

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDRIDGE MANOR

Location:

Aldridge, Staffordshire

Recorded historical holders:

7

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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. Robert d'Oilly, Immediate lord of Aldridge in 1086, held from William son of Ansculf, Norman baron, Domesday landholder, hereditary castellan of Oxford, Norman landholder, Domesday tenant-in-chief, builder and castellan of Oxford Castle | 1086 - after 1086; end date not established**

Transfer: Held as immediate lord in Domesday Book; the preceding transfer into his hands after the Norman Conquest is not documented in the sources consulted.

Holding: Not stated / Immediate lord of the Aldridge estate in 1086

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 2. Robert de Stapleton, Associated with the advowson of Aldridge and the manor of Great Barr | 1344-1345 - date of termination not established**

Transfer: Appears in a fine concerning the advowson of Aldridge and the manor of Great Barr. The precise acquisition or transfer of the manorial interest is not established.

Holding: Other / Interest in the manor or associated estate; extent not stated / Stapleton family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 3. Sir Fulk Bermingham, Held wholly or partly an interest in the Aldridge and Great Barr estate | 1368 - 1372 or later; exact end date not established**

Transfer: Later evidence places him in possession of all or part of the Aldridge and Great Barr estate, apparently following an earlier Stapleton settlement. The actual conveyance is not identified.

Holding: Other / Wholly or partly; source does not determine the extent / Bermingham family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Simon Mountford, Holder of a settlement interest in the Manor of Aldridge, formerly associated with the Mountford family of Warwickshire and Staffordshire | by 1537 - 1537

Transfer: The will of Simon Mountford records a marriage settlement concerning the Manor of Aldridge with Nicholas Rugeley. On Simon's death the manor passed to his widow, Joyce Rugeley or Joyce Mountford, according to the interpretation of the surviving will evidence.

Holding: Joint / Marriage-settlement interest; exact shares and legal form not stated / Mountford and Rugeley settlement

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Joyce Rugeley, later Joyce Mountford, Widow and holder of the Manor of Aldridge after Simon Mountford's death | 1537 - 1553

Transfer: Passed to her on the death of Simon Mountford under the marriage-settlement arrangement described in Simon's will; she thereafter exercised sole control according to the surviving will evidence.

Holding: Sole control according to the cited interpretation of the will evidence / Rugeley-Mountford

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Jordan family, Lords of the manor of Aldridge, according to the cited local history | seventeenth century; exact commencement not established - before the late eighteenth century; exact termination not established

Transfer: The manor is reported to have come into the hands of the Jordan family by the seventeenth century. The conveyance from the previous holder is not identified.

Holding: Not stated / Jordan family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Edward Croxall of Shustoke, Lord or claimant of the manor and soil of Aldridge, member of the Croxall family of Shustoke | by the late eighteenth century; expressly claimant in 1795 - after 1795; exact end date not established

Transfer: The manor was reported to have come to the Croxall family through the Jordan family, but the precise conveyance is not established. Edward Croxall's claim to the manor and soil of Aldridge was upheld during the 1795 enclosure proceedings.

Holding: Claim to the manor and soil; extent of any co-interest not stated / Croxall family of Shustoke

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1086 - after 1086; end date not established

Robert d'Oilly, Immediate lord of Aldridge in 1086, held from William son of Ansculf, Norman baron, Domesday landholder, hereditary castellan of Oxford, Norman landholder, Domesday tenant-in-chief, builder and castellan of Oxford Castle

Transfer:

Held as immediate lord in Domesday Book; the preceding transfer into his hands after the Norman Conquest is not documented in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Two unnamed thegns in 1066, as reported by the Domesday entry

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Immediate lord of the Aldridge estate in 1086

Narrative / explanation:

The Domesday entry for Aldridge, recorded as Alrewic, states that Robert was lord in 1086 and that William son of Ansculf was tenant-in-chief. The public Domesday transcription identifies Robert as Robert d'Oilly. This establishes a direct lordship link to Aldridge but does not prove the precise date or instrument by which he acquired it.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Aldridge entry, citing Domesday Book, Staffordshire 12,24

