

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABERMARLAIS MANOR

Location:

Carmarthenshire

Recorded historical holders:

3

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Public record URL:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=abermarlais-manor

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

SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

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

1. The Crown, Crown proprietor following forfeiture | 1531 - 1546

Transfer: Forfeiture following the execution of Rhys ap Griffith FitzUrien for treason; Abermarlais and the neighbouring lordship of Llansadwrn fell to the Crown.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Sir Cornwallis Maude, Viscount Hawarden, seller of Abermarlais in 1795 | 18th century - 1795

Transfer: Held Abermarlais before selling the estate to Captain Thomas Foley in 1795. The source does not establish the date or instrument by which the estate came to Maude.

Holding: Maude family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Heirs of Admiral Sir Thomas Foley, Owners of the Abermarlais estate after Foley's death | 1833 - 1851

Transfer: Continuation of the Foley estate after Admiral Sir Thomas Foley's death in 1833; the 1839 Llansadwrn tithe evidence records the Abermarlais estate as owned by his heirs.

Holding: Trust / Foley estate under testamentary succession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1531 - 1546

The Crown, Crown proprietor following forfeiture

Transfer:

Forfeiture following the execution of Rhys ap Griffith FitzUrien for treason; Abermarlais and the neighbouring lordship of Llansadwrn fell to the Crown.

Previous holder:

Rhys ap Griffith FitzUrien

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Crown's possession is a consequence of forfeiture rather than a private conveyance. Sir Thomas Jones subsequently administered the property and obtained a lease in 1546, but the consulted sources do not establish the exact date or terms by which Crown ownership or control changed thereafter.

Source citation:

The Gatehouse Record, Abermarlais Castle, stating that after Rhys ap Gruffydd was executed for treason the estate and neighbouring lordship of Llansadwrn fell to the Crown.

Source URL:

<https://www.gatehouse-gazetteer.info/Welshsites/179.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-14554

Person dates:

1531 onward in the immediate post-forfeiture period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

18th century - 1795

Sir Cornwallis Maude, Viscount Hawarden, seller of Abermarlais in 1795

Transfer:

Held Abermarlais before selling the estate to Captain Thomas Foley in 1795. The source does not establish the date or instrument by which the estate came to Maude.

Previous holder:

Cornwallis family or an intermediate successor not securely identified

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Maude family

Narrative / explanation:

A nineteenth-century Carmarthenshire historical account states that Foley purchased Abermarlais in 1795 from Sir Cornwallis Maude, Viscount Hawarden. The intervening eighteenth-century descent from Francis Cornwallis is not supplied and should remain an explicit gap.

Source citation:

The Carmarthenshire Historian, account of Abermarlais and Admiral Foley, quoting Foley's description of his 1795 purchase from Sir Cornwallis Maude, Viscount Hawarden.

Source URL:

<https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/document?doi=c8c50238295d8b845a6f5ff6f5295196022b739c&repid=rep1&type=pdf>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-cornwallis-maude-14555

Person dates:

18th century; exact dates for Abermarlais tenure not established

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1833 - 1851

Heirs of Admiral Sir Thomas Foley, Owners of the Abermarlais estate after Foley's death**Transfer:**

Continuation of the Foley estate after Admiral Sir Thomas Foley's death in 1833; the 1839 Llansadwrn tithe evidence records the Abermarlais estate as owned by his heirs.

Previous holder:

Admiral Sir Thomas Foley

Holding arrangement:

trust

Shared holding:

Foley estate under testamentary succession

Narrative / explanation:

The 1839 tithe-map evidence identifies the Abermarlais estate as owned by the heirs of Admiral Sir Thomas Foley. This entry records the estate as a testamentary or family holding pending the later disposition under Foley's will; it does not identify every legal trustee or beneficiary.

Source citation:

Cadw listing description for Glandulais Farmhouse, citing the 1839 Llansadwrn tithe map and stating that the estate was then owned by heirs of Admiral Sir Thomas Foley.

Source URL:

<https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/300011181-glandulais-farmhouse-llansadwrn>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=heirs-of-admiral-sir-thomas-foley-14556

Person dates:

After 1833; documented in 1839

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.