

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALETHORPE MANOR

Location:

Alethorpe, Norfolk

Recorded historical holders:

4

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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. **Earl Harold, Earl of Wessex, King Harold II of England from January 1066 | 1066 - 1066**

Transfer: Held immediately before the Norman Conquest; no separate conveyance is recorded in the source used.

Holding: Entire recorded estate

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. **King William I, King of England, 1066-1087, Duke of Normandy, King of England (1066-1087) | 1086 - 1086**

Transfer: The estate appears in the Domesday survey in the royal holding after the Norman Conquest; the precise legal mechanism of transfer from Earl Harold is not stated in the cited source.

Holding: Entire recorded estate / Royal holding

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. **William Dye | circa 1580 - 1604**

Transfer: Acquisition and the precise nature of the interest are unknown. The evidence places William Dye as the landlord or manorial demesne holder involved in Alethorpe disputes, but does not document a conveyance to him or establish that he held every component of the manor.

Holding: Other / Unspecified manorial or demesne interest; extent not established

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. **Sir Lawrence John Jones, Baronet, of Cranmer Hall | 1896 - 1912**

Transfer: The transfer from the preceding holder is not identified in the sources consulted. By 1896 the directory explicitly records Sir Lawrence John Jones of Cranmer Hall as lord of the manor and sole landowner; the same status is repeated in the 1904 and 1912 directory evidence.

Holding: Entire recorded manor and sole landownership as described by the directory / Jones family of Cranmer Hall

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - 1066

Earl Harold, Earl of Wessex, King Harold II of England from January 1066

Transfer:

Held immediately before the Norman Conquest; no separate conveyance is recorded in the source used.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Entire recorded estate

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday-derived evidence identifies Alethorpe, recorded as Alatorp, as held by Earl Harold in 1066.

This is evidence of the pre-Conquest lordship, not a documented private conveyance.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Alethorpe, TF9431, summarising Domesday Book evidence for the pre-Conquest and 1086 lords.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/TF9431/alethorpe/>

Other parties:

Earl Harold

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=harold-earl-of-wessex-27817

Person dates:

died 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1086 - 1086

King William I, King of England, 1066-1087, Duke of Normandy, King of England (1066-1087)

Transfer:

The estate appears in the Domesday survey in the royal holding after the Norman Conquest; the precise legal mechanism of transfer from Earl Harold is not stated in the cited source.

Previous holder:

Earl Harold

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Entire recorded estate

Shared holding:

Royal holding

Narrative / explanation:

Alethorpe was recorded in Domesday Book as Alatorp, with King William both tenant-in-chief and immediate lord in 1086. The entry records the royal holding but does not supply a detailed conveyance or intervening feudal tenant.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Alethorpe, TF9431, summarising the Domesday Book entry and identifying King William as tenant-in-chief and lord in 1086.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/TF9431/alethorpe/>

Other parties:

King William I

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=harold-earl-of-wessex-27817

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-i-of-england-14671

Person dates:

c.1028-1087

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

circa 1580 - 1604

William Dye

Transfer:

Acquisition and the precise nature of the interest are unknown. The evidence places William Dye as the landlord or manorial demesne holder involved in Alethorpe disputes, but does not document a conveyance to him or establish that he held every component of the manor.

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Unspecified manorial or demesne interest; extent not established

Narrative / explanation:

Research on the Alethorpe enclosure disputes identifies William Dye as the landlord in proceedings concerning a thirty-acre croft, the manor's foldcourse, enclosure, common rights, and sheep pasture in 1580. A further petition by the poor inhabitants of Alethorpe in 1604 complained of Dye's treatment of their common and cultivated land. These sources directly link Dye to the Alethorpe manorial economy and demesne, but the surviving evidence located does not prove a complete legal title to the manor or

specify the transfer by which he acquired his interest.

Source citation:

David Belcher, "The Chiefest Wealth of Our Country": Land, Lordship and Rural Society in Norfolk, doctoral thesis, University of East Anglia, discussion of Alethorpe and William Dye, citing A. Hassell Smith and G. M. Baker, The Papers of Nathaniel Bacon of Stiffkey, volume II, Norfolk Record Society XLIX (1982), pp. 131, 152; and related enclosure evidence.

Source URL:

https://ueaeprints.uea.ac.uk/59229/1/Belcher_-_combined_files.pdf

Other parties:

William Dye

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-dye-27818

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1896 - 1912

Sir Lawrence John Jones, Baronet, of Cranmer Hall

Transfer:

The transfer from the preceding holder is not identified in the sources consulted. By 1896 the directory explicitly records Sir Lawrence John Jones of Cranmer Hall as lord of the manor and sole landowner; the same status is repeated in the 1904 and 1912 directory evidence.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Entire recorded manor and sole landownership as described by the directory

Shared holding:

Jones family of Cranmer Hall

Narrative / explanation:

Late Victorian and Edwardian directory evidence directly identifies Sir Lawrence John Jones, baronet, of Cranmer Hall, as lord of the manor and sole landowner of Alethorpe. The 1896 entry describes Alethorpe as a former extra-parochial tract and then a parish consisting of one farm; the 1904 and 1912 evidence repeats Jones's lordship and sole landownership. No conveyance, inheritance instrument, or date of acquisition was located, so the earlier descent into the Jones family remains an unbridged gap.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Norfolk, 1896, Alethorpe entry; Kelly's Directory of Norfolk, 1904, Alethorpe entry; Kelly's Directory of Norfolk, 1912, Alethorpe entry.

Source URL:

<https://www.scribd.com/document/443191887/Kelly-s-Directory-Norfolk-1896>

Other parties:

Sir Lawrence John Jones, Baronet

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-lawrence-john-jones-baronet-27819

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.