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SK0600/aldridge/>

Other parties:

Robert d'Oilly

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-d-oilly-27715

Person dates:

Active in the period of the Domesday survey; exact personal dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1344-1345 - date of termination not established

Robert de Stapleton, Associated with the advowson of Aldridge and the manor of Great Barr

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Transfer:

Appears in a fine concerning the advowson of Aldridge and the manor of Great Barr. The precise acquisition or transfer of the manorial interest is not established.

Previous holder:

Nicholas de Alrewych or an intervening holder; documentary connection not established

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Interest in the manor or associated estate; extent not stated

Shared holding:

Stapleton family

Narrative / explanation:

Robert de Stapleton was a party to a fine in 18 Edward III, 1344-1345, concerning the advowson of Aldridge and the manor of Great Barr. The source identifies this as evidence connecting him with the Aldridge and Great Barr estate. It does not establish whether he held the whole manor, a share, or an associated legal interest, so the entry is classified conservatively.

Source citation:

Eyton, Staffordshire-derived Stapleton genealogy, quoting the fine in 18 Edward III and Shaw's History of Staffordshire

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol06.html>

Other parties:

Robert de Stapleton

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-stapleton-27716

Person dates:

Active in the fourteenth century; probably the Robert de Stapleton associated with the 1344-1345 fine

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1368 - 1372 or later; exact end date not established

Sir Fulk Bermingham, Held wholly or partly an interest in the Aldridge and Great Barr estate

Transfer:

Later evidence places him in possession of all or part of the Aldridge and Great Barr estate, apparently following an earlier Stapleton settlement. The actual conveyance is not identified.

Previous holder:

Stapleton interest, possibly through an entail or settlement; exact legal route not established

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Wholly or partly; source does not determine the extent

Shared holding:

Birmingham family

Narrative / explanation:

The consulted historical account states that the settlement made by Sir Robert de Stapleton carried the Aldridge and Great Barr estates to Sir Fulk Bermingham, who was clearly seised wholly or partly of them in 1368 and 1372. Because the source does not establish whether the whole manor or only an interest passed, and because the underlying conveyance has not been examined, this is recorded as an evidenced later holding rather than as a fully proven transfer.

Source citation:

Eyton, Staffordshire-derived Stapleton genealogy, discussing Shaw's History of Staffordshire and the 1368 and 1372 evidence

Source URL:

<https://www.melocki.org.uk/eyton/Vol06.html>

Other parties:

Sir Fulk Bermingham

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-fulk-bermingham-27717

Person dates:

Active in the fourteenth century; documented in relation to Aldridge and Great Barr in 1368 and 1372

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

by 1537 - 1537

Simon Mountford, Holder of a settlement interest in the Manor of Aldridge, formerly associated with the Mountford family of Warwickshire and Staffordshire

Transfer:

The will of Simon Mountford records a marriage settlement concerning the Manor of Aldridge with Nicholas Rugeley. On Simon's death the manor passed to his widow, Joyce Rugeley or Joyce Mountford, according to the interpretation of the surviving will evidence.

Previous holder:

Nicholas Rugeley or an earlier Mountford or Rugeley interest; exact preceding conveyance not established

Holding arrangement:

joint

Share / interest:

Marriage-settlement interest; exact shares and legal form not stated

Shared holding:

Mountford and Rugeley settlement

Narrative / explanation:

The surviving will evidence of Simon Mountford, proved in 1538 and dated to 1537, indicates that a marriage settlement concerning the Manor of Aldridge had been agreed between Simon Mountford and Nicholas Rugeley. This directly links Simon to the manor, but the source does not reproduce the settlement deed or establish its exact terms.

