

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ADSTOCK MANOR

Location:

Adstock, Buckinghamshire

Recorded historical holders:

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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. Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph | 1066 - before 1086

Transfer: Held in 1066; the later transfer is not specified in the consulted Domesday evidence.

Holding: Manor of Adstock as recorded for 1066 / Principal manor of Adstock / Co-holders: Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Peverel, William Avenel

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Ambrose of Tilsworth, Holder of Adstock under William Peverel | 1086 - after 1086

Transfer: Held Adstock from William Peverel at the time of the Domesday survey.

Holding: Other / Local lord or subtenant under William Peverel; not tenant-in-chief / Principal manor of Adstock / Co-holders: Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, William Peverel, William Avenel

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. William Peverel, Tenant-in-chief, lord of extensive estates | 1086 - 1153

Transfer: Superior lordship recorded in Domesday Book; his lands, or those of a later William Peverel, were forfeited in 1153 after support for Stephen during the civil war.

Holding: Other / Tenant-in-chief and overlord of Ambrose's holding / Principal manor of Adstock / Co-holders: Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Avenel

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. William Avenel, Lord of Adstock, benefactor of Leicester Abbey | 1153 - after 1153

Transfer: Adstock was granted to William Avenel after the forfeiture of the Peverel lands.

Holding: Manor of Adstock, subsequently divided or conveyed in interests to his sons-in-law / Principal manor of Adstock / Co-holders: Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Peverel

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Richard Vernon, Holder of a portion of Adstock, son-in-law of William Avenel | after 1153 - before 1195

Transfer: William Avenel passed one interest or portion of Adstock to Richard Vernon, his son-in-law, married to Avis Avenel.

Holding: Share / One portion or interest in the divided estate / Vernon portion of the principal manor

/ Co-holders: William Vernon, Robert Vernon, George Vernon

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. William Vernon, Holder of the Vernon portion of Adstock | before 1195 - after 1195

Transfer: Inherited or succeeded to the Vernon portion after the death of his father Richard Vernon.

Holding: Share / Vernon portion of the divided estate / Vernon portion of the principal manor /

Co-holders: Richard Vernon, Robert Vernon, George Vernon

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Robert Vernon, Holder of the Vernon portion of Adstock | after 1195 - after 1195

Transfer: William Vernon granted the Vernon interest to his half-brother Robert while retaining rights over it.

Holding: Share / Vernon portion, subject to retained rights of William Vernon / Vernon portion of the principal manor / Co-holders: Richard Vernon, William Vernon, George Vernon

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Simon Basset, Holder of a portion of Adstock, son-in-law of William Avenel | after 1153 - circa 1205

Transfer: William Avenel passed the other interest or portion of Adstock to Simon Basset, his son-in-law, married to Elizabeth Avenel.

Holding: Share / One portion or interest in the divided estate / Basset portion of the principal manor

/ Co-holders: Basset family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Basset family, Holders of a portion of Adstock | circa 1205 - mid-13th century

Transfer: The Basset portion remained in the Basset family after Simon Basset's death; the precise succession is not established in the consulted sources.

Holding: Share / Basset portion of the divided estate / Basset portion of the principal manor /

Co-holders: Simon Basset

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Robert Bardolf, Holder of an Adstock interest, landowner, Lord of Wereham Hall, member of the Bardolf family | 1280 - 1305

Transfer: By 1280 the relevant Adstock interest appeared as Robert Bardolf's property; he died in 1305, leaving his daughter Avis as heir.

Holding: Share / Interest or portion of Adstock associated with the former Basset holding / Bardolf portion of the principal manor / Co-holders: Avis Bardolf

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Avis Bardolf, Heiress to Robert Bardolf's Adstock interest | 1305 - after 1305

Transfer: Inherited the Adstock interest from her father Robert Bardolf, who died in 1305.

Holding: Share / Bardolf portion of the principal manor / Bardolf portion of the principal manor /

Co-holders: Robert Bardolf

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. John de Hausted, Holder of an Adstock interest | after 1305 - before 1393

Transfer: The Adstock interest passed from Avis Bardolf to John de Hausted; the precise date and form of transfer are not stated.

Holding: Share / Bardolf-Hausted portion of the principal manor / Hansted or Bardolf-Hausted portion

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Joint holders of Hansted Manor in Adstock | 1393 - after 1393

Transfer: John Newenham conveyed Hansted Manor in Adstock to John Cope and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs by fine.

