

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

AFFLINGTON MANOR

Location:

Corfe Castle, Dorset

Recorded historical holders:

8

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Colour key: green - direct blood, blue - collateral, purple - marriage-linked blood, amber - in-law, grey - unclassified. Colours describe the saved relationship classification, not documentary certainty.

SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

Earliest recorded holder to present. Relationship descriptions are reproduced from saved published paths; categories are not evidence ratings.

1. Ælfrun of Afflington | before 1066 - 1066

Transfer: Pre-Conquest holding recorded by the Domesday comparison; no earlier conveyance is known from the cited evidence.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Roger de Beaumont, Norman magnate, associated in Domesday sources with the Beaumont estates | 1086 - after 1086; end date unknown

Transfer: Post-Conquest reallocation of one Afflington holding to Roger de Beaumont; the precise mechanism and date are not recorded in the cited evidence.

Holding: One Domesday portion; extent not stated in the cited summary / Domesday portion of Afflington / Co-holders: Walter de Claville

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Walter de Claville, Domesday tenant-in-chief, Norman landholder | 1086 - after 1086; end date unknown

Transfer: Post-Conquest allocation of another Afflington holding to Walter de Claville; the precise mechanism and date are not recorded in the cited evidence.

Holding: One Domesday portion; extent not stated in the cited summary / Domesday portion of Afflington / Co-holders: Roger de Beaumont

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Sir Christopher Hatton, Courtier, politician and Lord Chancellor of England, Lord Chancellor of England | 1574 - 1635

Transfer: Acquired Afflington from the Crown in the reign of Elizabeth I, probably in or shortly before 1574; transferred with the Corfe Castle estate to Sir John Bankes in 1635.

Holding: Hatton ownership of Afflington and the Corfe estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Francis Hawley, Esquire, Member of Parliament for Corfe Castle according to local historical accounts | 1574 - date unknown; after 1574

Transfer: Lease of Afflington Farm from Sir Christopher Hatton; this was a tenancy and not a transfer of the manorial lordship.

Holding: Other / Leasehold farm tenancy / Co-holders: Giles Green

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Sir John Bankes, Attorney General to Charles I, Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas | 1635 - 1644

Transfer: Purchased the Corfe Castle estate from the Hattons in 1635; Afflington is subsequently documented as being rented from him.

Holding: Bankes Corfe Castle estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Giles Green, Gentleman, Member of Parliament for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis and for Corfe Castle | 1620 - after 1639; end date unknown

Transfer: Lease or tenancy of Afflington from the Bankes estate; the cited evidence refers to a 1620 lease and a 1639 deed. This was not a transfer of lordship.

Holding: Other / Leasehold farm tenancy / Co-holders: Francis Hawley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Bankes estate, Owners of the Kingston Lacy and Corfe Castle estates | 1644 - nineteenth century; exact end date unknown

Transfer: Descended within the Bankes family after Sir John Bankes's death; the available sources continue to associate Afflington with the Bankes estate but do not identify every successor or conveyance.

Holding: Bankes family estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

before 1066 - 1066

Ælfrun of Afflington

Transfer:

Pre-Conquest holding recorded by the Domesday comparison; no earlier conveyance is known from the cited evidence.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

PASE identifies Ælfrun as the holder of Afflington in 1066, under the historical Domesday place-name Alueron. This is evidence for the pre-Conquest holder of the Afflington holding, not proof that she held every later Domesday portion as a single undivided manor.

Source citation:

Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England, Domesday entry for Afflington, Dorset: holder in 1066 Ælfrun of Afflington; tenant-in-chief in 1086 Roger de Beaumont.

Source URL:

<https://pase.ac.uk/domesday/name/2652/>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=aelfrun-of-afflington-25050

Person dates:

floruit 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - after 1086; end date unknown

Roger de Beaumont, Norman magnate, associated in Domesday sources with the Beaumont estates

Transfer:

Post-Conquest reallocation of one Afflington holding to Roger de Beaumont; the precise mechanism and date are not recorded in the cited evidence.

