

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDERTON MANOR

Location:

Alderton, Wiltshire

Recorded historical holders:

26

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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. **Ralph de Mortimer, Tenant-in-chief in Domesday Book | 1086 - after 1086; before the later medieval Clifford phase**

Transfer: Domesday tenant-in-chief; no later transfer instrument identified

Holding: Other / Tenant-in-chief of one of the two recorded Alderton holdings; immediate lordship was recorded separately / Domesday holding under Ralph de Mortimer

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. **Richard of Brampton and Walter, Lords recorded under Ralph de Mortimer at Alderton | 1086 - unknown**

Transfer: Immediate lordship recorded in Domesday Book; subsequent transfer not identified

Holding: Joint / Not stated / Immediate lords of the Mortimer Domesday holding

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. **Drogo son of Poyntz, Tenant-in-chief in Domesday Book | 1086 - unknown**

Transfer: Domesday tenant-in-chief; later transfer not identified

Holding: Other / Tenant-in-chief of the second recorded Alderton holding; immediate lordship was recorded separately / Domesday holding under Drogo son of Poyntz

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. **Hugh, Immediate lord recorded under Drogo son of Poyntz | 1086 - unknown**

Transfer: Immediate lordship recorded in Domesday Book; subsequent transfer not identified

Holding: Not stated / Immediate lord of the Poyntz Domesday holding

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Clifford family of Clifford's Castle, Lords of Alderton according to the local historical account | circa 1240 - 1382

Transfer: Later medieval lordship is attributed to the Cliffords; the precise acquisition and transfer instrument is unknown

Holding: Other / Overlordship or superior lordship; precise division of the estate is unclear / Clifford phase of Alderton lordship

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Henry de Hertham, Holder at Alderton | 1242-1243 - unknown

Transfer: Direct holding recorded for 1242-1243; later transfer not identified

Holding: Other / Principal or local estate holding under Clifford lordship; precise interest not stated / Hartham-related Alderton holding

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. John de Hertham, Hugo de Davereswell and Robert de Harlegh, Lords of Aldrynton in the 1316 Wiltshire return | 1316 - unknown

Transfer: Named as lords in the 1316 return; subsequent transfer not identified

Holding: Joint / Not stated / Lords of Aldrynton in the 1316 Nomina Villarum return

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. William Gore, Purchaser and lord of Alderton | 1382 - after 1414; exact end unknown

Transfer: Purchased Alderton in 1382; seller and conveyance instrument are not identified in the source

Holding: Not stated / Beginning of the Gore lordship

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Thomas Gore, Lord of Alderton | before 1532 - 1532

Transfer: Inherited or otherwise held the manor; precise preceding conveyance not identified

Holding: Not stated / Gore lordship before 1532

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Elizabeth Gore, later Elizabeth Worth, Holder of title to Alderton, later wife of George Worth of Dauntsey | 1532 - after 1534; exact end unknown

Transfer: Held title after the death of Thomas Gore; later remarried George Worth

Holding: Not stated / Elizabeth Gore's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. Giles Gore II, Holder of Alderton estate, Wiltshire justice of the peace in 1558 | after 1532; before 1562 - before 1576

Transfer: Inherited the estate from his parents' generation; exact date and instrument not identified

Holding: Not stated / Giles Gore II's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Richard Gore, Gore landholder of Alderton and other Wiltshire estates | before 1562 - 1583

Transfer: Succeeded Giles Gore II; exact date of succession not identified

Holding: Not stated / Richard Gore's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. Edward Gore, Gore landholder and military officer | 1583 - after 1622; exact end unknown

Transfer: Inherited as Richard Gore's heir; exact date of legal vesting not identified

Holding: Not stated / Edward Gore's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. Charles Gore, Lord of Alderton | 1621-1622 - before 1654; exact end unknown

Transfer: Received the Alderton manor house and appurtenances through a family settlement associated with his marriage; exact legal extent of his interest is not fully stated

Holding: Not stated / Charles and Lydia Gore

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

15. Thomas Gore the antiquarian, Lord of Alderton, High Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1680 | January 1654 - 31 March 1684

Transfer: Inherited the estate at his mother's death in January 1654

Holding: Not stated / Thomas Gore's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

