

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDBOURNE MANOR

Location:

Aldbourn, Wiltshire

Recorded historical holders:

18

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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. Gytha, mother of King Harold, identified in the local source as holder of Aldbourne in 1066 | 1066 - 1086

Transfer: Held the Aldbourne estate before its seizure by William I

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. William I, King of England, 1066–1087 | 1086 - c.1086

Transfer: Seizure of Aldbourne from Gytha, followed by grant to a count of Perche

Holding: Crown

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Count of Perche | c.1086 - 1135

Transfer: Granted by William I; later descent to Rotrou, count of Perche

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Rotrou, count of Perche | 1135 - 1144

Transfer: Held as count of Perche; succeeded by his son Rotrou

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Rotrou, count of Perche | 1144 - 1191

Transfer: Inherited from his father Rotrou, count of Perche; succeeded by his son Geoffrey

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Geoffrey, count of Perche | 1191 - 1202

Transfer: Inherited from his father Rotrou; succeeded by his son Thomas

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Thomas, count of Perche | 1202 - 1217

Transfer: Inherited from Geoffrey; manor confiscated after Thomas's death at the battle of Lincoln and granted to William Longespee

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. William Longespee, earl of Salisbury | 1217 - 1226

Transfer: Royal grant after confiscation from Thomas, count of Perche; succeeded after William's death by his widow Ela

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Ela, countess of Salisbury | 1226 - 1229

Transfer: Passed to William Longespee's widow after his death; in 1229 it was granted to her son Sir William

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Sir William Longespee, member of the Longespee family | 1229 - after 1230

Transfer: Granted by Henry III to William Longespee; Ela was ordered to release the manor to him in 1230

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, son of Edward III | 1365 - 1399

Transfer: Received Aldbourne from William de Montagu, earl of Salisbury, after litigation and settlement concerning the Warenne and Lancaster inheritances

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Crown in right of the Duchy of Lancaster, Royal Duchy estate | 1399 - 1624

Transfer: Passed into the Lancastrian royal estate after the accession of John of Gaunt's son Henry IV; continued as a Duchy of Lancaster manor

Holding: Other / Duchy of Lancaster

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Trustees for Charles, prince of Wales, Prince of Wales from 1616, King of England from 1625, King of England, Scotland and Ireland, 1625-1649, Scotland and Ireland from 1625 | 1624 - c.1626

Transfer: James I settled Aldbourne Manor on Prince Charles; the manor was held under a settlement for Charles

Holding: Trust / Trustees for the Prince of Wales

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. City of London, Municipal corporation | c.1626 - 1632

Transfer: Charles I sold Aldbourne Manor to the City of London

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. Thomas Bond, Lord of Aldbourne Manor | 1632 - by 1728

Transfer: City of London sold the lordship of the manor to Thomas Bond

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. Elizabeth Bond, Lady of the Manor of Aldbourne | by 1728 - after 1728

Transfer: Held or succeeded to the manorial lordship; the precise conveyance from Thomas Bond is not established

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. H. D. Francis, Lord of the Manor of Aldbourne | by 1861 - by 1875

Transfer: Held the lordship of Aldbourne Manor; the source does not identify the acquisition or subsequent transfer

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. Captain William Brown, Lord of the Manor of Aldbourne, J.P., C.C. | by 1892 - at least 1939

Transfer: Held the title of Lord of the Manor after an undocumented transfer; by 1939 he was still described as lord of the manor

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - 1086

Gytha, mother of King Harold, identified in the local source as holder of Aldbourne in 1066

Transfer:

Held the Aldbourne estate before its seizure by William I

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Aldbourne Heritage Centre timeline states that Gytha, the mother of King Harold, held the estate of Aldbourne in 1066. This is an estate-holding statement rather than evidence of a formal conveyance instrument.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entries for 1066 and 1086.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=gytha-27317

Person dates:

died after 1066; exact dates uncertain

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - c.1086

William I, King of England, 1066–1087

Transfer:

Seizure of Aldbourne from Gytha, followed by grant to a count of Perche

Previous holder:

Gytha, mother of King Harold

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Crown

Narrative / explanation:

The 1086 Domesday-related account states that William I seized the manor of Aldbourne from Gytha and

granted it to a count of Perche. The exact date of the subsequent grant and the identity of the first count of Perche are not stated in the source consulted.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entry for 1086; Open Domesday, Aldbourne.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=gytha-27317

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-i-27318

Person dates:

c.1028–1087

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

c.1086 - 1135

Count of Perche

Transfer:

Granted by William I; later descent to Rotrou, count of Perche

Previous holder:

William I, King of England

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Aldbourne was granted by William I to a count of Perche. The consulted source does not name the grantee or establish the precise date of the grant. By 1135 the manor was held by Rotrou, count of Perche.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entries for 1086 and 1135.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-i-27318

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=count-of-perche-unnamed-grantee-27319

Person dates:

dates unknown

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1135 - 1144****Rotrou, count of Perche****Transfer:**

Held as count of Perche; succeeded by his son Rotrou

Previous holder:

Count of Perche, unnamed grantee

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

By 1135 Aldbourne was held by Rotrou, count of Perche, who died in 1144. The source states that the manor passed with the title to his son Rotrou.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entry for 1135.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rotrou-younger-count-of-perche-27321

Person dates:

died 1191

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1144 - 1191****Rotrou, count of Perche****Transfer:**

Inherited from his father Rotrou, count of Perche; succeeded by his son Geoffrey

Previous holder:

Rotrou, count of Perche

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Aldbourne timeline states that the younger Rotrou inherited the manor with the title after his father's death and held it until his own death in 1191.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entry for 1135.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rotrou-younger-count-of-perche-27321

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rotrou-younger-count-of-perche-27321

Person dates:

died 1191

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1191 - 1202****Geoffrey, count of Perche****Transfer:**

Inherited from his father Rotrou; succeeded by his son Thomas

Previous holder:

Rotrou, count of Perche

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Aldbourne passed with the title from Rotrou, who died in 1191, to his son Geoffrey, who died in 1202.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entry for 1135.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=rotrou-younger-count-of-perche-27321

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=geoffrey-count-of-perche-27322

Person dates:

died 1202

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1202 - 1217****Thomas, count of Perche****Transfer:**

Inherited from Geoffrey; manor confiscated after Thomas's death at the battle of Lincoln and granted to William Longespee

Previous holder:

Geoffrey, count of Perche

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas, son of Geoffrey, count of Perche, held the manor until his death at the battle of Lincoln. The local account dates the confiscation and subsequent grant to William Longespee to 1217.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entry for 1217.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=geoffrey-count-of-perche-27322

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-count-of-perche-27323

Person dates:

died 1217

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1217 - 1226****William Longespee, earl of Salisbury****Transfer:**

Royal grant after confiscation from Thomas, count of Perche; succeeded after William's death by his widow Ela

Previous holder:

Thomas, count of Perche

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

After the confiscation of Thomas of Perche's lands in 1217, Aldbourne was granted to William Longespee, earl of Salisbury.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entry for 1217.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-count-of-perche-27323

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-longespee-27324

Person dates:

died 1226

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1226 - 1229

Ela, countess of Salisbury

Transfer:

Passed to William Longespee's widow after his death; in 1229 it was granted to her son Sir William

Previous holder:

William Longespee, earl of Salisbury

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The local account states that after William Longespee's death in 1226 Aldbourne passed to his widow Ela, countess of Salisbury. In 1229 it was granted to their son Sir William, and in 1230 Ela was ordered to release the manor to him.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entries for 1226 and 1230.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-longespee-27324

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ela-of-salisbury-27325

Person dates:

c.1191–1261

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**1229 - after 1230****Sir William Longespee, member of the Longespee family****Transfer:**

Granted by Henry III to William Longespee; Ela was ordered to release the manor to him in 1230

Previous holder:

Ela, countess of Salisbury

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Aldbourne was granted to Sir William Longespee in 1229. The source records an order in 1230 requiring Ela to release the manor to him. The endpoint of his holding is not established by the sources consulted.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365, entries for 1229 and 1230.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-medieval>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ela-of-salisbury-27325

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-longespee-27326

Person dates:

dates uncertain; son of William Longespee, earl of Salisbury

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1365 - 1399****John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster, son of Edward III****Transfer:**

Received Aldbourne from William de Montagu, earl of Salisbury, after litigation and settlement concerning the Warenne and Lancaster inheritances

Previous holder:

William de Montagu, earl of Salisbury

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre's account of the medieval manor states that John of Gaunt received Aldbourne from the Earl of Salisbury in 1365. The related discussion explains that William de Montagu had secured the former Warenne lands, while John of Gaunt, with Blanche, pursued the Lancaster claim; a 1365 settlement left Aldbourne with Lancaster. The exact legal form of the transfer is not stated in the source consulted.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Lifting the Lid on Medieval Aldbourne; Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Medieval – 1066-1365.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/achg/meetings/lifting-lid-medieval-aldbourne>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-of-gaunt-27327

Person dates:

1340–1399

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12

1399 - 1624

Crown in right of the Duchy of Lancaster, Royal Duchy estate

Transfer:

Passed into the Lancastrian royal estate after the accession of John of Gaunt's son Henry IV; continued as a Duchy of Lancaster manor

Previous holder:

John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

Duchy of Lancaster

Narrative / explanation:

The local history states that Aldbourne became Crown property again as part of the Duchy of Lancaster after the fourteenth-century Lancastrian descent. A 1509 rent roll of the manor is held at The National Archives under DL 49/9/23 and records Aldbourne among the Duchy of Lancaster manors. The source material does not provide a complete list of every royal holder or every intermediate grant during this period.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Lifting the Lid on Medieval Aldbourne; Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Historic Documents – 1509 Rent Roll of the Manor of Aldbourne; Open Domesday, Aldbourne.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/records/historic-documents>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-of-gaunt-27327

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-in-right-of-the-duchy-of-lancaster-27328

