

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDERWASLEY MANOR

Location:

Wirksworth, Derbyshire

Recorded historical holders:

9

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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. Ferrers family, Lords of Duffield and Earls of Derby | before 1266 - 1266 or shortly thereafter

Transfer: The manor was annexed to the Earldom of Lancaster after the defeat and forfeiture of Robert de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, at the battle of Chesterfield in 1266.

Holding: Ferrers lordship

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Earldom and Duchy of Lancaster, Earldom of Lancaster | 1266 or shortly thereafter - 1528

Transfer: Following the Ferrers forfeiture, Alderwasley was annexed to the Earldom of Lancaster and later formed part of the Duchy of Lancaster. In 1528 Henry VIII granted the manor to Anthony Lowe.

Holding: Lancastrian and Crown estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Anthony Lowe, Esquire, gentleman of the bedchamber to Henry VIII, Edward VI and Mary I, hereditary forester of Duffield Frith | 1528 - after 1528; later Lowe-family descent

Transfer: Henry VIII granted the manor of Alderwasley, with lands in Alderwasley and Ashleyhay, to Anthony Lowe and his heirs by letters patent in 1528.

Holding: Lowe family / Co-holders: Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley, Edward Lowe of Alderwasley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley, Esquire, lord of Alderwasley Manor | 1599 or 1600 - before or during the minority of Edward Lowe

Transfer: On the death of Anthony Lowe, the manor was recorded as descending to his son and heir Edward Lowe, then a minor.

Holding: Lowe family / Co-holders: Anthony Lowe, Edward Lowe of Alderwasley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Edward Lowe of Alderwasley, Esquire, royalist landowner, lord of Alderwasley Manor | 1599 or 1600 - 1643 for purposes of sequestration; later status not fully established

Transfer: Edward Lowe succeeded as son and heir to Anthony Lowe. During the Civil War his estate, including Alderwasley Manor, was sequestered because he was a royalist.

Holding: Lowe family / Co-holders: Anthony Lowe, Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Richard Chadwick | 1646 - Unknown

Transfer: The sequestered manor was leased to Richard Chadwick in 1646. This was a lease or custodial tenancy and not evidence that Chadwick became lord or owner of the manor.

Holding: Other / Civil War lease or sequestration administration

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Nicholas Hurt of Castern, Esquire of Castern, Staffordshire | 1690 - 1711 or thereafter through the Hurt family

Transfer: The manor passed by marriage in 1690 to Nicholas Hurt of Castern, Staffordshire, through his marriage to Elizabeth Lowe, the Lowe heiress.

Holding: Hurt family / Co-holders: Hurt family of Alderwasley

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Hurt family of Alderwasley, Owners and lords of Alderwasley Manor, principal proprietors of the Alderwasley Hall estate | 1690 - 1930

Transfer: The manor remained with the Hurt family after its passage to Nicholas Hurt. The cited sources establish the family holding but do not provide a complete individual-by-individual succession for the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Holding: Hurt family / Co-holders: Nicholas Hurt of Castern

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Major Frank Robertson Griggs, lord of Alderwasley Manor from 1930 according to the cited catalogue | 1930 - 1941 or later; later history not established

Transfer: The Alderwasley Hall estate and manor were sold to Major Frank Robertson Griggs in 1930. He was reported still to retain the lordship in 1941.

Holding: Griggs ownership

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

before 1266 - 1266 or shortly thereafter

Ferrers family, Lords of Duffield and Earls of Derby

Transfer:

The manor was annexed to the Earldom of Lancaster after the defeat and forfeiture of Robert de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, at the battle of Chesterfield in 1266.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Ferrers lordship

Narrative / explanation:

Alderwasley is described by the Derbyshire Record Office catalogue and by the early county history as having belonged to the Ferrers family. The sources indicate that it was probably treated as a member of the wider manor of Duffield. The exact individual Ferrers holder and the precise date of the original acquisition are not established in the sources consulted.

