

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABINGTON MANOR

Location:

Abington, Northamptonshire

Recorded historical holders:

28

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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. Alwin the hunter | 1066 - 1086

Transfer: Held in the time of Edward the Confessor; by 1086 the holding was in Richard's hands.

Holding: Whole Domesday lordship as recorded for Abington

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Richard the artificer, Tenant-in-chief and lord of Abington in Domesday Book | 1086

Transfer: Recorded in Domesday Book as tenant-in-chief and lord of Abington; the transfer from Alwin is the Norman Conquest change recorded by Domesday and no more precise conveyance is supplied.

Holding: Whole Domesday holding recorded at Abington

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Humphrey de Bassingburne, Holder of the Abington holding according to the cited county-history account | reign of Henry II - 13th century

Transfer: The Abington holding is stated in a later county history to have been certified to Humphrey de Bassingburne in the reign of Henry II and to have descended in his family.

Holding: Whole manor or principal four-hide holding, as described by the later source / Bassingburne family / Co-holders: Nicholas de Bassingburne, Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Nicholas de Bassingburne | 13th century - before 1369

Transfer: Succeeded within the Bassingburne family; the precise date and instrument are not stated.

Holding: Whole manor or principal holding / Bassingburne family / Co-holders: Humphrey de Bassingburne, Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne | before 1369 - 1369

Transfer: Held the Bassingburne interest before the manor passed to Robert de Colville after her death or the termination of her interest in 1369.

Holding: Whole manor or principal holding, according to the county-history account / Bassingburne family / Co-holders: Humphrey de Bassingburne, Nicholas de Bassingburne

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Robert de Colville, Lord Colville in the cited genealogical account | 1369 - 1370

Transfer: The manor passed from the Bassingburne interest to Robert de Colville; Robert died without issue and his estates then devolved on his coheirs.

Holding: Whole manor / Colville family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Ralph Basset of Sapcote and Sir John Gernon, Coheirs of Robert de Colville, Sir John Gernon is identified as the holder of the relevant Abington interest after partition | 1369 - 1386

Transfer: Succeeded Robert de Colville as his identified heirs; the holding was divided or otherwise settled between the coheirs, with Abington later specifically associated with Sir John Gernon.

Holding: Joint / Coheir interests; exact shares are not stated in the source used / Colville coheirs

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Sir Robert de Swynburn, William Ashby and other purchasers, Purchasers of Abington manor and advowson in the cited account | 1386

Transfer: Purchased the manor and advowson of Abington without the King's licence, according to the account of the ninth year of Richard II.

Holding: Joint / Joint purchaser interests; individual shares are not stated / 1386 purchasers

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Sir Nicholas Lyllyng, holder of Abington manor | late 14th century or early 15th century - 1419

Transfer: The manor later passed to Sir Nicholas Lyllyng; the exact conveyance from the 1386 purchasers is not established in the consulted sources.

Holding: Whole manor / Lyllyng family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Robert Bernard, Holder of Abington through marriage to Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Lyllyng | circa 1415 - before 1464

Transfer: Acquired or became entitled to Abington through his marriage to Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Lyllyng.

Holding: Whole manor, held in right of his wife or through the marriage settlement / Bernard family /

Co-holders: Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Thomas Bernard, Holder of Abington manor | before 1464 - 1464

Transfer: Succeeded to the Bernard interest in Abington; the exact instrument is not stated.

Holding: Whole manor / Bernard family / Co-holders: Robert Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. John Bernard, Holder of Abington manor | 1464 - 1485

Transfer: Succeeded Thomas Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Holding: Whole manor / Bernard family / Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Margaret Bernard, Widow and interim holder or life-interest holder in the Abington descent | 1485 - 1496

Transfer: Held the Bernard interest as widow after John Bernard's death until the succession of her son John Bernard.

Holding: Trust / Widow's or life interest; exact legal extent is not stated / Bernard family /

Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. John Bernard, Holder of Abington manor | 1496 - 1508

Transfer: Inherited the Abington house and manor interest in 1496 from the preceding Bernard generation.

