

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ALKBOROUGH MANOR

Location:

Alkborough, Lincolnshire

Recorded historical holders:

10

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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 Malet, Norman landholder and Domesday tenant, lord of the principal Alkborough holding in 1066 | 1066 - before 1086

Transfer: Recorded as lord of the principal Alkborough holding in 1066; the conveyance or dispossession is not stated in Domesday evidence.

Holding: Principal Alkborough holding recorded under William Malet; the extent of the holding is not quantified here. / Principal Domesday Alkborough holding

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Eskil, Pre-Conquest lord of a Domesday holding at Alkborough | 1066 - before 1086

Transfer: Recorded as the pre-Conquest lord of the portion of Alkborough later held by Ivo Taillebois under Peterborough Abbey; no conveyance is stated.

Holding: Other / A separate Domesday portion comprising 3 villagers and 1.5 ploughlands; exact relationship to the later consolidated manor is uncertain. / Peterborough Abbey-linked Domesday portion

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Ivo Taillebois, Norman lord, lord of Alkborough in 1086, lord of Holland, husband of Countess Lucy, Norman landholder and Domesday tenant-in-chief | before 1086 - after 1086

Transfer: Held the principal Alkborough estate by 1086 and was also immediate lord of the smaller Peterborough Abbey-linked portion; the transfer from William Malet and Eskil is not documented in the sources consulted.

Holding: Principal holding held directly by Ivo; separate smaller portion held by Ivo under Peterborough Abbey. / Two Domesday Alkborough holdings

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Countess Lucy, Countess of Leicester, Lincoln and Chester in her own right | 12th century - after her second marriage; exact end date not established

Transfer: Historic England states that Countess Lucy's manor in Alkborough passed to the son of her second husband; the precise conveyance and the son's name are not stated.

Holding: Described as her manor in Alkborough, but the precise extent and legal continuity from the Domesday holdings are uncertain. / Countess Close and medieval manor tradition

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Peterborough Abbey, Tenant-in-chief of a Domesday holding at Alkborough | 1086 - 12th century or later; end date not established

Transfer: Peterborough Abbey was tenant-in-chief of a small Alkborough holding in 1086 and is associated by later local and archaeological sources with land at Alkborough; no dated transfer out is established.

Holding: Other / Domesday tenant-in-chief of the portion comprising 3 villagers and 1.5 ploughlands; not evidence of ownership of the entire Alkborough manor. / Peterborough Abbey-linked portion

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. George Neville, son of Edward Neville, Knight, later associated with the barony of Bergavenny through his family | 9 February 1449 - 1503 or 1504

Transfer: Richard Le Strange and Elizabeth his wife acknowledged the manors of Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe to be George Neville's right and quitclaimed them to him and his heirs for ever, for 1,000 marks.

Holding: The fine names the manor of Alkebarowe together with Halton and Burton Stather; it does not state that George held every interest in the parish. / Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe group

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. Westminster Abbey, acquired by Abbot John Islip, Abbot of Westminster | 1503 or 1504 - 1625 or earlier; precise divestment date not established

Transfer: Abbot John Islip acquired the manor of Alkborough and associated Lincolnshire properties from George Neville in 1503 or 1504. The purchase formed part of the endowment of the Westminster Abbey memorial founded with funds provided by Henry VII.

Holding: The source describes the manor of Alkborough as one of the properties purchased from Neville, but the associated acreage and rents were grouped with properties in several Lincolnshire places. / Westminster Abbey acquisition from George Neville

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. Magdalene College, Cambridge, College and institutional landholder | 1 March 1625 - 1787 or later for the documented estate interest

Transfer: Frances Rich, Countess Dowager of Warwick, granted the Manor House of Alkborough and other properties there to Magdalene College for the maintenance of one Fellow and two Scholars. The grant is dated 1 March 1625, with an attornment by Nicholas Homerton dated 2 March 1625.

Holding: Other / Manor house and other properties at Alkborough; the archival description does not establish that the grant comprised the whole manorial lordship. / Magdalene College manor-house and estate interest

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Thomas Goulton, Esquire of Mount St John and Walcot, lord of the manor of Aukborough by 1786 | 1786 - 1825 or 1826

Transfer: By 1786 Thomas Goulton was described as lord of the manor of Aukborough. The conveyance or succession by which he acquired the lordship is not identified in the sources consulted.

