herbert.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-augustus-herbert-11th-earl-of-pembroke-4583

Person dates:

1759-1827

Relationship to present holder

ABDON MANOR

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 33

before 1851 - after 1851

Hon. Sydney Herbert, later 12th Earl of Pembroke, later 12th Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery

Transfer:

Remainder under Lord Fitzwilliam's bequest; later succession to the Pembroke title

Previous holder:

George Augustus Herbert, Earl of Pembroke

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Hon. Sydney Herbert was the second son named in Lord Fitzwilliam's remainder and is explicitly described as lord of Abdon Manor in 1851. The source adds that his sons succeeded to the Earldom. The estate remained associated with the Herbert family until the 1872 sale.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon; Bagshaw, History, Gazetteer, and Directory of Shropshire, 1851.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Abdon.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-augustus-herbert-11th-earl-of-pembroke-4583

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sydney-herbert-later-12th-earl-of-pembroke-4584

Person dates:

1810-1861

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 34

1872 - 1905

William Bradley, Esquire, farmer and landowner

Transfer:

Purchase from the Herbert or Fitzwilliam inheritors

Previous holder:

Herbert family, including the Earl of Pembroke interest

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Narrative / explanation:

In 1872 William Bradley purchased Abdon Manor. The source expressly states that the purchase covered the manor but not the advowson. William Bradley died in 1905. Later published accounts state that his family continued to own the manor, but do not identify a securely documented successor by name.

Source citation:

A History of the County of Shropshire, volume 10, Abdon; Abdon and Heath Parish Council, History of Abdon.

Source URL:

<https://www.abdonandheathparish.gov.uk/community/abdon-10606/history>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-bradley-4585

Person dates:

died 1905

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.