Holding: Whole manor / Bernard family / Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. John Bernard, Holder of Abington manor | 1508 - circa 1550

Transfer: Succeeded his father or predecessor John Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Holding: Whole manor / Bernard family / Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. Francis Bernard, Holder of Abington manor | circa 1550 - 1602

Transfer: Succeeded John Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Holding: Whole manor / Bernard family / Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. Baldwin Bernard, Holder of Abington manor | 1602 - 1610

Transfer: Succeeded Francis Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Holding: Whole manor / Bernard family / Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. Sir John Bernard, lord of Abington manor, briefly Member of Parliament | 1610 - 1669

Transfer: Sold and conveyed Abington Manor and estate to William Thursby in 1669.

Holding: Whole manor and estate, subject to the terms of the 1669 conveyance / Bernard family /

Co-holders: Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

19. William Thursby, Esquire, purchaser and holder of Abington Manor | 1669 - 1701

Transfer: Purchased Abington Manor from Sir John Bernard in 1669; the conveyance was made with associated trustees and included the manor estate.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Thursby family / Co-holders: Richard Thursby, John Harvey Thursby

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

20. Richard Thursby, Holder of Abington manor | 1701 - 1736

Transfer: Inherited Abington after the death of his uncle William Thursby, according to the published estate descent.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Thursby family / Co-holders: William Thursby, John Harvey Thursby

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

21. John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor | 1736 - 1764

Transfer: Succeeded Richard Thursby in 1736 as identified in the published Abington estate descent.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Thursby family / Co-holders: William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

22. John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor | 1764 - 1798

Transfer: Succeeded the earlier John Harvey Thursby in the published Abington estate descent.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Thursby family / Co-holders: William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

23. John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor | 1798 - 1838

Transfer: Succeeded the earlier John Harvey Thursby in the published Abington estate descent.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Thursby family / Co-holders: William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

24. John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor | 1838 - 1841

Transfer: Held Abington until selling the estate in 1841 to Lewis Loyd.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Thursby family / Co-holders: William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

25. Lewis Loyd, Banker, purchaser of Abington Manor, London banker | 1841 - 1858

Transfer: Purchased Abington Manor and estate from John Harvey Thursby in 1841.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Loyd family / Co-holders: Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

26. Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone, banker and landowner, Banker, 1st Baron Overstone of Overstone and Fotheringay | 1858 - 1883

Transfer: Inherited or succeeded to Abington after the death of his father Lewis Loyd; the published estate descent places the formal inheritance around 1860.

Holding: Whole manor and estate / Loyd family / Co-holders: Lewis Loyd

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

27. Harriet Sarah Loyd, later Lady Wantage, heiress of Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone | 1883 - 1892 or 1897

Transfer: Inherited the Abington estate as the only surviving child and heiress of Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone; subsequently transferred the manor house and part of the estate to Northampton Corporation.

Holding: Whole estate before the documented partial gift; exact manorial rights are not specified /

Loyd-Wantage family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

28. Northampton Corporation, Corporation of Northampton, municipal owner of Abington Manor House and public park | 1892 - 1897

Transfer: Received Abington Abbey and approximately 20 acres from Lady Wantage for a People's Park; the corporation also purchased additional adjoining land, and the public park opened in 1897.

Holding: Other / Documented gift of the manor house and approximately 20 acres; not proven to include every residual manorial right or the whole historic manor / Municipal ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

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HOLDER 1

1066 - 1086

Alwin the hunter

Transfer:

Held in the time of Edward the Confessor; by 1086 the holding was in Richard's hands.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Domesday lordship as recorded for Abington

Narrative / explanation:

The Domesday entry records Alwin the hunter as lord of Abington in 1066. This is a Domesday lordship reference and does not establish the later medieval legal continuity of the manor beyond the place and holding identified as Abington.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Abington, Northamptonshire, summarising Domesday Book; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN4260.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SP7761/abington/>

Other parties:

Alwin the hunter

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alwin-the-hunter-14623

Person dates:

Active before 1066; recorded as lord in 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086

Richard the artificer, Tenant-in-chief and lord of Abington in Domesday Book

Transfer:

Recorded in Domesday Book as tenant-in-chief and lord of Abington; the transfer from Alwin is the Norman Conquest change recorded by Domesday and no more precise conveyance is supplied.

