

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDEBURGH MANOR

Location:

Aldeburgh with Hazlewood, Suffolk

Recorded historical holders:

13

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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. **Wulfric, Free man under Edric of Laxfield | 1066 - 1086**

Transfer: Recorded as holding the 80-acre manor before the Norman Conquest; the Domesday record shows the manor in the hands of Robert Malet by 1086.

Holding: Not stated

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. **Robert Malet, Norman baron, tenant-in-chief in Domesday Book | 1086 - 1155**

Transfer: The manor was recorded in Domesday Book as belonging to Robert Malet. The subsequent change to William Martel is documented by the 1155 ownership entry, but the precise conveyance is not stated in the public summary.

Holding: Not stated / Tenant-in-chief

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. **William Martel | 1155 - 1155**

Transfer: William Martel is recorded as owner in 1155 and granted the manor in frankalmoin to the Abbot of Colchester.

Holding: Not stated

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. **Abbot of Colchester | 1155 - 1405**

Transfer: Received the manor from William Martel by a grant in frankalmoin. By 1405 the manor was recorded as being in the King's hands; the intervening history is not supplied by the public summary.

Holding: Held by the religious house represented by the abbot / Colchester Abbey

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. The Crown, Royal holder or custodian | 1405 - 1508

Transfer: The manor was recorded as being in the King's hands in 1405 and was later granted to Butley Priory in 1508. The reason for Crown custody and the precise grant instrument are not stated in the public summary.

Holding: Other / Royal custody or Crown holding; precise legal status not stated / Royal hands

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Butley Priory, Augustinian priory | 1508 - 1525

Transfer: The manor was granted to Butley Priory in 1508. By 1525 it was recorded as belonging to Cardinal Wolsey; the precise transfer is not stated.

Holding: Held by the priory as an ecclesiastical institution / Butley Priory

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, Archbishop of York, Lord Chancellor, Lord Chancellor of England | 1525 - 1530

Transfer: The manor was recorded as belonging to Cardinal Wolsey in 1525. In 1530 he granted Thomas Russhe a 30-year lease at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d.

Holding: Manorial ownership; leasehold interest separately granted to Thomas Russhe in 1530

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Thomas Russhe, Lessee of Aldeburgh Manor or the manor interest described in the source | 1530 - 1560

Transfer: Received a 30-year lease of the manor, or of the interest described by the source as the manor, from Cardinal Wolsey in 1530 at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d. The source does not state the subsequent outcome of the lease.

Holding: Other / Leasehold for 30 years; extent of leased interest not stated / Leaseholder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Surrey, later 3rd Duke of Norfolk | 1533 - circa 1696

Transfer: Recorded as owner in 1533. The source does not document the intervening descent to Sir Henry Johnson, recorded circa 1696, and no conveyance has been inferred.

Holding: Not stated / Howard family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Sir Henry Johnson, landowner, Knight, Member of Parliament for Aldeburgh, shipbuilder | circa 1696 - circa 1791

Transfer: Recorded as owner circa 1696. The later change to the Vernon-Wentworth family is not documented by a secure conveyance in the sources consulted.

Holding: Not stated / Johnson family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth, Vernon-Wentworth family landowner | 1844 - 1891

Transfer: The Aldeburgh parish history records W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth as principal owner in 1844. It does not expressly state the precise date or instrument by which the Vernon-Wentworth family acquired the manor.

Holding: Principal owner; the source does not expressly distinguish complete manorial lordship from principal landownership for this date / Vernon-Wentworth family / Co-holders: T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth, Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth, Vernon-Wentworth family landowner | 1891 - 1902

Transfer: Recorded as principal owner in 1891 and as the predecessor of Commander F.C.U.

Vernon-Wentworth in the 1902 manorial entry. The precise transfer mechanism is not stated.

Holding: Principal owner in 1891; formal manorial status is explicit only for the later 1902 entry /

Vernon-Wentworth family / Co-holders: W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth, Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth, Vernon-Wentworth family landowner, Royal Navy designation in related parish material | 1902 - 1902

Transfer: Recorded as owner of Aldeburgh Manor in 1902. The consulted public sources do not establish a later historical holder of the manor itself.

Holding: Not stated / Vernon-Wentworth family / Co-holders: W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth, T.F.C.

Vernon-Wentworth

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - 1086

Wulfric, Free man under Edric of Laxfield

Transfer:

Recorded as holding the 80-acre manor before the Norman Conquest; the Domesday record shows the manor in the hands of Robert Malet by 1086.

