

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDCLIFFE MANOR

Location:

Lancaster, Lancashire

Recorded historical holders:

19

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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. Roger of Poitou, Count of La Marche, Lord of Clitheroe, major post-Conquest feudal landholder, Norman magnate, Domesday landholder, Norman nobleman, lord of extensive English lands after the Norman Conquest, lord of the Honour of Lancaster and extensive lands in Lancashire | after 1066 - 1094**

Transfer: Acquisition or possession after the Norman Conquest; the available local history states that Aldcliffe passed into Roger of Poitou's hands before his grant to Lancaster Priory.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 2. Priory of St Mary, Lancaster, dependent on the Abbey of St Martin at Sées, Benedictine priory dependent on the Abbey of St Martin at Sées | 1094 - 1414**

Transfer: Granted by Roger of Poitou in the foundation charter of Lancaster Priory.

Holding: Lancaster Priory and its Norman mother house

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 3. John de Ippe, or John of Ypres, sheriff of Lancashire in 1361 | 1360 - 1420**

Transfer: Sixty-year lease of Aldcliffe Manor from Peter Martin, Prior of Lancaster.

Holding: Other / Leasehold for a term of sixty years

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 4. Peter de Bolron, Local landholder and lessee of Aldcliffe Manor | 1384 - c.1444**

Transfer: Sixty-year lease of Aldcliffe Manor from John Innocent, Prior of Lancaster.

Holding: Other / Leasehold for a term of sixty years

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Abbey of Syon, also known as Syon Priory or Syon Abbey, Bridgettine abbey, convent of Syon | 1428 - 1539

Transfer: Ecclesiastical succession and final settlement of the Lancaster possessions after the suppression of the alien priory in 1414; settlement was delayed until the death of the incumbent prior in 1428.

Holding: Bridgettine Abbey of Syon

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. John Gardiner of Ellel, Gentleman of Ellel, Lancaster benefactor | 1462 - 1472

Transfer: Lease of Syon's Lancashire possessions, with Gardiner's 1472 will specifically referring to the remainder of his terms in Aldcliffe.

Holding: Other / Leasehold interest or term in Aldcliffe

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Robert Dalton of Thurnham, Esquire of Thurnham, High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1577 | 21 March 1557 - by 1626

Transfer: Purchase from the Crown of the former Lancaster Priory and Syon possessions, including Aldcliffe and Bulk, for a stated purchase price of £1,667 17s. 4d.; the tenure was stated to be by knight service.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Robert Dalton of Thurnham, the younger, Esquire of Thurnham, member of the Dalton family of Aldcliffe | by 1626 - 1716

Transfer: Family succession from the first Robert Dalton is directly indicated by the Aldcliffe account; the exact date and instrument of succession are not identified.

Holding: Trust / Estate subsequently settled in portions for his daughters / Dalton family estate and daughters' portions

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. The Crown, Crown of England | 1716 - 1716

Transfer: Forfeiture and confiscation of the Dalton interests after the 1715 rising and associated inquiry; four-fifths of the former Dalton estate were then sold to Richard Leigh.

Holding: Other / Four-fifths of the former Dalton estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Richard Leigh of Newton-in-Bowland, Gentleman of Newton-in-Bowland | 1716 - after 1716

Transfer: Purchase from the Crown of four-fifths of the former Dalton Aldcliffe estate.

Holding: Share / Four-fifths / Leigh acquisition of the former Dalton estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Robert Blackburn, Aldcliffe informant and landholder | 1716 - 1724

Transfer: Award of one-fifth of the former Dalton Aldcliffe estate as a reward for informing against the Daltons after the 1715 rising; the share was then sold to Benjamin Leigh.

Holding: Share / One-fifth

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Benjamin Leigh, Lancashire landowner of Aldcliffe | 1724 - 1742

Transfer: Purchase from Robert Blackburn of the remaining one-fifth share; Benjamin Leigh thereby consolidated the former four-fifths Leigh acquisition and became sole owner of the former Dalton holding.

Holding: Whole of the former Dalton Aldcliffe estate after consolidation in 1724

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Robert Dawson and Isobel Leigh, Owners of Aldcliffe Hall and estate | 29 September 1742 - 6 April 1769

Transfer: Bequest by Benjamin Leigh to his eldest daughter Isobel Leigh and her husband Robert Dawson, following their marriage on 29 September 1742.

