

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALEXANDERSTONE AND MARA MOTA MANOR

Location:

Brecknockshire

Recorded historical holders:

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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. William Awbrey, Doctor of Civil Law | 25 March 1576 - 25 March 1597

Transfer: Lease under letters patent dated 16 November 1575, for twenty-one years beginning on 25 March 1576.

Holding: Other

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. John Morgan and Charles Williams, Esquire | 19 September 1687 - 10 April 1697

Transfer: Legal settlement by covenant to levy a fine, followed by an exemplification of a final concord in a fine levied in the Court of Great Sessions for Brecknockshire on 19 September 1687 and recorded by exemplification on 10 April 1697.

Holding: Joint / Joint plaintiffs in the fine; the precise beneficial uses are not stated in the catalogue abstract.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Thomas Morgan of Tredegar, Esquire | 12 September 1687 - 19 September 1687

Transfer: Documented as deforciant in the related fine and as the owner or possessor whose properties were placed under settlement; the exact legal effect of the settlement is not fully stated in the catalogue abstract.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. William Gwynne Vaughan of Penymaes, Llanvillo, Esquire, parish of Llanvillo | Before 13 March 1841 - 13 March 1841

Transfer: Testamentary disposition: the abstract of his will lists the manor of Mara Mota among his property. The specific beneficiary or devisee of Mara Mota is not identified in the catalogue

abstract.

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

25 March 1576 - 25 March 1597

William Awbrey, Doctor of Civil Law

Transfer:

Lease under letters patent dated 16 November 1575, for twenty-one years beginning on 25 March 1576.

Previous holder:

The Crown, in the context of the Crown's administration of former Buckingham possessions

Holding arrangement:

other

Narrative / explanation:

The 1579 letters patent states that the manor of Mara Mota had been let to William Awbrey by letters patent of 16 November 1575 for twenty-one years starting on the following 25 March. The same patent describes Alexanderstone as part of the lands and possessions of Edward, late Duke of Buckingham. This entry records William Awbrey's documented leasehold interest and does not treat him as proven lord of the manor. The catalogue description does not establish whether the Alexanderstone and Mara Mota leases were held together by the same instrument or whether the two manors had separate legal tenures at this date.

Source citation:

National Library of Wales, Tredegar Estate Records, file 137/54, Letters Patent granting to William Awbrey, Doctor of the Civil Law, a lease for 21 years, 11 December 1579; the description recites the earlier letters patent of 16 November 1575 for Mara Mota.

Source URL:

https://archifau.llyfrgell.cymru/index.php/letters-patent-granting-to-william-awbrey-doctor-of-civil-law-lease-for-21-years-commencing-after-expiry%3Bisad?sf_culture=en

Other parties:

William Awbrey, Doctor of Civil Law

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-awbrey-27824

Person dates:

Active in the later sixteenth century; exact birth and death dates not established in the consulted manor evidence.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2**19 September 1687 - 10 April 1697****John Morgan and Charles Williams, Esquire****Transfer:**

Legal settlement by covenant to levy a fine, followed by an exemplification of a final concord in a fine levied in the Court of Great Sessions for Brecknockshire on 19 September 1687 and recorded by exemplification on 10 April 1697.

Previous holder:

Thomas Morgan of Tredegar

Holding arrangement:

joint

Shared holding:

Joint plaintiffs in the fine; the precise beneficial uses are not stated in the catalogue abstract.

Narrative / explanation:

A settlement dated 12 September 1687 names Thomas Morgan of Tredegar as one party and describes a covenant to levy a fine of the castle and site of Brecon and the manors of Brecon, Alexanderstone, and Mara Mota, among other properties. A related final-concord record states that John Morgan and Charles Williams were plaintiffs and Thomas Morgan was deforciant. These records directly connect all three men with the manors, and support a legal transfer or settlement from Thomas Morgan's asserted possession into a settlement involving John Morgan and Charles Williams. Because the abstract does not state the precise uses declared under the settlement, the entry should not be read as proof that John Morgan and Charles Williams held equal absolute shares or that the manors were beneficially divided between them.

Source citation:

National Library of Wales, Tredegar Estate Records, file 101/20, Further Settlement made after the marriage of Thomas Morgan and Martha, 12 September 1687; and file 101/22, Exemplification of a final concord in a fine levied in the Court of Great Sessions for Brecknockshire on 19 September 1687, dated 10 April 1697.

Source URL:

<https://archives.library.wales/index.php/further-settlement-made-after-marriage-of-said-thomas-morgan-and-martha-his-wife-eldest-daughter-of-said>

Other parties:

John Morgan, Charles Williams

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-morgan-of-tredegar-27826

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-morgan-27825

Person dates:

Active in 1687; exact birth and death dates not established in the consulted manor evidence.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**12 September 1687 - 19 September 1687****Thomas Morgan of Tredegar, Esquire****Transfer:**

Documented as deforciant in the related fine and as the owner or possessor whose properties were placed under settlement; the exact legal effect of the settlement is not fully stated in the catalogue abstract.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The 12 September 1687 settlement identifies Thomas Morgan of Tredegar as the principal property holder whose castle, manors, lands, and appurtenances were to be subjected to a fine. The related final concord identifies him as deforciant. This is direct evidence that Thomas Morgan held or claimed the relevant manorial estate at the time, although the document's settlement structure means that the entry should be understood as a legal holding or estate position rather than an uncomplicated statement of unencumbered ownership.

Source citation:

National Library of Wales, Tredegar Estate Records, file 101/20, Further Settlement made after the marriage of Thomas Morgan and Martha, 12 September 1687; and file 101/22, Exemplification of a final concord in a fine levied in the Court of Great Sessions for Brecknockshire on 19 September 1687, dated 10 April 1697.

Source URL:

<https://archives.library.wales/index.php/further-settlement-made-after-marriage-of-said-thomas-morgan-and-martha-his-wife-eldest-daughter-of-said>

Other parties:

Thomas Morgan of Tredegar

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-morgan-of-tredegar-27826

Person dates:

Active in 1687; exact birth and death dates not established in the consulted manor evidence.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**Before 13 March 1841 - 13 March 1841****William Gwynne Vaughan of Penymaes, Llanvillo, Esquire, parish of Llanvillo****Transfer:**

Testamentary disposition: the abstract of his will lists the manor of Mara Mota among his property. The

specific beneficiary or devisee of Mara Mota is not identified in the catalogue abstract.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The abstract of William Gwynne Vaughan's will lists the manor of Mara Mota among his property. This directly supports his historical ownership or estate interest in Mara Mota by the date of the will. The abstract names several beneficiaries but does not state which one received the manor, so no devisee is entered and no later conveyance is inferred. This evidence relates explicitly to Mara Mota; the consulted abstract does not state that Alexanderstone was included in the same devise.

Source citation:

Powys County Archives, B/D/JGW/49/7, copy will of William Gwynne Vaughan of Penymaes, parish of Llanvillo, dated 13 March 1841, abstracted in the deposited J G Williams records catalogue.

Source URL:

https://storipowys.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/deposited-misc_family-estate-legal_Breconshire_JG-Williams-and-PM-Beales-Solicitors-of-Hay-B-D-JGW-1.pdf

Other parties:

William Gwynne Vaughan of Penymaes, Llanvillo

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-gwynne-vaughan-27827

Person dates:

Will dated 13 March 1841; exact birth and death dates not established in the consulted source.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.