

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ACKTON MANOR

Location:

Featherstone, Yorkshire

Recorded historical holders:

10

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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. **Ligulf, Recorded as lord of Ackton in 1066 | 1066 - 1086**

Transfer: The Domesday evidence records Ligulf as the holder of Ackton in 1066 and William as holder in 1086. The intervening transfer is unknown.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. **William, Immediate Domesday holder of Ackton under Ilbert de Lacy | 1086**

Transfer: By 1086 Ackton was held by William from Ilbert de Lacy. The transfer from the pre-Conquest holder Ligulf is not documented in the sources consulted.

Holding: Subinfeudated holding under Ilbert de Lacy

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. **Thomas Beckwith of Ackton, Esquire of Ackton, associated with the Beckwith pedigree of Ackton | late 16th century - 1652**

Transfer: The Beckwith family held Ackton before the 1650s. The precise date and legal form of Thomas Beckwith's acquisition are not established by the sources consulted. The estate was later conveyed or sold to Langdale Sunderland after the Civil War period; the exact sale instrument and date remain uncertain.

Holding: Beckwith family of Ackton

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. **captain Langdale Sunderland, Of Ackton or Aikton, Royalist officer during the English Civil War | 1652 - 1698**

Transfer: Acquired Ackton from the Beckwith family after the Civil War period; the exact sale date and instrument are not established. On 10 November 1655 he granted Ackton Hall and lands in Ackton to

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trustees for his own use during life and for his wife Elizabeth after his death.

Holding: Trust / Sunderland family of Ackton

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Edmund Winn of Ackton, Esquire of Ackton | before 1678 - 1710

Transfer: Purchased Ackton from the Sunderland family. The exact date and conveyance have not been located; the visitation material records the purchase but provides no precise year.

Holding: Winn family of Ackton / Co-holders: Thomas Winn of Ackton, Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Thomas Winn of Ackton, Esquire of Ackton | 1710 - 1780

Transfer: Inherited Ackton from his elder brother Edmund Winn. The source records Thomas as heir to his brother; the underlying probate or conveyance record was not located.

Holding: Winn family of Ackton / Co-holders: Edmund Winn of Ackton, Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet, Seventh Baronet, of Ackton | 1780 - 1 June 1833

Transfer: Succeeded to the Ackton estate after the death of his father Thomas Winn in 1780. The source describes him as of Ackton and records his death without issue in 1833.

Holding: Winn family of Ackton / Co-holders: Edmund Winn of Ackton, Thomas Winn of Ackton

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Mary Du Roure and Arthur Heywood, heiress of part of the Ackton estate, her husband | 1833 - 1863

Transfer: The Ackton estate passed after Sir Edmund Mark Winn's death to his nieces, including Mary Du Roure; Mary and her husband Arthur Heywood occupied Ackton Hall. The exact division of the estate between the co-heirs and the date of any legal manorial conveyance are not established.

Holding: Joint / Unspecified interest in the inherited estate / Du Roure and Heywood family interests

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. George Bradley, Owner of Ackton Hall estate, colliery proprietor | 1865 - 1890

Transfer: Purchased the Ackton estate from members or descendants of the Heywood and Du Roure family interests in 1865. The exact deed and the extent to which the legal lordship of the manor was included have not been established.

Holding: Substantial Ackton Hall estate; exact manorial interest uncertain / Ackton Hall estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Samuel Cunliffe Lister, 1st Baron Masham, Industrialist, created Baron Masham in 1891 | 1890 - 1906

Transfer: Acquired approximately 1,200 acres of the Ackton Hall estate, including the Ackton or Manor Colliery and mineral rights, after George Bradley's financial failure. Contemporary sale details and the precise legal components of the purchase should be checked against the sale and insolvency records.

Holding: Approximately 1,200 acres of the estate; mineral rights; exact manorial interest uncertain / Lister or Masham Ackton estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - 1086

Ligulf, Recorded as lord of Ackton in 1066

Transfer:

The Domesday evidence records Ligulf as the holder of Ackton in 1066 and William as holder in 1086. The intervening transfer is unknown.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

This is a pre-Conquest lordship entry rather than a documented conveyance. Ackton is identified as the Yorkshire settlement in the Agbrigg area. The source records Ligulf as lord in 1066 but does not provide the instrument or circumstances by which the holding passed to the Norman fee.

