

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALBRIGHTON MANOR

Location:

Albrighton (near Shrewsbury), Shropshire

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. Alcher, also styled Aherius or Aher, Domesday landholder of Etbritone, described by Eyton as an ancestor of Fitz Aer | before 1086 - before or around 1086**
Transfer: Donation or grant of Albrighton to Shrewsbury Abbey, probably before the Domesday survey; the exact date and legal form are not preserved in the cited evidence.
Holding: The whole manor is indicated, subject to the contemporary feudal relationship recorded in Domesday.
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 2. Abbot and convent of Shrewsbury Abbey, Benedictine abbey and corporate lord of Albrighton | before 1086 - 1540**
Transfer: Received Albrighton from Alcher or Aherius; the gift was later confirmed by Earl Roger and by royal confirmations under Henry I, Stephen, Henry II and Henry III.
Holding: The manor and its appurtenances, held as an ecclesiastical corporate possession. / Shrewsbury Abbey
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 3. Thomas Ireland, Wealthy Shrewsbury wool merchant, purchaser of Albrighton in 1543 | 1543 - 1554**
Transfer: Purchased Albrighton after the Dissolution of Shrewsbury Abbey.
Holding: The Albrighton manor or estate acquired by purchase. / Ireland family / Co-holders: Ireland family, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Mary Ireland, Robert Ireland
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Ireland family, Landed family of Albrighton, one Thomas Ireland was sheriff of Shropshire in 1632 | 1554 - 1792

Transfer: Inherited and descended through the Ireland family; the cited sources establish the family descent but do not securely document every intermediate conveyance.

Holding: Whole family estate, subject to the succession described in the sources. / Ireland family /

Co-holders: Thomas Ireland, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Mary Ireland, Robert Ireland

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Thomas Pershall Ireland, Of Albrighton | 1742 - 1792

Transfer: Inherited Albrighton within the Ireland family succession.

Holding: Whole Albrighton estate, subject to the estate's subsequent succession difficulties. / Ireland family / Co-holders: Thomas Ireland, Ireland family, Mary Ireland, Robert Ireland

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Mary Ireland, Natural daughter of Thomas Pershall Ireland, later holder of Albrighton estate | 1792 - after 1796

Transfer: Succeeded to the Albrighton estate as the natural daughter of Thomas Pershall Ireland; on her death, unmarried and a minor, the estate passed to the Crown.

Holding: Whole estate, subject to minority and the eventual escheat or Crown succession. / Ireland family / Co-holders: Thomas Ireland, Ireland family, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Robert Ireland

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Robert Ireland, Of Albrighton, later purchaser or grantee from the Crown, seller of Albrighton in 1804 | after 1796 - 1804

Transfer: Granted Albrighton by the Crown as the nearest of kin after the death of Mary Ireland; sold the estate in 1804.

Holding: Whole Albrighton estate. / Ireland family / Co-holders: Thomas Ireland, Ireland family, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Mary Ireland

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Reverend Inigo William Jones, purchaser of Albrighton in 1804 | 1804 - 1809

Transfer: Purchased Albrighton from Robert Ireland in 1804; was preparing to sell it to Hugh Smith when he died in 1809, but the sale had not been completed.

Holding: Whole Albrighton estate.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Inigo William Jones junior, Owner of Albrighton estate from his father's death, seller in 1830 | 1809 - 1830

Transfer: Inherited Albrighton from his father, the Reverend Inigo William Jones; sold it on reaching majority in 1830.

Holding: Whole Albrighton estate.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. William Spurrier, Birmingham solicitor, purchaser and proprietor of Albrighton | 1830 - 1848

Transfer: Purchased Albrighton from Inigo William Jones junior in 1830.

Holding: Whole Albrighton estate, described in 1837 as his Shropshire estate and lordship.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. William A. Sparrow, Lord of the manor of Albrighton, patron of the living | 1899

Transfer: Later holder; the exact conveyance into his possession and the date of its termination are not established in the cited sources.

Holding: Described as lord of the manor and patron of the living.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

before 1086 - before or around 1086

Alcher, also styled Aherius or Aher, Domesday landholder of Etbritone, described by Eyton as an ancestor of Fitz Aer

Transfer:

Donation or grant of Albrighton to Shrewsbury Abbey, probably before the Domesday survey; the exact date and legal form are not preserved in the cited evidence.