Source citation:

Derbyshire Record Office, Manor of Alderwasley catalogue entry, DS/UK/M/3629; Magna Britannia, volume 5, Derbyshire, 1817, p. 301.

Source URL:

<https://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/CalmView/Record.aspx?id=DS%2FUK%2FM%2F3629&src=CalmView.Persons>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ferrers-family-27612

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1266 or shortly thereafter - 1528

Earldom and Duchy of Lancaster, Earldom of Lancaster

Transfer:

Following the Ferrers forfeiture, Alderwasley was annexed to the Earldom of Lancaster and later formed part of the Duchy of Lancaster. In 1528 Henry VIII granted the manor to Anthony Lowe.

Previous holder:

Ferrers family

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Shared holding:

Lancastrian and Crown estate

Narrative / explanation:

The manor remained in the possessions of the Earldom of Lancaster and subsequently the Duchy of Lancaster until the 1528 grant. The change from earldom to duchy is a change in the legal or administrative designation of the Lancastrian estate rather than a separately documented private conveyance in the sources consulted.

Source citation:

Derbyshire Record Office, Manor of Alderwasley catalogue entry, DS/UK/M/3629; Derbyshire Record Office, D164, Manor of Alderwasley and Ashleyhay, 1528-1915; Magna Britannia, volume 5, Derbyshire, 1817, p. 301.

Source URL:

<https://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/calmview/Record.aspx?id=D164&pos=5&src=CalmView.Catalog>

Other parties:

Earldom of Lancaster, Duchy of Lancaster

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ferrers-family-27612

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=earldom-and-duchy-of-lancaster-27613

Person dates:

Earldom of Lancaster from 1266; Duchy designation subsequently; held until 1528

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1528 - after 1528; later Lowe-family descent

Anthony Lowe, Esquire, gentleman of the bedchamber to Henry VIII, Edward VI and Mary I, hereditary forester of Duffield Frith

Transfer:

Henry VIII granted the manor of Alderwasley, with lands in Alderwasley and Ashleyhay, to Anthony Lowe and his heirs by letters patent in 1528.

Previous holder:

Earldom and Duchy of Lancaster

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Lowe family

Narrative / explanation:

The 1528 grant is directly documented in the Derbyshire Record Office catalogue and in an associated Lowe family record. A 1529 bond concerning the grant refers expressly to the manor of Alderwasley and related premises. The later descent from the grantee to the Elizabethan Anthony Lowe is not presented as a continuous chain here because the consulted sources do not supply every intermediate conveyance.

Source citation:

Derbyshire Record Office, D164, Manor of Alderwasley and Ashleyhay, 1528-1915; Derbyshire Record

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Office, D2535/M/12/3/5, bond and related documents concerning the grant of Alderwasley to Anthony Lowe, 16 February 1529; Magna Britannia, volume 5, Derbyshire, 1817, p. 301.

Source URL:

<https://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/calmview/TreeBrowse.aspx?field=RefNo&key=D2535%2FM%2F12%2F3%2F5&src=CalmView.Catalog>

Other parties:

Anthony Lowe

Co-holders:

Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley, Edward Lowe of Alderwasley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=earldom-and-duchy-of-lancaster-27613

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=anthony-lowe-27614

Person dates:

Active in the reign of Henry VIII; died in 1555 according to the cited genealogical material

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1599 or 1600 - before or during the minority of Edward Lowe

Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley, Esquire, lord of Alderwasley Manor

Transfer:

On the death of Anthony Lowe, the manor was recorded as descending to his son and heir Edward Lowe, then a minor.

Previous holder:

Lowe family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Lowe family

Narrative / explanation:

A nineteenth-century county history, drawing on an inquisition post mortem, states that Anthony Lowe died in the forty-second year of Elizabeth I seised of the manor of Alderwasley and associated lands, leaving Edward Lowe, his son and heir, aged eight. The date is therefore expressed as 1599 or 1600 rather than as an exact modern date. This Anthony should not be conflated without qualification with the earlier Anthony Lowe who received the 1528 grant.