Previous holder:

Alwin the hunter

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Domesday holding recorded at Abington

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday Book records four hides at Abington under Richard, with a mill and meadow. Modern Domesday analysis identifies him as Richard the artificer. This is direct evidence for the Domesday holding, but not evidence that the later medieval manor descended continuously from Richard without an undocumented interval.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Abington, Northamptonshire, Phillimore reference Northamptonshire 59,3; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN4260.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SP7761/abington/>

Other parties:

Richard the artificer

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alwin-the-hunter-14623

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-the-artificer-14624

Person dates:

Recorded in 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

reign of Henry II - 13th century

Humphrey de Bassingburne, Holder of the Abington holding according to the cited county-history account

Transfer:

The Abington holding is stated in a later county history to have been certified to Humphrey de Bassingburne in the reign of Henry II and to have descended in his family.

Previous holder:

Richard the artificer

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor or principal four-hide holding, as described by the later source

Shared holding:

Bassingburne family

Narrative / explanation:

The source gives a broad dynastic transition from the Domesday period to Humphrey de Bassingburne. The precise date and legal instrument are not stated, so the entry preserves the reign-level dating and should not be read as a fully documented conveyance from Richard.

Source citation:

Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848, reproducing the traditional county-history account of the manor's descent.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/northamptonshire/abington-northamptonshire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

Humphrey de Bassingburne

Co-holders:

Nicholas de Bassingburne, Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-the-artificer-14624

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=humphrey-de-bassingburne-14625

Person dates:

Active in the reign of Henry II

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

13th century - before 1369

Nicholas de Bassingburne

Transfer:

Succeeded within the Bassingburne family; the precise date and instrument are not stated.

Previous holder:

Humphrey de Bassingburne

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor or principal holding

Shared holding:

Bassingburne family

Narrative / explanation:

The medieval genealogical account identifies Nicholas de Bassingburne as successor to Humphrey in the Bassingburne descent. Because the source does not give a precise Abington conveyance, this is recorded as a documented succession within the manor-holding family, not as an inferred inheritance from an unrelated pedigree.

Source citation:

The Historic Peerage of England, entry for Bassingbourne of Abington; Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4f/The_Historic_Peerage_of_England_%28IA_dli.granth.17308%29.pdf

Other parties:

Nicholas de Bassingburne

Co-holders:

Humphrey de Bassingburne, Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=humphrey-de-bassingburne-14625

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-de-bassingburne-14626

Person dates:

13th century; died before 1252 according to the cited peerage account

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

before 1369 - 1369

Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Transfer:

Held the Bassingburne interest before the manor passed to Robert de Colville after her death or the termination of her interest in 1369.

Previous holder:

Bassingburne family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor or principal holding, according to the county-history account

Shared holding:

Bassingburne family

Narrative / explanation:

The cited account states that the manor remained in the Bassingburne family until the death of Alice, formerly the wife of Giles de Bassingburne, in the forty-second year of Edward III, 1369. The exact nature of Alice's legal interest is not separately described.

Source citation:

Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/northamptonshire/abington-northamptonshire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Co-holders:

Humphrey de Bassingburne, Nicholas de Bassingburne

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alice-formerly-wife-of-giles-de-bassingburne-14627

Person dates:

Died or her relevant interest ended in 1369

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1369 - 1370

Robert de Colville, Lord Colville in the cited genealogical account

Transfer:

The manor passed from the Bassingburne interest to Robert de Colville; Robert died without issue and his estates then devolved on his coheirs.

Previous holder:

Alice, formerly wife of Giles de Bassingburne

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Colville family

Narrative / explanation:

The county-history account states that after Alice's death in 1369 the manor passed to Robert de Colville. A related genealogical study identifies Robert as the minor heir of the Colville estate who died without issue in 1369, with Abington among the estates descending to his heirs.

Source citation:

Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848; Genealogical memoirs of the extinct family of Chester of Chicheley, discussion of the Colville estates and Abington.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/northamptonshire/abington-northamptonshire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

Robert de Colville

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alice-formerly-wife-of-giles-de-bassingburne-14627

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-colville-14628

Person dates:

Died 1369 or 1370 according to the cited accounts

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1369 - 1386

Ralph Basset of Sapcote and Sir John Gernon, Coheirs of Robert de Colville, Sir John Gernon is identified as the holder of the relevant Abington interest after partition

Transfer:

Succeeded Robert de Colville as his identified heirs; the holding was divided or otherwise settled between the coheirs, with Abington later specifically associated with Sir John Gernon.

