

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABLINGTON MANOR

Location:

Bibury, Gloucestershire

Recorded historical holders:

7

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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. Gloucester Abbey, also known as the Abbey of St Peter at Gloucester, Benedictine abbey, later site and cathedral foundation of Gloucester | Medieval period; exact commencement not established - 1539 or 1540

Transfer: Original institutional holding; the manor later passed out of monastic possession in the course of the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The precise date and instrument by which Ablington itself was transferred are not established by the sources located.

Holding: Whole manor is described in secondary historical sources as originally belonging to Gloucester Abbey; exact legal extent is not independently established here. / Gloucester Abbey

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Howse family | Beginning of the sixteenth century, exact date not established - 1574

Transfer: Leasehold occupation or tenure after the Dissolution; the exact lease, term and legal grant have not been located.

Holding: Other / Not established / Howse family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. John Coxwell of Ablington, Lord of Ablington Manor | 1574 - 1618 or later; precise termination of his holding not established

Transfer: Acquired Ablington Manor from the preceding interest; the precise deed or Crown grant has not been located in the sources searched.

Holding: Whole manor, according to later historical descriptions / Coxwell family of Ablington /

Co-holders: Charles Coxwell of Ablington

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. John Coxwell of Ablington, Lord of Ablington Manor | 1727 - After 1727; exact termination not established

Transfer: No conveyance identified. The date stone "1727 JC" at the Ablington Manor barn is interpreted by historical and heritage sources as identifying John Coxwell as lord of the manor at that time.

Holding: Whole manor or principal estate association; exact legal share not stated / Coxwell family of Ablington / Co-holders: Charles Coxwell of Ablington

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Reverend Charles Coxwell of Ablington, magistrate, squire and lord of Ablington Manor | Circa 1780 - 1829

Transfer: No conveyance identified. His lordship is evidenced by the 1780 datestone at Manor Farmhouse and by a Gloucestershire historical account stating that he was lord of Ablington Manor's house and estate.

Holding: Not expressly quantified; principal manor estate association / Coxwell family of Ablington / Co-holders: John Coxwell of Ablington

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Richard Rogers Coxwell, later Coxwell-Rogers, Justice of the Peace, Deputy Lieutenant, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, landowner of Ablington and Dowdeswell | By 1860 - 31 December 1895

Transfer: No conveyance identified. His direct association is evidenced by the 1860 datestone "R.R.C." on the Ablington Manor stables and by biographical sources recording that he lived at Ablington Manor.

Holding: Not established / Coxwell-Rogers family of Ablington and Dowdeswell

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Richard Hugh Coxwell Rogers, Coxwell-Rogers landowner of Ablington | 1914 - 1918 or shortly thereafter

Transfer: Initiated the break-up and sale of the Ablington estate. The available heritage assessment records estate sales beginning in 1914 and states that the estate was sold and divided in 1918; individual purchasers and the legal details of each sale are not established.

Holding: Estate ownership before subdivision; precise title extent not established / Coxwell-Rogers family of Ablington

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Medieval period; exact commencement not established - 1539 or 1540

Gloucester Abbey, also known as the Abbey of St Peter at Gloucester, Benedictine abbey, later site and cathedral foundation of Gloucester

Transfer:

Original institutional holding; the manor later passed out of monastic possession in the course of the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The precise date and instrument by which Ablington itself was transferred are not established by the sources located.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor is described in secondary historical sources as originally belonging to Gloucester Abbey; exact legal extent is not independently established here.

Shared holding:

Gloucester Abbey

Narrative / explanation:

Public historical descriptions identify Ablington Manor as originally the property of Gloucester Abbey. Gloucester Abbey was surrendered or dissolved in the late 1530s, with the abbey and its possessions passing into Crown control. This entry records the institutional lordship described by the sources, not a reconstruction of the precise medieval title chain.

Source citation:

Parks & Gardens, "Ablington Manor," citing N. M. Herbert, *Victoria County History: Gloucester*, Volume 7, 1981, p. 30; corroborated by the historical account of Gloucester Abbey's dissolution in 1539–1540.

