

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABERYSTWYTH MANOR AND BOROUGH

Location:

Cardiganshire

Recorded historical holders:

5

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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. English Crown, represented by the king and the royal lordship of Lampadervaur or Llanbadarn Fawr, King of England, Lord of Ireland, lord of Wales by conquest and royal administration | 1277 - 1633**

Transfer: Royal establishment and retention of the castle, honor, king's lands, borough and associated manor; the end date marks the reported purchase by the Lewis family, not a fully verified Crown conveyance date.

Holding: The Crown's royal lordship and associated borough and manorial rights; no separate fractional share is evidenced. / Royal lordship of Lampadervaur or Llanbadarn Fawr

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 2. Sir John Lewis of Abernant-bychan and James Lewis of Cwm Awen, jointly, Sir John Lewis: Cardiganshire gentleman and High Sheriff of Cardiganshire in 1609 and 1633. James Lewis: Cardiganshire gentleman and Member of Parliament for Cardiganshire at various times between 1624 and 1656. | 1633 - after 1660**

Transfer: Purchase from the Crown or from the Crown's estate; the reported transaction included the boroughs and manors of Cardigan and Aberystwyth, assize rents of burgesses, tolls and other perquisites.

Holding: Joint / Joint purchase; the respective shares are not stated. / Lewis family purchasers

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 3. Powell family of Nanteos, Lords of the manor of Aberystwyth, associated with the Nanteos estate and lordship of Llanbadarn Fawr | after 1660 - at least 1929**

Transfer: The precise conveyance from the Lewis ownership has not been located. A historical account states that the Aberystwyth and Cardigan borough and manor interests passed to the Nanteos estate

after 1660. National Library of Wales records directly identify the Powell family of Nanteos as lords of the manor of Aberystwyth in records spanning 1706-1929.

Holding: Family estate interest; no separate share is stated. / Nanteos estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. William Edward Powell of Nanteos, Welsh landowner, Member of Parliament for Cardiganshire, 1816-1854, Lord Lieutenant of Cardiganshire | by the 1820s - 1854

Transfer: Continuation of the Nanteos family holding; the exact instrument by which the manor descended to William Edward Powell is not established in the sources consulted.

Holding: Individual life or estate interest is not precisely specified in the available archival description. / Nanteos estate under William Edward Powell

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. William Beauclerc Powell of Nanteos, identified as lord of the manor in the late nineteenth-century local directory evidence | by 1895 - after 1895

Transfer: Later continuation of the Nanteos/Powell lordship; the precise conveyance or succession from William Edward Powell's estate is not established in the sources consulted.

Holding: Not stated. / Nanteos estate in the late nineteenth century

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1277 - 1633

English Crown, represented by the king and the royal lordship of Lampadervaur or Llanbadarn Fawr, King of England, Lord of Ireland, lord of Wales by conquest and royal administration

Transfer:

Royal establishment and retention of the castle, honor, king's lands, borough and associated manor; the end date marks the reported purchase by the Lewis family, not a fully verified Crown conveyance date.

Previous holder:

Native Welsh rulers and local lordship before the Edwardian conquest; the precise predecessor estate is not treated as a continuously documented legal manor in this record.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The Crown's royal lordship and associated borough and manorial rights; no separate fractional share is evidenced.

Shared holding:

Royal lordship of Lampadervaur or Llanbadarn Fawr

Narrative / explanation:

The Edwardian settlement was created as a royal castle and free borough. The royal character is supported by the 1277 borough charter and by the 1278 appointment of Roger de Molis to keep the castle and honor of Lampadervaur together with the king's lands in the county of Cardigan. The appointment of a keeper is evidence of royal administration, not a private conveyance to Roger de Molis.

Source citation:

Edward I's charter of 28 December 1277, Calendar of Charter Rolls, 1257-1300, vol. II, p. 206; Arnold Taylor, The Welsh Castles of Edward I, pp. 5, 14, citing Littere Wallie, the Liberate Roll, E 372/122 and SC 6/1218/10; Victoria County History, Gazetteer of Markets and Fairs to 1516, entry for Aberystwyth.

Source URL:

https://api.pageplace.de/preview/DT0400.9780826422033_A23738788/preview-9780826422033_A23738788.pdf

Other parties:

The English Crown

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-i-king-of-england-14573

Person dates:

1239-1307; reigned 1272-1307

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2**1633 - after 1660**

Sir John Lewis of Abernant-bychan and James Lewis of Cwm Awen, jointly, Sir John Lewis: Cardiganshire gentleman and High Sheriff of Cardiganshire in 1609 and 1633. James Lewis: Cardiganshire gentleman and Member of Parliament for Cardiganshire at various times between 1624 and 1656.

Transfer:

Purchase from the Crown or from the Crown's estate; the reported transaction included the boroughs and manors of Cardigan and Aberystwyth, assize rents of burgesses, tolls and other perquisites.

Previous holder:

English Crown

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Joint purchase; the respective shares are not stated.

Shared holding:

Lewis family purchasers

Narrative / explanation:

A secondary account states that in 1633 Sir John Lewis, together with his son James, bought the boroughs and manors of Cardigan and Aberystwyth. The source does not supply the deed, consideration, precise date, or full legal description, so the transaction is recorded as a medium-strength conveyance. The later disposition is not securely documented: the same account says that the interests passed to the Nanteos estate after 1660, but no exact conveyance has been identified. No inference is made from family succession or from the Lewis family's other Cardiganshire properties.

