

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

AGDEN MANOR

Location:

Agden (Lymm), Cheshire

Recorded historical holders:

12

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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 son of Simon de Lee | Reign of Henry III (1216-1272)

Transfer: Earlier possession; no preceding conveyance is stated.

Holding: One moiety of Agden, then called Acton

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. William Rag, later William de Aketon | Reign of Henry III (1216-1272) - 1270 or later

Transfer: Granted one moiety by William son of Simon de Lee to his son-in-law William Rag, for homage and service and to the heirs of William Rag by Agnes, daughter of William son of Simon de Lee.

Holding: One moiety of Agden, then called Acton

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. John Daniel of Agden | 38 Edward III (1364-1365)

Transfer: The moiety came to John Daniel, son of William Daniel, in marriage with Ellen, daughter of William de Aketon, by entail.

Holding: Joint / One moiety of Agden / Daniel-Aketon marriage settlement

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Ellen, formerly wife of John Daniel and later wife of Thomas Warburton | After 38 Edward III (after 1364-1365) - After the death of Thomas Warburton; before 2 Henry IV (before 1401)

Transfer: Continuation through Ellen's marriage and widowhood; no separate conveyance into the Warburton holding is stated. After Thomas Warburton's death, Ellen covenanted to settle her Agden lands on William Venables and his wife Ellen.

Holding: One moiety of Agden and associated lands in Agden / Ellen's inherited and settled interest
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. William Venables and Ellen, his wife | 2 Henry IV (1400-1401), deed dated 1401 - 1669, according to Leycester

Transfer: Ellen, after the death of Thomas Warburton, covenanted by deed to settle all her lands in Agden on William Venables and his wife Ellen, daughter of John Daniel and Ellen.
Holding: Joint / One moiety of Agden / Venables of Agden moiety
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Robert Warburton | 3 Henry IV (1401-1402)

Transfer: Recorded as holding the other moiety of Acton in the Dunham-Massy rental; the preceding transfer is not stated.
Holding: The other moiety of Agden, held of the barony of Dunham-Massy / Dunham-Massy superior tenure
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Sir John Savage of Clifton, Knight | 6 Henry V (1418)

Transfer: Purchased the second moiety from Agnes, widow of John Leech of Altrincham and daughter and heir of Robert de Aketon and Jone his wife.
Holding: The second moiety of Agden / Savage moiety / Co-holders: Sir Thomas Savage, Baronet
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Sir Thomas Savage, Baronet, member of the Savage family of Clifton and Rock Savage | Before 17 James I (before 1619) - 17 James I (1619)

Transfer: Inherited or otherwise held the Savage reversion in the second moiety and sold it to George Venables of Agden the elder in 1619.
Holding: The second moiety of Agden, subject to the stated reversionary history / Savage moiety /
Co-holders: Sir John Savage of Clifton
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. George Venables of Agden the elder, Esquire | 17 James I (1619) - After 1662/3; recorded as part of the Agden descent in 1669

Transfer: Purchased the second moiety from Sir Thomas Savage. The other moiety was already held by the Venables family through the settlement of 1401.
Holding: Whole manor of Agden, except Ousingcroft Farm and appurtenances previously separated from the Savage moiety / Consolidated Venables manor
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Richard Venables of Agden, Gentleman | 27 February 1662/3

Transfer: Named with his parents in a marriage settlement concerning Agdon Hall and associated lands; the instrument does not by itself establish a completed transfer of the manor to Richard.
Holding: Other / Interest or prospective interest in Agdon Hall and associated estate lands; exact legal share not stated / Venables family settlement
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Elizabeth Venables and Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode, Baronet | 1727

Transfer: The sole daughter and heiress of George Venables of Agden married Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode, bringing the Agden property into the Chetwode family by heiress succession.
Holding: Joint / Agden estate and manor, as described by the antiquarian source; exact exclusion of Ousingcroft Farm not restated / Venables-Chetwode succession
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Sir John N. L. Chetwode, Baronet | By 1850

Transfer: Later Chetwode succession; the precise intervening transfer from Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode's descendants is not stated.