Source citation:

The History, Gazetteer, and Directory of the County of Derby, 1829, section on Alderwasley, quoting the inquisition post mortem of Anthony Lowe; Derbyshire Record Office, D2535 Hurt family of Alderwasley catalogue and related Lowe documents.

Source URL:

https://www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk/app/download/25716847/The_History_of_the_County_of_Derby.pdf

Other parties:

Anthony Lowe, Edward Lowe

Co-holders:

Anthony Lowe, Edward Lowe of Alderwasley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=anthony-lowe-of-alderwasley-27615

Person dates:

Died in the 42nd year of Elizabeth I, 1599 or 1600

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1599 or 1600 - 1643 for purposes of sequestration; later status not fully established

Edward Lowe of Alderwasley, Esquire, royalist landowner, lord of Alderwasley Manor

Transfer:

Edward Lowe succeeded as son and heir to Anthony Lowe. During the Civil War his estate, including Alderwasley Manor, was sequestered because he was a royalist.

Previous holder:

Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Lowe family

Narrative / explanation:

Edward Lowe is directly linked to Alderwasley Manor by the county history, which records that he inherited it as Anthony Lowe's son and heir, and by the account of the Civil War sequestration. The sequestration was a parliamentary custody or confiscatory measure and should not be treated as a voluntary conveyance of the lordship. The sources consulted do not establish the exact date of Edward Lowe's death, the date of restoration, or the precise legal route by which the manor later passed to the Hurt family.

Source citation:

The History, Gazetteer, and Directory of the County of Derby, 1829, section on Alderwasley; Daniel and Samuel Lysons, Magna Britannia, volume 5, Derbyshire, 1817, p. 301; Derbyshire Archaeological Journal, article discussing Edward Lowe of Alderwasley and the Civil War sequestration.

Source URL:

https://www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk/app/download/25716847/The_History_of_the_County_of_Derby.pdf

Other parties:

Edward Lowe

Co-holders:

Anthony Lowe, Anthony Lowe of Alderwasley

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=anthony-lowe-of-alderwasley-27615

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-lowe-of-alderwasley-27616

Person dates:

Living in the early seventeenth century; died or was buried in the mid-seventeenth century according to conflicting genealogical references

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1646 - Unknown

Richard Chadwick

Transfer:

The sequestered manor was leased to Richard Chadwick in 1646. This was a lease or custodial tenancy and not evidence that Chadwick became lord or owner of the manor.

Previous holder:

Edward Lowe

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

Civil War lease or sequestration administration

Narrative / explanation:

Lysons records that Alderwasley Manor was sequestered as the property of Edward Lowe in 1643 and leased to Richard Chadwick in 1646. Chadwick is included to preserve the documented lease, but he is not treated as a lord or owner. The end date and subsequent legal position are not established in the cited source.

Source citation:

Daniel and Samuel Lysons, Magna Britannia, volume 5, Derbyshire, 1817, p. 301; Derbyshire Record Office, Manor of Alderwasley catalogue entry, DS/UK/M/3629.

Source URL:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b4/Magna_Britannica%3B_being_a_concise_topographical_account_of_the_several_counties_of_Great_Britain_%28IA_magnabrittanica05lyso%29.pdf

Other parties:

Richard Chadwick

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-chadwick-27617

Person dates:

Active in 1646

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1690 - 1711 or thereafter through the Hurt family****Nicholas Hurt of Castern, Esquire of Castern, Staffordshire****Transfer:**

The manor passed by marriage in 1690 to Nicholas Hurt of Castern, Staffordshire, through his marriage to Elizabeth Lowe, the Lowe heiress.