Holding: Joint / Dawson-Leigh ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. Isobel Leigh Dawson, Owner and occupier of Aldcliffe Hall | 6 April 1769 - 2 August 1814

Transfer: Continued possession after the death of Robert Dawson in 1769; in August 1814 she re-conveyed the hall, lands and related interests to her son Edward Dawson.

Holding: Dawson family estate / Co-holders: Edward Dawson

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. Edward Dawson, Owner of Aldcliffe Hall, lord of the manor in nineteenth-century local usage | 2 August 1814 - 29 March 1876

Transfer: Re-conveyance from his mother Isobel Leigh Dawson, including the hall, lands and related interests; the transfer was accompanied by release of her marriage dower on 10 August 1814.

Holding: Dawson family estate / Co-holders: Isobel Leigh Dawson

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. Edward Bousfield Dawson, Barrister, magistrate and lord of the manor of Aldcliffe | 29 March 1876 - 1916

Transfer: Inheritance from his father Edward Dawson.

Holding: Practically all Aldcliffe by 1886, except three Varley plots and one Eidsforth field / Dawson estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. Edward Dawson Gwion Harries, Heir to the bulk of the Dawson Aldcliffe estate | 1916 - after 1916

Transfer: Provision under the will of Edward Bousfield Dawson, proved in September 1917, granting the bulk of the land to his eldest grandson.

Holding: Share / Bulk of the Aldcliffe land estate / Post-1916 division of the Dawson estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. Mary Philadelphia Dawson, Owner of Aldcliffe Hall, member of the Dawson family | 1916 - 20 December 1945

Transfer: Held the hall, gardens and immediate surroundings under the trust created by her father's will; purchased the hall and just over forty acres from the trust in April 1933.

Holding: Trust / Aldcliffe Hall, gardens and immediate surrounding land; later just over forty acres / Dawson testamentary trust

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

19. Eric Edward Dawson Hall, Mining engineer, later H.M. Inspector of Mines, owner of residual Aldcliffe Hall property | 20 December 1945 - 1953

Transfer: Inheritance from his aunt Mary Philadelphia Dawson of Aldcliffe Hall and a much-reduced estate; he adopted the surname Dawson-Hall by deed poll in 1946.

Holding: Share / Aldcliffe Hall, pleasure grounds and gardens, Home Farm, West Lodge and Ivy Cottage, approximately forty acres / Residual Dawson-Hall property

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

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HOLDER 1

after 1066 - 1094

Roger of Poitou, Count of La Marche, Lord of Clitheroe, major post-Conquest feudal landholder, Norman magnate, Domesday landholder, Norman nobleman, lord of extensive English lands after the Norman Conquest, lord of the Honour of Lancaster and extensive lands in Lancashire

Transfer:

Acquisition or possession after the Norman Conquest; the available local history states that Aldcliffe passed into Roger of Poitou's hands before his grant to Lancaster Priory.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

This is the earliest securely identified post-Conquest lord associated with Aldcliffe. The source does not provide a precise acquisition instrument or date, so the start is retained as an approximate post-Conquest date.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, section on the early medieval period, pp. 10-11, stating that Aldcliffe passed to Roger of Poitou after 1066 and that he granted it in the 1094 foundation charter.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=roger-of-poitou-25279

Person dates:

died 1102

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1094 - 1414

Priory of St Mary, Lancaster, dependent on the Abbey of St Martin at Sées, Benedictine priory dependent on the Abbey of St Martin at Sées

Transfer:

Granted by Roger of Poitou in the foundation charter of Lancaster Priory.

Previous holder:

Roger of Poitou

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Shared holding:

Lancaster Priory and its Norman mother house

Narrative / explanation:

The 1094 foundation charter included Aldcliffe and its manor house or mansio among the lands granted to the Lancaster religious house. The priory retained the manorial interest while later leasing the manor and parts of the estate.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 10-12; Lancaster City Council, Place Names of the Lancaster District, entry for Aldcliffe.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Priory of St Mary, Lancaster, Abbey of St Martin at Sées

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=roger-of-poitou-25279

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=priory-of-st-mary-lancaster-27389

Person dates:

founded 1094; alien priory suppressed 1414

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**1360 - 1420****John de Ippe, or John of Ypres, sheriff of Lancashire in 1361****Transfer:**

Sixty-year lease of Aldcliffe Manor from Peter Martin, Prior of Lancaster.