Holding: Agden township and manor as sole proprietor, according to the 1850 directory account / Chetwode ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Reign of Henry III (1216-1272)

William son of Simon de Lee

Transfer:

Earlier possession; no preceding conveyance is stated.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

One moiety of Agden, then called Acton

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Peter Leycester states that William son of Simon de Lee was possessed of Agden in the reign of Henry III. The grant cited in the source describes the land as one half of his land of Acton, held of Henry de Trafford. This is the earliest securely evidenced holder of the Agden estate located in the research.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden in the Antiquities of Bucklow Hundred, page 202; the cited original was then in the possession of Venables of Agden.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-son-of-simon-de-lee-25096

Person dates:

Flourished in the reign of Henry III

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

Reign of Henry III (1216-1272) - 1270 or later

William Rag, later William de Aketon

Transfer:

Granted one moiety by William son of Simon de Lee to his son-in-law William Rag, for homage and service and to the heirs of William Rag by Agnes, daughter of William son of Simon de Lee.

Previous holder:

William son of Simon de Lee

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

One moiety of Agden, then called Acton

Narrative / explanation:

The grant expressly conveys the moiety of Acton to William Rag and his heirs by Agnes. The source says that William Rag was afterwards called William de Aketon from his residence at Agden. In 1270 Matthew Somervyle, lord of Alpraham, released to William de Aketon and his heirs the right to implead him or his tenants in the court of Alpraham, providing additional contemporary evidence of his connection with the estate.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, citing the original deed in Lib. C, fol. 265 a-b, and a release dated 1270.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-son-of-simon-de-lee-25096

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-rag-later-william-de-aketon-25097

Person dates:

Flourished in the thirteenth century; recorded in 1270

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

38 Edward III (1364-1365)

John Daniel of Agden

Transfer:

The moiety came to John Daniel, son of William Daniel, in marriage with Ellen, daughter of William de Aketon, by entail.

Previous holder:

Ellen, daughter of William de Aketon, and her Aketon predecessors

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

One moiety of Agden

Shared holding:

Daniel-Aketon marriage settlement

Narrative / explanation:

Leycester states that this moiety came to John Daniel of Agden, son of William Daniel, in marriage with Ellen, daughter of the last William de Aketon or Agden, by entail in 38 Edward III. The source does not specify whether the legal holding was vested solely in John Daniel or jointly in the married couple, so the entry is treated as a marriage-related joint holding with the underlying estate interest remaining

one moiety.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, citing Lib. C, fol. 266 m.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Other parties:

John Daniel of Agden, Ellen, daughter of William de Aketon

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-daniel-of-agden-25098

Person dates:

Flourished in the fourteenth century; recorded in 38 Edward III

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

After 38 Edward III (after 1364-1365) - After the death of Thomas Warburton; before 2 Henry IV (before 1401)

Ellen, formerly wife of John Daniel and later wife of Thomas Warburton

Transfer:

Continuation through Ellen's marriage and widowhood; no separate conveyance into the Warburton holding is stated. After Thomas Warburton's death, Ellen covenanted to settle her Agden lands on William Venables and his wife Ellen.

Previous holder:

John Daniel of Agden and Ellen, daughter of William de Aketon

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

One moiety of Agden and associated lands in Agden

Shared holding:

Ellen's inherited and settled interest

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Ellen, after her marriage to John Daniel, married Thomas Warburton as her second husband. Following Thomas Warburton's death, she covenanted to settle all her lands in Agden on William Venables and Ellen, the daughter of John Daniel and Ellen. This entry records Ellen's documented control of the inherited moiety; it does not treat Thomas Warburton as owner of that moiety merely because he was her husband.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, citing Lib. C, fols. 265 f-k and 266 m.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Other parties:

Ellen, formerly wife of John Daniel, Thomas Warburton, as her second husband

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ellen-daughter-of-william-de-aketon-later-wife-of-john-daniel-

[and-thomas-warburton-25099](#)

Person dates:

Flourished in the fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

2 Henry IV (1400-1401), deed dated 1401 - 1669, according to Leycester

William Venables and Ellen, his wife

Transfer:

Ellen, after the death of Thomas Warburton, covenanted by deed to settle all her lands in Agden on William Venables and his wife Ellen, daughter of John Daniel and Ellen.

