

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALGARKIRK MANOR

Location:

Algarkirk, Lincolnshire

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. Hiptoft family | 13th century - 14th century

Transfer: Earlier holder not established; the manor is reported as passing to the Toope family by the 14th century, but the conveyance is unknown.

Holding: Hiptoft family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Toope family | 14th century - before 15th century

Transfer: Earlier holder and precise conveyance not established; local records report that the manor was held by the Toopes in the 14th century and later by the Meres family.

Holding: Toope family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. William de Huntingfield, knight, for life; John de Hagh, in inheritance; with reserved remainders, William de Ufford was earl of Suffolk, William de Huntingfield was a knight | 1374 - after 1374

Transfer: Settlement by plea of covenant: John de Hagh granted the manor after the death of William de Huntingfield and John de Lynstede to William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, for the earl's life, with remainder to Thomas de Ufford and successive Ufford remainders. This was a complex life-interest and remainder arrangement, not a simple outright conveyance.

Holding: Other / Life tenant, inheritor and remainder beneficiaries

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Thomas Meres, esquire, lord of the manor of Hiptoft Hall in Algarkirk | 1446 - after 1446

Transfer: John Coppledick acknowledged the manor and associated tenements and rents to be the right of Thomas Meres, as property Thomas had of Coppledick's gift, and quitclaimed them to Thomas and his heirs in return for 100 marks.

Holding: Meres family / Co-holders: Meres family, Sir John Meres

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Meres family, Lords of Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor | 15th century - 1736

Transfer: Continuation of the Meres tenure after Thomas Meres; the precise intervening descent is not established in the sources consulted. The local record states that the family held the manor from the 15th to the 18th century.

Holding: Meres family / Co-holders: Thomas Meres, esquire, Sir John Meres

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. Sir John Meres, member of the Meres family, holder of Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor | before 1736 - 1736

Transfer: Death of Sir John Meres, described in the local archaeological record as the last of the Meres line; the subsequent estate division is documented in 1737.

Holding: Meres family / Co-holders: Thomas Meres, esquire, Meres family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Thomas Whichcot, Esquire, member of the Whichcot family of Harpswell, later Member of Parliament | 15 July 1737 - after 15 July 1737

Transfer: Division of the estate of the late Sir John Meres among his coheirs: the agreement allocated the manor of Hiptoft Hall and associated lands in Algarkirk and neighbouring places to Thomas Whichcot.

Holding: Whichcot family

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

13th century - 14th century

Hiptoft family

Transfer:

Earlier holder not established; the manor is reported as passing to the Toope family by the 14th century, but the conveyance is unknown.

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Hiptoft family

Narrative / explanation:

The Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer and Heritage Gateway records state that the manor-house site identified with Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor was held in the 13th century by the Hiptofts. No individual Hiptoft or documentary transfer has been identified in the sources consulted, so this entry preserves the family-level attribution only.

Source citation:

Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; citing local archaeological files and historical works by William Marrat, Thomas Allen, Richard Yerburch and William White.

Source URL:

<https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Monument/MLI12504>

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hiptoft-family-27922

Person dates:

13th century attribution only

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

14th century - before 15th century

Toope family

Transfer:

Earlier holder and precise conveyance not established; local records report that the manor was held by the Toopes in the 14th century and later by the Meres family.

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Previous holder:

Hiptoft family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Toope family

Narrative / explanation:

The local archaeological record states that Hiptoft Hall, also called Toop's Manor, was held in the 14th century by the Toopes. The record does not identify the precise individual holder or the instrument by which the manor passed from the Hiptofts, and the association of Roger Toup with Algarkirk in ecclesiastical and name evidence is not by itself sufficient to identify him as the manor holder.

Source citation:

Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; corroborated by Heritage Gateway, Historic England Research Record for Hill Six Acres.

Source URL:

<https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Monument/MLI12504>

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=hiptoft-family-27922

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=toope-family-27923

Person dates:

14th century attribution only

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1374 - after 1374

William de Huntingfield, knight, for life; John de Hagh, in inheritance; with reserved remainders, William de Ufford was earl of Suffolk, William de Huntingfield was a knight

Transfer:

Settlement by plea of covenant: John de Hagh granted the manor after the death of William de Huntingfield and John de Lynstede to William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, for the earl's life, with remainder to Thomas de Ufford and successive Ufford remainders. This was a complex life-interest and remainder arrangement, not a simple outright conveyance.

Holding arrangement:

other

Shared holding:

Life tenant, inheritor and remainder beneficiaries

Narrative / explanation:

A Feet of Fines entry dated 27 October 1374, with the subsequent agreement dated 20 January 1375, expressly concerns the manor of Hippetofthalle in Freiston and Toft in Holland, and the standardised place index identifies Hiptoft Hall with Algarkirk. The record states that William de Huntingfield held the manor for life of the inheritance of John de Hagh; after Huntingfield's death it was to remain to

John de Lynstede for life, then to William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, for life, and thereafter to Thomas de Ufford and specified male-line remainders. Because this legal settlement does not explain how it relates to the family-level Toope attribution or to the later Meres possession, it is recorded as a documented complex interest rather than as an assumed link in a continuous descent.