Previous holder:

Priory of St Mary, Lancaster

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Leasehold for a term of sixty years

Narrative / explanation:

The indenture leased the manor of Aldcliffe together with the services of the free tenants, bondmen and tenants-at-will, at an annual rent of twenty pounds, subject to services due to the chief lords of the fee. This was a leasehold interest, not an independent overlordship or freehold conveyance.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, p. 17, quoting the 1360 indenture of lease from Peter Martin, Prior of Lancaster, to John de Ippe.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript>

[.pdf](#)**Other parties:**

John de Ippe

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-de-ippe-27390**Person dates:**

flourished 1360-1371 or later

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**1384 - c.1444****Peter de Bolron, Local landholder and lessee of Aldcliffe Manor****Transfer:**

Sixty-year lease of Aldcliffe Manor from John Innocent, Prior of Lancaster.

Previous holder:

Priory of St Mary, Lancaster

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Leasehold for a term of sixty years

Narrative / explanation:

The source records a 1384 lease of Aldcliffe Manor to Peter de Bolron at ten pounds a year. It also records that Thomas Bolron still held land in Aldcliffe in 1482, suggesting a later continuation or extension, but the relationship between the 1360 John de Ippe lease, the 1384 Bolron lease and the later Bolron holding is not fully established. No transfer between those lessees is inferred.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, p. 19, stating that Prior John Innocent leased Aldcliffe Manor to Peter de Bolron in 1384 for sixty years and that Thomas Bolron still held land there in 1482.

Source URL:<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>**Other parties:**

Peter de Bolron

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=peter-de-bolron-27391**Person dates:**

flourished 1384

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**1428 - 1539****Abbey of Syon, also known as Syon Priory or Syon Abbey, Bridgettine abbey, convent of Syon****Transfer:**

Ecclesiastical succession and final settlement of the Lancaster possessions after the suppression of the alien priory in 1414; settlement was delayed until the death of the incumbent prior in 1428.

Previous holder:

Priory of St Mary, Lancaster, dependent on the Abbey of St Martin at Sées

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Bridgettine Abbey of Syon

Narrative / explanation:

The published study of Syon's Lancashire lands states that the gift of Lancaster to Syon was supervised by the Bishops of Durham and York and that final settlement awaited the prior's death in 1428. Syon retained control of the Lancashire possessions and held its court at Aldcliffe; a 1511 survey records the abbess's court at Aldcliffe and her tenants appearing there. The end date is the Dissolution period; exact legal vesting of Aldcliffe in the Crown is not dated here.

Source citation:

F. R. Johnston, The Lancashire Lands of Syon Abbey, Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, volume 107, pp. 49-50; R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 19-22.

Source URL:

<https://www.hslc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/107-4-Johnston.pdf>

Other parties:

Abbey of Syon, Abbess and convent of Syon

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=priory-of-st-mary-lancaster-27389

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=abbey-of-syon-27392

Person dates:

founded 1415; dissolved 1539

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1462 - 1472****John Gardiner of Ellel, Gentleman of Ellel, Lancaster benefactor**

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Transfer:

Lease of Syon's Lancashire possessions, with Gardiner's 1472 will specifically referring to the remainder of his terms in Aldcliffe.

Previous holder:

Abbey of Syon

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Leasehold interest or term in Aldcliffe

Narrative / explanation:

John Gardiner leased Syon lands in Lonsdale and Amounderness in 1462. His will dated 1472 expressly refers to the remainder of his terms in Aldcliffe and directs that the rents continue to be paid to the Abbess of Syon. This establishes an Aldcliffe leasehold interest but not freehold ownership or lordship.

Source citation:

F. R. Johnston, *The Lancashire Lands of Syon Abbey*, pp. 49-50; R. Bellis, *Aldcliffe historical transcript*, p. 19, quoting Gardiner's 1472 will.