Previous holder:

Ellen, formerly wife of John Daniel and later wife of Thomas Warburton

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

One moiety of Agden

Shared holding:

Venables of Agden moiety

Narrative / explanation:

This is a directly documented settlement of the Daniel-Aketon moiety. Leycester states that the issue of William Venables and Ellen enjoyed the moiety and that their succeeding posterity continued to enjoy it through 1669. The source gives no complete named succession between this couple and the later George Venables, so the intervening descent is left unfilled rather than reconstructed from pedigree alone.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, deed dated 2 Henry IV, 1401, citing Lib. C, fol. 265 f-k.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Other parties:

William Venables, Ellen, daughter of John Daniel and Ellen

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ellen-daughter-of-william-de-aketon-later-wife-of-john-daniel-and-thomas-warburton-25099

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-venables-of-agden-25100

Person dates:

Flourished around 1401

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**3 Henry IV (1401-1402)****Robert Warburton****Transfer:**

Recorded as holding the other moiety of Acton in the Dunham-Massy rental; the preceding transfer is not stated.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The other moiety of Agden, held of the barony of Dunham-Massy

Shared holding:

Dunham-Massy superior tenure

Narrative / explanation:

An old rental of Dunham-Massy dated 3 Henry IV records Robert Warburton as holding one half of the town of Acton, formerly John Acton's, by the service of one third of a knight's fee and a penny rent at the feast of St John the Baptist. This was a tenurial holding under Dunham-Massy and should not be confused with ownership of the superior barony.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, citing the old Dunham-Massy rental, Lib. B, page 209.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-warburton-25101

Person dates:

Flourished in 3 Henry IV (1401-1402)

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**6 Henry V (1418)****Sir John Savage of Clifton, Knight****Transfer:**

Purchased the second moiety from Agnes, widow of John Leech of Altrincham and daughter and heir of Robert de Aketon and Jone his wife.

Previous holder:

Agnes, widow of John Leech of Altrincham

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The second moiety of Agden

Shared holding:

Savage moiety

Narrative / explanation:

Agnes, identified as the widow of John Leech and daughter and heir of Robert de Aketon and Jone, sold this moiety to Sir John Savage of Clifton in 1418. This is a distinct transaction from the Daniel-Venables descent of the other moiety.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, sale dated 6 Henry V, 1418, citing Lib. C, fol. 265 g.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Co-holders:

Sir Thomas Savage, Baronet

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-savage-of-clifton-25102

Person dates:

Flourished in the fifteenth century; recorded in 1418

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

Before 17 James I (before 1619) - 17 James I (1619)

Sir Thomas Savage, Baronet, member of the Savage family of Clifton and Rock Savage

Transfer:

Inherited or otherwise held the Savage reversion in the second moiety and sold it to George Venables of Agden the elder in 1619.

Previous holder:

Sir John Savage of Clifton and his Savage successors

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The second moiety of Agden, subject to the stated reversionary history

Shared holding:

Savage moiety

Narrative / explanation:

Leycester states that Sir Thomas Savage, baronet, being seised of the reversion of the moiety purchased by Sir John Savage, sold it to George Venables of Agden the elder in 17 James I, 1619. The source does not provide the intervening Savage succession in detail.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden, sale in 17 James I, 1619, citing Lib. C, fol. 265 g.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Co-holders:

Sir John Savage of Clifton

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-thomas-savage-25103

Person dates:

Died 1635

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

17 James I (1619) - After 1662/3; recorded as part of the Agden descent in 1669

George Venables of Agden the elder, Esquire

Transfer:

Purchased the second moiety from Sir Thomas Savage. The other moiety was already held by the Venables family through the settlement of 1401.

Previous holder:

Sir Thomas Savage, Baronet

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole manor of Agden, except Ousingcroft Farm and appurtenances previously separated from the Savage moiety

Shared holding:

Consolidated Venables manor

Narrative / explanation:

The 1619 purchase consolidated the two historical moieties in the Venables family. Leycester expressly states that George Venables of Agden then had the whole manor of Agden, except Ousingcroft Farm with its appurtenances. A Chetwode Papers settlement dated 27 February 1662/3 identifies George Venables of Acton or Agdon, his wife Margaret, and their son Richard in relation to Agdon Hall and lands in Agdon and neighbouring townships, corroborating the continuity of the Venables estate.