Source citation:

The British Place Names Website, Ackton, Wakefield, Domesday summary: Lord of the Manor in 1066, Ligulf.

Source URL:

<https://www.britishplacenames.uk/ackton-wakefield-se411218>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ligulf-24349

Person dates:

Flourished before and at the Norman Conquest; exact dates unknown

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086

William, Immediate Domesday holder of Ackton under Ilbert de Lacy

Transfer:

By 1086 Ackton was held by William from Ilbert de Lacy. The transfer from the pre-Conquest holder Ligulf is not documented in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Ligulf

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Shared holding:

Subinfeudated holding under Ilbert de Lacy

Narrative / explanation:

The Domesday entry identifies William as the immediate holder or subtenant of Ackton in 1086, holding from Ilbert de Lacy. Ilbert de Lacy was the tenant-in-chief, while William was the local lord recorded under him. This should not be treated as evidence that William held the fee in chief.

Source citation:

The Domesday Book Online, Yorkshire: West Riding A-B, entry for Ackton: Aitone or Attone, William from Ilbert de Lacy.

Source URL:

<https://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/westriding1.html>

Other parties:

Ilbert de Lacy

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ligulf-24349

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-of-ackton-identity-otherwise-unestablished-24350

Person dates:

Recorded in 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

late 16th century - 1652

Thomas Beckwith of Ackton, Esquire of Ackton, associated with the Beckwith pedigree of Ackton

Transfer:

The Beckwith family held Ackton before the 1650s. The precise date and legal form of Thomas Beckwith's acquisition are not established by the sources consulted. The estate was later conveyed or sold to Langdale Sunderland after the Civil War period; the exact sale instrument and date remain uncertain.

Previous holder:

Frost family of Ackton, descent incompletely documented

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Beckwith family of Ackton

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Beckwith of Ackton is directly attested by the Yorkshire visitation material and by biographical and genealogical sources identifying him as the holder or inheritor of Ackton. The same material connects the Beckwith family with the Frost family through the marriage of Thomas Beckwith to Frances, daughter and heir of William Frost of Ackton. Because the accessible evidence does not provide a complete title chain or a specific manor conveyance, this entry is a good secondary identification of the Ackton estate holder rather than a fully proven legal transfer of the manorial lordship.

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Source citation:

Joseph Foster, edition of Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, pedigree of Beckwith of Ackton; corroborated by the entry for Thomas Beckwith of Ackton in Venn's Biographical History of Gonville and Caius College.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/80/Dugdale%27s_Visitation_of_Yorkshire%2C_with_additio ns_%28IA_dugdalesvisitati01dugd_0%29.pdf

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-beckwith-of-ackton-24351

Person dates:

Flourished late 16th and early 17th centuries; buried at Featherstone in 1615 according to the visitation material

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1652 - 1698****captain Langdale Sunderland, Of Ackton or Aikton, Royalist officer during the English Civil War****Transfer:**

Acquired Ackton from the Beckwith family after the Civil War period; the exact sale date and instrument are not established. On 10 November 1655 he granted Ackton Hall and lands in Ackton to trustees for his own use during life and for his wife Elizabeth after his death.

Previous holder:

Thomas, Isabella and Barbara Beckwith, or the wider Beckwith family of Ackton

Holding arrangement:

trust

Shared holding:

Sunderland family of Ackton

Narrative / explanation:

The archival evidence is direct for Langdale Sunderland's connection with Ackton Hall and lands in Ackton. The Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society catalogue describes the 10 November 1655 document as a grant by Langdale Sunderland to Sir John Armitage and John Thornhill of Fixby, to hold Ackton Hall and lands in Ackton for Langdale during his life and for his wife Elizabeth after his death. A related Keele University handlist identifies a 1650-1680 group as seventeen deeds concerning the manor of Ackton alias Aikton and lands in Ackton, and names Thomas, Isabella and Barbara Beckwith and Langdale Sunderland among the parties. The deed therefore establishes Sunderland's beneficial and estate interest, but its trust structure should not be confused with an outright conveyance to the trustees.

Source citation:

Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society, DD12/II/24/44, 10 November 1655, Trust grant by Langdale Sunderland of Ackton Hall and lands in Ackton; Keele University, Meysey Thompson Muniments, MT 1-17, deeds concerning the manor of Ackton alias Aikton.