Previous holder:

Ælfrun of Afflington

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

One Domesday portion; extent not stated in the cited summary

Shared holding:

Domesday portion of Afflington

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday evidence records Roger de Beaumont as tenant-in-chief of a portion of Afflington in 1086 and as its lord over the local inhabitants. Because the same place-name is associated with several Domesday holdings, this entry should not be read as proof that Roger held the whole later manor in an undivided form.

Source citation:

Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England, Domesday entry for Afflington, Dorset; Roger de Beaumont is identified as the 1086 tenant-in-chief.

Source URL:

<https://pase.ac.uk/domesday/name/2652/>

Co-holders:

Walter de Claville

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=aelfrun-of-afflington-25050

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=roger-de-beaumont-25051

Person dates:

died 1094

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1086 - after 1086; end date unknown

Walter de Claville, Domesday tenant-in-chief, Norman landholder

Transfer:

Post-Conquest allocation of another Afflington holding to Walter de Claville; the precise mechanism and date are not recorded in the cited evidence.

Previous holder:

Ælfrun of Afflington

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

One Domesday portion; extent not stated in the cited summary

Shared holding:

Domesday portion of Afflington

Narrative / explanation:

The Domesday summary for Afflington associates a separate portion with Walter de Claville. The evidence shows a divided Domesday estate and does not establish that Walter de Claville held the same legal interest as Roger de Beaumont or that the portions were already reunited.

Source citation:

The Domesday Book Online, Dorset A-G, entry for Afflington: Alfrunetone / Alvretone / Alvronetone, with holdings attributed to Roger de Beaumont, Walter from William de Braose, Walter de Claville and Durand the Carpenter from the king.

Source URL:

<https://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/dorset1.html>

Co-holders:

Roger de Beaumont

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=aelfrun-of-afflington-25050

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=walter-de-claville-25052

Person dates:

floruit 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1574 - 1635

**Sir Christopher Hatton, Courtier, politician and Lord Chancellor of England,
Lord Chancellor of England**

Transfer:

Acquired Afflington from the Crown in the reign of Elizabeth I, probably in or shortly before 1574; transferred with the Corfe Castle estate to Sir John Bankes in 1635.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Hatton ownership of Afflington and the Corfe estate

Narrative / explanation:

Local historical research states that Sir Christopher Hatton bought Afflington in 1574. A separate local account describes the manor house or estate at Afflington as belonging to Hatton. The exact purchase instrument was not located, so the date is retained as reported rather than treated as an independently verified completion date.

Source citation:

Corfe Valley News, 'Afflington Manor & Farm', September 2024, stating that Francis Hawley leased the farm in 1574 just months after Hatton had bought it; South West Coast Path, Tom's Field to Corfe Castle, reporting the Elizabethan Crown-to-Hatton transfer.

Source URL:

<https://www.corfevalleynews.co.uk/assets/CVN-September-2024-Web.pdf>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-christopher-hatton-25053

Person dates:

1540-1591

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1574 - date unknown; after 1574****Francis Hawley, Esquire, Member of Parliament for Corfe Castle according to local historical accounts****Transfer:**

Lease of Afflington Farm from Sir Christopher Hatton; this was a tenancy and not a transfer of the manorial lordship.

Previous holder:

Sir Christopher Hatton

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

Leasehold farm tenancy

Narrative / explanation:

Francis Hawley is expressly described as having leased the farm in 1574, shortly after Hatton acquired it. He is therefore recorded as a tenant of the Afflington farm, not as owner or lord of the manor.

Source citation:

Corfe Valley News, 'Afflington Manor & Farm', September 2024, describing Francis Hawley as leasing the farm in 1574 after Hatton had bought it.