Previous holder:

Robert de Colville

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Coheir interests; exact shares are not stated in the source used

Shared holding:

Colville coheirs

Narrative / explanation:

The cited account states that Robert de Colville's heirs were Ralph Basset and Sir John Gernon. A related study says the Colville estates were partitioned and that Abington was allotted to Gernon, but the surviving summary does not provide the complete legal sequence or date of partition. The entry therefore records the coheir stage without assigning precise shares.

Source citation:

Genealogical memoirs of the extinct family of Chester of Chicheley, discussion of the Colville estates and partition of Abington; Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4e/Genealogical_memoirs_of_the_extinct_family_of_Chester_of_Chicheley_their_ancestors_and_descendants_%28IA_genealogicalmemo01wate_0%29.pdf

Other parties:

Ralph Basset of Sapcote, Sir John Gernon

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-colville-14628

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ralph-basset-of-sapcote-and-sir-john-gernon-14629

Person dates:

Active in the later 14th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1386****Sir Robert de Swynburn, William Ashby and other purchasers, Purchasers of Abington manor and advowson in the cited account****Transfer:**

Purchased the manor and advowson of Abington without the King's licence, according to the account of the ninth year of Richard II.

Previous holder:

Sir John Gernon and/or the Colville coheir interests

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Joint purchaser interests; individual shares are not stated

Shared holding:

1386 purchasers

Narrative / explanation:

A county-history account records that in 1386 Sir Robert de Swynburn, William Ashby and others were fined for having purchased the manor and advowson of Abington, held of the Crown in chief of Sir John Gernon, without royal licence. The later disposition of their interests is not established by the source consulted.

Source citation:

Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848, citing the transaction in the ninth year of Richard II.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/northamptonshire/abington-northamptonshire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

Sir Robert de Swynburn, William Ashby, Other unnamed purchasers

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-robert-de-swynburn-william-ashby-and-other-purchasers-14630

Person dates:

Recorded in 1386

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**late 14th century or early 15th century - 1419****Sir Nicholas Lyll yng, holder of Abington manor**

Transfer:

The manor later passed to Sir Nicholas Lyll yng; the exact conveyance from the 1386 purchasers is not established in the consulted sources.

Previous holder:

Sir Robert de Swynburn, William Ashby and other purchasers

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Lyll yng family

Narrative / explanation:

The county-history account places Sir Nicholas Lyll yng after the 1386 purchasers and before the Bernard acquisition. The transition is recorded as a documentary gap because no precise deed or other primary conveyance was located in the public sources consulted.

Source citation:

Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311, summarising the manor's early ownership.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/northamptonshire/abington-northamptonshire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

Sir Nicholas Lyll yng

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-robert-de-swynburn-william-ashby-and-other-purchasers-14630

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-nicholas-lyll yng-14631

Person dates:

Died 1419 according to the cited descent account

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

circa 1415 - before 1464

Robert Bernard, Holder of Abington through marriage to Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Lyll yng

Transfer:

Acquired or became entitled to Abington through his marriage to Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Lyll yng.

Previous holder:

Sir Nicholas Lyll yng

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Share / interest:

Whole manor, held in right of his wife or through the marriage settlement

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

Published local histories state that the estate was obtained by Robert Bernard through his marriage to the heiress of Sir Nicholas Lyllyng in the reign of Henry V, and that the manor passed to the Bernard family in or about 1415. This is a manor-specific statement, but the underlying marriage settlement or conveyance was not located in the public sources consulted.

Source citation:

Samuel Lewis, A Topographical Dictionary of England, entry for Abington, 1848; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN4260, which dates the Bernard acquisition to 1415; Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park descent.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN4260>

Other parties:

Robert Bernard, Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Lyllyng

Co-holders:

Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-nicholas-lyllyng-14631

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-bernard-14632

Person dates:

Active in the early 15th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

before 1464 - 1464

Thomas Bernard, Holder of Abington manor

Transfer:

Succeeded to the Bernard interest in Abington; the exact instrument is not stated.