16. Thomas Gore junior, Holder of Alderton, son and heir of Thomas Gore the antiquarian | 31 March 1684 - 1697

Transfer: Inherited after the death of his father, Thomas Gore the antiquarian

Holding: Not stated / Later Gore tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

17. Trustees under the will of Thomas Gore junior, Trustees administering Alderton manor | 1697 - 1698-1707; exact end unknown

Transfer: Trust administration following Thomas Gore junior's death during the minority of Charles Gore

Holding: Trust / Trustees administered the manor for the minor Charles Gore / Alderton manor trust during Charles Gore's minority

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

18. Charles Gore, Lord of Alderton | 1697 - 1710

Transfer: Beneficial heir after the death of his father; trustees administered during his minority, after which Charles issued leases in his own name

Holding: Not stated / Charles Gore's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

19. Elizabeth Gore, later Elizabeth Hedges, Lady of Alderton Manor | 1710 or 1714 - 1743

Transfer: Manor passed after the death of Charles Gore; the precise vesting date is uncertain.

Elizabeth was recorded as Lady of the Manor in 1714

Holding: Not stated / Elizabeth Gore-Hedges tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

20. William Hedges, Hedges estate holder at Alderton, of Compton Bassett | 1714 - 1757

Transfer: Held the estate through and after his marriage to Elizabeth Gore; exact legal vesting and date of sole ownership are not fully stated

Holding: Other / Not stated / Hedges tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

21. Thomas Hedges, Holder of Alderton estate | 1757 - 1762

Transfer: Inherited from his father William Hedges

Holding: Not stated / Late Hedges tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

22. Eleanor Hedges, later Eleanor Montagu, Heiress and holder of Alderton, wife of James Montagu of Lackham | 1762 - 1766

Transfer: Inherited after the death of Thomas Hedges; she had married James Montagu before inheriting

Holding: Not stated / Eleanor Hedges-Montagu tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

23. James Montagu IV, Montagu of Lackham, holder of the Alderton estate | 1766 - 1790

Transfer: Estate passed to the Montagu family after the death of Eleanor Hedges Montagu; precise legal instrument not identified

Holding: Not stated / Montagu family of Lackham

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

24. James Montagu V, Montagu of Lackham, holder of Alderton | 1790 - 1797

Transfer: Inherited from his father James Montagu IV

Holding: Not stated / James Montagu V's tenure

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

25. George Courtenay Conway Montagu, Late Montagu estate proprietor or disposing party | after 1797 - 1827

Transfer: Late Montagu estate holder or disposing proprietor; exact legal descent and the effect of Chancery proceedings are unresolved

Holding: Other / Unclear because of Chancery proceedings, debts and gradual sale / Late Montagu estate and sale

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

26. Joseph Neeld, Owner of Alderton from 1827, later MP for Chippenham | 1827 - unknown; the Neeld family remained associated with the estate into the 20th century

Transfer: Purchased the Alderton estate from the late Montagu estate through an agreement involving John Hannam Knipton; the purchase price was £61,000 plus £1,000 for timber

Holding: The agreement covered approximately 1,896 acres at Alderton and Hullavington; the precise manor acreage is not separately stated / Neeld ownership of Alderton

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1086 - after 1086; before the later medieval Clifford phase

Ralph de Mortimer, Tenant-in-chief in Domesday Book

Transfer:

Domesday tenant-in-chief; no later transfer instrument identified

Previous holder:

Algar, Alric, Godric and Godwin are listed as pre-Conquest holders of this Domesday holding

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Tenant-in-chief of one of the two recorded Alderton holdings; immediate lordship was recorded separately

Shared holding:

Domesday holding under Ralph de Mortimer

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday Book records the Alderton holding under Ralph de Mortimer. Richard of Brampton and Walter are listed as the immediate lords in 1086. This entry represents superior tenure and should not be read as proof that Ralph personally occupied or directly administered every part of the estate.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Wiltshire 41,9, as transcribed by Open Domesday; corroborated by Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 10-11.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/ST8382/alderton/>

Other parties:

Richard of Brampton, Walter

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ralph-de-mortimer-27569

Person dates:

fl. 11th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - unknown

Richard of Brampton and Walter, Lords recorded under Ralph de Mortimer at Alderton

