

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

AIRMYN MANOR

Location:

Snaith, Yorkshire

Recorded historical holders:

11

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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. St Mary's Abbey, York, Benedictine abbey | 1100–1135 - 1539

Transfer: Granted by Henry I to the monks of St Mary's Abbey, York; the precise grant date is not established.

Holding: Religious house

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. The Crown, Crown ownership following monastic dissolution | 1539 - 1540

Transfer: The estates of St Mary's Abbey passed to the Crown on the abbey's dissolution; the Manor of Armin was then sold by the Crown in 1540.

Holding: Crown ownership after Dissolution

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Sir Gervase Clifton | 1540 - before 1656

Transfer: Purchased the Manor of Armin from the Crown in 1540.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Hugh Smithson of Hull | 1656 - by 1676

Transfer: Bought Airmyn in 1656; the later change to Anthony Smithson is not documented by a located conveyance.

Holding: Smithson family / Co-holders: Anthony Smithson, Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Anthony Smithson, Lord of the Manor of Airmyn by 1676 | by 1676 - before 1740

Transfer: The exact transfer is unknown; Anthony Smithson is identified as Lord of the Manor of Airmyn when the present church nave was built or dated in 1676.

Holding: Smithson family / Co-holders: Hugh Smithson of Hull, Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin | by 1740 - after 1740

Transfer: His acquisition or inheritance of Airmyn is not documented in the located sources. He made his younger cousin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet, his heir and died shortly thereafter according to the local historical account.

Holding: Smithson family / Co-holders: Hugh Smithson of Hull, Anthony Smithson, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet, later Earl and Duke of Northumberland | after 1740 - by 1766

Transfer: Inherited or otherwise acquired the Airmyn estate from his older cousin Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin after the latter made him heir.

Holding: Smithson family / Co-holders: Hugh Smithson of Hull, Anthony Smithson, Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland, formerly Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet | by 1766 - 1790

Transfer: Airmyn became part of the Percy Yorkshire estates following the Smithson-Percy inheritance; the estate was later separated for a younger son of the first duke.

Holding: Percy Yorkshire estates / Co-holders: Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley, George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley | 1790 - 1830

Transfer: The Percy Yorkshire estates, including Airmyn, were separated for a younger son of the first Duke of Northumberland, who was created Earl of Beverley in 1790.

Holding: Percy Yorkshire estates / Co-holders: Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland, George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley, 5th Duke of Northumberland from 1865, Lord of the Manor of Airmyn | 1830 - 1865

Transfer: Inherited the title and estates, including Airmyn, from his father Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley, after the latter's death in 1830.

Holding: Percy Yorkshire estates / Co-holders: Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland, Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Algernon Charles Heber-Percy, Esquire, lord of the manor and principal landowner of Airmyn | 1865 - 1919-1920

Transfer: The Airmyn estate passed to him after George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley, succeeded to the dukedom of Northumberland in 1865; the exact legal instrument is not identified.

Holding: Heber-Percy family estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1100–1135 - 1539

St Mary's Abbey, York, Benedictine abbey

Transfer:

Granted by Henry I to the monks of St Mary's Abbey, York; the precise grant date is not established.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Religious house

Narrative / explanation:

Airmyn was included in the endowment described as extending from Ousefleet to Airmyn. In 1253 the men of Airmyn complained of exploitation by St Mary's, York, and the abbot asserted the abbey's lordship and its role in founding the town. The holding ended when the abbey was dissolved in 1539.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 28, 33–34, 42; local historical account citing the medieval dispute and Dissolution history.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=st-mary-s-abbey-york-25267

Person dates:

Founded before the Airmyn grant; dissolved 1539

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1539 - 1540

The Crown, Crown ownership following monastic dissolution

Transfer:

The estates of St Mary's Abbey passed to the Crown on the abbey's dissolution; the Manor of Armin was then sold by the Crown in 1540.

Previous holder:

St Mary's Abbey, York

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Shared holding:

Crown ownership after Dissolution

Narrative / explanation:

The Crown's holding is a short transitional period inferred directly from the statement that St Mary's estates went to the Crown in 1539 and that the Manor of Armin was purchased from the Crown in 1540. No separate Crown grant or conveyance has been located in the accessible sources.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, line 42.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=st-mary-s-abbey-york-25267

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-25268

Person dates:

1539–1540 in this record

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1540 - before 1656

Sir Gervase Clifton

Transfer:

Purchased the Manor of Armin from the Crown in 1540.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The accessible local history expressly states that the Manor of Armin was purchased from the Crown by Sir Gervase Clifton in 1540. The date or instrument by which the manor left Clifton's hands has not been established; the next securely reported purchaser is Hugh Smithson in 1656.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, line 42.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-25268

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-gervase-clifton-25269

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1656 - by 1676****Hugh Smithson of Hull****Transfer:**

Bought Airmyn in 1656; the later change to Anthony Smithson is not documented by a located conveyance.

Previous holder:

Sir Gervase Clifton

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Smithson family

Narrative / explanation:

Hugh Smithson of Hull is expressly recorded as having bought Airmyn in 1656. A separate source identifies Anthony Smithson as Lord of the Manor in 1676, but the exact date and legal form of the intervening transfer are unknown and have not been inferred.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 46–47; Airmyn church history, line 74.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Co-holders:

Anthony Smithson, Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-gervase-clifton-25269

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-smithson-of-hull-25270

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**by 1676 - before 1740****Anthony Smithson, Lord of the Manor of Airmyn by 1676****Transfer:**

The exact transfer is unknown; Anthony Smithson is identified as Lord of the Manor of Airmyn when the present church nave was built or dated in 1676.

