

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALDWORTH MANOR

Location:

Aldworth, Berkshire

Recorded historical holders:

11

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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. Theodoric the goldsmith, holder of Aldworth in Domesday Book | 1086

Transfer: Domesday Book records Aldworth, written as Elleorde, as held by Theodoric the goldsmith. The earlier descent into his hands is not established here.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Thomas de Clare, Anglo-Irish nobleman and landholder | before July 1276 - July 1276

Transfer: Thomas de Clare conveyed the manor of Aldworth to Robert de Muscegros in July 1276 in exchange for Bunratty Castle, the cantred of Tradree and Ui-Corbmaig in Ireland.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Robert de Muscegros, Knight, Constable of Bristol Castle, holder of Aldworth | July 1276 - 27 December 1280

Transfer: Received Aldworth from Thomas de Clare in the July 1276 exchange involving Bunratty Castle and Irish territorial interests.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Hawise de Muscegros and John de Ferrers, Hawise: heiress of Robert de Muscegros, John: Lord Ferrers of Chartley | before 1300 - before 1312

Transfer: Hawise de Muscegros, daughter and heir of Robert de Muscegros, brought Aldworth by marriage to John de Ferrers. The marriage is documented as occurring before 1300, but the precise date of the manor settlement is not established.

Holding: Joint / Hawise de Muscegros and the Ferrers family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Sir Thomas Langford, Knight, landholder associated with Aldworth and Bradfield | after 1347 - 1391

Transfer: The manor or associated Langford estate is reported to have subsequently become the property of Sir Thomas Langford. The precise conveyance from the preceding Ferrers interest is not identified.

Holding: Langford family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Langford descendants, Descendants of Sir Thomas Langford | 1391 - 1509

Transfer: The county description states that Sir Thomas Langford's descendants continued in possession or association with the property until 1509. Individual holders and the precise transfers are not named.

Holding: Other / Langford descendants

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Sir John Norreys, member of the Norreys family and Berkshire landholder | 1558 - 1603

Transfer: The manor was reported as belonging to Sir John Norreys during the reign of Elizabeth I. The precise conveyance from the Langford interest is not identified.

Holding: Norreys family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Willoughby Bertie, 3rd Earl of Abingdon | before 1756 - 1756

Transfer: Held the manor as representative of the Bertie interest and sold it in 1756 to Richard Palmer of Sonning.

Holding: Bertie family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Richard Palmer, Esquire of Sonning, purchaser of Aldworth Manor in 1756 | 1756 - before 1899

Transfer: Purchased Aldworth Manor in 1756 from Willoughby Bertie, 3rd Earl of Abingdon.

Holding: Palmer family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. John Bligh Monck, Esquire of Coley Park, lord of Aldworth Manor by 1899 | 1899 - 1911

Transfer: The transfer from Richard Palmer or the Palmer family to the Monck family is not identified. By 1899 John Bligh Monck was recorded as lord of the manor and chief landowner.

Holding: Monck family / Co-holders: George Stanley S. Monck

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. George Stanley S. Monck, Esquire, lord of Aldworth Manor and chief landowner in 1911 | 1911

Transfer: A 1911 Berkshire directory records George Stanley S. Monck as lord of the manor and chief landowner. The precise transfer from John Bligh Monck is not identified.

Holding: Monck family / Co-holders: John Bligh Monck

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1086

Theodoric the goldsmith, holder of Aldworth in Domesday Book

Transfer:

Domesday Book records Aldworth, written as Elleorde, as held by Theodoric the goldsmith. The earlier descent into his hands is not established here.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

This is the earliest securely evidenced holder of the principal Aldworth manor. The source distinguishes the medieval Aldworth manor from the later De la Beche estate in the same parish.

Source citation:

Domesday Book, Berkshire entry for Aldworth; corroborated by Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry, and Victoria County History, Berkshire, volume IV, 1924, pages 3-8.

Source URL:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/berks/vol4>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=theodoric-the-goldsmith-27806

Person dates:

Recorded as holder in 1086

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

before July 1276 - July 1276

Thomas de Clare, Anglo-Irish nobleman and landholder

Transfer:

Thomas de Clare conveyed the manor of Aldworth to Robert de Muscegros in July 1276 in exchange for Bunratty Castle, the cantred of Tradree and Ui-Corbmaig in Ireland.