Holding: Described as lord of the manor, but the extent of his title relative to other Alkborough

property interests is not specified. / Goulton lordship at Alkborough
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. James Goulton-Constable, Esquire, lord of the manor of Alkborough, owner of Walcot Hall | 1896 - After 1896; end date not established

Transfer: By 1896 James Goulton-Constable was described as lord of the manor of Alkborough. The succession from Thomas Goulton or any intermediate holder is not documented in the sources consulted.
Holding: Described by Kelly's Directory as lord of the manor; the extent of the title and relationship to other Alkborough estates are not specified. / Goulton-Constable lordship at Alkborough
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1066 - before 1086

William Malet, Norman landholder and Domesday tenant, lord of the principal Alkborough holding in 1066

Transfer:

Recorded as lord of the principal Alkborough holding in 1066; the conveyance or dispossession is not stated in Domesday evidence.

Previous holder:

Not stated

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Principal Alkborough holding recorded under William Malet; the extent of the holding is not quantified here.

Shared holding:

Principal Domesday Alkborough holding

Narrative / explanation:

Domesday evidence records William Malet as lord in 1066 of the principal Alkborough entry, which by 1086 was held by Ivo Taillebois. This is evidence of lordship at the date of the survey, not a surviving conveyance deed.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore reference Lincolnshire 14,29; Domesday entry lists William Malet as lord in 1066 and Ivo Taillebois as lord and tenant-in-chief in 1086.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SE8821/alkborough/>

Other parties:

William Malet

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=william-malet-27935

Person dates:

Died 1071

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1066 - before 1086

Eskil, Pre-Conquest lord of a Domesday holding at Alkborough

Transfer:

Recorded as the pre-Conquest lord of the portion of Alkborough later held by Ivo Taillebois under Peterborough Abbey; no conveyance is stated.

Previous holder:

Not stated

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

A separate Domesday portion comprising 3 villagers and 1.5 ploughlands; exact relationship to the later consolidated manor is uncertain.

Shared holding:

Peterborough Abbey-linked Domesday portion

Narrative / explanation:

The Domesday material separates a small Alkborough holding from the principal Ivo Taillebois estate. Eskil is recorded as its lord in 1066. Because the record represents Alkborough as two Domesday holdings, this entry is not treated as proof that Eskil held the whole later manor.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore reference Lincolnshire 8,29; Domesday entry lists Eskil as lord in 1066, Ivo Taillebois as lord in 1086, and Peterborough Abbey as tenant-in-chief.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SE8821/alkborough/>

Other parties:

Eskil

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=eskil-27936

Person dates:

Recorded in 1066

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

before 1086 - after 1086

Ivo Taillebois, Norman lord, lord of Alkborough in 1086, lord of Holland, husband of Countess Lucy, Norman landholder and Domesday tenant-in-chief

Transfer:

Held the principal Alkborough estate by 1086 and was also immediate lord of the smaller Peterborough Abbey-linked portion; the transfer from William Malet and Eskil is not documented in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

William Malet for the principal holding; Eskil for the separate Peterborough Abbey-linked portion

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Principal holding held directly by Ivo; separate smaller portion held by Ivo under Peterborough Abbey.

Shared holding:

Two Domesday Alkborough holdings

Narrative / explanation:

By 1086 Ivo Taillebois was lord and tenant-in-chief of the principal Alkborough entry, and lord of a second entry for which Peterborough Abbey was tenant-in-chief. This distinction is important: the Domesday evidence does not show a single undivided manor held in exactly the same tenure throughout Alkborough.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore references Lincolnshire 14,29 and 8,29.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SE8821/alkborough/>

Other parties:

Ivo Taillebois, Peterborough Abbey

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ivo-taillebois-27937

Person dates:

Died 1094 or 1104, date disputed

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

12th century - after her second marriage; exact end date not established

Countess Lucy, Countess of Leicester, Lincoln and Chester in her own right

Transfer:

Historic England states that Countess Lucy's manor in Alkborough passed to the son of her second husband; the precise conveyance and the son's name are not stated.

Previous holder:

Ivo Taillebois and earlier Domesday holders; exact legal descent not established

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Described as her manor in Alkborough, but the precise extent and legal continuity from the Domesday holdings are uncertain.

Shared holding:

Countess Close and medieval manor tradition

Narrative / explanation:

Countess Close is associated with Countess Lucy and is identified as a fortified medieval manor house. Historic England states that Lucy's manor in Alkborough passed to the son of her second husband, who subsequently gave property to Spalding Priory. This establishes a medieval Alkborough manor connection but does not provide a complete named descent or a dated conveyance.