Source citation:

Feet of Fines, CP 25/1/142/137, number 32, dated 27 October 1374, with subsequent agreement dated 20 January 1375; abstract identifies the property as the manor of Hippetofthalle and standardised places include Hiptoft Hall in Algarkirk.

Source URL:

https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_142_137.shtml

Other parties:

William de Huntingfield, John de Hagh, John de Lynstede, William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, Thomas de Ufford, William de Ufford, Edward de Ufford

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-de-huntingfield-knight-john-de-hagh-john-de-lynstede-william-de-ufford-earl-of-suffolk-27924

Person dates:

Active in the 14th century; exact life dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1446 - after 1446

Thomas Meres, esquire, lord of the manor of Hiptoft Hall in Algarkirk

Transfer:

John Coppledick acknowledged the manor and associated tenements and rents to be the right of Thomas Meres, as property Thomas had of Coppledick's gift, and quitclaimed them to Thomas and his heirs in return for 100 marks.

Previous holder:

John Coppledick

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Meres family

Narrative / explanation:

A Feet of Fines entry dated 9 February 1446 expressly records the manor of Hiptofthall, with 20 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture and specified rents and customary payments in Algarkirk, Sutterton, Kirton in Holland and Wigtoft. John Coppledick acknowledged the property to be Thomas Meres's right and quitclaimed it to Thomas and his heirs. This is the strongest direct medieval conveyance evidence found for the later Meres tenure.

Source citation:

Feet of Fines, CP 25/1/145/159, number 37, dated one week from the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 24 Henry VI, equivalent to 9 February 1446.

Source URL:

https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_145_159.shtml

Other parties:

Thomas Meres, John Coppledick

Co-holders:

Meres family, Sir John Meres

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-meres-27925

Person dates:

Active in the 15th century; exact dates not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

15th century - 1736

Meres family, Lords of Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor

Transfer:

Continuation of the Meres tenure after Thomas Meres; the precise intervening descent is not established in the sources consulted. The local record states that the family held the manor from the 15th to the 18th century.

Previous holder:

Thomas Meres

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Meres family

Narrative / explanation:

The Lincolnshire archaeological record states that Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor was held from the 15th to the 18th centuries by the Meres family. The direct 1446 conveyance to Thomas Meres provides a secure anchor for the beginning of this documented Meres phase, but the public sources consulted do not provide every generation or conveyance between Thomas Meres and Sir John Meres.

Source citation:

Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; corroborated by Heritage Gateway, Historic England Research Record for Hill Six Acres, and the 1446 Feet of Fines entry.

Source URL:

<https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Monument/MLI12504>

Co-holders:

Thomas Meres, esquire, Sir John Meres

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=meres-family-27926

Person dates:

15th to 18th centuries in the local record

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

before 1736 - 1736

Sir John Meres, member of the Meres family, holder of Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor

Transfer:

Death of Sir John Meres, described in the local archaeological record as the last of the Meres line; the subsequent estate division is documented in 1737.

Previous holder:

Meres family

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Meres family

Narrative / explanation:

The local archaeological record identifies Sir John Meres as the last of the Meres line holding Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor and records that he died in 1736. The exact date on which he became holder is not established by the sources consulted, so the start is expressed as before 1736.

Source citation:

Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; corroborated by Heritage Gateway, Historic England Research Record for Hill Six Acres.

Source URL:

<https://heritage-explorer.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Monument/MLI12504>

Co-holders:

Thomas Meres, esquire, Meres family

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=meres-family-27926

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=sir-john-meres-27927

Person dates:

Died 1736; birth date not established here

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

15 July 1737 - after 15 July 1737

Thomas Whichcot, Esquire, member of the Whichcot family of Harpswell, later Member of Parliament

Transfer:

Division of the estate of the late Sir John Meres among his coheirs: the agreement allocated the manor of Hiptoft Hall and associated lands in Algarkirk and neighbouring places to Thomas Whichcot.

Previous holder:

Estate of Sir John Meres

Holding arrangement:

sole

Shared holding:

Whichcot family

Narrative / explanation:

An attested copy of articles of agreement dated 15 July 1737 divided Sir John Meres's estate among three coheirs. The schedule allocated to Thomas Whichcot the manor of Hiptoft Hall and lands and premises in Boston, Skirbeck, Kirton, Frampton, Fosdyke, Algarkirk, Sibsey, Wyntrope and Burgh, together with Nonsuch House and other Kent property. This is a posthumous estate division rather than a simple sale, and the evidence establishes the allocation to Thomas Whichcot from that date. No later secure holder was identified.

Source citation:

Lincolnshire Archives, Beridge and Sparrow estate material, reference PL F7/2/1/13, agreement by the coheirs at law to divide Sir John Meres's estates, dated 15 July 1737; the archival abstract is reproduced in the cited genealogical index.

Source URL:

<https://www.whobegatwhom.co.uk/ind3063.html>

Other parties:

Dame Elizabeth Pettus, Thomas Hayley, Thomas Whichcot

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-whichcot-27928

Person dates:

Circa 1700-1776

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.