Previous holder:

Unknown; the earlier route by which Thomas de Clare acquired Aldworth is not established here.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

A near-contemporary-derived account explicitly identifies Thomas de Clare as the grantor of Aldworth in

July 1276. No inference is made from family or feudal relationships before that date.

Source citation:

Victoria County History, Berkshire, volume IV, 1924, pages 3-8; corroborated by the account citing National Archives and published medieval records for Robert de Muscegros.

Source URL:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/berks/vol4>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-de-clare-27807

Person dates:

Died 1287

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

July 1276 - 27 December 1280

Robert de Muscegros, Knight, Constable of Bristol Castle, holder of Aldworth

Transfer:

Received Aldworth from Thomas de Clare in the July 1276 exchange involving Bunratty Castle and Irish territorial interests.

Previous holder:

Thomas de Clare

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Robert de Muscegros is directly identified as recipient of the manor of Aldworth in the 1276 exchange. He died on 27 December 1280. His daughter Hawise is described as his daughter and heir, but the exact date and instrument by which her interest was realized are not supplied.

Source citation:

Victoria County History, Berkshire, volume IV, 1924, pages 3-8; Robert de Muscegros, Royal Ancestry-based account citing VCH Berkshire IV and National Archives records.

Source URL:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/berks/vol4>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-de-clare-27807

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-muscegros-27808

Person dates:

c.1252-27 December 1280

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**before 1300 - before 1312****Hawise de Muscegros and John de Ferrers, Hawise: heiress of Robert de Muscegros, John: Lord Ferrers of Chartley****Transfer:**

Hawise de Muscegros, daughter and heir of Robert de Muscegros, brought Aldworth by marriage to John de Ferrers. The marriage is documented as occurring before 1300, but the precise date of the manor settlement is not established.

Previous holder:

Robert de Muscegros

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

Hawise de Muscegros and the Ferrers family

Narrative / explanation:

The manor connection is stated in county and genealogical-historical accounts: Hawise was Robert de Muscegros's daughter and heir and brought Aldworth to the Ferrers family by marriage. This entry records the marital holding without asserting a separate legal conveyance date. John de Ferrers died in Gascony in 1312; the subsequent Ferrers descent is not fully reconstructed from the sources located.

Source citation:

Victoria County History, Berkshire, volume IV, 1924, pages 3-8; corroborating account of Hawise de Muscegros and John de Ferrers citing Complete Peerage, Calendar of Papal Letters and related medieval records.

Source URL:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/berks/vol4>

Other parties:

Hawise de Muscegros, John de Ferrers

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=robert-de-muscegros-27808

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hawise-de-muscegros-and-john-de-ferrers-27809

Person dates:

Hawise active late thirteenth and early fourteenth century; John de Ferrers died 1312

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5**after 1347 - 1391****Sir Thomas Langford, Knight, landholder associated with Aldworth and Bradfield**

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Transfer:

The manor or associated Langford estate is reported to have subsequently become the property of Sir Thomas Langford. The precise conveyance from the preceding Ferrers interest is not identified.

Previous holder:

Ferrers interest; exact preceding holder unknown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Langford family

Narrative / explanation:

Nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century county descriptions state that after the estates passed to the sisters of Sir Nicholas de la Beche, the property subsequently became that of Sir Thomas Langford, who died in 1391. Because the same descriptions also discuss a separate De la Beche manor in Aldworth, this entry preserves the reported association but warns that the source tradition may conflate or compress the principal Aldworth manor and the De la Beche estate. The exact conveyance is therefore unknown.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry; Berkshire historical directory material; compare Victoria County History, Berkshire, volume IV, 1924, pages 3-8, for the distinction between Aldworth and De la Beche holdings.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/berkshire/aldworth>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-thomas-langford-27810

Person dates:

Died 1391

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**1391 - 1509****Langford descendants, Descendants of Sir Thomas Langford****Transfer:**

The county description states that Sir Thomas Langford's descendants continued in possession or association with the property until 1509. Individual holders and the precise transfers are not named.

