

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Woodend or Launcelyns

Location:

Cople, Bedfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

4

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Public record URL:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=woodend-or-launcelyns

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. Walter Launcelyn

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Sir Walter Luke

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Sir Oliver Luke

Transfer: Succession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Sir William Gostwick | 1686

Transfer: Sale

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Dates not recorded

Walter Launcelyn

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: Walter Launcelyn owned land in the adjacent parish of Northill in 1316, and Richard Launcelyn was justice of the peace for the county in 1382.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

Dates not recorded

Sir Walter Luke

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: Sir Walter Luke held Woodend until his death in 1544, when his son Nicholas, baron of the Exchequer under Henry VIII, succeeded him.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

Dates not recorded

Sir Oliver Luke

Woodend or Launcelyns

Transfer:

Succession

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: He was succeeded by Sir Oliver Luke, who sat in Parliament for a long period as member for the county of Bedford, and probably died soon after he was secluded from the Long Parliament in 1648.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1686

Sir William Gostwick

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: In 1686 his successor sold the manor to Sir William Gostwick, and it follows the same descent as his more important manor of Willington (q.v.) until 1902, when the Duke of Bedford sold his property in this parish.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.