Previous holder:

Gheri, with the earlier superior interest of Warin and then Rainald in the Domesday account

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The whole manor is indicated, subject to the contemporary feudal relationship recorded in Domesday.

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday records 'Alcher tenuit de Warino, qui fuit Antecessor Rainaldi, Etbritone' and separately states that Gheri had held it as a free man. Eyton concluded that Alcher, described as an ancestor of Fitz Aer, had probably given Albrighton to Shrewsbury Abbey before Domesday, although the Domesday Commissioners did not register the gift conclusively. Earl Roger's charter to the abbey states that Aherius gave Etburton with its appurtenances. Because Eyton expressly treats the donation as probable rather than certain in its precise date and circumstances, this entry preserves that uncertainty.

Source citation:

R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, vol. 10, pp. 107-108, section 'Albrighton, or Monks' Albrighton'; citing Domesday Book, folio 255b, and Earl Roger's charter to Shrewsbury Abbey.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol10.html>

Other parties:

Alcher, Aherius, Gheri, Warin, Rainald

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alcher-also-styled-aherius-or-aher-27085

Person dates:

Late eleventh century; exact dates unknown

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

before 1086 - 1540

Abbot and convent of Shrewsbury Abbey, Benedictine abbey and corporate lord of Albrighton

Transfer:

Received Albrighton from Alcher or Aherius; the gift was later confirmed by Earl Roger and by royal confirmations under Henry I, Stephen, Henry II and Henry III.

Previous holder:

Alcher, also styled Aherius or Aher

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The manor and its appurtenances, held as an ecclesiastical corporate possession.

Shared holding:

Shrewsbury Abbey

Narrative / explanation:

Eyton states that Earl Roger's charter records 'Aherius dedit Etburtonam cum suis appendiciis' and that confirmations by Henry I, Stephen, Henry II and Henry III record the grant. The Pimhill Hundred-Roll of 1255 says that the Abbot of Shrewsbury held two hides in Adbrichton Monachorum in chief of the King. The 1279 roll describes the holding as in chief, in pure and perpetual alms, by the feoffment of Earl Roger de Belesme. Abbey records also show the abbot's demesne, rents, tenants and bailiff at Albrighton, including receipts recorded in the Valor of 1534 and the Ministers' Accounts of 1541-1542. Shrewsbury Abbey surrendered to the Crown on 24 January 1540. The cited sources do not provide the precise instrument by which Albrighton passed from the Crown to the purchaser in 1543, so that interval is not represented as a fabricated conveyance.

Source citation:

R. W. Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, vol. 10, pp. 107-109; citing Earl Roger's charter, royal confirmations, the Pimhill Hundred-Rolls of 1255 and 1279, the Valor Ecclesiasticus of 1534 and Ministers' Accounts of 1541-1542.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol10.html>

Other parties:

Abbot of Shrewsbury, Convent of Shrewsbury Abbey

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=alcher-also-styled-aherius-or-aher-27085

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=abbot-and-convent-of-shrewsbury-abbey-27086

Person dates:

Abbey founded 1083; surrendered 24 January 1540

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1543 - 1554

Thomas Ireland, Wealthy Shrewsbury wool merchant, purchaser of Albrighton in 1543

Transfer:

Purchased Albrighton after the Dissolution of Shrewsbury Abbey.

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Previous holder:

Crown, following the surrender and dissolution of Shrewsbury Abbey; the specific Crown conveyance instrument is not identified in the cited sources.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The Albrighton manor or estate acquired by purchase.

Shared holding:

Ireland family

Narrative / explanation:

A modern scholarly account of Albrighton Hall states that Albrighton was a property of Shrewsbury Abbey until the Dissolution and was purchased in 1543 by Thomas Ireland, a wealthy Shrewsbury wool merchant. An earlier Shropshire account likewise states that Albrighton was purchased by Thomas Ireland after the Dissolution. Thomas Ireland was buried on 10 November 1554. The evidence directly links him to the acquired Albrighton property, although the surviving online sources do not reproduce the purchase deed.

Source citation:

Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in *The Country Houses of Shropshire*, pp. 33-35, published by Boydell & Brewer; corroborated by *Castles and Old Mansions of Shropshire*, entry 'Albrighton'.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

Thomas Ireland

Co-holders:

Ireland family, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Mary Ireland, Robert Ireland

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-ireland-27087

Person dates:

Died 1554; buried 10 November 1554

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1554 - 1792

Ireland family, Landed family of Albrighton, one Thomas Ireland was sheriff of Shropshire in 1632

Transfer:

Inherited and descended through the Ireland family; the cited sources establish the family descent but do not securely document every intermediate conveyance.