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Transfer:

Immediate lordship recorded in Domesday Book; subsequent transfer not identified

Previous holder:

Algar, Alric, Godric and Godwin

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Immediate lords of the Mortimer Domesday holding

Narrative / explanation:

Richard of Brampton and Walter are listed as lords in 1086 under Ralph de Mortimer's tenant-in-chief holding. The sources do not establish whether they held jointly, successively, or in separate portions; the names are grouped only because the Domesday transcription lists them together.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Wiltshire 41,9, Open Domesday transcription.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/ST8382/alderton/>

Other parties:

Richard of Brampton, Walter

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-of-brampton-and-walter-27570

Person dates:

fl. 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1086 - unknown

Drogo son of Poyntz, Tenant-in-chief in Domesday Book**Transfer:**

Domesday tenant-in-chief; later transfer not identified

Previous holder:

Edric is listed as the pre-Conquest holder of this Domesday holding

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Tenant-in-chief of the second recorded Alderton holding; immediate lordship was recorded separately

Shared holding:

Domesday holding under Drogo son of Poyntz

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday Book records the second Alderton holding under Drogo son of Poyntz, with Hugh as immediate lord. This is a separate Domesday tenure and should not be conflated with the Mortimer holding.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Wiltshire 49,3, as transcribed by Open Domesday; corroborated by Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 9-11.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/ST8382/alderton/>

Other parties:

Hugh

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=drogo-son-of-poyntz-27571

Person dates:

fl. 11th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1086 - unknown

Hugh, Immediate lord recorded under Drogo son of Poyntz

Transfer:

Immediate lordship recorded in Domesday Book; subsequent transfer not identified

Previous holder:

Edric

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Immediate lord of the Poyntz Domesday holding

Narrative / explanation:

Hugh is named in Domesday Book as the immediate lord of the Alderton holding under Drogo son of Poyntz. No later descent from Hugh is established in the sources consulted.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Wiltshire 49,3, Open Domesday transcription.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/ST8382/alderton/>

Other parties:

Hugh

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hugh-27572

Person dates:

fl. 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

circa 1240 - 1382

Clifford family of Clifford's Castle, Lords of Alderton according to the local historical account

Transfer:

Later medieval lordship is attributed to the Cliffords; the precise acquisition and transfer instrument is unknown

Previous holder:

Mortimer and Poyntz-related tenure; exact transfer not stated

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Overlordship or superior lordship; precise division of the estate is unclear

Shared holding:

Clifford phase of Alderton lordship

Narrative / explanation:

The local history states that Aldrington was held of the Crown by the Mortimers at Domesday and afterwards by the Cliffords of Clifford's Castle. It dates the Clifford phase broadly to about 1240-1382. The source also states that the principal estate under the Cliffords belonged to William Hartham, so this entry records the Clifford lordship as distinct from the local or mesne holding of the Hartham-related holders.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 17-19, citing Rev. J. E. Jackson and medieval local records.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Clifford family of Clifford's Castle

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=clifford-family-of-clifford-s-castle-27573

Person dates:

13th-14th centuries

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1242-1243 - unknown****Henry de Hertham, Holder at Alderton****Transfer:**

Direct holding recorded for 1242-1243; later transfer not identified

Previous holder:

Clifford overlordship; exact transfer into Henry de Hertham's hands not stated

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Principal or local estate holding under Clifford lordship; precise interest not stated

Shared holding:

Hartham-related Alderton holding

Narrative / explanation:

The local history states that Henry de Hertham held Alderton in 1242-1243. It presents the Hartham family as holding the principal estate under the Cliffords. This entry does not infer that Henry held the whole manor to the exclusion of other interests.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., p. 18, citing the medieval evidence summarized by Rev. J. E. Jackson.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Henry de Hertham

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=henry-de-hertham-27574

Person dates:

fl. 1242-1243

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1316 - unknown****John de Hertham, Hugo de Davereswell and Robert de Harlegh, Lords of Aldrynton in the 1316 Wiltshire return****Transfer:**

Named as lords in the 1316 return; subsequent transfer not identified

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Previous holder:

Earlier Hartham-related holding; precise transfer not stated

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Lords of Aldrynton in the 1316 Nomina Villarum return

Narrative / explanation:

The 1316 return for Wiltshire names John de Hertham, Hugo de Davereswell and Robert de Harlegh as the owners or lords of Aldrynton. The source does not explain whether this represents joint ownership, separate portions, or a combination of lordship and mesne tenure, so the group is recorded without assigning shares.