Source citation:

Historic England, Countess Close moated site, Alkborough, List Entry 1017289.

Source URL:

<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1017289?section=overview>

Other parties:

Countess Lucy

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=lucy-countess-of-leicester-lincoln-and-chester-27938

Person dates:

Died 1138

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1086 - 12th century or later; end date not established

Peterborough Abbey, Tenant-in-chief of a Domesday holding at Alkborough

Transfer:

Peterborough Abbey was tenant-in-chief of a small Alkborough holding in 1086 and is associated by later local and archaeological sources with land at Alkborough; no dated transfer out is established.

Previous holder:

Crown tenure after the Conquest; immediate lord Ivo Taillebois

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Domesday tenant-in-chief of the portion comprising 3 villagers and 1.5 ploughlands; not evidence of ownership of the entire Alkborough manor.

Shared holding:

Peterborough Abbey-linked portion

Narrative / explanation:

Peterborough Abbey was tenant-in-chief of one of the two Alkborough holdings recorded in Domesday, while Ivo Taillebois was its immediate lord. Later Historic England material also describes Ivo as Peterborough Abbey's tenant at Walcott and says he was given land in Alkborough by the abbey. The evidence does not establish that Peterborough Abbey held the whole later manor or provide a complete descent of this portion.

Source citation:

Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore reference Lincolnshire 8,29; Historic England, Countess Close moated site, Alkborough, List Entry 1017289.

Source URL:

<https://opendomesday.org/place/SE8821/alkborough/>

Other parties:

Peterborough Abbey, Ivo Taillebois

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=peterborough-abbey-27939

Person dates:

Benedictine abbey, medieval period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

9 February 1449 - 1503 or 1504

George Neville, son of Edward Neville, Knight, later associated with the barony of Bergavenny through his family

Transfer:

Richard Le Strange and Elizabeth his wife acknowledged the manors of Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe to be George Neville's right and quitclaimed them to him and his heirs for ever, for 1,000 marks.

Previous holder:

Richard Le Strange and Elizabeth his wife

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The fine names the manor of Alkebarowe together with Halton and Burton Stather; it does not state that George held every interest in the parish.

Shared holding:

Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe group

Narrative / explanation:

A Lincolnshire feet of fine dated one week from the Purification of the Blessed Mary in 27 Henry VI, equivalent to 9 February 1449, records George Neville as obtaining the manors of Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe from Richard Le Strange and Elizabeth his wife. The document includes a warranty against Edmund, Abbot of Westminster, and his successors, indicating an earlier Westminster-connected claim or interest, but it does not by itself explain the full earlier descent.

Source citation:

Feet of Fines, Lincolnshire, CP 25/1/145/160, number 16, dated 9 February 1449.

Source URL:

https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_145_160.shtml

Other parties:

George Neville, Richard Le Strange, Elizabeth Le Strange

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=george-neville-27940

Person dates:

Died 1492

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1503 or 1504 - 1625 or earlier; precise divestment date not established****Westminster Abbey, acquired by Abbot John Islip, Abbot of Westminster****Transfer:**

Abbot John Islip acquired the manor of Alkborough and associated Lincolnshire properties from George Neville in 1503 or 1504. The purchase formed part of the endowment of the Westminster Abbey memorial founded with funds provided by Henry VII.

Previous holder:

George Neville

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

The source describes the manor of Alkborough as one of the properties purchased from Neville, but the associated acreage and rents were grouped with properties in several Lincolnshire places.

Shared holding:

Westminster Abbey acquisition from George Neville

Narrative / explanation:

A study of Westminster Abbey's estates, citing the abbey's Warden's Accounts and the Crown's Close and Patent Rolls, states that Abbot John Islip purchased the manor of Alkborough from George Neville in 1503 or 1504, together with Burton Stather, Halton and other Lincolnshire properties. This is the strongest located evidence for the post-medieval descent of the named manor. The date on which Westminster Abbey's interest ended is not established here.

Source citation:

Sarah E. B. Thompson, The Royal Almshouse at Westminster c.1500-c.1600, section on properties purchased by Abbot John Islip, citing Westminster Abbey Muniments, Close Rolls 1500-1509 and Patent Rolls 1494-1509.