Holding: Joint / Hansted Manor in Adstock / Hansted Manor of Adstock / Co-holders: Stephen Cope, John Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Robert Tomlins

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. Stephen Cope, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock | 1436 - after 1436

Transfer: After Joan, wife of John Cope, died possessed of the manor in 1436, the holding descended to Stephen Cope.

Holding: Hansted Manor in Adstock / Hansted Manor of Adstock / Co-holders: John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, John Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Robert Tomlins

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. John Cope, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock | after 1436 - 1489

Transfer: The Hansted Manor interest descended from Stephen Cope to John Cope; in 1489 John Cope conveyed it by fine and recovery to Thomas Smith of Stewkley.

Holding: Hansted Manor in Adstock / Hansted Manor of Adstock / Co-holders: John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Stephen Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Robert Tomlins

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock | 1489 - 1575

Transfer: Acquired Hansted Manor in Adstock from John Cope by fine and recovery in 1489.

Holding: Hansted Manor in Adstock / Hansted Manor of Adstock / Co-holders: John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Stephen Cope, John Cope, Robert Tomlins

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. Robert Tomlins, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock, lord of a manor exercising court baron jurisdiction | 1575 - after 1606

Transfer: A descendant of Thomas Smith sold Hansted Manor in Adstock by fine and recovery to Robert Tomlins in 1575.

Holding: Hansted Manor in Adstock / Hansted Manor of Adstock / Co-holders: John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Stephen Cope, John Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. George Vernon, Holder of the Vernon portion of Adstock | after 1195 - 1566

Transfer: The Vernon interest in Adstock remained in the Vernon family until the death of George Vernon in 1566; the intervening descent is not fully enumerated in the consulted source.

Holding: Share / Vernon portion of the principal manor / Vernon portion of the principal manor /

Co-holders: Richard Vernon, William Vernon, Robert Vernon

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

19. Charles Matthew Prior, Esquire, lord of the manor of Adstock in 1899, bloodstock breeder | 1899 - after 1899

Transfer: Later transfer into the Prior family's ownership is unknown in the consulted sources.

Charles Matthew Prior was explicitly described as lord of the manor in Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire in 1899.

Holding: Lordship of Adstock Manor as described in the 1899 directory / Later Adstock Manor lordship

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - before 1086

Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph

Transfer:

Held in 1066; the later transfer is not specified in the consulted Domesday evidence.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Manor of Adstock as recorded for 1066

Shared holding:

Principal manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

The manor of Adstock was held by Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, in 1066. The evidence establishes her as the pre-Conquest holder but does not document the precise conveyance by which the estate changed hands before 1086.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section, citing Victoria County History: Buckinghamshire, volume IV, pages 140-144.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph

Co-holders:

Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Peverel, William Avenel

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=gytha-wife-of-earl-ralph-24935

Person dates:

Holder in 1066; personal dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - after 1086

Ambrose of Tilsworth, Holder of Adstock under William Peverel

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Transfer:

Held Adstock from William Peverel at the time of the Domesday survey.

Previous holder:

Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Local lord or subtenant under William Peverel; not tenant-in-chief

Shared holding:

Principal manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday evidence records Ambrose as holding Adstock in 1086 from William Peverel. This distinguishes Ambrose's local lordship or subinfeudated holding from William Peverel's superior position as tenant-in-chief.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Buckinghamshire, Adstock, Phillimore reference Buckinghamshire 16,8; corroborated by the Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, History section.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SP7330/adstock/>

Other parties:

Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Peverel

Co-holders:

Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, William Peverel, William Avenel

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=gytha-wife-of-earl-ralph-24935

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ambrose-of-tilsworth-24936

Person dates:

Recorded in 1086; other dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**1086 - 1153****William Peverel, Tenant-in-chief, lord of extensive estates****Transfer:**

Superior lordship recorded in Domesday Book; his lands, or those of a later William Peverel, were forfeited in 1153 after support for Stephen during the civil war.