Source citation:

Lewis family historical journal, discussion of Sir John Lewis and James Lewis's 1633 purchase of the boroughs and manors of Cardigan and Aberystwyth, with an explicit statement that the interests passed to the Nanteos estate after 1660.

Source URL:

<https://lewis-genealogy.org/genealogy/Lewis/Lewis-Journals.htm>

Other parties:

Sir John Lewis of Abernant-bychan, James Lewis of Cwm Awen

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-lewis-of-abernant-bychan-james-lewis-of-cwm-awen-14574

Person dates:

Sir John Lewis, c.1580/81-1655/56; James Lewis, born 1601; death date not securely established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**after 1660 - at least 1929****Powell family of Nanteos, Lords of the manor of Aberystwyth, associated with the Nanteos estate and lordship of Llanbadarn Fawr****Transfer:**

The precise conveyance from the Lewis ownership has not been located. A historical account states that the Aberystwyth and Cardigan borough and manor interests passed to the Nanteos estate after 1660. National Library of Wales records directly identify the Powell family of Nanteos as lords of the manor of Aberystwyth in records spanning 1706-1929.

Previous holder:

Sir John Lewis of Abernant-bychan and James Lewis of Cwm Awen

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Family estate interest; no separate share is stated.

Shared holding:

Nanteos estate

Narrative / explanation:

This entry records the later Nanteos lordship without inventing the missing conveyance. The National Library of Wales describes papers and letters from 1706-1929 demonstrating the interest of the Powell family of Nanteos as lords of the manor of Aberystwyth. The same archival body preserves Nanteos estate material relating to the lordship of Llanbadarn Fawr and a file concerning William Edward Powell's title to the Manor of Aberystwyth. The surviving evidence supports continuity of the Nanteos/Powell lordship but does not justify assigning an exact start date immediately after 1660 or reconstructing every succession within the family.

Source citation:

National Library of Wales Archives and Manuscripts, 'Papers, letters, etc. relating to Aberystwyth Borough and Corporation', 1706-1929; National Library of Wales Nanteos estate records, including material concerning W. E. Powell's title to the Manor of Aberystwyth and the lordship of Llanbadarn Fawr.

Source URL:

<https://archives.library.wales/index.php/papers-letters-etc-relating-to-aberystwyth-borough-and-corporation>

Other parties:

Powell family of Nanteos

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=powell-family-of-nanteos-14575

Person dates:

Documented as the relevant lordly family from the early eighteenth century; the precise acquisition date after 1660 is unresolved

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**by the 1820s - 1854****William Edward Powell of Nanteos, Welsh landowner, Member of Parliament for Cardiganshire, 1816-1854, Lord Lieutenant of Cardiganshire****Transfer:**

Continuation of the Nanteos family holding; the exact instrument by which the manor descended to William Edward Powell is not established in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Powell family of Nanteos

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Individual life or estate interest is not precisely specified in the available archival description.

Shared holding:

Nanteos estate under William Edward Powell

Narrative / explanation:

A National Library of Wales catalogue entry explicitly refers to 'WEP's title to Manor of Aberystwyth' in connection with Quarter Sessions and Nanteos estate records. This is direct evidence that William Edward Powell held or claimed title to the manor by the 1820s. His end date is based on the documented death of William Edward Powell in 1854; the source consulted does not state the precise legal transfer of the manor at his death.

Source citation:

National Library of Wales Archives and Manuscripts, Nanteos estate records, catalogue entry for correspondence concerning 'Quarter Sessions, and WEP's title to Manor of Aberystwyth'; National Library of Wales, Powell family of Nanteos authority record.

Source URL:

<https://archifau.llyfrgell.cymru/index.php/informationobject/browse?collection=1846471&page=140&sort=endDate&sortDir=asc&topLod=0>

Other parties:

William Edward Powell

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=powell-family-of-nanteos-14575

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-edward-powell-14576

Person dates:

1788-1854

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**by 1895 - after 1895****William Beauclerc Powell of Nanteos, identified as lord of the manor in the late nineteenth-century local directory evidence****Transfer:**

Later continuation of the Nanteos/Powell lordship; the precise conveyance or succession from William Edward Powell's estate is not established in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Powell family of Nanteos, including William Edward Powell's documented title

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated.

Shared holding:

Nanteos estate in the late nineteenth century

Narrative / explanation:

A late nineteenth-century account identifies William Beauclerc Powell of Nanteos as lord of the manor in the Aberystwyth and Llanbadarn Fawr area. This is used as evidence for the continuing Powell lordship, but no exact date of acquisition or formal conveyance is inferred. The National Library of Wales archival description also confirms the Powell family's continuing connection with the manor through records extending to 1929.

Source citation:

Peter Glyn Williams, historical discussion citing Kelly's Directory of South Wales, 1895, for Llanbadarn Fawr and identifying W. B. Powell of Nanteos as lord of the manor; National Library of Wales archival description of Aberystwyth Borough and Corporation papers, 1706-1929.

Source URL:

https://pure.aber.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/28174703/Williams_Peter_Glyn.pdf

Other parties:

William Beauclerc Powell

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-beauclerc-powell-14577

Person dates:

Nineteenth-century Cardiganshire landowner; exact dates not established in the source used

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.