Source citation:

Sir Peter Leycester, Historical Antiquities, account of Agden; Chetwode Papers handlist, item 70, settlement dated 27 February 1662/3.

Source URL:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo2/A70453.0001.001/1:35?rgn=div1&view=fulltext>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-thomas-savage-25103

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-venables-of-agden-the-elder-25104

Person dates:

Flourished in the early and mid-seventeenth century; recorded in 1619 and 1662/3

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

27 February 1662/3

Richard Venables of Agden, Gentleman

Transfer:

Named with his parents in a marriage settlement concerning Agdon Hall and associated lands; the instrument does not by itself establish a completed transfer of the manor to Richard.

Previous holder:

George Venables of Agden the elder

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Interest or prospective interest in Agdon Hall and associated estate lands; exact legal share not stated

Shared holding:

Venables family settlement

Narrative / explanation:

The Chetwode Papers record a settlement upon the marriage of Richard Venables and Mary, daughter of Robert Venables, covering Agdon Hall in Acton alias Agdon and lands in Agdon and several neighbouring places. Because the catalogue description does not state the precise legal effect of the settlement or identify Richard as sole lord of the manor, this entry records the documented family-estate interest without treating it as an unqualified conveyance of the whole manor.

Source citation:

Keele University, Chetwode Papers handlist, item 70, settlement upon the marriage of Richard Venables and Mary, 27 February 1662/3.

Source URL:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/media/k-web/k-central-services/libraries/specialcollections/pdfs/chetwodepapershandlist.pdf>

Other parties:

Richard Venables, George Venables of Agden, Margaret Venables

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-venables-of-agden-the-elder-25104

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-venables-of-agden-25105

Person dates:

Flourished in the seventeenth century; recorded in 1662/3

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

1727

Elizabeth Venables and Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode, Baronet

Transfer:

The sole daughter and heiress of George Venables of Agden married Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode, bringing the Agden property into the Chetwode family by heiress succession.

Previous holder:

George Venables of Agden and his Venables successors

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Agden estate and manor, as described by the antiquarian source; exact exclusion of Ousingcroft Farm not restated

Shared holding:

Venables-Chetwode succession

Narrative / explanation:

The 1850 account of Agden states that the heiress of George Venables married Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode in 1727 and identifies him as ancestor of the then proprietor. A genealogical account names the heiress as Elizabeth Venables, sole daughter and heiress of George Venables. The exact conveyancing instrument and the precise legal division of the estate are not identified in the accessible sources, so the event is recorded as an heiress succession rather than as a presumed purchase.

Source citation:

Samuel Bagshaw, History, Gazetteer and Directory of the County Palatine of Chester, 1850, entry for Agden; corroborated by the Venable family account derived from Cheshire pedigrees.

Source URL:

<https://www.altrinchamheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/History-Gazetteer-and-Directory-of-the-County-Palatine-of-Chester-Samuel-Bagshaw-1850-Cheshire-history-and-Altrincham-Area-extracts-HD.pdf>

Other parties:

Elizabeth Venables, Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-philip-touchet-chetwode-25106

Person dates:

Flourished in the eighteenth century; married the Agden heiress in 1727

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**By 1850****Sir John N. L. Chetwode, Baronet****Transfer:**

Later Chetwode succession; the precise intervening transfer from Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode's descendants is not stated.

Previous holder:

Chetwode family successors

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Agden township and manor as sole proprietor, according to the 1850 directory account

Shared holding:

Chetwode ownership

Narrative / explanation:

Samuel Bagshaw's 1850 account states that Sir John N. L. Chetwode was sole proprietor of Agden. The same account describes the manor's descent from the Aketons through Daniel and Venables, the purchase of the second moiety by the Venables family, and the 1727 marriage of the Venables heiress to Sir Philip Touchet Chetwode. The exact date and instrument by which Sir John N. L. Chetwode became proprietor are not identified.

Source citation:

Samuel Bagshaw, History, Gazetteer and Directory of the County Palatine of Chester, 1850, entry for Agden.

Source URL:

<https://www.altrinchamheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/History-Gazetteer-and-Directory-of-the-County-Palatine-of-Chester-Samuel-Bagshaw-1850-Cheshire-history-and-Altrincham-Area-extracts-HD.pdf>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-n-l-chetwode-25107

Person dates:

Flourished by 1850

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.