Previous holder:

Robert Bernard and Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Lyllyng

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

The published descent of Abington identifies Thomas Bernard as the successor in the Bernard line and

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gives his death as 1464. The manor link is stated in the specific Abington descent, but no separate conveyance has been located.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-bernard-of-abington-and-brampton.html>

Other parties:

Thomas Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-bernard-14633

Person dates:

Died 1464 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**1464 - 1485****John Bernard, Holder of Abington manor****Transfer:**

Succeeded Thomas Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Previous holder:

Thomas Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

The published Abington estate descent places John Bernard after Thomas Bernard and before Margaret Bernard, with John Bernard's death dated 1485. The exact legal form of succession is not supplied.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-bernard-of-abington-and-brampton.html>

Other parties:

John Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-bernard-14633

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bernard-14637

Person dates:

Circa 1490 to circa 1550 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1485 - 1496

Margaret Bernard, Widow and interim holder or life-interest holder in the Abington descent

Transfer:

Held the Bernard interest as widow after John Bernard's death until the succession of her son John Bernard.

Previous holder:

John Bernard

Holding arrangement:

trust

Share / interest:

Widow's or life interest; exact legal extent is not stated

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

The published descent records Margaret Bernard as the intermediate holder between John Bernard, who died in 1485, and her son John Bernard, who inherited in 1496. Because the source describes her as a widow in the descent, this is recorded as an interest in the estate rather than an unequivocal fee-simple conveyance.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311, noting that John Bernard inherited the house in 1496.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

Margaret Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bernard-14637

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=margaret-bernard-14635

Person dates:

Relevant Abington interest from 1485 to 1496

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14**1496 - 1508****John Bernard, Holder of Abington manor****Transfer:**

Inherited the Abington house and manor interest in 1496 from the preceding Bernard generation.

Previous holder:

Margaret Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record states that the surviving late-medieval hall is attributable to John Bernard, who inherited the house in 1496. The published estate descent identifies the same John Bernard as holder until his death in 1508.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311, Abington Abbey; Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park descent.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN32311/>

Other parties:

John Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=margaret-bernard-14635

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bernard-14637

Person dates:

Circa 1490 to circa 1550 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15**1508 - circa 1550****John Bernard, Holder of Abington manor****Transfer:**

Succeeded his father or predecessor John Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Previous holder:

John Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

The published Abington descent places a second John Bernard after the John Bernard who died in 1508 and before Francis Bernard. The public source gives an approximate death date of 1550 and no separate conveyance.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

John Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bernard-14637

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bernard-14637

Person dates:

Circa 1490 to circa 1550 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16**circa 1550 - 1602****Francis Bernard, Holder of Abington manor**

Transfer:

Succeeded John Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Previous holder:

John Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

The published Abington descent places Francis Bernard after John Bernard and gives Francis's death as 1602. The precise transfer date and legal instrument are not stated.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

Francis Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Baldwin Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bernard-14637

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=francis-bernard-14638

Person dates:

Circa 1526 to 1602 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17

1602 - 1610

Baldwin Bernard, Holder of Abington manor

Transfer:

Succeeded Francis Bernard in the Bernard descent of Abington.

Previous holder:

Francis Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor

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Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

The published Abington descent places Baldwin Bernard after Francis Bernard and before Sir John Bernard. The exact conveyance is not stated.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

Baldwin Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Sir John Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=francis-bernard-14638

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=baldwin-bernard-14639

Person dates:

Circa 1554 to 1610 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18**1610 - 1669****Sir John Bernard, lord of Abington manor, briefly Member of Parliament****Transfer:**

Sold and conveyed Abington Manor and estate to William Thursby in 1669.

Previous holder:

Baldwin Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate, subject to the terms of the 1669 conveyance

Shared holding:

Bernard family

Narrative / explanation:

Sir John Bernard was the last Bernard holder in the long Bernard descent. A Northamptonshire Record Society publication refers to the 1669 conveyance by Sir John Bernard, Dame Elizabeth his wife and other parties to trustees of William Thursby, with a covenant concerning Dame Elizabeth's dower. The sale price is given in local histories as £13,750.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Record Society, Northamptonshire Past and Present, volume 1, number 6, discussion of the 1669 conveyance and Overstone archive deeds; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument

MNN32311.