Previous holder:

Edric of Laxfield, under whom Wulfric was described as a free man

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Narrative / explanation:

The Suffolk parish manorial summary identifies an 80-acre Aldeburgh manor held in 1066 by Wulfric, a free man of Edric of Laxfield. This is a manorial holding record rather than evidence of a later hereditary conveyance. The Domesday evidence indicates that the holding had changed hands by 1086.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section; Open Domesday, Aldeburgh, Domesday Book entry.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Wulfric

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=wulfric-27407

Person dates:

Recorded in 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - 1155

Robert Malet, Norman baron, tenant-in-chief in Domesday Book

Transfer:

The manor was recorded in Domesday Book as belonging to Robert Malet. The subsequent change to William

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Martel is documented by the 1155 ownership entry, but the precise conveyance is not stated in the public summary.

Previous holder:

Wulfric

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Tenant-in-chief

Narrative / explanation:

The Domesday entry for Aldeburgh records an 80-acre holding belonging to Robert Malet. Aldeburgh also contained a separate small ecclesiastical holding belonging to the Abbey of Ely; that separate Domesday holding has not been merged into this manor record.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Aldeburgh, Domesday Book, Phillimore reference Suffolk 6,130; corroborated by Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/TM4656/aldeburgh/>

Other parties:

Robert Malet

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=wulfric-27407

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-malet-27408

Person dates:

Died circa 1106

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1155 - 1155

William Martel

Transfer:

William Martel is recorded as owner in 1155 and granted the manor in frankalmoin to the Abbot of Colchester.

Previous holder:

Robert Malet

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Narrative / explanation:

The Suffolk manorial summary records William Martel as owner in 1155 and states that he granted the manor in frankalmoin to the Abbot of Colchester. The date is a recorded reference point rather than necessarily the exact date of both ownership and grant.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

William Martel

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-malet-27408

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-martel-27409

Person dates:

Recorded in 1155

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1155 - 1405

Abbot of Colchester

Transfer:

Received the manor from William Martel by a grant in frankalmoin. By 1405 the manor was recorded as being in the King's hands; the intervening history is not supplied by the public summary.

Previous holder:

William Martel

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Held by the religious house represented by the abbot

Shared holding:

Colchester Abbey

Narrative / explanation:

The manor was granted in frankalmoin to the Abbot of Colchester. The source does not specify the precise institutional name of the religious house, nor does it document the date or legal mechanism by which the manor later came into the King's hands.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Abbot of Colchester

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-martel-27409

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=abbot-of-colchester-27410

Person dates:

Institutional holder recorded from 1155

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1405 - 1508

The Crown, Royal holder or custodian

Transfer:

The manor was recorded as being in the King's hands in 1405 and was later granted to Butley Priory in 1508. The reason for Crown custody and the precise grant instrument are not stated in the public summary.

Previous holder:

Abbot of Colchester

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Royal custody or Crown holding; precise legal status not stated

Shared holding:

Royal hands

Narrative / explanation:

The phrase 'in King's hands' is preserved as a Crown custody or Crown-holding entry rather than being interpreted as an ordinary private conveyance. The public source does not explain whether the Crown held the manor by escheat, forfeiture, resumption or another legal process.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

The Crown

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=abbot-of-colchester-27410

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-27411

Person dates:

Recorded in King's hands in 1405

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1508 - 1525****Butley Priory, Augustinian priory****Transfer:**

The manor was granted to Butley Priory in 1508. By 1525 it was recorded as belonging to Cardinal Wolsey; the precise transfer is not stated.

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Held by the priory as an ecclesiastical institution

Shared holding:

Butley Priory

Narrative / explanation:

The Aldeburgh manorial summary records a grant to Butley Priory in 1508. The source does not state whether the grant was made directly by the Crown or under a particular royal patent, although the immediately preceding entry places the manor in the King's hands.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Butley Priory

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=the-crown-27411

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=butley-priory-27412

Person dates:

Holder recorded in 1508

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1525 - 1530****Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, Archbishop of York, Lord Chancellor, Lord Chancellor of England**

Transfer:

The manor was recorded as belonging to Cardinal Wolsey in 1525. In 1530 he granted Thomas Russhe a 30-year lease at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d.

Previous holder:

Butley Priory

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Manorial ownership; leasehold interest separately granted to Thomas Russhe in 1530

Narrative / explanation:

The 1525 entry identifies Cardinal Wolsey as owner. The 1530 lease to Thomas Russhe is recorded as a leasehold transaction and does not replace Wolsey's ownership unless further evidence demonstrates otherwise. The source states the lease term and rent but does not identify whether the lease covered the whole manor or a defined part of it.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Cardinal Thomas Wolsey

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=butley-priory-27412

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-wolsey-27413

Person dates:

1473 or 1475-1530

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1530 - 1560

Thomas Russhe, Lessee of Aldeburgh Manor or the manor interest described in the source

Transfer:

Received a 30-year lease of the manor, or of the interest described by the source as the manor, from Cardinal Wolsey in 1530 at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d. The source does not state the subsequent outcome of the lease.