Source citation:

1316 Nomina Villarum return for Wiltshire, as quoted in Tony Pratt, *The Manor of Alderton*, 3rd ed., p. 18.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

John de Hertham, Hugo de Davereswell, Robert de Harlegh

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-de-hertham-hugo-de-davereswell-and-robert-de-harlegh-27575

Person dates:

fl. 1316

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1382 - after 1414; exact end unknown

William Gore, Purchaser and lord of Alderton

Transfer:

Purchased Alderton in 1382; seller and conveyance instrument are not identified in the source

Previous holder:

Unknown; possibly connected with the preceding Clifford-Hartham lordship, but no transfer is documented

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Beginning of the Gore lordship

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Narrative / explanation:

The local history states that William Gore purchased Alderton in 1382. It expressly notes that the deeds relating to the purchase have not survived and that the seller is not identified. A rent roll records a court baron held by William at Alderton on 20 October 1414, confirming his manorial authority by that date.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 28 and 30-31, citing Thomas Gore's 1666 family register, Rev. J. E. Jackson's manuscripts and the Alderton rent roll.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

William Gore

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-gore-27576

Person dates:

fl. 1382-1414

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

before 1532 - 1532

Thomas Gore, Lord of Alderton

Transfer:

Inherited or otherwise held the manor; precise preceding conveyance not identified

Previous holder:

Earlier Gore holders; the exact intervening descent is incompletely documented

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Gore lordship before 1532

Narrative / explanation:

An inscription in Alderton church commemorates Thomas Gore as the late lord of the town and records his death on 22 July 1532. The source does not provide a complete documentary chain from William Gore of 1382 to this Thomas Gore, so the intervening descent is left open.

Source citation:

Inscription recorded by Thomas Gore in Syntagma Genealogicum and discussed in Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 38-40.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Thomas Gore

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-gore-27577

Person dates:

died 22 July 1532

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1532 - after 1534; exact end unknown

Elizabeth Gore, later Elizabeth Worth, Holder of title to Alderton, later wife of George Worth of Dauntsey

Transfer:

Held title after the death of Thomas Gore; later remarried George Worth

Previous holder:

Thomas Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Elizabeth Gore's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Elizabeth survived Thomas Gore by 22 years and later married George Worth of Dauntsey. It also records that in 1534 Giles appeared as son and heir apparent to Elizabeth and her second husband George Worth while his mother still held title to the manor. The source does not establish the exact date on which Elizabeth's title ended.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 39 and 44, citing the Gore family register and associated records.

Source URL:

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Other parties:

Elizabeth Gore, George Worth

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-gore-27577

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=elizabeth-gore-later-elizabeth-worth-27578

Person dates:

died 1554

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

after 1532; before 1562 - before 1576

Giles Gore II, Holder of Alderton estate, Wiltshire justice of the peace in 1558

Transfer:

Inherited the estate from his parents' generation; exact date and instrument not identified

Previous holder:

Elizabeth Gore and Thomas Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Giles Gore II's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Giles Gore was son and heir apparent to Elizabeth and George Worth in 1534, and that their son Giles II inherited the estate. Giles's will was dated in 1562. His son Richard was described as his successor, but the exact date of Giles's death and the legal transfer are not supplied.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 39-41 and 49, citing the Gore family register, wills and related records.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Giles Gore II

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=giles-gore-ii-27579

Person dates:

fl. 1534-1562

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12

before 1562 - 1583

Richard Gore, Gore landholder of Alderton and other Wiltshire estates

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Transfer:

Succeeded Giles Gore II; exact date of succession not identified

Previous holder:

Giles Gore II

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Richard Gore's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source expressly states that Giles was succeeded by his son Richard. Richard is documented as owning land at Alderton and other Wiltshire places. He died in 1583; his heir was Edward Gore.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 49-50 and 57-58, citing Thomas Gore's Syntagma Genealogicum and Richard Gore's will and inventory.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Richard Gore