Source URL:

<https://www.northamptonshirerecordsociety.org.uk/pdf/npp/volume-1/npp-v1-n6.pdf>

Other parties:

Sir John Bernard

Co-holders:

Robert Bernard, Thomas Bernard, John Bernard, Margaret Bernard, Francis Bernard, Baldwin Bernard

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=baldwin-bernard-14639

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-bernard-14640

Person dates:

23 August 1604 to 5 March 1674

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 19

1669 - 1701

William Thursby, Esquire, purchaser and holder of Abington Manor

Transfer:

Purchased Abington Manor from Sir John Bernard in 1669; the conveyance was made with associated trustees and included the manor estate.

Previous holder:

Sir John Bernard

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Thursby family

Narrative / explanation:

William Thursby acquired Abington Manor from Sir John Bernard in 1669. The Northamptonshire Record Society identifies the 1669 conveyance and the relevant Overstone archive deeds. William Thursby enlarged or rebuilt the manor house after the purchase and began the development of the private park.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Record Society, Northamptonshire Past and Present, volume 1, number 6, discussion of the 1669 conveyance; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311 and Monument MNN4260.

Source URL:

<https://www.northamptonshirerecordsociety.org.uk/pdf/npp/volume-1/npp-v1-n6.pdf>

Other parties:

William Thursby

Co-holders:

Richard Thursby, John Harvey Thursby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-bernard-14640

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-thursby-14641

Person dates:

Circa 1630 to 1701 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 20**1701 - 1736****Richard Thursby, Holder of Abington manor****Transfer:**

Inherited Abington after the death of his uncle William Thursby, according to the published estate descent.

Previous holder:

William Thursby

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Thursby family

Narrative / explanation:

The published descent identifies Richard Thursby as William Thursby's nephew and successor at Abington. The exact probate or settlement instrument was not located in the public sources consulted.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate; Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

Richard Thursby

Co-holders:

William Thursby, John Harvey Thursby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-thursby-14641

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-thursby-14642

Person dates:

Died 1736 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 21

1736 - 1764

John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor

Transfer:

Succeeded Richard Thursby in 1736 as identified in the published Abington estate descent.

Previous holder:

Richard Thursby

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Thursby family

Narrative / explanation:

John Harvey, later styled John Harvey Thursby, succeeded Richard Thursby in 1736. The manor house was extensively remodelled during this period, approximately 1738 to 1743, but the building works are not themselves evidence of the transfer.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311; Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park descent.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN32311/>

Other parties:

John Harvey Thursby

Co-holders:

William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-thursby-14642

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Person dates:

1793 to 1860 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 22**1764 - 1798****John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor****Transfer:**

Succeeded the earlier John Harvey Thursby in the published Abington estate descent.

Previous holder:

John Harvey Thursby

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Thursby family

Narrative / explanation:

A second John Harvey Thursby is placed in the Abington descent between 1764 and 1798. The public source gives the family succession but no separate conveyance or settlement date.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate;
Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

John Harvey Thursby

Co-holders:

William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Person dates:

1793 to 1860 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 23**1798 - 1838****John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor**

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Transfer:

Succeeded the earlier John Harvey Thursby in the published Abington estate descent.

Previous holder:

John Harvey Thursby

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Thursby family

Narrative / explanation:

A third successive John Harvey Thursby is placed in the Abington descent from 1798 to 1838. The exact transfer instrument is not supplied in the public source.

Source citation:

Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park, Northamptonshire, descent of the estate.

Source URL:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2024/09/584-abington-park-later-abbey-northamptonshire.html>

Other parties:

John Harvey Thursby

Co-holders:

William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Person dates:

1793 to 1860 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 24**1838 - 1841****John Harvey Thursby, Last Thursby holder of Abington manor****Transfer:**

Held Abington until selling the estate in 1841 to Lewis Loyd.

Previous holder:

John Harvey Thursby

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

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Shared holding:

Thursby family

Narrative / explanation:

The last John Harvey Thursby held Abington until the sale to Lewis Loyd in 1841. Contemporary and later local accounts connect the sale with the end of Thursby ownership and the acquisition of the property as an investment by Loyd.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311; Parks and Gardens, Abington Park history; The Bernards of Abington and Nether Winchendon, discussion of the 1841 sale.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN32311/>

Other parties:

John Harvey Thursby

Co-holders:

William Thursby, Richard Thursby

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Person dates:

1793 to 1860 according to the published descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 25**1841 - 1858****Lewis Loyd, Banker, purchaser of Abington Manor, London banker****Transfer:**

Purchased Abington Manor and estate from John Harvey Thursby in 1841.