Previous holder:

Cardinal Thomas Wolsey

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Leasehold for 30 years; extent of leased interest not stated

Shared holding:

Leaseholder

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Russhe is included as a leaseholder, not as an outright lord, because the source expressly describes a 30-year lease at rent. The date range is calculated from the stated 1530 term and is not evidence that he retained the lease continuously until 1560.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Thomas Russhe

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-wolsey-27413

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-russhe-27414

Person dates:

Recorded in 1530

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1533 - circa 1696

Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Surrey, later 3rd Duke of Norfolk

Transfer:

Recorded as owner in 1533. The source does not document the intervening descent to Sir Henry Johnson, recorded circa 1696, and no conveyance has been inferred.

Previous holder:

Cardinal Thomas Wolsey or the Crown after Wolsey's fall; exact transfer not stated

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Howard family

Narrative / explanation:

The Suffolk summary records Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, as owner in 1533. This entry follows the 1530 lease to Thomas Russhe, but the source does not explain the legal relationship between that lease and the Duke's ownership. The later transition to Sir Henry Johnson is left as an explicit documentary gap.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-howard-24486

Person dates:

1473-1554

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

circa 1696 - circa 1791

Sir Henry Johnson, landowner, Knight, Member of Parliament for Aldeburgh, shipbuilder

Transfer:

Recorded as owner circa 1696. The later change to the Vernon-Wentworth family is not documented by a secure conveyance in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk or an unrecorded intermediate holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Johnson family

Narrative / explanation:

The Suffolk parish history records Sir Henry Johnson as owner of Aldeburgh Manor circa 1696 and links him with Friston. The date is approximate and the source does not state the precise acquisition or disposal transaction. The end date is only a research boundary marking the next period for which the consulted public sources suggest a Vernon-Wentworth connection; it is not an exact transfer date.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section; Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Friston parish history, for the linked Friston association.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Sir Henry Johnson

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-henry-johnson-27415

Person dates:

Recorded circa 1696

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11**1844 - 1891****W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth, Vernon-Wentworth family landowner****Transfer:**

The Aldeburgh parish history records W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth as principal owner in 1844. It does not expressly state the precise date or instrument by which the Vernon-Wentworth family acquired the manor.

Previous holder:

Earlier holder not securely documented in the consulted sources

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Principal owner; the source does not expressly distinguish complete manorial lordship from principal landownership for this date

Shared holding:

Vernon-Wentworth family

Narrative / explanation:

The 1844 land-ownership entry identifies W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth as principal owner in Aldeburgh. This is corroborative of the family's estate interest but is less explicit than the separate manorial entry for 1902; it is therefore included with medium evidence strength and the distinction between principal landownership and formal lordship is preserved.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Land ownership section.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth

Co-holders:

T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth, Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=w-f-t-vernon-wentworth-27416

Person dates:

Recorded in 1844

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12**1891 - 1902****T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth, Vernon-Wentworth family landowner****Transfer:**

Recorded as principal owner in 1891 and as the predecessor of Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth in the 1902 manorial entry. The precise transfer mechanism is not stated.

Previous holder:

W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Principal owner in 1891; formal manorial status is explicit only for the later 1902 entry

Shared holding:

Vernon-Wentworth family

Narrative / explanation:

T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth is recorded as principal owner of Aldeburgh in 1891. The same family is recorded as holding the manor in 1902 under Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth. The sources support continuity of family estate ownership but do not provide a precise conveyance between the two individuals.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Land ownership and Manorial sections.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth

Co-holders:

W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth, Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=w-f-t-vernon-wentworth-27416

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=t-f-c-vernon-wentworth-27417

Person dates:

Recorded in 1891

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13**1902 - 1902****Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth, Vernon-Wentworth family landowner, Royal Navy designation in related parish material****Transfer:**

Recorded as owner of Aldeburgh Manor in 1902. The consulted public sources do not establish a later historical holder of the manor itself.

Previous holder:

T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth or another member of the Vernon-Wentworth family; precise transfer not stated

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Vernon-Wentworth family

Narrative / explanation:

The 1902 manorial entry is the latest direct public record located for Aldeburgh Manor. Related parish summaries record Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth as connected with Aldeburgh, Friston and Hazlewood, but later references to principal landownership or estate sales have not been treated as proof of a later transfer of the formal manor.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section; Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Friston parish history, Manorial and Land ownership sections; Kelly's Directory evidence reproduced in the Aldeburgh and Hazlewood parish summaries.

Source URL:

<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/media/pdfs/aldeburgh.pdf>

Other parties:

Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth

Co-holders:

W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth, T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=commander-f-c-u-vernon-wentworth-27418

Person dates:

Recorded in 1902; further dates not established in the consulted sources

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.