Previous holder:

Pre-Conquest royal or comital ownership; local holding under Ambrose of Tilsworth

Holding arrangement:

other

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Share / interest:

Tenant-in-chief and overlord of Ambrose's holding

Shared holding:

Principal manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

William Peverel was tenant-in-chief of Adstock in 1086, while Ambrose of Tilsworth held the manor from him. The later source describes another William Peverel, probably a son or grandson, as being stripped of his lands in 1153. The exact identity of the William Peverel connected with the forfeiture and the precise legal mechanism affecting Adstock are not fully resolved in the consulted sources.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Buckinghamshire, Adstock, Phillimore reference Buckinghamshire 16,8; Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

William Peverel, Ambrose of Tilsworth

Co-holders:

Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Avenel

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-peverel-24937

Person dates:

Tenant-in-chief in 1086; a later William Peverel forfeited lands in 1153

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1153 - after 1153****William Avenel, Lord of Adstock, benefactor of Leicester Abbey****Transfer:**

Adstock was granted to William Avenel after the forfeiture of the Peverel lands.

Previous holder:

William Peverel

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Manor of Adstock, subsequently divided or conveyed in interests to his sons-in-law

Shared holding:

Principal manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

After the Peverel forfeiture in 1153, Adstock was granted to William Avenel. The source states that Avenel subsequently passed the estate or its interests to his two sons-in-law, Richard Vernon and Simon Basset.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section, citing Victoria County History: Buckinghamshire, volume IV, pages 140-144.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

William Avenel

Co-holders:

Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph, Ambrose of Tilsworth, William Peverel

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-peverel-24937

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-avenel-24938

Person dates:

Active in the later twelfth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

after 1153 - before 1195

Richard Vernon, Holder of a portion of Adstock, son-in-law of William Avenel

Transfer:

William Avenel passed one interest or portion of Adstock to Richard Vernon, his son-in-law, married to Avis Avenel.

Previous holder:

William Avenel

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One portion or interest in the divided estate

Shared holding:

Vernon portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that William Avenel passed one part of Adstock to Richard Vernon, who was married to Avenel's daughter Avis. Richard Vernon was dead by 1195.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Richard Vernon, Avis Avenel

Co-holders:

William Vernon, Robert Vernon, George Vernon

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-avenel-24938

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-vernon-24939

Person dates:

Died before 1195

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

before 1195 - after 1195

William Vernon, Holder of the Vernon portion of Adstock

Transfer:

Inherited or succeeded to the Vernon portion after the death of his father Richard Vernon.

Previous holder:

Richard Vernon

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Vernon portion of the divided estate

Shared holding:

Vernon portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

After Richard Vernon's death, the Vernon portion passed to his son William. The source does not provide an exact date for the succession.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

William Vernon

Co-holders:

Richard Vernon, Robert Vernon, George Vernon

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-vernon-24939

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-vernon-24940

Person dates:

Active in the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

after 1195 - after 1195

Robert Vernon, Holder of the Vernon portion of Adstock

Transfer:

William Vernon granted the Vernon interest to his half-brother Robert while retaining rights over it.

Previous holder:

William Vernon

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Vernon portion, subject to retained rights of William Vernon

Shared holding:

Vernon portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that William Vernon granted the Vernon interest to his half-brother Robert while retaining rights over it. The exact date and legal form of the grant are not supplied.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Robert Vernon, William Vernon

Co-holders:

Richard Vernon, William Vernon, George Vernon

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-vernon-24940

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-vernon-24941

Person dates:

Active in the late twelfth or early thirteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**after 1153 - circa 1205****Simon Basset, Holder of a portion of Adstock, son-in-law of William Avenel****Transfer:**

William Avenel passed the other interest or portion of Adstock to Simon Basset, his son-in-law, married to Elizabeth Avenel.

Previous holder:

William Avenel

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One portion or interest in the divided estate

Shared holding:

Basset portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

William Avenel passed the second portion or interest in Adstock to Simon Basset, who was married to Avenel's daughter Elizabeth. Simon Basset died around 1205.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Simon Basset, Elizabeth Avenel

Co-holders:

Basset family

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-avenel-24938

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=simon-basset-24942

Person dates:

Died circa 1205

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**circa 1205 - mid-13th century****Basset family, Holders of a portion of Adstock**

ADSTOCK MANOR

Transfer:

The Basset portion remained in the Basset family after Simon Basset's death; the precise succession is not established in the consulted sources.

Previous holder:

Simon Basset

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Basset portion of the divided estate

Shared holding:

Basset portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

After Simon Basset died around 1205, his portion of Adstock remained in the Basset family until the mid-thirteenth century. Individual holders and the exact conveyance are not securely identified.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Basset family

Co-holders:

Simon Basset

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=simon-basset-24942

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=basset-family-24943

Person dates:

Holding documented from circa 1205 to the mid-13th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1280 - 1305

Robert Bardolf, Holder of an Adstock interest, landowner, Lord of Wereham Hall, member of the Bardolf family

Transfer:

By 1280 the relevant Adstock interest appeared as Robert Bardolf's property; he died in 1305, leaving his daughter Avis as heir.