Source URL:

<https://www.hslc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/107-4-Johnston.pdf>

Other parties:

John Gardiner of Ellel

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-gardiner-of-ellel-27393

Person dates:

died 1472

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

21 March 1557 - by 1626

Robert Dalton of Thurnham, Esquire of Thurnham, High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1577

Transfer:

Purchase from the Crown of the former Lancaster Priory and Syon possessions, including Aldcliffe and Bulk, for a stated purchase price of £1,667 17s. 4d.; the tenure was stated to be by knight service.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

A copy of the Crown grant dated 21 March 1557 records Aldcliffe and Bulk among the former priory possessions sold to Robert Dalton. The grant included messuages, tenements and hereditaments in Aldcliffe and stated that the tenure was in chief by knight service. This is the first direct post-Dissolution freehold conveyance identified in the research.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 26-27, reproducing the 21 March 1557 grant and its terms.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Robert Dalton of Thurnham

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-27396

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-dalton-of-thurnham-27394

Person dates:

flourished 1550s-1570s

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

by 1626 - 1716

Robert Dalton of Thurnham, the younger, Esquire of Thurnham, member of the Dalton family of Aldcliffe

Transfer:

Family succession from the first Robert Dalton is directly indicated by the Aldcliffe account; the exact date and instrument of succession are not identified.

Previous holder:

Robert Dalton of Thurnham

Holding arrangement:

trust

Share / interest:

Estate subsequently settled in portions for his daughters

Shared holding:

Dalton family estate and daughters' portions

Narrative / explanation:

The younger Robert Dalton is directly associated with Aldcliffe through the Dalton estate, the family's residence at Aldcliffe Hall, the 1610 dispute concerning Aldcliffe Marsh, and records of his daughters living at the hall. After his death the estate was held or enjoyed in portions by his Catholic daughters. Two-thirds was sequestered during the Civil War period, and the remaining interests were forfeited or confiscated after the 1715 rising. The evidence does not support a simple single-date conveyance from the father to the son or from the son to each daughter.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 28-32; Dalton Databank, From Knights to Dreamers, chapter 1, describing Robert Dalton's settlement of Aldcliffe for his daughters.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript>

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Other parties:

Robert Dalton of Thurnham, the younger, Dalton daughters of Aldcliffe

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-dalton-of-thurnham-27394

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-dalton-of-thurnham-the-younger-27395

Person dates:

died 1626

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1716 - 1716

The Crown, Crown of England

Transfer:

Forfeiture and confiscation of the Dalton interests after the 1715 rising and associated inquiry; four-fifths of the former Dalton estate were then sold to Richard Leigh.

Previous holder:

Dalton family of Thurnham and Aldcliffe

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Four-fifths of the former Dalton estate

Narrative / explanation:

The evidence describes the Crown's confiscation or forfeiture of the Dalton estate and specifically states that Richard Leigh purchased four-fifths from the Crown in 1716. This was Crown ownership or custody following forfeiture, not an ordinary private conveyance.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, p. 42, stating that after the inquiry and confiscation Richard Leigh bought the remaining four-fifths from the Crown in 1716.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

The Crown

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-27396

Person dates:

institutional holder

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**1716 - after 1716****Richard Leigh of Newton-in-Bowland, Gentleman of Newton-in-Bowland****Transfer:**

Purchase from the Crown of four-fifths of the former Dalton Aldcliffe estate.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Four-fifths

Shared holding:

Leigh acquisition of the former Dalton estate

Narrative / explanation:

Richard Leigh purchased four-fifths of the Aldcliffe estate from the Crown in 1716. The remaining fifth was separately held by Robert Blackburn, so Richard Leigh was not initially sole owner of the former Dalton holding.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, p. 42; accompanying family chart at p. 48.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Richard Leigh of Newton-in-Bowland

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-27396

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-leigh-of-newton-in-bowland-27397

Person dates:

flourished 1716

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1716 - 1724****Robert Blackburn, Aldcliffe informant and landholder**

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Transfer:

Award of one-fifth of the former Dalton Aldcliffe estate as a reward for informing against the Daltons after the 1715 rising; the share was then sold to Benjamin Leigh.

