

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ADDINGHAM MANOR

Location:

Addingham, Yorkshire

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. William Vavasour, Mesne lord of Addingham, the historical sources also identify a William le Vavasour as a significant Yorkshire landholder and royal justice. | 1166 - 1166**

Transfer: The two parts of Addingham were recorded as belonging to a single mesne lord, William Vavasour. The source establishes his manorial lordship or mesne lordship but does not identify the conveyance by which he acquired it.

Holding: Other / Both parts of the vill are described as belonging to a single mesne lord; the exact proprietary structure is not stated. / Vavasour family / Co-holders: William le Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Henry Vavasour, Vavasour family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 2. William le Vavasour, Vavasour landholder, holder of the advowson of Addingham and one messuage there. | 1312-1313 - 1312-1313**

Transfer: An escheat recorded that William le Vavasour held the advowson of Addingham church and one messuage there. This is direct evidence of a Vavasour manorial interest at Addingham but does not by itself prove that he held every element of the manor in that year.

Holding: Other / Specific interest consisting of the advowson and one messuage; the extent of the manor held is not stated in the source. / Vavasour family / Co-holders: William Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Henry Vavasour, Vavasour family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Lady Vavasour, Lady of the manor of Addingham. | 9 Edward II, approximately 1315-1316 - 9 Edward II, approximately 1315-1316

Transfer: The Nomina Villarum is cited as recording Domina le Vavasour as lady of the manor. No transfer or personal identity is supplied.

Holding: Other / The source describes her as lady of the manor but does not define whether this was sole, joint, dower, or another form of holding. / Vavasour family / Co-holders: William Vavasour, William le Vavasour, Henry Vavasour, Vavasour family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Henry Vavasour, Esquire, holder of Addingham manor and advowson, holder of Fryston manor. | 1452-1453 - 1452-1453

Transfer: An inquisition post mortem is cited as recording Henry Vavasour as holding the manor of Adyngham and the advowson of the church, together with Fryston manor. The source does not state how he acquired Addingham.

Holding: The source records Henry Vavasour as holding the manor and advowson; no fractional share is stated. / Vavasour family / Co-holders: William Vavasour, William le Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Vavasour family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Vavasour family, Lords or mesne lords of Addingham, the family was associated with Hazlewood and other Yorkshire estates. | medieval period - 1714

Transfer: The Vavasours continued to hold manorial rights at Addingham until the lordship of the manor was sold in 1714. The purchaser and the deed or other instrument of sale are not identified in the public sources consulted.

Holding: Other / Family holding; the sources do not define the precise shares or legal form over the whole period. / Vavasour family / Co-holders: William Vavasour, William le Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Henry Vavasour

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. George Myers junior, Described in the cited source as Lord of the Manor of Addingham, associated with Farfield Hall. | 1728 - 1728

Transfer: A published account of Yorkshire Quaker meeting houses states that George Myers junior, described there as Lord of the Manor of Addingham, rebuilt Farfield Hall in 1728. The source does not state how or from whom he acquired the manorial title.

Holding: Not stated. / Myers family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Richard Smith, Lord of the Manor of Addingham, resident at the Manor House with his wife Mary. | late eighteenth century - 1875

Transfer: Richard Smith and his wife Mary are documented as living at Addingham Manor House in the late eighteenth century, with Richard explicitly described as Lord of the Manor. By 1871 and 1875 directory and local-history evidence still identifies Richard Smith as Lord of the Manor. The conveyance by which he acquired the title is not established.

Holding: Not stated. / Smith family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1166 - 1166

William Vavasour, Mesne lord of Addingham, the historical sources also identify a William le Vavasour as a significant Yorkshire landholder and royal justice.

Transfer:

The two parts of Addingham were recorded as belonging to a single mesne lord, William Vavasour. The source establishes his manorial lordship or mesne lordship but does not identify the conveyance by which he acquired it.