Previous holder:

Basset family or an undocumented intermediate holder

Holding arrangement:

share

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Share / interest:

Interest or portion of Adstock associated with the former Basset holding

Shared holding:

Bardolf portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

The source records the Adstock interest as Robert Bardolf's property in 1280. It does not document the conveyance from the Basset family or identify the exact date of the transfer.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Robert Bardolf

Co-holders:

Avis Bardolf

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-bardolf-24944

Person dates:

Died 1305

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

1305 - after 1305

Avis Bardolf, Heiress to Robert Bardolf's Adstock interest

Transfer:

Inherited the Adstock interest from her father Robert Bardolf, who died in 1305.

Previous holder:

Robert Bardolf

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Bardolf portion of the principal manor

Shared holding:

Bardolf portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

Avis Bardolf was identified as Robert Bardolf's heir at his death in 1305. The subsequent transfer to John de Hausted is stated by the source, but its date and legal form are not given.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

Avis Bardolf

Co-holders:

Robert Bardolf

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-bardolf-24944

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=avis-bardolf-24945

Person dates:

Heir in 1305; later dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12

after 1305 - before 1393

John de Hausted, Holder of an Adstock interest

Transfer:

The Adstock interest passed from Avis Bardolf to John de Hausted; the precise date and form of transfer are not stated.

Previous holder:

Avis Bardolf

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Bardolf-Hausted portion of the principal manor

Shared holding:

Hansted or Bardolf-Hausted portion

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that the interest passed from Avis Bardolf to John de Hausted. The chronology and mechanism are not fully documented in the consulted source. The name is also associated with the separate Hansted Manor of Adstock, so the relationship between the Bardolf-Hausted interest and the later Hansted designation should be treated cautiously.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

John de Hausted

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=avis-bardolf-24945

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-de-hausted-24946

Person dates:

Active before 1393; other dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1393 - after 1393

John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Joint holders of Hansted Manor in Adstock

Transfer:

John Newenham conveyed Hansted Manor in Adstock to John Cope and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs by fine.

Previous holder:

John Newenham

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Hansted Manor in Adstock

Shared holding:

Hansted Manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

Browne Willis records a fine in 1393 by which John Newenham conveyed Hansted Manor in Adstock to John Cope and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs. This is direct evidence for the separate Hansted Manor holding, not necessarily for the whole of the principal Adstock estate.

Source citation:

Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

Source URL:

https://www.hellfirefrancis.co.uk/uploads/1/8/0/0/18007783/browne_willis_the_history_and_antiquities_of_the_town_hundred_and_deanry_of_buckingham.pdf

Other parties:

John Cope, Elizabeth Newenham

Co-holders:

Stephen Cope, John Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Robert Tomlins

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-cope-and-elizabeth-newenham-24947

Person dates:

Conveyance recorded in 1393

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14**1436 - after 1436****Stephen Cope, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock****Transfer:**

After Joan, wife of John Cope, died possessed of the manor in 1436, the holding descended to Stephen Cope.

Previous holder:

Joan, wife of John Cope

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Hansted Manor in Adstock

Shared holding:

Hansted Manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

Browne Willis states that in 13 Henry VI, corresponding to 1435-1436 and specifically given there as 1436, Joan, wife of John Cope, died possessed of Hansted Manor and it descended to Stephen Cope. The source does not explain the precise effect of the earlier joint settlement or whether Joan held a life interest.

Source citation:

Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

Source URL:

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Other parties:

Stephen Cope

Co-holders:

John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, John Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Robert Tomlins

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=stephen-cope-24948

Person dates:

Died 1436 according to associated genealogical and parliamentary evidence

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15**after 1436 - 1489****John Cope, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock****Transfer:**

The Hansted Manor interest descended from Stephen Cope to John Cope; in 1489 John Cope conveyed it by fine and recovery to Thomas Smith of Stewkley.

Previous holder:

Stephen Cope

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Hansted Manor in Adstock

Shared holding:

Hansted Manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

Browne Willis states that the manor descended from Stephen Cope to John Cope, who in the reign of Henry VII, in 1489, passed it by fine and recovery to Thomas Smith of Stewkley.