Previous holder:

The Crown or forfeited Dalton estate

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

One-fifth

Narrative / explanation:

Robert Blackburn, a native of Aldcliffe, informed against the Daltons and was given one-fifth of their Aldcliffe estate. The source explicitly states that he sold this freehold share to Benjamin Leigh in 1724. This was a fractional holding and not the whole manor.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 42 and 48.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Robert Blackburn

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-blackburn-27398

Person dates:

flourished 1716-1727

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**1724 - 1742****Benjamin Leigh, Lancashire landowner of Aldcliffe****Transfer:**

Purchase from Robert Blackburn of the remaining one-fifth share; Benjamin Leigh thereby consolidated the former four-fifths Leigh acquisition and became sole owner of the former Dalton holding.

Previous holder:

Robert Blackburn

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Whole of the former Dalton Aldcliffe estate after consolidation in 1724

Narrative / explanation:

Benjamin Leigh's father Richard had acquired four-fifths from the Crown in 1716. Benjamin purchased Blackburn's remaining one-fifth in 1724 and is described in the local history as becoming sole owner of the former holding. In 1742 he bequeathed the estate to his daughter Isobel and her husband Robert

Dawson.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 42 and 48.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Benjamin Leigh

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-blackburn-27398

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=benjamin-leigh-27399

Person dates:

flourished 1724-1742

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

29 September 1742 - 6 April 1769

Robert Dawson and Isobel Leigh, Owners of Aldcliffe Hall and estate

Transfer:

Bequest by Benjamin Leigh to his eldest daughter Isobel Leigh and her husband Robert Dawson, following their marriage on 29 September 1742.

Previous holder:

Benjamin Leigh

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

Dawson-Leigh ownership

Narrative / explanation:

Benjamin Leigh bequeathed the Aldcliffe estate to his daughter Isobel and her husband Robert Dawson. Robert settled at Aldcliffe Hall and managed the estate until his death in 1769. The source supports joint beneficial ownership or a marital settlement but does not specify the precise legal form.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 42 and 48-49.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Robert Dawson, Isobel Leigh

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=benjamin-leigh-27399

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-dawson-and-isobel-leigh-27400

Person dates:

Robert Dawson 1712-1769; Isobel Leigh Dawson died 1791

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

6 April 1769 - 2 August 1814

Isobel Leigh Dawson, Owner and occupier of Aldcliffe Hall

Transfer:

Continued possession after the death of Robert Dawson in 1769; in August 1814 she re-conveyed the hall, lands and related interests to her son Edward Dawson.

Previous holder:

Robert Dawson and Isobel Leigh

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Dawson family estate

Narrative / explanation:

After Robert Dawson's death, Isobel continued to occupy and control Aldcliffe. The transcript records that she re-conveyed the hall, lands and other interests to Edward Dawson on 2 August 1814 and released her marriage dower on 10 August 1814. The evidence does not state whether her intervening interest was by survivorship, settlement or another legal mechanism.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 48-49 and 72-73.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Isobel Leigh Dawson

Co-holders:

Edward Dawson

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-dawson-and-isobel-leigh-27400

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=isobel-leigh-dawson-27401

Person dates:

died 1791

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15**2 August 1814 - 29 March 1876****Edward Dawson, Owner of Aldcliffe Hall, lord of the manor in nineteenth-century local usage****Transfer:**

Re-conveyance from his mother Isobel Leigh Dawson, including the hall, lands and related interests; the transfer was accompanied by release of her marriage dower on 10 August 1814.

Previous holder:

Isobel Leigh Dawson

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Dawson family estate

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Dawson consolidated the Aldcliffe property after receiving the re-conveyance from his mother. He built the new Aldcliffe Hall in 1817, reclaimed approximately 160 acres of marshland, and by his death owned practically all of Aldcliffe, Stodday and additional surrounding estates. The later evidence explicitly identifies him as a freeholder of lands in the manor of Aldcliffe.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 72-73 and 91-92; the transcript records Edward Dawson as holding freehold lands in the manor of Aldcliffe and as owner of practically all Aldcliffe by 1876.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Edward Dawson

Co-holders:

Isobel Leigh Dawson

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=isobel-leigh-dawson-27401

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-dawson-27402

Person dates:

1793-1876

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16**29 March 1876 - 1916****Edward Bousfield Dawson, Barrister, magistrate and lord of the manor of Aldcliffe****Transfer:**

Inheritance from his father Edward Dawson.