Previous holder:

The preceding holder or holders are not securely identified. The vill had previously been divided between estates attributed in 1086 to Bolton in Cravescire and Burghshire.

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Both parts of the vill are described as belonging to a single mesne lord; the exact proprietary structure is not stated.

Shared holding:

Vavasour family

Narrative / explanation:

This is the earliest securely dated direct link found between a named person and the whole divided vill of Addingham. Mesne lordship should not be equated automatically with absolute ownership or with the superior lordship of the Honour of Skipton.

Source citation:

Historic England, scheduled monument entry 1021088, section on the medieval manorial centre at Addingham.

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1021088>

Other parties:

William Vavasour

Co-holders:

William le Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Henry Vavasour, Vavasour family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-vavasour-24688

Person dates:

fl. 1166

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2**1312-1313 - 1312-1313****William le Vavasour, Vavasour landholder, holder of the advowson of Addingham and one messuage there.****Transfer:**

An escheat recorded that William le Vavasour held the advowson of Addingham church and one messuage there. This is direct evidence of a Vavasour manorial interest at Addingham but does not by itself prove that he held every element of the manor in that year.

Previous holder:

Not stated.

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Specific interest consisting of the advowson and one messuage; the extent of the manor held is not stated in the source.

Shared holding:

Vavasour family

Narrative / explanation:

This entry is included as corroborating evidence for continuing Vavasour control at Addingham. It should not be read as a complete conveyance of the manor because the cited record specifies an advowson and a messuage rather than the entire lordship.

Source citation:

History and Antiquities of the Deanery of Craven, parish account of Addingham, citing an escheat in the sixth year of Edward II.

Source URL:

https://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/craven-history/24_Parish-of-Addingham.pdf

Other parties:

William le Vavasour

Co-holders:

William Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Henry Vavasour, Vavasour family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-le-vavasour-24689

Person dates:

fl. early fourteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**9 Edward II, approximately 1315-1316 - 9 Edward II, approximately 1315-1316****Lady Vavasour, Lady of the manor of Addingham.****Transfer:**

The Nomina Villarum is cited as recording Domina le Vavasour as lady of the manor. No transfer or personal identity is supplied.

Previous holder:

Not stated.

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

The source describes her as lady of the manor but does not define whether this was sole, joint, dower, or another form of holding.

Shared holding:

Vavasour family

Narrative / explanation:

This is a dated record of a female Vavasour manorial holder or representative. Because the source gives no personal name and does not explain the legal basis of her holding, the entry is retained with an approximate regnal-year date and an unspecified holding type.

Source citation:

History and Antiquities of the Deanery of Craven, parish account of Addingham, citing the Nomina Villarum for the ninth year of Edward II.

Source URL:

https://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/craven-history/24_Parish-of-Addingham.pdf

Other parties:

Lady Vavasour

Co-holders:

William Vavasour, William le Vavasour, Henry Vavasour, Vavasour family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lady-vavasour-24690

Person dates:

recorded in the ninth year of Edward II, approximately 1315-1316

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1452-1453 - 1452-1453****Henry Vavasour, Esquire, holder of Addingham manor and advowson, holder of Fryston manor.**

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Transfer:

An inquisition post mortem is cited as recording Henry Vavasour as holding the manor of Adyngham and the advowson of the church, together with Fryston manor. The source does not state how he acquired Addingham.

Previous holder:

Not stated.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The source records Henry Vavasour as holding the manor and advowson; no fractional share is stated.

Shared holding:

Vavasour family

Narrative / explanation:

This is the strongest medieval direct evidence for a named individual holding the manor of Addingham. It records the manor and advowson together, but it does not establish whether Henry held them in fee simple, by entail, jointly, or under another feudal arrangement.

Source citation:

History and Antiquities of the Deanery of Craven, parish account of Addingham, citing the inquisition post mortem of the thirty-first year of Henry VI.

