

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDHAM MANOR

Location:

Aldham , Suffolk

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. Wulfwin | 1066 - 1086

Transfer: Recorded as holding Aldham in 1066; by the Domesday survey of 1086 the manor was held by Aubrey de Vere. The precise nature of the transfer is not stated.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Aubrey de Vere, Norman landholder and tenant-in-chief | 1086 - 12th century

Transfer: Held at the Domesday survey as tenant-in-chief or principal holder; the later descent was within the de Vere family.

Holding: de Vere family / Co-holders: De Vere family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. De Vere family and earls of Oxford, 5th Earl of Oxford | 12th century - 1462

Transfer: Dynastic succession and continued de Vere possession; no individual conveyances are asserted for the whole period.

Holding: de Vere family / earls of Oxford

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Richard, Duke of Gloucester, later King Richard III | 1462 - circa 1539

Transfer: Granted by Edward IV after the forfeiture of the de Vere estate following the execution of Sir John de Vere, 12th Earl of Oxford, in 1462. The later return of Aldham to the de Vere family is dated only circa 1539 in the local manorial summary.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. De Vere family, Earls of Oxford and associated de Vere family | circa 1539 - 1580

Transfer: Aldham is reported to have returned to the de Vere family circa 1539 after the period of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, and the Crown. The precise restoration instrument and individual holder are not identified.

Holding: de Vere family / Co-holders: Aubrey de Vere

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Philip Tilney, Esquire of Shelley, Suffolk | 1580 - 1609

Transfer: The Suffolk parish report records Philip Tilney as owning Aldham in 1580. The exact conveyance from the de Vere family, and the precise date of acquisition, have not been established.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Sir Edward Coke, English barrister, jurist, law officer and politician, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, Chief Justice of King's Bench, Speaker of the House of Commons, legal author, English jurist, law officer, Member of Parliament, and Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Knight, Attorney General, Solicitor General, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Attorney General of England, Solicitor General of England, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Member of Parliament. | 1609 - 1764

Transfer: The Suffolk parish report records Sir Edward Coke as owning Aldham in 1609. The conveyance from Philip Tilney or any intervening holder has not been identified.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Sir Joshua Vanneck, Merchant and landowner, 1st Baronet of Putney | 1764 - 1909

Transfer: The Suffolk parish report records Sir Joshua Vanneck as owning Aldham in 1764. The exact acquisition document and date are not established in the sources consulted.

Holding: Vanneck family / Heveningham estate interests

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard, Baronet and owner of the Belhus estate | 1909 - 1912

Transfer: The Suffolk parish report records Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard as owner in 1909 and identifies him as the principal owner in 1912. The exact acquisition instrument and the later history of the manor are not established here.

Holding: Barrett-Lennard estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - 1086

Wulfwin

Transfer:

Recorded as holding Aldham in 1066; by the Domesday survey of 1086 the manor was held by Aubrey de Vere. The precise nature of the transfer is not stated.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Suffolk Heritage Explorer parish report records a manor of Aldham held by Wulfwin in 1066. This is the earliest identified holder for the Suffolk manor, but the extent and legal character of the holding are not independently reconstructed here.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial; corroborated by the Domesday Book entry for Aldham in Suffolk.

Source URL:

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

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=wulfwin-27657

Person dates:

Recorded in 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - 12th century

Aubrey de Vere, Norman landholder and tenant-in-chief

Transfer:

Held at the Domesday survey as tenant-in-chief or principal holder; the later descent was within the de Vere family.

Previous holder:

Wulfwin

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Shared holding:

de Vere family

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday evidence records Aldham in Suffolk as belonging to Aubrey de Vere. The Domesday Book Online transcription identifies Aldham among Aubrey de Vere's Suffolk holdings. The precise date and mechanism by which the manor passed from the pre-Conquest holder to Aubrey de Vere are not stated in the cited material.

Source citation:

Domesday Book Online, Suffolk A-B, entry for Aldham; Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial.

Source URL:

<https://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/suffolk1.html>

Co-holders:

De Vere family

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=wulfwin-27657

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=aubrey-de-vere-27658

Person dates:

Died circa 1112-1113

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

12th century - 1462

De Vere family and earls of Oxford, 5th Earl of Oxford

Transfer:

Dynastic succession and continued de Vere possession; no individual conveyances are asserted for the whole period.

Previous holder:

Aubrey de Vere

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

de Vere family / earls of Oxford

Narrative / explanation:

Aldham remained within the de Vere estate complex through the later Middle Ages. It is specifically listed among the Suffolk manors of Robert de Vere, 5th Earl of Oxford, in an inquisition post mortem of 1296. A modern scholarly study likewise states that Aldham was held continuously through the later Middle Ages by the de Vere earls of Oxford. This grouped entry records continuous family possession without inventing undocumented intermediate transfers.

Source citation:

Mapping the Medieval Countryside, Inquisition Post Mortem of Robert de Vere, 5th Earl of Oxford,

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listing Aldham in Suffolk; Mark Bailey, The Decline of Serfdom in Late Medieval England, chapter 8, Aldham.

Source URL:

<https://inquisitionspostmortem.ac.uk/view/inquisition/25-477/>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=aubrey-de-vere-27658

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-vere-5th-earl-of-oxford-27659

Person dates:

Died 1296

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1462 - circa 1539

Richard, Duke of Gloucester, later King Richard III

Transfer:

Granted by Edward IV after the forfeiture of the de Vere estate following the execution of Sir John de Vere, 12th Earl of Oxford, in 1462. The later return of Aldham to the de Vere family is dated only circa 1539 in the local manorial summary.