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=giles-gore-ii-27579

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-gore-27580

Person dates:

1543-1583

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1583 - after 1622; exact end unknown

Edward Gore, Gore landholder and military officer

Transfer:

Inherited as Richard Gore's heir; exact date of legal vesting not identified

Previous holder:

Richard Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Edward Gore's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source identifies Edward as Richard Gore's heir and records him as owning lands at Alderton and several neighbouring places. In 1622 Edward and his wife were associated with the manor house of Aldrington alias Alderton and its appurtenances, while Charles Gore received the relevant family property arrangements described in the marriage settlement.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 57-68, citing the Gore family register, an indenture of 1589 and a 1621-1622 family settlement.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Edward Gore

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-gore-27580

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-gore-27581

Person dates:

born 25 February 1566; death date not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

1621-1622 - before 1654; exact end unknown

Charles Gore, Lord of Alderton

Transfer:

Received the Alderton manor house and appurtenances through a family settlement associated with his marriage; exact legal extent of his interest is not fully stated

Previous holder:

Edward Gore and the preceding Gore estate

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Charles and Lydia Gore

Narrative / explanation:

A family settlement associated with Charles Gore's marriage to Lydia White is described as including the manor house of Aldrington alias Alderton and its appurtenances. The source also records that Charles was a Gore landholder at Alderton. Because the surviving summary does not reproduce the full settlement or specify whether the entire manor, the manor house, or particular appurtenances were vested in Charles, the entry preserves that limitation.

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Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 66-69, citing the 1621-1622 family settlement and the Gore family register.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Charles Gore, Lydia White

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-gore-27586

Person dates:

born 1685; died 1710

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15

January 1654 - 31 March 1684

Thomas Gore the antiquarian, Lord of Alderton, High Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1680

Transfer:

Inherited the estate at his mother's death in January 1654

Previous holder:

His mother, Mary Gore, acting within the preceding Gore family estate

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Thomas Gore's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Thomas Gore retired to his inheritance at Alderton on his mother's death in January 1654. The Alderton court record for 3 July 1663 explicitly addresses him as Lord of the Manor. He died at Alderton on 31 March 1684 and was buried in the parish church.

Source citation:

Alderton Court Rolls, W&SHC 1305/1, entry of 3 July 1663, quoted in Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 79 and 85-87; death and burial are discussed on pp. 86-87.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Thomas Gore the antiquarian

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-gore-the-antiquarian-27583

Person dates:

died 31 March 1684

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16

31 March 1684 - 1697

Thomas Gore junior, Holder of Alderton, son and heir of Thomas Gore the antiquarian

Transfer:

Inherited after the death of his father, Thomas Gore the antiquarian

Previous holder:

Thomas Gore the antiquarian

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Later Gore tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that Thomas Gore junior inherited after the death of his father in 1684. He died in 1697, after which the manor was administered by trustees during the minority of his son Charles Gore.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 86-91, citing the Gore family register, parish registers and Alderton court records.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Thomas Gore junior

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-gore-the-antiquarian-27583

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-gore-junior-27584

Person dates:

died 1697

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17**1697 - 1698-1707; exact end unknown****Trustees under the will of Thomas Gore junior, Trustees administering Alderton manor****Transfer:**

Trust administration following Thomas Gore junior's death during the minority of Charles Gore

Previous holder:

Thomas Gore junior

Holding arrangement:

trust

Share / interest:

Trustees administered the manor for the minor Charles Gore

Shared holding:

Alderton manor trust during Charles Gore's minority

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that after Thomas Gore junior died in 1697, the manor was administered by trustees established under his will. Mary Gore, Thomas's mother, is identified as one of the trustees. Leases from 1698 to 1707 were issued during this period, and Charles Gore later began issuing leases in his own name.

Source citation:

Alderton Court Rolls, W&SHC 1305/1, and lease reference W&SHC 84/46, discussed in Tony Pratt, *The Manor of Alderton*, 3rd ed., pp. 89-91.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Mary Gore, Other trustees appointed by Thomas Gore junior's will

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-gore-junior-27584

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=mary-gore-and-the-trustees-under-thomas-gore-junior-s-will-27585

Person dates:

trust active after 1697, during Charles Gore's minority

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 18**1697 - 1710****Charles Gore, Lord of Alderton****Transfer:**

Beneficial heir after the death of his father; trustees administered during his minority, after which Charles issued leases in his own name

Previous holder:

Thomas Gore junior and the trustees under his will

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Charles Gore's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

Charles Gore, born in 1685, was under age when his father died in 1697. The court records show trustee administration during his minority, followed by leases issued by Charles in his own name from 1698-1707. He was described in an Alderton church memorandum as the late Lord of the Manor when he died in 1710.