Source citation:

Simon Mountford will, proved 30 November 1538, as summarized with reference to the surviving probate and local record evidence

Source URL:

<https://www.morganfourman.com/articles/joyce-rugeley-of-moor-hall/>

Other parties:

Simon Mountford, Nicholas Rugeley

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=simon-mountford-27718

Person dates:

Died 1537; will proved 30 November 1538

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1537 - 1553

Joyce Rugeley, later Joyce Mountford, Widow and holder of the Manor of Aldridge after Simon Mountford's death

Transfer:

Passed to her on the death of Simon Mountford under the marriage-settlement arrangement described in Simon's will; she thereafter exercised sole control according to the surviving will evidence.

Previous holder:

Simon Mountford and the associated Mountford-Rugeley settlement

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Sole control according to the cited interpretation of the will evidence

Shared holding:

Rugeley-Mountford

Narrative / explanation:

The will evidence of Simon Mountford indicates that the Manor of Aldridge passed to his widow Joyce on his death in 1537. The source describes this as a marriage settlement with Nicholas Rugeley and states that the manor then came under Joyce's sole control. Joyce died in 1553. The later disposition of the manor is not established by the sources consulted.

Source citation:

Joyce Rugeley of Moor Hall, summarizing the wills of Simon Mountford and Joyce Mountford and related record evidence

Source URL:

<https://www.morganfourman.com/articles/joyce-rugeley-of-moor-hall/>

Other parties:

Joyce Rugeley, Joyce Mountford

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=joyce-rugeley-also-joyce-mountford-27719

Person dates:

Born circa 1480; died 1553; probate granted 31 October 1553

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

seventeenth century; exact commencement not established - before the late eighteenth century; exact termination not established

Jordan family, Lords of the manor of Aldridge, according to the cited local history

Transfer:

The manor is reported to have come into the hands of the Jordan family by the seventeenth century. The conveyance from the previous holder is not identified.

Previous holder:

Joyce Rugeley or an intervening holder; documentary gap remains

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Not stated

Shared holding:

Jordan family

Narrative / explanation:

A local historical account states that the Jordans, formerly minor landowners, had risen to the status of lords of the manor by the seventeenth century. This is a direct secondary assertion linking the family to the Aldridge manor, but no online deed, fine, inquisition or other primary conveyance establishing the transition was located.

Source citation:

A. Stuart Williams, Saint Mary's in the Alder Village, local history account

Source URL:

<https://theboroughblog.wordpress.com/2011/08/19/saint-marys-in-the-alder-village/>

Other parties:

Jordan family

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=jordan-family-27720

Person dates:

Associated with Aldridge by the seventeenth century

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

by the late eighteenth century; expressly claimant in 1795 - after 1795; exact end date not established

Edward Croxall of Shustoke, Lord or claimant of the manor and soil of Aldridge, member of the Croxall family of Shustoke

Transfer:

The manor was reported to have come to the Croxall family through the Jordan family, but the precise conveyance is not established. Edward Croxall's claim to the manor and soil of Aldridge was upheld during the 1795 enclosure proceedings.

Previous holder:

Jordan family or an intervening Croxall or related holder; exact transfer not established

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Claim to the manor and soil; extent of any co-interest not stated

Shared holding:

Croxall family of Shustoke

Narrative / explanation:

By the late eighteenth century the Aldridge manor was in the hands of the Croxall family of Shustoke. During the Aldridge enclosure process, Edward Croxall and William Smallwood were both named as claimants of the manor and soil in February 1795. The local-history account states that Croxall's claim was upheld at Quarter Sessions. This is the latest securely evidenced lordship claim located, but the exact date of acquisition and any later descent are not established.

Source citation:

James Gould, Men of Aldridge, account of the 1795 Aldridge enclosure and the dispute between Edward Croxall and William Smallwood

Source URL:

<https://brownhillsbob.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/men-of-aldridge-part-one.pdf>

Other parties:

Edward Croxall

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=edward-croxall-of-shustoke-27721

Person dates:

Active in 1795; later dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.