Previous holder:

Thomas Ireland

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole family estate, subject to the succession described in the sources.

Shared holding:

Ireland family

Narrative / explanation:

The Albrighton estate remained with the Ireland family for approximately five generations. Thomas Ireland of Albrighton, sheriff of Shropshire in 1632, was followed by his son Robert, who succeeded to Albrighton on Thomas's death in 1650. The estate later came to Thomas Ireland of Albrighton, buried in 1729, then to Thomas Ireland, who lived from 1712 to 1789, and subsequently to Thomas Pershall Ireland, born in 1742 and died in 1792. Because the published genealogical account contains repeated names and ordinal numbers that are not fully consistent across the accessible text, this entry records the family descent without inventing unverified individual transfer dates.

Source citation:

'Some Old Shropshire Houses and Their Owners', Shropshire Parish Register Society Transactions, vol. 46, part 1, 1931, pp. 80-81; corroborated by Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in The Country Houses of Shropshire, pp. 33-35.

Source URL:

<https://shropshirearchaeologyhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/shropshire-transactions-vol.-46-part-1.pdf>

Other parties:

Ireland family

Co-holders:

Thomas Ireland, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Mary Ireland, Robert Ireland

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-ireland-27087

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ireland-family-27088

Person dates:

1543-1804 at Albrighton, with several intermediate generations

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1742 - 1792

Thomas Pershall Ireland, Of Albrighton

Transfer:

Inherited Albrighton within the Ireland family succession.

Previous holder:

Thomas Ireland of Albrighton

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Albrighton estate, subject to the estate's subsequent succession difficulties.

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Shared holding:

Ireland family

Narrative / explanation:

The 1931 account identifies Thomas Peshall or Pershall Ireland of Albrighton as born in 1742 and deceased in 1792. A modern account states that after five generations Thomas Pershall Ireland left only a natural daughter, Mary. The relationship and succession are explicit in the estate history, but the exact legal instrument of transfer to him is not supplied.

Source citation:

'Some Old Shropshire Houses and Their Owners', Shropshire Parish Register Society Transactions, vol. 46, part 1, 1931, p. 80; Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in The Country Houses of Shropshire, pp. 33-35.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

Thomas Pershall Ireland

Co-holders:

Thomas Ireland, Ireland family, Mary Ireland, Robert Ireland

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-pershall-ireland-27089

Person dates:

1742-1792

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1792 - after 1796

Mary Ireland, Natural daughter of Thomas Pershall Ireland, later holder of Albrighton estate

Transfer:

Succeeded to the Albrighton estate as the natural daughter of Thomas Pershall Ireland; on her death, unmarried and a minor, the estate passed to the Crown.

Previous holder:

Thomas Pershall Ireland

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole estate, subject to minority and the eventual escheat or Crown succession.

Shared holding:

Ireland family

Narrative / explanation:

The published account states that Thomas Pershall Ireland left only a natural daughter, Mary, and that after her death the Albrighton estate escheated to the Crown. The same account describes Mary as unmarried and a minor at her death. Her exact birth and death dates are not supplied in the cited

sources, so the end date is expressed only as after 1796, the date inferred from the surrounding documented succession context.

Source citation:

Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in *The Country Houses of Shropshire*, pp. 33-35; 'Some Old Shropshire Houses and Their Owners', *Shropshire Parish Register Society Transactions*, vol. 46, part 1, 1931, p. 80.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

Mary Ireland

Co-holders:

Thomas Ireland, Ireland family, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Robert Ireland

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-pershall-ireland-27089

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-ireland-27090

Person dates:

Died unmarried as a minor; exact dates unknown

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

after 1796 - 1804

Robert Ireland, Of Albrighton, later purchaser or grantee from the Crown, seller of Albrighton in 1804

Transfer:

Granted Albrighton by the Crown as the nearest of kin after the death of Mary Ireland; sold the estate in 1804.

Previous holder:

Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Albrighton estate.

Shared holding:

Ireland family

Narrative / explanation:

After Mary Ireland's death, the estate passed to the Crown and was soon afterwards granted to her nearest of kin, identified in the 1931 account as Robert Ireland. The modern scholarly account describes him as the nephew of Thomas Pershall Ireland and states that he sold Albrighton in 1804. The exact date and instrument of the Crown grant are not supplied.