Source citation:

Alderton Court Rolls, W&SHC 1305/1; Alderton lease material, W&SHC 84/46; and Alderton parish record memorandum, all discussed in Tony Pratt, *The Manor of Alderton*, 3rd ed., pp. 89-91.

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Other parties:

Charles Gore

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-gore-27586

Person dates:

born 1685; died 1710

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 19**1710 or 1714 - 1743****Elizabeth Gore, later Elizabeth Hedges, Lady of Alderton Manor**

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Transfer:

Manor passed after the death of Charles Gore; the precise vesting date is uncertain. Elizabeth was recorded as Lady of the Manor in 1714

Previous holder:

Charles Gore

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Elizabeth Gore-Hedges tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The Alderton parish register records that Elizabeth Gore, later Elizabeth Hedges, married William Hedges on 18 May 1714 and describes her as Lady of the Manor. The source treats her as the successor after the childless death of Charles Gore in 1710. She died in 1743. William Hedges was associated with the estate through the marriage, but the source most directly identifies Elizabeth as Lady of the Manor.

Source citation:

Alderton parish register entry of 18 May 1714 and related estate discussion in Tony Pratt, *The Manor of Alderton*, 3rd ed., pp. 90-93.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Elizabeth Gore, William Hedges

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=charles-gore-27586

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=elizabeth-gore-later-elizabeth-hedges-27587

Person dates:

died 1743

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 20**1714 - 1757****William Hedges, Hedges estate holder at Alderton, of Compton Bassett****Transfer:**

Held the estate through and after his marriage to Elizabeth Gore; exact legal vesting and date of sole ownership are not fully stated

Previous holder:

Elizabeth Gore and the preceding Gore estate

ALDERTON MANOR

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Hedges tenure

Narrative / explanation:

William Hedges of Compton Bassett married Elizabeth Gore, Lady of the Manor, in 1714. After Elizabeth's death in 1743, the estate remained in the Hedges family; William died in 1757, when the source states that his third son Thomas inherited. Because the summary does not reproduce the settlement or identify the exact legal interest of William after Elizabeth's death, this entry is marked as other rather than sole ownership.

Source citation:

Alderton parish register entry of 18 May 1714 and estate succession discussion in Tony Pratt, *The Manor of Alderton*, 3rd ed., pp. 90-93.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

William Hedges, Elizabeth Gore

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-hedges-27588

Person dates:

died 1757

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 21**1757 - 1762****Thomas Hedges, Holder of Alderton estate****Transfer:**

Inherited from his father William Hedges

Previous holder:

William Hedges

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Late Hedges tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that when William Hedges died in 1757, his third son Thomas inherited. Thomas lived at Alderton until his death, unmarried, in 1762.

Source citation:

Estate succession discussion in Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 92-93.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Thomas Hedges

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-hedges-27588

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-hedges-27589

Person dates:

died 1762

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 22

1762 - 1766

Eleanor Hedges, later Eleanor Montagu, Heiress and holder of Alderton, wife of James Montagu of Lackham

Transfer:

Inherited after the death of Thomas Hedges; she had married James Montagu before inheriting

Previous holder:

Thomas Hedges

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Eleanor Hedges-Montagu tenure

Narrative / explanation:

After Thomas Hedges died in 1762, the estate devolved to his eldest daughter Eleanor. She had married James Montagu of Lackham in 1741 or 1744. The source states that Eleanor inherited Alderton four years before her death in 1766.