Source URL:

https://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/craven-history/24_Parish-of-Addingham.pdf

Other parties:

Henry Vavasour

Co-holders:

William Vavasour, William le Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Vavasour family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-vavasour-24691

Person dates:

fl. 1452-1453

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**medieval period - 1714**

Vavasour family, Lords or mesne lords of Addingham, the family was associated with Hazlewood and other Yorkshire estates.

Transfer:

The Vavasours continued to hold manorial rights at Addingham until the lordship of the manor was sold in 1714. The purchaser and the deed or other instrument of sale are not identified in the public sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Earlier Vavasour holders, including William Vavasour in 1166 and Henry Vavasour in 1452-1453.

Holding arrangement:

other

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Share / interest:

Family holding; the sources do not define the precise shares or legal form over the whole period.

Shared holding:

Vavasour family

Narrative / explanation:

This entry represents the securely documented continuity of Vavasour manorial rights, not an inferred uninterrupted descent by named heirs. The 1714 endpoint is supported by Historic England, which states that the Vavasours sold the lordship. Another local account says that their interest was not relinquished until 1715; this is treated as a possible completion or calendar discrepancy rather than a separate proven conveyance.

Source citation:

Historic England, scheduled monument entry 1021088; corroborated by the Addingham parish history and local church history.

Source URL:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1021088>

Other parties:

Vavasour family

Co-holders:

William Vavasour, William le Vavasour, Lady Vavasour, Henry Vavasour

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=vavasour-family-24692

Person dates:

medieval period to 1714

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1728 - 1728

George Myers junior, Described in the cited source as Lord of the Manor of Addingham, associated with Farfield Hall.

Transfer:

A published account of Yorkshire Quaker meeting houses states that George Myers junior, described there as Lord of the Manor of Addingham, rebuilt Farfield Hall in 1728. The source does not state how or from whom he acquired the manorial title.

Previous holder:

The purchaser from the Vavasours in or around 1714 is unknown.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated.

Shared holding:

Myers family

Narrative / explanation:

This is a direct but secondary statement identifying George Myers junior as Lord of the Manor in 1728.

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It conflicts or may be difficult to reconcile with other sources that place George Smith or Richard Smith in the post-1714 lordship. The entry should therefore be retained as a documented historical claim rather than treated as a fully established conveyance.

Source citation:

H. Godwin Arnold, Early Meeting Houses, Friends Historical Association journal, discussion of Farfield Meeting House near Addingham.

Source URL:

<https://hbap.pdfsvr.co.uk/customers/HBAP/CQ56694/Vol%208%201960/6/%E2%80%98Early%20Meeting%20Houses%E2%80%99%20by%20H.%20Godwin%20Arnold.pdf>

Other parties:

George Myers junior

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-myers-junior-24693

Person dates:

fl. 1728

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

late eighteenth century - 1875

Richard Smith, Lord of the Manor of Addingham, resident at the Manor House with his wife Mary.

Transfer:

Richard Smith and his wife Mary are documented as living at Addingham Manor House in the late eighteenth century, with Richard explicitly described as Lord of the Manor. By 1871 and 1875 directory and local-history evidence still identifies Richard Smith as Lord of the Manor. The conveyance by which he acquired the title is not established.

Previous holder:

The immediate predecessor is uncertain. Sources variously mention George Myers junior in 1728 and George Smith around 1748.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated.

Shared holding:

Smith family

Narrative / explanation:

Richard Smith is the latest securely evidenced historical holder found in the public sources consulted. A nineteenth-century history says that the manor belonged to Richard Smith but that the writer did not know by what title. This uncertainty is preserved; no descent from George Smith or George Myers is asserted.

Source citation:

Addingham Civic Society, The Manor House; Addingham local history account; 1871-era directory entry reproduced by Forebears.

Source URL:

<https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/acs/heritage/blue-plaque-trail/plaque-5-the-manor-house>

Other parties:

Richard Smith

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-smith-24694

Person dates:

active in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; exact dates not established from the consulted sources

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.