Person dates:

Duchy connection documented from the fourteenth century; 1509 rent roll survives

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1624 - c.1626

Trustees for Charles, prince of Wales, Prince of Wales from 1616, King of England from 1625, King of England, Scotland and Ireland, 1625-1649, Scotland and Ireland from 1625

Transfer:

James I settled Aldbourne Manor on Prince Charles; the manor was held under a settlement for Charles

Previous holder:

Crown in right of the Duchy of Lancaster

Holding arrangement:

trust

Shared holding:

Trustees for the Prince of Wales

Narrative / explanation:

The Aldbourne Heritage Centre timeline states that in 1624 James I settled Aldbourne Manor on Prince Charles and that the manor, including the right to hunt deer over Aldbourne Chase, was settled for 99 years on trustees for the prince of Wales. The legal identity of every trustee is not supplied in the source consulted.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Modern – 1600-1837, entries for 1617 and 1624.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-modern>

Other parties:

Charles, prince of Wales

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-in-right-of-the-duchy-of-lancaster-27328

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-i-27329

Person dates:

1600–1649

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14**c.1626 - 1632****City of London, Municipal corporation****Transfer:**

Charles I sold Aldbourne Manor to the City of London

Previous holder:

Trustees for Charles, prince of Wales

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The source dates the sale by Charles I to the City of London to about 1626. The date is retained as approximate because the consulted source does not give a precise day or month.

Source citation:

Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Early Modern – 1600-1837, entry for c.1626.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-modern>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-i-27329

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=city-of-london-27330

Person dates:

corporate institution

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15**1632 - by 1728****Thomas Bond, Lord of Aldbourne Manor****Transfer:**

City of London sold the lordship of the manor to Thomas Bond

Previous holder:

City of London

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Aldbourne Heritage Centre timeline explicitly states that in 1632 the City of London sold the lordship of the manor to Thomas Bond. This is direct evidence for the lordship, although the same

source records separate sales of demesne lands and the warren in 1631, so the lordship should not be treated as identical to every parcel formerly belonging to the medieval manor.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Early Modern – 1600-1837, entry for 1632.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/early-modern>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=city-of-london-27330

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-bond-27331

Person dates:

dates uncertain; active in Aldbourne by 1632

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16

by 1728 - after 1728

Elizabeth Bond, Lady of the Manor of Aldbourne

Transfer:

Held or succeeded to the manorial lordship; the precise conveyance from Thomas Bond is not established

Previous holder:

Thomas Bond

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre's probate index identifies Elizabeth Bond of St Giles in the Fields, London, widow, in 1728 as Lady of the Manor. The source also describes her as Thomas Bond's daughter-in-law in connection with the sale of Court House, but that relationship is not by itself treated as proof of succession; the manorial link is independently supplied by the explicit description Lady of the Manor.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Wills, Admons & Inventories, entry for BOND, Elizabeth of St Giles in the Fields, London, widow – 1728; Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Early Modern – 1600-1837, entry for 1713.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/wills-admons-inventories>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-bond-27331

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=elizabeth-bond-27332

Person dates:

widow in 1728; other dates not established

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17**by 1861 - by 1875****H. D. Francis, Lord of the Manor of Aldbourne****Transfer:**

Held the lordship of Aldbourne Manor; the source does not identify the acquisition or subsequent transfer

Previous holder:

Unknown after the Bond interest

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Nineteenth-century county directories identify H. D. Francis as lord of the manor of Aldbourne. The available directory evidence establishes the manorial link but does not provide a conveyance date. The Aldbourne Heritage Centre timeline states that the lordship, copyhold land and East Leaze Farm had been sold by 1875, without naming the purchaser or proving that the sale was to William Brown.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Wiltshire, 1861, Aldbourne entry; Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Modern – 1838 onwards, entry for 1875.

Source URL:

<https://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/api/collection/p16445coll4/id/350918/download>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=h-d-francis-27333

Person dates:

dates not established in the consulted sources

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18**by 1892 - at least 1939****Captain William Brown, Lord of the Manor of Aldbourne, J.P., C.C.****Transfer:**

Held the title of Lord of the Manor after an undocumented transfer; by 1939 he was still described as lord of the manor

Previous holder:

Unknown; the 1875 sale purchaser is not identified

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Narrative / explanation:

The Aldbourne Heritage Centre timeline states that in 1892 the title of Lord of the Manor was held by William Brown and that his manor court was replaced by the parish council. Kelly's Directory for 1939 also identifies Captain William Brown as lord of the manor and resident at Manor House. The conveyance from the prior holder is not known and is deliberately left undocumented.

Source citation:

Aldbourn Heritage Centre, Modern – 1838 onwards, entries for 1875 and 1892; Kelly's Directory, 1939, Aldbourne entry.

Source URL:

<https://aldbourneheritage.org.uk/village-history/aldbourne-timeline/modern>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-brown-27334

Person dates:

dates not established for the particular William Brown identified as lord of Aldbourne Manor; active by 1892 and 1939

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.