Source URL:

<https://www.parksandgardens.org/places/ablington-manor>

Other parties:

Gloucester Abbey

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=gloucester-abbey-14662

Person dates:

Medieval foundation to dissolution in 1539–1540

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

Beginning of the sixteenth century, exact date not established - 1574

Howse family

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Transfer:

Leasehold occupation or tenure after the Dissolution; the exact lease, term and legal grant have not been located.

Previous holder:

Gloucester Abbey or Crown following dissolution

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Not established

Shared holding:

Howse family

Narrative / explanation:

Sources state that after the Dissolution Ablington Manor was leased to the Howse family until John Coxwell acquired it in 1574. This is recorded as a tenancy or leasehold association, not as proven ownership or lordship. No conveyance into or out of the Howse family has been entered because the lease instrument was not located.

Source citation:

Parks & Gardens, "Ablington Manor"; Historic England, List Entry 1341833; Acanthus Clews Architects and Richard K. Morriss, Ablington Manor Heritage Assessment.

Source URL:

<https://www.parksandgardens.org/places/ablington-manor>

Other parties:

Howse family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=howse-family-14663

Person dates:

Early sixteenth century to 1574, exact dates not established

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1574 - 1618 or later; precise termination of his holding not established

John Coxwell of Ablington, Lord of Ablington Manor

Transfer:

Acquired Ablington Manor from the preceding interest; the precise deed or Crown grant has not been located in the sources searched.

Previous holder:

Howse family as leaseholders; ultimate post-Dissolution title not established

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor, according to later historical descriptions

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Shared holding:

Coxwell family of Ablington

Narrative / explanation:

John Coxwell, a wealthy Cirencester clothier who made his fortune in the wool trade, acquired Ablington Manor in 1574. He built the surviving Elizabethan manor house, dated 1590, although one local museum account gives 1580 for construction of a manor house and the architectural evidence and Historic England listing support 1590 for the present principal house. Coxwell is the first securely identified post-Dissolution freeholder or lord in the available public sources. The precise conveyance instrument and the legal route from the Crown or another intermediate owner remain unlocated.

Source citation:

Historic England, List Entry 1341833, "Ablington Manor"; Acanthus Clews Architects and Richard K. Morris, Ablington Manor Heritage Assessment; Corinium Museum, "John Coxwell 1516–1618."

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1341833>

Other parties:

John Coxwell

Co-holders:

Charles Coxwell of Ablington

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coxwell-of-ablington-14665

Person dates:

Active as lord of Ablington Manor in 1727; further dates not established for this particular holder

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1727 - After 1727; exact termination not established

John Coxwell of Ablington, Lord of Ablington Manor

Transfer:

No conveyance identified. The date stone "1727 JC" at the Ablington Manor barn is interpreted by historical and heritage sources as identifying John Coxwell as lord of the manor at that time.

Previous holder:

Earlier Coxwell-family holder; intervening transfer not documented

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor or principal estate association; exact legal share not stated

Shared holding:

Coxwell family of Ablington

Narrative / explanation:

The surviving barn at Ablington bears the date stone "1727 JC." Heritage accounts identify the initials as John Coxwell and state that he was lord of Ablington Manor at that time. This is direct evidence of the manor association in 1727, but it does not by itself establish whether this John Coxwell succeeded

by inheritance, settlement, purchase or another legal mechanism.

Source citation:

Historic England, List Entry 1341835, "Manor Farmhouse"; Wikishire, "Ablington Manor," citing the dated barn and local historical material.

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1341835>

Other parties:

John Coxwell

Co-holders:

Charles Coxwell of Ablington

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coxwell-of-ablington-14665

Person dates:

Active as lord of Ablington Manor in 1727; further dates not established for this particular holder

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

Circa 1780 - 1829

Reverend Charles Coxwell of Ablington, magistrate, squire and lord of Ablington Manor

Transfer:

No conveyance identified. His lordship is evidenced by the 1780 datestone at Manor Farmhouse and by a Gloucestershire historical account stating that he was lord of Ablington Manor's house and estate.