Source URL:

https://explore.library.leeds.ac.uk/multimedia/23538/YAS_DD12.pdf

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Other parties:

Sir John Armitage, John Thornhill of Fixby, Elizabeth Sunderland

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=langdale-sunderland-24352

Person dates:

Baptised 20 December 1622; died 1698

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

before 1678 - 1710

Edmund Winn of Ackton, Esquire of Ackton

Transfer:

Purchased Ackton from the Sunderland family. The exact date and conveyance have not been located; the visitation material records the purchase but provides no precise year.

Previous holder:

Langdale Sunderland

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Winn family of Ackton

Narrative / explanation:

The visitation material states that Edmund Winn of Ackton bought the property from the Sunderland family. This is the first source located that explicitly records the Winn acquisition. The date is bounded only by the fact that Edmund Winn was recorded as of Ackton in the later seventeenth and early eighteenth-century pedigree material; it should not be converted into an exact year.

Source citation:

Joseph Foster, edition of Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, pedigree of Winn of Ackton: Edmund Winn of Ackton bought Ackton from the Sunderland family.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/80/Dugdale%27s_Visitation_of_Yorkshire%2C_with_additions_%28IA_dugdalesvisitati01dugd_0%29.pdf

Co-holders:

Thomas Winn of Ackton, Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=langdale-sunderland-24352

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edmund-winn-of-ackton-24353

Person dates:

Baptised 4 April 1710 according to the visitation entry for his son; exact dates for Edmund's own life are uncertain in the accessible extract

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1710 - 1780****Thomas Winn of Ackton, Esquire of Ackton****Transfer:**

Inherited Ackton from his elder brother Edmund Winn. The source records Thomas as heir to his brother; the underlying probate or conveyance record was not located.

Previous holder:

Edmund Winn of Ackton

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Winn family of Ackton

Narrative / explanation:

The Winn pedigree identifies Thomas Winn of Ackton as heir to his brother Edmund. This establishes the family succession to the Ackton estate, although the precise legal mechanism and date of the transfer are not supplied. Thomas was the son of Edmund Winn who had purchased Ackton from the Sunderland family.

Source citation:

Joseph Foster, edition of Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, pedigree of Winn of Ackton: Thomas Winn of Ackton, heir to his brother.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/80/Dugdale%27s_Visitation_of_Yorkshire%2C_with_additio ns_%28IA_dugdalesvisitati01dugd_0%29.pdf

Co-holders:

Edmund Winn of Ackton, Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edmund-winn-of-ackton-24353

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-winn-of-ackton-24354

Person dates:

Baptised 12 April 1714; died 7 May 1780

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1780 - 1 June 1833****Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet, Seventh Baronet, of Ackton**

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Transfer:

Succeeded to the Ackton estate after the death of his father Thomas Winn in 1780. The source describes him as of Ackton and records his death without issue in 1833.

Previous holder:

Thomas Winn of Ackton

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Winn family of Ackton

Narrative / explanation:

Edmund Mark Winn inherited the Ackton estate from his father Thomas Winn and resided at Ackton. He became the seventh baronet in 1805 after the death of his cousin Sir Rowland Winn. Later local and antiquarian accounts describe him as owning much of the land in Featherstone and as associated with the Ackton Hall estate. The evidence supports his ownership of the estate centred on Ackton Hall, but does not by itself prove that every component, including the separate manorial lordship, was held in exactly the same legal capacity.

Source citation:

Joseph Foster, edition of Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, pedigree of Winn of Ackton; Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society, collections guide, MS765 reference to a fifteenth-century extent of Ackton and published local accounts identifying Sir Edmund Mark Winn as of Ackton.

Source URL:

<https://www.yas.org.uk/Portals/0/Collections%20Guide%2010Feb2018.pdf>

Co-holders:

Edmund Winn of Ackton, Thomas Winn of Ackton

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-winn-of-ackton-24354

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-edmund-mark-winn-7th-baronet-24355

Person dates:

Baptised 16 September 1762; died 1 June 1833

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1833 - 1863****Mary Du Roure and Arthur Heywood, heiress of part of the Ackton estate, her husband****Transfer:**

The Ackton estate passed after Sir Edmund Mark Winn's death to his nieces, including Mary Du Roure; Mary and her husband Arthur Heywood occupied Ackton Hall. The exact division of the estate between the co-heirs and the date of any legal manorial conveyance are not established.