Source citation:

Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

Source URL:

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Other parties:

John Cope

Co-holders:

John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Stephen Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Robert Tomlins

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=stephen-cope-24948

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-cope-24949

Person dates:

Active in the later fifteenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16**1489 - 1575****Thomas Smith of Stewkley, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock****Transfer:**

Acquired Hansted Manor in Adstock from John Cope by fine and recovery in 1489.

Previous holder:

John Cope

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Hansted Manor in Adstock

Shared holding:

Hansted Manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

Browne Willis records that John Cope passed Hansted Manor by fine and recovery in 1489 to Thomas Smith of Stewkley. The source calls the later seller a descendant of Thomas Smith but does not name the intervening holders.

Source citation:

Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

Source URL:

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Other parties:

Thomas Smith of Stewkley

Co-holders:

John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Stephen Cope, John Cope, Robert Tomlins

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-cope-24949

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-smith-of-stewkley-24950

Person dates:

Active in 1489; other dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17**1575 - after 1606****Robert Tomlins, Holder of Hansted Manor in Adstock, lord of a manor exercising court baron jurisdiction****Transfer:**

A descendant of Thomas Smith sold Hansted Manor in Adstock by fine and recovery to Robert Tomlins in 1575.

Previous holder:

Unnamed descendant of Thomas Smith

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Hansted Manor in Adstock

Shared holding:

Hansted Manor of Adstock

Narrative / explanation:

Browne Willis records that a descendant of Thomas Smith sold Hansted Manor by fine and recovery to Robert Tomlins in 1575. Robert Tomlins held a court baron at Adstock on 17 October 1586 and again in 1595, 1601 and 1606, providing independent evidence that he exercised manorial jurisdiction there. The subsequent descent is not established in the consulted sources.

Source citation:

Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

Source URL:

https://www.hellfirefrancis.co.uk/uploads/1/8/0/0/18007783/browne_willis_the_history_and_antiquities_of_the_town_hundred_and_deanry_of_buckingham.pdf

Other parties:

Robert Tomlins

Co-holders:

John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham, Stephen Cope, John Cope, Thomas Smith of Stewkley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-tomlins-24951

Person dates:

Holder from 1575; recorded holding courts in 1586, 1595, 1601 and 1606

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18**after 1195 - 1566****George Vernon, Holder of the Vernon portion of Adstock****Transfer:**

The Vernon interest in Adstock remained in the Vernon family until the death of George Vernon in 1566; the intervening descent is not fully enumerated in the consulted source.

Previous holder:

Robert Vernon and subsequent Vernon holders

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Vernon portion of the principal manor

Shared holding:

Vernon portion of the principal manor

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that the Vernon portion remained in the Vernon family until the death of George Vernon in 1566. It does not provide a complete list of the intervening Vernon holders or the precise disposition of the interest after George Vernon's death.

Source citation:

Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section, citing Victoria County History: Buckinghamshire, volume IV, pages 140-144.

Source URL:

<https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=12313>

Other parties:

George Vernon

Co-holders:

Richard Vernon, William Vernon, Robert Vernon

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-vernon-24952

Person dates:

Died 1566

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 19**1899 - after 1899****Charles Matthew Prior, Esquire, lord of the manor of Adstock in 1899,
bloodstock breeder**

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Transfer:

Later transfer into the Prior family's ownership is unknown in the consulted sources. Charles Matthew Prior was explicitly described as lord of the manor in Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire in 1899.

Previous holder:

Unknown; documentary gap after the early seventeenth century and after the 1566 Vernon evidence

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Lordship of Adstock Manor as described in the 1899 directory

Shared holding:

Later Adstock Manor lordship

Narrative / explanation:

Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire for 1899 explicitly describes Charles Matthew Prior as lord of the manor at Adstock. This is direct evidence for his lordship, although the conveyance by which the manor reached him is not identified. Other sources place him at Adstock Manor in the early twentieth century, including a 1914 directory entry and a 1927 London Gazette entry, but residence alone is not treated as proof of continued ownership beyond the 1899 direct statement.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire, 1899, parish description of Adstock, reproduced in the Forebears transcription; corroborative early twentieth-century directory and official notices identify Charles Matthew Prior at Adstock Manor.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/buckinghamshire/adstock>

Other parties:

Charles Matthew Prior

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-matthew-prior-24953

Person dates:

Born 1861; died 1940

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.