Previous holder:

Earlier Coxwell-family holder; intervening transfer not documented

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not expressly quantified; principal manor estate association

Shared holding:

Coxwell family of Ablington

Narrative / explanation:

Historic England records a datestone "C C / 1780" at Manor Farmhouse and identifies Charles Coxwell as lord of Ablington Manor at that time. A Gloucestershire Historical Society account states that the Reverend Charles Coxwell, who lived from 1740 to 1829, was born at Ablington where his father John was lord of the manor. The exact legal transition from the earlier John Coxwell to Charles Coxwell is not documented in the sources located.

Source citation:

Historic England, List Entry 1341835, "Manor Farmhouse"; Marjorie Joy, "Charles Coxwell of Ablington," Gloucestershire Historical Studies, reprinted from Gloucestershire in the 18th Century, 1966.

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1341835>

Other parties:

Charles Coxwell

Co-holders:

John Coxwell of Ablington

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-coxwell-of-ablington-14666

Person dates:

1740–1829

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

By 1860 - 31 December 1895

Richard Rogers Coxwell, later Coxwell-Rogers, Justice of the Peace, Deputy Lieutenant, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, landowner of Ablington and Dowdeswell

Transfer:

No conveyance identified. His direct association is evidenced by the 1860 datestone "R.R.C." on the Ablington Manor stables and by biographical sources recording that he lived at Ablington Manor.

Previous holder:

Earlier Coxwell holder; intervening legal transfer not documented

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not established

Shared holding:

Coxwell-Rogers family of Ablington and Dowdeswell

Narrative / explanation:

The Ablington Manor stables bear the initials "R.R.C." and the date 1860, interpreted by Historic England as probably referring to Richard Rogers Coxwell. Biographical material records Richard Rogers Coxwell-Rogers as living at Ablington Manor and identifies him as a member of the Coxwell-Rogers family of Ablington and Dowdeswell. The evidence securely establishes his estate association but does not disclose the precise conveyance from the preceding Coxwell holder.

Source citation:

Historic England, List Entry 1155109, "Stables at Ablington Manor"; The Peerage, person entry for Richard Rogers Coxwell-Rogers, citing Burke's Irish Family Records, 1976; Stirnet, Coxwell family of Ablington pedigree.

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1155109>

Other parties:

Richard Rogers Coxwell, Richard Rogers Coxwell-Rogers

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-rogers-coxwell-rogers-14667

Person dates:

16 November 1803–31 December 1895

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1914 - 1918 or shortly thereafter

Richard Hugh Coxwell Rogers, Coxwell-Rogers landowner of Ablington

Transfer:

Initiated the break-up and sale of the Ablington estate. The available heritage assessment records estate sales beginning in 1914 and states that the estate was sold and divided in 1918; individual purchasers and the legal details of each sale are not established.

Previous holder:

Coxwell-Rogers family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Estate ownership before subdivision; precise title extent not established

Shared holding:

Coxwell-Rogers family of Ablington

Narrative / explanation:

A heritage assessment states that Richard Hugh Coxwell Rogers began the break-up of the Ablington estate in 1914. Sale advertisements described the manor house, stabling and pleasure grounds, and the estate was sold and split in 1918. This entry records the documented owner responsible for the break-up, not the subsequent purchasers, who have not been securely identified in the sources located.

Source citation:

Acanthus Clews Architects and Richard K. Morriss, Ablington Manor Heritage Assessment, section discussing the 1914 estate sale and 1918 subdivision.

Source URL:

<https://docs.planning.org.uk/20240103/123/S58Q2KFIG5G00/5j8czyd0qk1le1hj.pdf>

Other parties:

Richard Hugh Coxwell Rogers

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-hugh-coxwell-rogers-14668

Person dates:

Active as estate owner in 1914; later dates not established in the source used

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.