

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ABSON MANOR

Location:

Wick & Abson, 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. Glastonbury Abbey, Abbey of Glastonbury, Benedictine abbey, holder of Ashbury manor | before 1066 - 1205

Transfer: Held as part of the wider Pucklechurch estate, which included Abson and surrounding settlements; the estate is reported to have been given to Glastonbury Abbey by King Edward the Confessor.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. See of Bath and Wells, Bishopric of Bath and Wells | 1205 - 1536-1540

Transfer: In 1205 Glastonbury Abbey relinquished its right in the manors of Pucklechurch, Abson and Westerleigh to the bishopric of Bath and Wells.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Henry VIII and the Crown, King of England, 1509-1547, Supreme Head of the Church of England, King of England and Ireland, claimant and supreme royal authority in the grant recorded for the manor, Lord of Ireland, later King of Ireland, King of Ireland, 1541-1547 | 1536-1540 - after 1536-1540

Transfer: Acquired from the bishopric of Bath and Wells during the Dissolution period, together with the advowson of the rectory and Friars Wood in Abson.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Richard Hayne, Esquire, reported lord of the manor of Abson and Wick in 1851 | 1851 - unknown

Transfer: Reported as lord of the manor in an 1851 directory account.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. James Tolman and John Henry Batterbury or the Batterbury interest, Reported lords of the manor of Abson and Wick | 1863 - 1870-1872

Transfer: Reported in directory and gazetteer material as the lords of the manor, or as the persons to whom the manor belonged.

Holding: Joint / Messrs. Batterbury and Tolman

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. James Tolman, Esquire, reported lord of the manor of Abson and Wick in 1876 | 1876 - unknown

Transfer: Reported as lord of the manor in the 1876 directory.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Trustees of the late James Tolman, Trustees and reported lords of the manor of Abson and Wick | 1891 - after 1897

Transfer: By the 1891-1897 period, directory evidence described the trustees of the late James Tolman as lords of the manor.

Holding: Trust / Tolman estate trustees

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

before 1066 - 1205

Glastonbury Abbey, Abbey of Glastonbury, Benedictine abbey, holder of Ashbury manor

Transfer:

Held as part of the wider Pucklechurch estate, which included Abson and surrounding settlements; the estate is reported to have been given to Glastonbury Abbey by King Edward the Confessor.

Previous holder:

The Crown or pre-Conquest royal estate; the accessible source does not provide a separate conveyance into Glastonbury's hands.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The evidence concerns the wider Pucklechurch estate, explicitly said to include Abson and Wick, rather than a separately named Domesday manor of Abson. This is treated as the predecessor estate from which Abson Manor developed, not as proof that Abson was separately named in Domesday.

Source citation:

J. F. Meehan, *More Famous Houses of Bath and District*, second series, 1906, p. 92, discussion of Abson and Wick; corroborated by the historical account of Abson and Wick published from nineteenth-century gazetteer material.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/04/More_famous_houses_of_Bath_%26_district%3B_being_the_second_series_of_that_work_%28IA_morefamousehouses00meeh%29.pdf

Other parties:

Glastonbury Abbey

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=glastonbury-abbey-16173

Person dates:

Medieval religious house; dissolved during the reign of Henry VIII

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1205 - 1536-1540

See of Bath and Wells, Bishopric of Bath and Wells

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Transfer:

In 1205 Glastonbury Abbey relinquished its right in the manors of Pucklechurch, Abson and Westerleigh to the bishopric of Bath and Wells.

Previous holder:

Glastonbury Abbey

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source expressly names Abson among the manors transferred to the see of Bath and Wells. A separate episcopal holding is therefore secure from 1205, although the exact terminal date is expressed as the Dissolution period rather than a single year.

Source citation:

J. F. Meehan, More Famous Houses of Bath and District, second series, 1906, p. 92, citing the 1205 transaction and the subsequent episcopal tenure.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/04/More_famous_houses_of_Bath_%26_district%3B_being_the_second_series_of_that_work_%28IA_morefamoushouses00meeh%29.pdf

Other parties:

See of Bath and Wells

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=glastonbury-abbey-16173

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=see-of-bath-and-wells-16174

Person dates:

Episcopal see; institutional holder from 1205 until the Dissolution period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**1536-1540 - after 1536-1540**

Henry VIII and the Crown, King of England, 1509-1547, Supreme Head of the Church of England, King of England and Ireland, claimant and supreme royal authority in the grant recorded for the manor, Lord of Ireland, later King of Ireland, King of Ireland, 1541-1547

Transfer:

Acquired from the bishopric of Bath and Wells during the Dissolution period, together with the advowson of the rectory and Friars Wood in Abson.