Previous holder:

De Vere family and earls of Oxford

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The Suffolk Heritage Explorer report states that Aldham became forfeit in 1462 on the execution of Sir John de Vere, 12th Earl of Oxford, and was granted to Richard, Duke of Gloucester. A study of Richard's de Vere estates also lists Aldham among the Suffolk manors granted to him. The ending date is approximate because the cited local source says only that Aldham returned to the de Vere family circa 1539; no intervening Crown grant, settlement or conveyance has been securely identified here.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial; Richard III Society, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, and the De Vere Estates, discussing the 1462 grant and listing Aldham among the Suffolk estates.

Source URL:

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

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-vere-5th-earl-of-oxford-27659

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-duke-of-gloucester-27660

Person dates:

1452-1485

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

circa 1539 - 1580

De Vere family, Earls of Oxford and associated de Vere family

Transfer:

Aldham is reported to have returned to the de Vere family circa 1539 after the period of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, and the Crown. The precise restoration instrument and individual holder are not identified.

Previous holder:

Richard, Duke of Gloucester

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

de Vere family

Narrative / explanation:

The local manorial summary gives circa 1539 for the return of Aldham to the de Vere family. Because no specific individual or primary conveyance has been established for this restoration, the entry is retained at family level and the date is preserved as approximate.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial.

Source URL:

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

Co-holders:

Aubrey de Vere

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-duke-of-gloucester-27660

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=de-vere-family-27661

Person dates:

Medieval and early modern period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1580 - 1609

Philip Tilney, Esquire of Shelley, Suffolk

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Transfer:

The Suffolk parish report records Philip Tilney as owning Aldham in 1580. The exact conveyance from the de Vere family, and the precise date of acquisition, have not been established.

Previous holder:

De Vere family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Philip Tilney is directly linked to the Suffolk manor of Aldham by the local manorial summary. A surviving calendar of muniments also records a 1572 annuity issuing from the manor of Aldham near Hadleigh, granted by Philip Tilney of Shelley, Suffolk, providing independent near-contemporary evidence of his interest in the manor. The 1580 date is retained as supplied by the local source rather than treated as an exact conveyance date.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial; Herbert Hurst's Calendar of Muniments, Aldham 2, agreement for an annuity granted by Philip Tilney from the manor of Aldham near Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Source URL:

https://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/downloads/Adderbury_to_Astthrop_Vol.1.pdf

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=de-vere-family-27661

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=philip-tilney-27662

Person dates:

Died 13 March 1602

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1609 - 1764

Sir Edward Coke, English barrister, jurist, law officer and politician, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, Chief Justice of King's Bench, Speaker of the House of Commons, legal author, English jurist, law officer, Member of Parliament, and Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Knight, Attorney General, Solicitor General, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Attorney General of England, Solicitor General of England, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Member of Parliament.

Transfer:

The Suffolk parish report records Sir Edward Coke as owning Aldham in 1609. The conveyance from Philip Tilney or any intervening holder has not been identified.

Previous holder:

Philip Tilney

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Edward Coke is recorded as owner of Aldham by 1609. The source also links him with several other

Suffolk manors, but only the explicit Aldham entry is used here. No assumption is made that the transfer occurred by inheritance, marriage or a particular sale.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial.

Source URL:

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

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=philip-tilney-27662

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-edward-coke-27663

Person dates:

1552-1634

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1764 - 1909

Sir Joshua Vanneck, Merchant and landowner, 1st Baronet of Putney

Transfer:

The Suffolk parish report records Sir Joshua Vanneck as owning Aldham in 1764. The exact acquisition document and date are not established in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Sir Edward Coke

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Vanneck family / Heveningham estate interests

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Joshua Vanneck is recorded as owner of Aldham in 1764. Cambridge University Library confirms that the Vanneck family held extensive Suffolk estate interests and that the family papers include court records for Aldham, although the publicly available collection description does not itself specify the acquisition deed for Aldham.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, section 13, Manorial; Cambridge University Library, Vanneck papers collection description.

Source URL:

<https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/archives-modern-and-medieval-manuscripts-and-university-archives-12>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-edward-coke-27663

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-joshua-vanneck-27664

Person dates:

Died 1789

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**1909 - 1912****Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard, Baronet and owner of the Belhus estate****Transfer:**

The Suffolk parish report records Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard as owner in 1909 and identifies him as the principal owner in 1912. The exact acquisition instrument and the later history of the manor are not established here.

Previous holder:

Sir Joshua Vanneck

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Barrett-Lennard estate

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard is the latest securely evidenced historical holder found in the public sources consulted. The 1912 parish material describes him as the principal owner, while a separate archive catalogue records deeds relating to Aldham Hall Farm, Suffolk, dated 1868-1920. Those later farm deeds are not automatically treated as proof of the manorial lordship, so the manorial holding is conservatively ended at the latest direct ownership evidence in 1912.

Source citation:

Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldham parish report, sections 13 and 16, recording Sir Thomas Barrett-Lennard as owner in 1909 and principal owner in 1912; Essex Archives Online, catalogue entry recording Aldham Hall Farm, Suffolk deeds, 1868-1920.

Source URL:

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

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-joshua-vanneck-27664

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-thomas-barrett-lennard-27665

Person dates:

19th-20th century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.