

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

AGNELLS MANOR

Location:

Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

4

Export date:

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Public record URL:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=agnells-manor

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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. John de Aygnel, Recorded as John de Aygnel, also appears in antiquarian material as John de Aignel or Aygnel | 19 Edward II (1325–1326) - 24 Edward III (1350–1351), with additional courts recorded between the second and twenty-fourth years of Edward III**

Transfer: Earliest securely evidenced holder located. Henry Chauncy's county history, as reported in a later antiquarian source, states that John de Aygnel held a court in this manor in the nineteenth year of Edward II and several other courts from the second through the twenty-fourth years of Edward III. No earlier holder or conveyance into John de Aygnel has been located.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 2. John Coningsby, Knight, described in the Agnells court heading as deceased lord of the manor | Unknown; before 23 September 1556 - By 23 September 1556**

Transfer: The 1556–1557 court heading describes John Coningsby, knight, as deceased lord of the manor and identifies Elizabeth, his former wife, and her current husband Sir William Dods as holding the court. The source does not state how or when the manor passed from John Coningsby or his estate to Elizabeth and William Dods.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 3. Sir William Dods and Elizabeth Dods, Knight, holder of the Agnells Manor court jointly with Elizabeth his wife | 23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5 (1556–1557) - Unknown**

Transfer: At the court held on 23 September in the fourth and fifth regnal years of Philip and Mary, Sir William Dods and Elizabeth his wife held the court baron of Agnells Manor. Elizabeth is described as having previously been the wife of the deceased John Coningsby, knight, who had been lord of the

manor. The precise conveyance or succession from Coningsby is not recorded in the source located.

Holding: Joint / Sir William Dods and Elizabeth his wife

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

**4. Elizabeth Dods, Wife of Sir William Dods, formerly wife of John Coningsby, knight
| 23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5 (1556–1557) - Unknown**

Transfer: Elizabeth appears jointly with her husband Sir William Dods as holder of the court baron.

The court identifies her as the former wife of John Coningsby, deceased lord of the manor, but does not state whether her interest arose by inheritance, dower, settlement, purchase, or another legal mechanism.

Holding: Joint / Elizabeth Dods and Sir William Dods

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

19 Edward II (1325–1326) - 24 Edward III (1350–1351), with additional courts recorded between the second and John de Aygnel, Recorded as John de Aygnel, also appears in antiquarian material as John de Aignel or Aygnel

Transfer:

Earliest securely evidenced holder located. Henry Chauncy's county history, as reported in a later antiquarian source, states that John de Aygnel held a court in this manor in the nineteenth year of Edward II and several other courts from the second through the twenty-fourth years of Edward III. No earlier holder or conveyance into John de Aygnel has been located.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The evidence is a direct manorial-court reference linking John de Aygnel to this Agnells Manor in Hemel Hempstead, not merely a family or place-name association. The source describes him as holding a court, which is strong evidence of lordship or manorial control, although the precise legal tenure and the date on which he first acquired the manor are not stated.

Source citation:

Henry Chauncy, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire* (London, 1700), folio/page reference reported as f. 594; corroborated by the later antiquarian discussion identifying John de Aygnel as holding courts in the Hemel Hempstead manor of Agnells.

Source URL:

https://books.google.com/books/about/The_historical_antiquities_of_Hertfordsh.html?id=FOIBAQAAMAAJ

Other parties:

John de Aygnel

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-de-aygnel-25160

Person dates:

Active in the late thirteenth and fourteenth centuries; recorded in this manor during the reigns of Edward II and Edward III

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

Unknown; before 23 September 1556 - By 23 September 1556

John Coningsby, Knight, described in the Agnells court heading as deceased lord of the manor

Transfer:

The 1556–1557 court heading describes John Coningsby, knight, as deceased lord of the manor and

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identifies Elizabeth, his former wife, and her current husband Sir William Dods as holding the court. The source does not state how or when the manor passed from John Coningsby or his estate to Elizabeth and William Dods.

Previous holder:

Unknown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

John Coningsby is entered because the contemporary court record explicitly identifies him as the deceased lord of this Agnells Manor. His starting date and the precise date and mechanism of his acquisition are unknown. The record establishes that he held the lordship before the court of 23 September in the fourth and fifth regnal years of Philip and Mary, but it does not by itself prove that Elizabeth inherited the manor or that William Dods acquired it through marriage.

Source citation:

London Metropolitan Archives transcript of a sixteenth-century manorial court volume, folio 82 verso: 'Manor of Agnells in Hemel Hempstead'; court baron of Sir William Dods and Elizabeth his wife, 'once the wife of John Coningsby kt deceased lord of the said manor', dated 23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5.

Source URL:

<https://adrianfinchblog.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/london-metropolitan-archives-12-mar-2008.pdf>

Other parties:

John Coningsby

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coningsby-25161

Person dates:

Died before 23 September 1556; exact dates unknown

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5 (1556–1557) - Unknown

Sir William Dods and Elizabeth Dods, Knight, holder of the Agnells Manor court jointly with Elizabeth his wife

Transfer:

At the court held on 23 September in the fourth and fifth regnal years of Philip and Mary, Sir William Dods and Elizabeth his wife held the court baron of Agnells Manor. Elizabeth is described as having previously been the wife of the deceased John Coningsby, knight, who had been lord of the manor. The precise conveyance or succession from Coningsby is not recorded in the source located.

Previous holder:

John Coningsby

Holding arrangement:

joint

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Shared holding:

Sir William Dods and Elizabeth his wife

Narrative / explanation:

This is direct evidence that the Dods and Elizabeth couple exercised the manorial court at Agnells Manor in 1556–1557. The wording establishes joint court-holding by the married couple but does not specify whether Elizabeth held an inherited or dower interest, whether Sir William held a separate legal estate, or whether the couple held the whole manor jointly. No end date has been securely established.

Source citation:

London Metropolitan Archives transcript, folio 82 verso, headed 'Manor of Agnells in Hemel Hempstead': 'Court Baron of Sir William Dods kt and Elizabeth his wife once the wife of John Coningsby kt deceased lord of the said manor', dated 23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5.

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Other parties:

Sir William Dods, Elizabeth Dods

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coningsby-25161

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-william-dods-25162

Person dates:

Active by 1556–1557; other dates not securely established in the sources located

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5 (1556–1557) - Unknown

Elizabeth Dods, Wife of Sir William Dods, formerly wife of John Coningsby, knight

Transfer:

Elizabeth appears jointly with her husband Sir William Dods as holder of the court baron. The court identifies her as the former wife of John Coningsby, deceased lord of the manor, but does not state whether her interest arose by inheritance, dower, settlement, purchase, or another legal mechanism.

Previous holder:

John Coningsby

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

Elizabeth Dods and Sir William Dods

Narrative / explanation:

Elizabeth is included separately because the court record expressly names her as one of the persons holding the court and connects her to the previous lord through her former marriage. That marital relationship is not treated as proof of a conveyance; the legal transfer remains unknown.

Source citation:

London Metropolitan Archives transcript, folio 82 verso, headed 'Manor of Agnells in Hemel Hempstead': court baron of Sir William Dods and Elizabeth his wife, once the wife of John Coningsby, deceased lord of the manor, dated 23 September Philip and Mary 4 and 5.

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Other parties:

Elizabeth Dods, Sir William Dods

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-coningsby-25161

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=elizabeth-dods-25163

Person dates:

Living and holding the manor jointly with Sir William Dods in 1556–1557; first and second marriage dates unknown

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.