Previous holder:

Hugh Smithson of Hull

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Smithson family

Narrative / explanation:

Airmyn's church history identifies Anthony Smithson as Lord of the Manor in connection with the 1676 rebuilding of the church. The source describes him as the son of the first Sir Hugh, but does not provide a deed or other direct evidence for the conveyance from Hugh Smithson of Hull. The end date is bounded only by the later evidence for Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin around 1740.

Source citation:

Airmyn's church – past and present – St David, lines 73–76; Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 50 and 53–55.

Source URL:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17572/page/32093/view/>

Co-holders:

Hugh Smithson of Hull, Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-smithson-of-hull-25270

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=anthony-smithson-25271

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

by 1740 - after 1740

Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin

Transfer:

His acquisition or inheritance of Airmyn is not documented in the located sources. He made his younger cousin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet, his heir and died shortly thereafter according to the local historical account.

Previous holder:

Anthony Smithson

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Smithson family

Narrative / explanation:

The local history describes an elderly and childless Hugh Smithson, of Tottenham and Armin, as having inherited the Airmyn estate by the time his young cousin visited him in 1740. He then made that cousin his heir. This entry records the direct Airmyn connection stated by the source but does not assert an undocumented conveyance from Anthony Smithson.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 53–55.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Co-holders:

Hugh Smithson of Hull, Anthony Smithson, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=anthony-smithson-25271

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-smithson-of-tottenham-and-armin-25272

Person dates:

Died shortly after 1740 according to the local account

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

after 1740 - by 1766

Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet, later Earl and Duke of Northumberland

Transfer:

Inherited or otherwise acquired the Airmyn estate from his older cousin Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin after the latter made him heir.

Previous holder:

Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Smithson family

Narrative / explanation:

The local account states that the newly married Sir Hugh Smithson and Elizabeth Seymour acquired the Airmyn estates after the elderly Hugh Smithson made Sir Hugh his heir and died. The source does not specify whether the legal ownership was vested solely in Sir Hugh, jointly in the couple, or through a settlement; this entry therefore records Sir Hugh as the principal identified holder while preserving the uncertainty in the narrative.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 53–57.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Co-holders:

Hugh Smithson of Hull, Anthony Smithson, Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-smithson-of-tottenham-and-armin-25272

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-hugh-smithson-4th-baronet-25273

Relationship to present holder

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No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**by 1766 - 1790****Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland, formerly Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet****Transfer:**

Airmyn became part of the Percy Yorkshire estates following the Smithson-Percy inheritance; the estate was later separated for a younger son of the first duke.

Previous holder:

Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Percy Yorkshire estates

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that by the completion of the inheritance in 1766 Airmyn had become part of the Percy Yorkshire estates associated with Sir Hugh Smithson, who had become the first Duke of Northumberland. The precise legal date and instrument of the change in the Airmyn manor holding are not given.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 56–58.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Co-holders:

Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley, George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-hugh-smithson-4th-baronet-25273

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-smithson-1st-duke-of-northumberland-25274

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**1790 - 1830****Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley****Transfer:**

The Percy Yorkshire estates, including Airmyn, were separated for a younger son of the first Duke of Northumberland, who was created Earl of Beverley in 1790.

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Previous holder:

Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Percy Yorkshire estates

Narrative / explanation:

The source does not describe a sale but a family and estate arrangement by which Airmyn and other Yorkshire estates were assigned to the younger son of the first Duke of Northumberland. He was created Earl of Beverley in 1790 and held the estate until his death in 1830.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, line 58.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Co-holders:

Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland, George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-smithson-1st-duke-of-northumberland-25274

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=algeron-percy-1st-earl-of-beverley-25275

Person dates:

Died 1830

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1830 - 1865

**George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley, 5th Duke of Northumberland from 1865,
Lord of the Manor of Airmyn**

Transfer:

Inherited the title and estates, including Airmyn, from his father Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley, after the latter's death in 1830.

Previous holder:

Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Percy Yorkshire estates

Narrative / explanation:

George Percy inherited the Airmyn estate in 1830 and is expressly described as Lord of the Manor of Airmyn. In 1865 he succeeded to the dukedom of Northumberland; the Airmyn estate then passed to Algernon Charles Heber-Percy under a family arrangement.

Source citation:

Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 58 and 61; Airmyn church history, lines 74–76.

Source URL:

<https://www.goole-on-the-web.org.uk/vol3/airmyn.html>

Co-holders:

Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland, Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=algernon-percy-1st-earl-of-beverley-25275

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-percy-2nd-earl-of-beverley-25276

Person dates:

1778–1867

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

1865 - 1919–1920

Algernon Charles Heber-Percy, Esquire, lord of the manor and principal landowner of Airmyn

Transfer:

The Airmyn estate passed to him after George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley, succeeded to the dukedom of Northumberland in 1865; the exact legal instrument is not identified.

Previous holder:

George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Heber-Percy family estate

Narrative / explanation:

Contemporary directory material identifies Algernon Charles Heber-Percy as lord of the manor and principal landowner at Airmyn. The church history says that the Airmyn estate was managed first for George Percy until 1865 and thereafter for Algernon Heber-Percy of Hodnet Hall. The Heber-Percy estate was subsequently offered for sale and broken up in 1919–1920. The sources do not establish a later single holder of the manor.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1881, reproduced by Forebears; Airmyn church history, lines 74–78; East Riding Archives, Airmyn Estate sales particulars, 1919.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/yorkshire/airmyn>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-percy-2nd-earl-of-beverley-25276

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=algernon-charles-heber-percy-25277

Person dates:

1812–1901 according to biographical reference material

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.