Previous holder:

Lowe family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Hurt family

Narrative / explanation:

The Derbyshire Record Office catalogue states that the manor passed by marriage to Nicholas Hurt in 1690. Lysons describes Elizabeth as the sister and heir of the last Lowe holder and says that she brought the manor and estate to Nicholas Hurt. The intervening legal history between the Civil War sequestration and the 1690 marriage is not fully documented in the sources consulted and is therefore left as a gap rather than inferred.

Source citation:

Derbyshire Record Office, Manor of Alderwasley catalogue entry, DS/UK/M/3629; Daniel and Samuel Lysons, Magna Britannia, volume 5, Derbyshire, 1817, p. 301; Derbyshire Record Office, D2535 Hurt family of Alderwasley catalogue.

Source URL:

<https://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/CalmView/Record.aspx?id=DS%2FUK%2FM%2F3629&src=CalmView.Persons>

Other parties:

Nicholas Hurt, Elizabeth Lowe

Co-holders:

Hurt family of Alderwasley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-hurt-of-castern-27618

Person dates:

Circa 1649-1711

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1690 - 1930****Hurt family of Alderwasley, Owners and lords of Alderwasley Manor, principal proprietors of the Alderwasley Hall estate**

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Transfer:

The manor remained with the Hurt family after its passage to Nicholas Hurt. The cited sources establish the family holding but do not provide a complete individual-by-individual succession for the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Previous holder:

Nicholas Hurt of Castern

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Hurt family

Narrative / explanation:

The manor catalogue states that Alderwasley remained with the Hurts until the decision to sell in 1930, apart from the Civil War sequestration. County directories and estate records identify successive Hurts as occupants, principal landowners, and lords of the manor, including Francis Hurt in the nineteenth century. Because the consulted sources do not establish every individual legal conveyance, this entry records the continuous family holding rather than inventing a detailed succession.

Source citation:

Derbyshire Record Office, Manor of Alderwasley catalogue entry, DS/UK/M/3629; Derbyshire Record Office, D164, Manor of Alderwasley and Ashleyhay; Derbyshire Record Office, D2535/M/19/1, Alderwasley estate map, 1784; White's Directory and related nineteenth-century county directories.

Source URL:

<https://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/calmview/Record.aspx?id=DS%2FUK%2FM%2F3629&src=CalmView.Persons>

Other parties:

Nicholas Hurt, Charles Hurt, Francis Hurt, Francis Edward Hurt, Francis Hurt

Co-holders:

Nicholas Hurt of Castern

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=nicholas-hurt-of-castern-27618

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hurt-family-of-alderwasley-27619

Person dates:

1690-1930 as the documented family holding period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1930 - 1941 or later; later history not established

Major Frank Robertson Griggs, lord of Alderwasley Manor from 1930 according to the cited catalogue

Transfer:

The Alderwasley Hall estate and manor were sold to Major Frank Robertson Griggs in 1930. He was reported still to retain the lordship in 1941.

Previous holder:

Hurt family of Alderwasley

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Griggs ownership

Narrative / explanation:

The Derbyshire Record Office catalogue states that the manor was sold with the Alderwasley Hall estate to Major Frank Robertson Griggs in 1930 and that he was said still to retain the lordship in 1941. This is the latest securely documented historical lordship located in the public sources consulted. The catalogue does not establish whether a later conveyance of the manorial lordship occurred after 1941.

Source citation:

Derbyshire Record Office, Manor of Alderwasley catalogue entry, DS/UK/M/3629, citing Alderwasley and the Hurts, Kelly's Directories 1878-1941, and related estate records.

Source URL:

<https://calmview.derbyshire.gov.uk/CalmView/Record.aspx?id=DS%2FUK%2FM%2F3629&src=CalmView.Persons>

Other parties:

Major Frank Robertson Griggs

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hurt-family-of-alderwasley-27619

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=major-frank-robertson-griggs-27620

Person dates:

Active as owner of Alderwasley from 1930; reported retaining the lordship in 1941

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.