Source citation:

Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in *The Country Houses of Shropshire*, pp. 33-35; 'Some Old

Shropshire Houses and Their Owners', Shropshire Parish Register Society Transactions, vol. 46, part 1, 1931, p. 80.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

Robert Ireland

Co-holders:

Thomas Ireland, Ireland family, Thomas Pershall Ireland, Mary Ireland

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-ireland-27091

Person dates:

1752-1811 according to the 1931 account

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1804 - 1809

Reverend Inigo William Jones, purchaser of Albrighton in 1804

Transfer:

Purchased Albrighton from Robert Ireland in 1804; was preparing to sell it to Hugh Smith when he died in 1809, but the sale had not been completed.

Previous holder:

Robert Ireland

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Albrighton estate.

Narrative / explanation:

The modern scholarly account states that Robert Ireland sold Albrighton in 1804 to the Reverend Inigo William Jones. Jones was negotiating a sale to Hugh Smith at the time of his death in 1809, but the transaction was incomplete. His infant son and namesake consequently inherited the property. The evidence concerns the Albrighton estate and its associated manor house, and is sufficiently direct to record Jones as the estate holder.

Source citation:

Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in *The Country Houses of Shropshire*, pp. 33-35.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

Reverend Inigo William Jones

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-ireland-27091

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=reverend-inigo-william-jones-27092

Person dates:

Died 1809; other dates not established in the cited source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1809 - 1830

Inigo William Jones junior, Owner of Albrighton estate from his father's death, seller in 1830

Transfer:

Inherited Albrighton from his father, the Reverend Inigo William Jones; sold it on reaching majority in 1830.

Previous holder:

Reverend Inigo William Jones

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Albrighton estate.

Narrative / explanation:

The Reverend Inigo William Jones died in 1809 leaving an infant son and namesake. When the younger Inigo William Jones came of age in 1830, he sold Albrighton to William Spurrier. The cited source does not state whether trustees administered the estate during his minority, so no trusteeship is entered as a separate holding.

Source citation:

Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in *The Country Houses of Shropshire*, pp. 33-35.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

Inigo William Jones junior

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=reverend-inigo-william-jones-27092

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=inigo-william-jones-junior-27093

Person dates:

Born circa 1806; attained majority in 1830; other dates not established in the cited source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**1830 - 1848****William Spurrier, Birmingham solicitor, purchaser and proprietor of Albrighton****Transfer:**

Purchased Albrighton from Inigo William Jones junior in 1830.

Previous holder:

Inigo William Jones junior

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole Albrighton estate, described in 1837 as his Shropshire estate and lordship.

Narrative / explanation:

William Spurrier, a Birmingham solicitor, purchased Albrighton in 1830. In 1837 Charles Hulbert described Spurrier's extensive improvements throughout 'his lordship' and the Albrighton estate. Spurrier died in 1848. The source does not establish the precise date when the manor or estate passed after his death.

Source citation:

Gareth Williams, 'Albrighton Hall', in *The Country Houses of Shropshire*, pp. 33-35.

Source URL:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/abs/country-houses-of-shropshire/albrighton-hall/6D980FD77FCBE35715696470249E4736>

Other parties:

William Spurrier

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=inigo-william-jones-junior-27093

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-spurrier-27094

Person dates:

Died 1848; other dates not established in the cited source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1899****William A. Sparrow, Lord of the manor of Albrighton, patron of the living****Transfer:**

Later holder; the exact conveyance into his possession and the date of its termination are not established in the cited sources.

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Previous holder:

Unknown from the cited sources; the post-1848 descent is undocumented here.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Described as lord of the manor and patron of the living.

Narrative / explanation:

The preface to the Albrighton parish-register transcript, dated 20 April 1899, states that William A. Sparrow was lord of the manor and patron of the living. This is direct evidence of his manorial status at that date, but the accessible source does not establish the transfer from William Spurrier or the subsequent descent. The entry is therefore recorded as a later securely evidenced holder without inventing an undocumented conveyance.

Source citation:

Albrighton Parish Registers, transcript and introductory material, dated 20 April 1899, stating that W. A. Sparrow was lord of the manor and patron of the living.

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Albrighton.html>

Other parties:

William A. Sparrow

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-a-sparrow-27095

Person dates:

Active as lord of the manor in 1899; other dates not established in the cited source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.