Previous holder:

Sir Edmund Mark Winn, 7th Baronet

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Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Unspecified interest in the inherited estate

Shared holding:

Du Roure and Heywood family interests

Narrative / explanation:

The accessible sources describe the post-1833 succession as an inheritance by Sir Edmund Mark Winn's nieces. Mary Du Roure married Arthur Heywood and made Ackton Hall their home. A 1857 trade-directory summary is reported to describe Mrs Heywood as lady of the manor, while William Leatham was described as chief landowner. Because the primary succession instrument was not located and the estate may have been divided among co-heirs, this entry is retained as a cautious estate succession rather than a definitive sole transfer of the manorial title.

Source citation:

Fairfield Homes, Featherstone Hall historical account, summarising the succession after Sir Edmund Mark Winn's death and identifying Mary Du Roure and Arthur Heywood at Ackton Hall; the account also cites a 1857 trade-directory description of Mrs Heywood as lady of the manor.

Source URL:

<https://www.fairfieldliving.co.uk/projects/featherstone-hall>

Other parties:

Mary Du Roure, Arthur Heywood, Eliza Du Roure, George Foot

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-edmund-mark-winn-7th-baronet-24355

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-du-roure-and-arthur-heywood-24356

Person dates:

Mary Du Roure died 1863; Arthur Heywood died 1851; other dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1865 - 1890

George Bradley, Owner of Ackton Hall estate, colliery proprietor

Transfer:

Purchased the Ackton estate from members or descendants of the Heywood and Du Roure family interests in 1865. The exact deed and the extent to which the legal lordship of the manor was included have not been established.

Previous holder:

Mary Du Roure and related Heywood and Du Roure family interests

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Substantial Ackton Hall estate; exact manorial interest uncertain

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Shared holding:

Ackton Hall estate

Narrative / explanation:

George Bradley acquired the Ackton estate in 1865 and lived at Ackton Hall. Later accounts describe him as owner of Ackton Hall and much of the land in Featherstone, and archival research cited by those accounts identifies a 1866 purchase from descendants of the Heywood family. The estate included Ackton Hall, farms and later mining interests. This is secure for the Ackton Hall estate but should not be read as an exact legal conveyance of every manorial right without inspection of the 1865-1866 deeds.

Source citation:

Fairfield Homes, Featherstone Hall historical account, reporting George Bradley's 1865 purchase of the Ackton estate and citing a deed held by West Yorkshire Archive Service; corroborated by local historical accounts of Ackton Hall.

Source URL:

<https://www.fairfieldliving.co.uk/projects/featherstone-hall>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-bradley-24357

Person dates:

19th century; exact birth and death dates not established in the sources consulted

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1890 - 1906

Samuel Cunliffe Lister, 1st Baron Masham, Industrialist, created Baron Masham in 1891

Transfer:

Acquired approximately 1,200 acres of the Ackton Hall estate, including the Ackton or Manor Colliery and mineral rights, after George Bradley's financial failure. Contemporary sale details and the precise legal components of the purchase should be checked against the sale and insolvency records.

Previous holder:

George Bradley

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Approximately 1,200 acres of the estate; mineral rights; exact manorial interest uncertain

Shared holding:

Lister or Masham Ackton estate

Narrative / explanation:

In 1890 Samuel Cunliffe Lister acquired most of George Bradley's Ackton Hall estate in a private purchase following Bradley's financial difficulties. The acquisition included the colliery and mineral rights and was associated with Ackton Hall, also known locally as Featherstone Manor in the mining context. The sources located establish ownership of the estate and mineral interests, but do not conclusively prove that the separate lordship of Ackton Manor was conveyed in the same transaction.

Source citation:

House and Heritage, Yorkshire account of the 1890 acquisition of the Ackton Hall estate by Samuel Cunliffe Lister; Featherstone local-history account of the purchase of Bradley's former holdings.

Source URL:

<https://houseandheritage.org/category/yorkshire/>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-bradley-24357

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=samuel-cunliffe-lister-1st-baron-masham-24358

Person dates:

1815-1906

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.