Previous holder:

Sir Thomas Langford

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

Langford descendants

Narrative / explanation:

This is a documented but non-personal succession statement. No individual Langford descendant is

entered because the available source does not identify the persons who held the manor or the instruments by which it descended.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry, reporting that the Langford descendants continued there until 1509.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/berkshire/aldworth>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-thomas-langford-27810

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=langford-descendants-27811

Person dates:

Reported to 1509

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

1558 - 1603

Sir John Norreys, member of the Norreys family and Berkshire landholder

Transfer:

The manor was reported as belonging to Sir John Norreys during the reign of Elizabeth I. The precise conveyance from the Langford interest is not identified.

Previous holder:

Langford descendants; exact transfer unknown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Norreys family

Narrative / explanation:

The date is expressed as the reign of Elizabeth I rather than an exact year because that is the precision supplied by the source. The source identifies Sir John Norreys as holder of the manor, but does not provide the transfer instrument or exact date.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry; corroborating Berkshire historical accounts of the Norreys family in the Aldworth and neighbouring Yattendon area.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/berkshire/aldworth>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-norreys-27812

Person dates:

Sixteenth century; associated with the reign of Elizabeth I

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**before 1756 - 1756****Willoughby Bertie, 3rd Earl of Abingdon****Transfer:**

Held the manor as representative of the Bertie interest and sold it in 1756 to Richard Palmer of Sonning.

Previous holder:

Bertie family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Bertie family

Narrative / explanation:

The source states that the manor passed from Sir John Norreys to the Berties and that Willoughby Bertie, 3rd Earl of Abingdon, sold it in 1756. The date of the earlier Norreys-to-Bertie transfer is not supplied.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry, quoting the historical descent of the manor.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/berkshire/aldworth>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=willoughby-bertie-27813

Person dates:

1740-1799

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**1756 - before 1899****Richard Palmer, Esquire of Sonning, purchaser of Aldworth Manor in 1756****Transfer:**

Purchased Aldworth Manor in 1756 from Willoughby Bertie, 3rd Earl of Abingdon.

Previous holder:

Willoughby Bertie, 3rd Earl of Abingdon

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Palmer family

Narrative / explanation:

Richard Palmer of Sonning is directly named as purchaser in 1756. The date and circumstances of the subsequent transfer to the Monck family are not established by the sources located.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/berkshire/aldworth>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=willoughby-bertie-27813

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=richard-palmer-27814

Person dates:

Eighteenth century; dates not established in the located source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1899 - 1911

John Bligh Monck, Esquire of Coley Park, lord of Aldworth Manor by 1899

Transfer:

The transfer from Richard Palmer or the Palmer family to the Monck family is not identified. By 1899 John Bligh Monck was recorded as lord of the manor and chief landowner.

Previous holder:

Richard Palmer or Palmer family; exact transfer unknown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Monck family

Narrative / explanation:

John Bligh Monck's lordship is directly attested by Kelly's Directory of Berkshire for 1899. The source does not state when or by what instrument the manor passed from the Palmer family.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1899, Aldworth entry.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/berkshire/aldworth>

Co-holders:

George Stanley S. Monck

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-bligh-monck-27815

Person dates:

Nineteenth century; dates not established in the located source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

1911

George Stanley S. Monck, Esquire, lord of Aldworth Manor and chief landowner in 1911

Transfer:

A 1911 Berkshire directory records George Stanley S. Monck as lord of the manor and chief landowner. The precise transfer from John Bligh Monck is not identified.

Previous holder:

John Bligh Monck or Monck family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Monck family

Narrative / explanation:

This is the latest securely located public-source holder evidence for the principal Aldworth Manor. The source does not establish whether George Stanley S. Monck acquired the manor by inheritance, conveyance, settlement or another arrangement.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1911, Aldworth entry, reproduced in the digitized directory extract.

Source URL:

<https://leicester.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/api/collection/p16445coll4/id/226801/download>

Co-holders:

John Bligh Monck

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-stanley-s-monck-27816

Person dates:

Active as holder in 1911; other dates not established in the located source

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.