Source URL:

https://pure.royalholloway.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/16694161/Final_edited_post_viva_copy_20_03_13.pdf

Other parties:

Westminster Abbey, John Islip, George Neville

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=john-islip-27941

Person dates:

Abbot of Westminster 1500-1532; died 1532

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8**1 March 1625 - 1787 or later for the documented estate interest****Magdalene College, Cambridge, College and institutional landholder****Transfer:**

Frances Rich, Countess Dowager of Warwick, granted the Manor House of Alkborough and other properties there to Magdalene College for the maintenance of one Fellow and two Scholars. The grant is dated 1 March 1625, with an attornment by Nicholas Homerton dated 2 March 1625.

Previous holder:

Frances Rich, Countess Dowager of Warwick

Holding arrangement:

other

Share / interest:

Manor house and other properties at Alkborough; the archival description does not establish that the grant comprised the whole manorial lordship.

Shared holding:

Magdalene College manor-house and estate interest

Narrative / explanation:

The Magdalene College archive contains a direct grant of the Manor House of Alkborough and other properties there from Frances Rich to the College. Later college records refer to the rents of the Manor of Alkborough and document leases of Alkborough property through 1787. Because the archival description specifies the manor house and associated properties rather than unequivocally the whole lordship, this entry is classified as an estate or manor-house interest rather than an unqualified sole holding of the entire manor.

Source citation:

Magdalene College Cambridge Archives, MCCA/MCAD/4/1/20/1/2, Grant of the Manor House of Alkborough, 1 March 1625; related Alkborough records MCCA/MCAD/4/1/20/1, 1625-1787.

Source URL:

https://magdalene.maxarchiveservices.co.uk/index.php/informationobject/browse?page=71&sf_culture=fr&showAdvanced=1&sort=alphabetic&sortDir=asc&topLod=0&view=table

Other parties:

Magdalene College, Frances Rich, Nicholas Homerton

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=magdalene-college-cambridge-27942

Person dates:

Founded 1428; incorporated as a college of the University of Cambridge in the medieval period

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9**1786 - 1825 or 1826****Thomas Goulton, Esquire of Mount St John and Walcot, lord of the manor of Aukborough by 1786****Transfer:**

By 1786 Thomas Goulton was described as lord of the manor of Aukborough. The conveyance or succession by which he acquired the lordship is not identified in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Unknown; possible coexistence with or separation from Magdalene College's documented Alkborough estate interest

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Described as lord of the manor, but the extent of his title relative to other Alkborough property interests is not specified.

Shared holding:

Goulton lordship at Alkborough

Narrative / explanation:

The Gentleman's Magazine description of Aukborough states that Thomas Goulton of Mount St John was lord of the manor. It also separately notes an estate belonging to Magdalene College, Cambridge, and land held by Goulton under the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough, demonstrating that several distinct property interests existed in the parish. No documentary conveyance from Westminster Abbey, Magdalene College or another predecessor to Thomas Goulton has been located.

Source citation:

The Gentleman's Magazine, 1786, description of Aukborough and Julian's Bower, reproduced by Michael Behrend's transcription.

Source URL:

https://www.cantab.net/users/michael.behrend/repubs/maze_misc/pages/alk_gentmag.html

Other parties:

Thomas Goulton

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-goulton-27943

Person dates:

1745-1826

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10**1896 - After 1896; end date not established****James Goulton-Constable, Esquire, lord of the manor of Alkborough, owner of Walcot Hall****Transfer:**

By 1896 James Goulton-Constable was described as lord of the manor of Alkborough. The succession from Thomas Goulton or any intermediate holder is not documented in the sources consulted.

Previous holder:

Thomas Goulton or an unrecorded successor; exact succession unknown

Holding arrangement:

sole

Share / interest:

Described by Kelly's Directory as lord of the manor; the extent of the title and relationship to other Alkborough estates are not specified.

Shared holding:

Goulton-Constable lordship at Alkborough

Narrative / explanation:

Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire for 1896 identifies James Goulton-Constable of Walcot Hall as lord of the manor of Alkborough. The directory also names Major William Henry Dent as another principal landowner, so the description should not be read as proof that James owned every acre in the parish. The intervening conveyance or succession from the eighteenth-century Goulton holder has not been established.

Source citation:

Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire, 1896, entry for Alkborough, stating that James Goulton-Constable of Walcot Hall was lord of the manor.

Source URL:

<https://forebears.io/england/lincolnshire/alkborough>

Other parties:

James Goulton-Constable

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=james-goulton-constable-27944

Person dates:

Died 1921

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.