Source citation:

Estate succession discussion in Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 92-97, citing Lacock parish registers and related estate records.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Eleanor Hedges, James Montagu

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-hedges-27589

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=eleanor-hedges-later-eleanor-montagu-27590

Person dates:

died 1766

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 23

1766 - 1790

James Montagu IV, Montagu of Lackham, holder of the Alderton estate

Transfer:

Estate passed to the Montagu family after the death of Eleanor Hedges Montagu; precise legal instrument not identified

Previous holder:

Eleanor Hedges Montagu

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Montagu family of Lackham

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that after Eleanor's death in 1766, the estate passed to the Montagu family. James Montagu died in 1790. The surviving public account does not provide a separate Alderton conveyance or clarify whether the estate passed by Eleanor's will, settlement, or another instrument.

Source citation:

Estate succession discussion in Tony Pratt, *The Manor of Alderton*, 3rd ed., pp. 93-98.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

James Montagu IV

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-montagu-iv-27591

Person dates:

died 1790

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 24**1790 - 1797****James Montagu V, Montagu of Lackham, holder of Alderton****Transfer:**

Inherited from his father James Montagu IV

Previous holder:

James Montagu IV

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

James Montagu V's tenure

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that James Montagu V inherited after his father's death. His financial difficulties and outstanding debts later contributed to the problems of the Lackham and Alderton estates.

Source citation:

Montagu succession discussion in Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 97-99.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

James Montagu V

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-montagu-iv-27591

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-montagu-v-27592

Person dates:

died 1797

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 25**after 1797 - 1827****George Courtenay Conway Montagu, Late Montagu estate proprietor or disposing party****Transfer:**

Late Montagu estate holder or disposing proprietor; exact legal descent and the effect of Chancery

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proceedings are unresolved

Previous holder:

James Montagu V and the Montagu estate trustees

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Unclear because of Chancery proceedings, debts and gradual sale

Shared holding:

Late Montagu estate and sale

Narrative / explanation:

The source records that George Montagu briefly controlled Lackham and Alderton after James Montagu's death in 1797, but expressly says that this was control rather than ownership. George Courtenay Conway Montagu subsequently became central to the indebted estate, and a surviving agreement indicates that George and his son Frederick dealt with Joseph Neeld's agent John Hannam Knipon over the sale of the Alderton estate. The exact legal ownership during the Chancery period is therefore recorded as unresolved rather than assigned as an unqualified sole holding.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 98-112, especially the discussion of the 1797 succession, Chancery proceedings and the sale agreement W&SHC 1305/16.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

George Courtenay Conway Montagu, Frederick Courtenay Montagu, Montagu estate trustees

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-courtenay-conway-montagu-27593

Person dates:

born 1776 according to one later account; death date disputed in the source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 26

1827 - unknown; the Neeld family remained associated with the estate into the 20th century

Joseph Neeld, Owner of Alderton from 1827, later MP for Chippenham

Transfer:

Purchased the Alderton estate from the late Montagu estate through an agreement involving John Hannam Knipon; the purchase price was £61,000 plus £1,000 for timber

Previous holder:

George Courtenay Conway Montagu, Frederick Courtenay Montagu and the late Montagu estate, with the precise legal vendor position affected by Chancery proceedings

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Share / interest:

The agreement covered approximately 1,896 acres at Alderton and Hullavington; the precise manor acreage is not separately stated

Shared holding:

Neeld ownership of Alderton

Narrative / explanation:

The local history identifies Joseph Neeld as the next owner of Alderton and records a 1827 agreement by which John Hannam Knipton agreed to sell and Joseph Neeld agreed to buy the hereditaments comprised in the particulars, approximately 1,896 acres at Alderton and Hullavington, for £61,000, with a further £1,000 for timber. The source's chapter heading describes the Neeld family association with Alderton as 1827-1965, while another Wiltshire summary says the Neeld estate was sold in 1966. The later succession within the Neeld family is not sufficiently detailed in the sources consulted to create separate named conveyance entries.

Source citation:

Tony Pratt, The Manor of Alderton, 3rd ed., pp. 108-113, citing the sale agreement and memorandum W&SHC 1305/16; corroborated by Wiltshire Council Community History, Alderton entry.

Source URL:

<https://www.wiltshire.ac.uk/assets/media/documents/Lackham%20History/A-history-of-Alderton-Manor-once-owned-by-the-Montagus-of-Lackham.pdf>

Other parties:

Joseph Neeld, John Hannam Knipton as agent in the sale negotiations

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=joseph-neeld-27594

Person dates:

1789-1856

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.