Previous holder:

Edward Dawson

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Practically all Aldcliffe by 1886, except three Varley plots and one Eidsforth field

Shared holding:

Dawson estate

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Bousfield Dawson succeeded his father in 1876. The Aldcliffe transcript identifies him as having been born to the position of lord of the manor and records that by 1886 he owned the whole of Aldcliffe except three Varley plots and one Eidsforth field. His 1907 will, proved in 1917, later divided the estate between his grandson and daughter.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 91-93 and 103-104; the transcript explicitly records his role as lord of the manor and the extent of his Aldcliffe ownership.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Edward Bousfield Dawson

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-dawson-27402

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-bousfield-dawson-27403

Person dates:

1830-1916

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17**1916 - after 1916****Edward Dawson Gwion Harries, Heir to the bulk of the Dawson Aldcliffe estate**

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Transfer:

Provision under the will of Edward Bousfield Dawson, proved in September 1917, granting the bulk of the land to his eldest grandson.

Previous holder:

Edward Bousfield Dawson

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Bulk of the Aldcliffe land estate

Shared holding:

Post-1916 division of the Dawson estate

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Bousfield Dawson's will created trusts and left the bulk of his land to his eldest grandson, Edward Dawson Gwion Harries. This was a substantial share of the former estate, but the evidence does not establish that he acquired the entire historic manor or that the old manorial holding remained legally undivided.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 103-104, describing the 11 December 1907 will, its codicils and probate in September 1917.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Edward Dawson Gwion Harries

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-bousfield-dawson-27403

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-dawson-gwion-harries-27404

Person dates:

flourished 1916-1917

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18

1916 - 20 December 1945

Mary Philadelphia Dawson, Owner of Aldcliffe Hall, member of the Dawson family

Transfer:

Held the hall, gardens and immediate surroundings under the trust created by her father's will; purchased the hall and just over forty acres from the trust in April 1933.

Previous holder:

Edward Bousfield Dawson

Holding arrangement:

trust

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Share / interest:

Aldcliffe Hall, gardens and immediate surrounding land; later just over forty acres

Shared holding:

Dawson testamentary trust

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Bousfield Dawson's will gave his daughter Mary Philadelphia the lesser portion consisting of the hall, gardens and immediate surroundings, held in trust after his death in 1916. In April 1933 she purchased the hall and just over forty acres from the trust, becoming owner of that surviving portion. She died at Aldcliffe in December 1945. This entry concerns the hall and residual estate, not proof of ownership of the entire historic manor.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 103-105, recording the testamentary trust, the 1933 purchase and her death in 1945.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Mary Philadelphia Dawson, Constance Isabel Hall, W. H. Satterthwaite, Estate trustees

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-bousfield-dawson-27403

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-philadelphia-dawson-27405

Person dates:

1863-1945

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 19

20 December 1945 - 1953

Eric Edward Dawson Hall, Mining engineer, later H.M. Inspector of Mines, owner of residual Aldcliffe Hall property

Transfer:

Inheritance from his aunt Mary Philadelphia Dawson of Aldcliffe Hall and a much-reduced estate; he adopted the surname Dawson-Hall by deed poll in 1946.

Previous holder:

Mary Philadelphia Dawson

Holding arrangement:

share

Share / interest:

Aldcliffe Hall, pleasure grounds and gardens, Home Farm, West Lodge and Ivy Cottage, approximately forty acres

Shared holding:

Residual Dawson-Hall property

Narrative / explanation:

Eric Edward Dawson Hall inherited the hall and reduced estate after Mary Philadelphia Dawson's death. In 1953 he sold the hall, gardens, Home Farm, West Lodge and Ivy Cottage, approximately forty acres, to Muriel Townley. The available evidence describes this as the residual hall property and does not establish that Eric held the whole historic manor, so no manor-wide conveyance beyond this fragmented estate is asserted.

Source citation:

R. Bellis, Aldcliffe historical transcript, pp. 104-107, recording Eric Edward Dawson Hall's inheritance, 1946 deed poll and 1953 sale.

Source URL:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/rhc/Aldcliffetranscript.pdf>

Other parties:

Eric Edward Dawson Hall

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-philadelphia-dawson-27405

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=eric-edward-dawson-hall-27406

Person dates:

flourished 1945-1953

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.