Source URL:<https://www.corfevalleynews.co.uk/assets/CVN-September-2024-Web.pdf>**Other parties:**

Sir Christopher Hatton

Co-holders:

Giles Green

Previous holder profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-christopher-hatton-25053**Historical person profile:**https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=francis-hawley-25054**Person dates:**

died 1598

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1635 - 1644****Sir John Bankes, Attorney General to Charles I, Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas****Transfer:**

Purchased the Corfe Castle estate from the Hattons in 1635; Afflington is subsequently documented as being rented from him.

Previous holder:

Sir Christopher Hatton and the Hatton estate

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Bankes Corfe Castle estate

Narrative / explanation:

The 1635 purchase of the Corfe Castle estate by Sir John Bankes is reported in the Imperial Gazetteer and local historical material. A 1639 deed is said to describe Gyles Grene as renting Afflington from Sir John Bankes, directly linking Afflington to Bankes ownership or superior estate control by that date. The exact purchase deed and whether all earlier Domesday portions were included in the 1635 transaction were not located.

Source citation:

Extract from John Marius Wilson, Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales, Corfe Castle entry, 1870-1872, stating that the estate passed in 1635 to Sir John Bankes; Corfe Valley News, November 2022, reporting a 1639 deed in which Gyles Grene rented Afflington from Sir John Bankes.

Source URL:

<https://opcdorset.org/CorfeCastleFiles/CorfeCastleImpGaz.htm>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-bankes-25055

Person dates:

1589-1644

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1620 - after 1639; end date unknown****Giles Green, Gentleman, Member of Parliament for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis and for Corfe Castle****Transfer:**

Lease or tenancy of Afflington from the Bankes estate; the cited evidence refers to a 1620 lease and a 1639 deed. This was not a transfer of lordship.

Previous holder:

Sir John Bankes or the Bankes estate

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

Leasehold farm tenancy

Narrative / explanation:

Gyles or Giles Green was a gentleman tenant at Afflington. A 1639 deed referred to an earlier lease of 1620, and the local account identifies Green as renting Afflington from Sir John Bankes. Green is included to preserve the documented tenancy and to distinguish it from ownership. The chronology is potentially complicated because the 1620 lease predates Bankes's 1635 purchase; the source may reflect an earlier lease later continued or assigned under the Bankes estate, so no precise ownership transfer is inferred.

Source citation:

Corfe Valley News, November 2022, reporting the 1639 deed and earlier 1620 lease; Dorset Heritage Explorer, Afflington Farmhouse record, attributing the circa 1620 west wing to Giles Green.

Source URL:

<https://www.corfevalleynews.co.uk/assets/CVN-November-2022-Web.pdf>

Other parties:

Sir John Bankes

Co-holders:

Francis Hawley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=giles-green-25056

Person dates:

died 1655/1656

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1644 - nineteenth century; exact end date unknown

Bankes estate, Owners of the Kingston Lacy and Corfe Castle estates

Transfer:

Descended within the Bankes family after Sir John Bankes's death; the available sources continue to associate Afflington with the Bankes estate but do not identify every successor or conveyance.

Previous holder:

Sir John Bankes

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Bankes family estate

Narrative / explanation:

The public sources located continue to identify the Bankes family as the principal estate owners at

Corfe Castle and refer to Afflington leases, maps and estate administration. They do not provide a complete list of individual Bankes successors for Afflington or a separate manorial conveyance. This entry therefore records the continuing family estate connection without fabricating a person-by-person descent.

Source citation:

John Marius Wilson, Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales, Corfe Castle entry, 1870-1872, stating that the Corfe Castle estate belonged to the Bankeses of Kingston-Lacy; Corfe Valley News, November 2022, linking Afflington land to Bankes estate records and leases.

Source URL:

<https://opcdorset.org/CorfeCastleFiles/CorfeCastleImpGaz.htm>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-bankes-25055

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=bankes-family-of-kingston-lacy-25057

Person dates:

seventeenth to nineteenth centuries in the cited estate context

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.