Previous holder:

John Harvey Thursby

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Loyd family

Narrative / explanation:

Lewis Loyd, a banker of Overstone, purchased Abington in 1841. The manor house was leased for use as a private asylum, including by Dr Thomas Pritchard, rather than serving as the Loyd family's principal residence.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311; Parks and Gardens, Abington Park

history; The Bernards of Abington and Nether Winchendon, discussion of the 1841 sale.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN32311/>

Other parties:

Lewis Loyd

Co-holders:

Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-harvey-thursby-14646

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lewis-loyd-14647

Person dates:

1767 to 1858 according to the published estate descent

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 26

1858 - 1883

Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone, banker and landowner, Banker, 1st Baron Overstone of Overstone and Fotheringay

Transfer:

Inherited or succeeded to Abington after the death of his father Lewis Loyd; the published estate descent places the formal inheritance around 1860.

Previous holder:

Lewis Loyd

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor and estate

Shared holding:

Loyd family

Narrative / explanation:

The local-history sources state that Abington descended from Lewis Loyd to his son Samuel Jones Loyd, later 1st Baron Overstone. One estate study indicates that Samuel did not formally inherit the wider Overstone estate until 1860, so the start date is retained as a broad post-1858 succession rather than an exact conveyance date.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN32311; St Gregory's Abington history; Landed Families of Britain and Ireland, Abington Park descent.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN32311/>

Other parties:

Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone

Co-holders:

Lewis Loyd

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lewis-loyd-14647

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=samuel-jones-loyd-1st-baron-overstone-14648

Person dates:

1796 to 1883

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 27

1883 - 1892 or 1897

Harriet Sarah Loyd, later Lady Wantage, heiress of Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone

Transfer:

Inherited the Abington estate as the only surviving child and heiress of Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone; subsequently transferred the manor house and part of the estate to Northampton Corporation.

Previous holder:

Samuel Jones Loyd, 1st Baron Overstone

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole estate before the documented partial gift; exact manorial rights are not specified

Shared holding:

Loyd-Wantage family

Narrative / explanation:

The consulted sources state that the Abington estate devolved upon Overstone's daughter Harriet Sarah Loyd, later Lady Wantage. In 1892 she offered Abington Abbey and approximately 20 acres to Northampton Corporation for a People's Park. The park opened in 1897. The evidence establishes her ownership of the estate and her gift of the house and part of the grounds, but not the precise extent to which all residual manorial rights were transferred.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN4263; Parks and Gardens, Abington Park history; St Gregory's Abington history.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN4263>

Other parties:

Harriet Sarah Loyd, later Lady Wantage

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=samuel-jones-loyd-1st-baron-overstone-14648

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=harriet-sarah-loyd-later-lady-wantage-14649

Person dates:

Died 1920 according to the published biographical summaries

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 28**1892 - 1897**

Northampton Corporation, Corporation of Northampton, municipal owner of Abington Manor House and public park

Transfer:

Received Abington Abbey and approximately 20 acres from Lady Wantage for a People's Park; the corporation also purchased additional adjoining land, and the public park opened in 1897.

Previous holder:

Harriet Sarah Loyd, Lady Wantage

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Documented gift of the manor house and approximately 20 acres; not proven to include every residual manorial right or the whole historic manor

Shared holding:

Municipal ownership

Narrative / explanation:

The documented municipal transfer concerns Abington Manor House, later Abington Museum, and part of the surrounding estate. Northampton Corporation subsequently purchased additional land from the Wantage Estate and others. This entry is therefore recorded as a partial estate transfer and municipal acquisition, not as an unqualified statement that all manorial rights passed to the corporation.

Source citation:

Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record, Monument MNN4263; Parks and Gardens, Abington Park history; Northampton Museums, Abington Manor donation history.

Source URL:

<https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Monument/MNN4263>

Other parties:

Northampton Corporation, Harriet Sarah Loyd, Lady Wantage

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=northampton-corporation-14650

Person dates:

Municipal recipient from 1892; park opened 1897

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.