Previous holder:

See of Bath and Wells

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The available source states that Henry VIII acquired the manor when it was still in the possession of the bishopric. It also states that the King granted the manor onward, but the grantee and date of the grant were not recoverable from the accessible public material. The Crown holding is therefore entered, while the subsequent private transfer is left as a documented gap.

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Source citation:

J. F. Meehan, More Famous Houses of Bath and District, second series, 1906, p. 92; nineteenth-century gazetteer summaries also state that the manor passed from Bath and Wells to Henry VIII.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/04/More_famous_houses_of_Bath_%26_district%3B_being_the_second_series_of_that_work_%28IA_morefamoushouses00meeh%29.pdf

Other parties:

Henry VIII, The Crown

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=see-of-bath-and-wells-16174

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-viii-3994

Person dates:

1491-1547

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1851 - unknown

Richard Hayne, Esquire, reported lord of the manor of Abson and Wick in 1851

Transfer:

Reported as lord of the manor in an 1851 directory account.

Previous holder:

Unknown; the post-Dissolution descent has not been established from the accessible sources.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Richard Hayne is directly identified as lord of the manor in the 1851 account of Abson and Wick. No deed or other conveyance linking him from the Crown's later grantee has been located, so the intervening transfer is left unknown.

Source citation:

Post Office Directory of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and the City of Bristol, 1851, Abson and Wick entry, reproduced in the Abson and Wick historical directory compilation.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/england/gloucestershire/abson-and-wick-gloucestershire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

Richard Hayne

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-hayne-16176

Person dates:

Dates not established from the accessible source

Relationship to present holder

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No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1863 - 1870-1872

James Tolman and John Henry Batterbury or the Batterbury interest, Reported lords of the manor of Abson and Wick

Transfer:

Reported in directory and gazetteer material as the lords of the manor, or as the persons to whom the manor belonged.

Previous holder:

Richard Hayne or another undocumented holder; no conveyance has been located.

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

Messrs. Batterbury and Tolman

Narrative / explanation:

The 1863 directory names Messrs. Batterbury and Tolman as lords of the manor, while the 1870-1872 Imperial Gazetteer says that the manor belonged to Messrs. Batterbury and Tolman. The sources do not state whether this was a joint legal holding, separate shares, or a directory shorthand for concurrent landownership. The entry is therefore marked joint as the closest available description, with the uncertainty preserved.

Source citation:

Post Office Directory of Gloucestershire, 1863, Abson and Wick entry; John Marius Wilson, Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales, 1870-1872, Abson entry, reproduced by Vision of Britain.

Source URL:

<https://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/place/21303>

Other parties:

James Tolman, John Henry Batterbury or the Batterbury interest

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-tolman-and-the-batterbury-family-interest-16177

Person dates:

Dates not established for the full holding group

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1876 - unknown

James Tolman, Esquire, reported lord of the manor of Abson and Wick in 1876

Transfer:

Reported as lord of the manor in the 1876 directory.

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Previous holder:

Unknown; the directory does not explain the relationship to the earlier Batterbury and Tolman report.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The 1876 directory names James Tolman as lord of the manor. This conflicts or may be compatible with the 1863 and 1870-1872 references to Batterbury and Tolman together; no conveyance or partition has been located to explain the difference.

Source citation:

Abson and Wick directory entry for 1876, reproduced in the historical directory compilation.

Source URL:

<https://parishmouse.co.uk/gloucestershire/abson-and-wick-gloucestershire-family-history-guide/>

Other parties:

James Tolman

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-tolman-16178

Person dates:

Dates not established from the accessible source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1891 - after 1897****Trustees of the late James Tolman, Trustees and reported lords of the manor of Abson and Wick****Transfer:**

By the 1891-1897 period, directory evidence described the trustees of the late James Tolman as lords of the manor.

Previous holder:

James Tolman

Holding arrangement:

trust

Shared holding:

Tolman estate trustees

Narrative / explanation:

The directory wording indicates a trust or estate administration after James Tolman's death. It does not identify the individual trustees, the date of Tolman's death, or the instrument by which the manor was vested in them. This entry should not be read as a proven conveyance of the whole estate beyond the directory's description.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Gloucestershire, 1897, Abson entry, reporting that the trustees of the late James Tolman were lords of the manor; the same wording is reproduced in the parish historical compilation and in contemporary directory extracts.

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Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/gloucestershire/abson>

Other parties:

Trustees of the late James Tolman

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-tolman-16178

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=trustees-of-the-late-james-tolman-16179

Person dates:

Active as reported in the 1891-1897 directory period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.