

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Westhey (or Westhay) and Faldo

Location:

Higham Gobion, Bedfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

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Colour key: green - direct blood, blue - collateral, purple - marriage-linked blood, amber - in-law, grey - unclassified. Colours describe the saved relationship classification, not documentary certainty.

SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

Earliest recorded holder to present. Relationship descriptions are reproduced from saved published paths; categories are not evidence ratings.

1. Ralph and Elizabeth Hamelyn | Attested 1389

Transfer: Recorded possession

Holding: Joint

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Sir Reginald Bray | 1500

Transfer: Conveyance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. the Brays

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. the descendants of his mother and her first husband Isaac ap Rys

Transfer: Conveyance

Holding: Joint

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. William Aprice | Attested 1559

Transfer: Recorded possession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. **the Crowch family**

Transfer: Conveyance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. **Anthony Samwell**

Transfer: Sale

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. **Thomas Halfpenny | 1662**

Transfer: Conveyance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. **Thomas | 1684**

Transfer: Succession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. **Sir George Byng | 1725**

Transfer: Conveyance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Attested 1389

Ralph and Elizabeth Hamelyn

Transfer:

Recorded possession

Holding arrangement:

joint

Narrative / explanation:

The latter manor, which in 1389 was in the possession of Ralph and Alice Fitz Richard, had come into the hands of Ralph and Elizabeth Hamelyn by 1408, and in 1485 it was the property of Thomas Bassingbourn, who in 1500, with his wife Katherine, alienated the manor to Sir Reginald Bray.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1500

Sir Reginald Bray

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The latter manor, which in 1389 was in the possession of Ralph and Alice Fitz Richard, had come into the hands of Ralph and Elizabeth Hamelyn by 1408, and in 1485 it was the property of Thomas Bassingbourn, who in 1500, with his wife Katherine, alienated the manor to Sir Reginald Bray.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

Dates not recorded

the Brays

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The manor for a short time was held by the Brays, with the manor of Haynes (q.v.).

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

Dates not recorded

the descendants of his mother and her first husband Isaac ap Rys

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

joint

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Edmund Bray, the nephew of Sir Reginald, probably alienated the manor to the descendants of his mother and her first husband Isaac ap Rys, or Aprice, as by 1559 it was in the possession of William Aprice, a grandson of Isaac and Jane Aprice.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

Attested 1559

William Aprice

Transfer:

Recorded possession

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Sir Edmund Bray, the nephew of Sir Reginald, probably alienated the manor to the descendants of his mother and her first husband Isaac ap Rys, or Aprice, as by 1559 it was in the possession of William Aprice, a grandson of Isaac and Jane Aprice.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

Dates not recorded

the Crowch family

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Francis Crawley or his descendants evidently conveyed the manor to the Crowch family, for Samuel Crowch was holding it in 1656.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

Dates not recorded

Anthony Samwell

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The latter, with his wife Mary and several relatives, sold the manor in the same year to Anthony Samwell, who did not retain it for long, for in 1662 he, with his wife Anne, his son William and his brother Arthur, alienated the manor to Thomas Halfpenny.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1662

Thomas Halfpenny

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

The latter, with his wife Mary and several relatives, sold the manor in the same year to Anthony Samwell, who did not retain it for long, for in 1662 he, with his wife Anne, his son William and his brother Arthur, alienated the manor to Thomas Halfpenny.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

1684

Thomas

Transfer:

Succession

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas, dying in 1684, was succeeded by his son Thomas, sheriff for Bedfordshire in 1685, who, with his wife Mary, owned the manorial rights in 1702.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1725

Sir George Byng

Transfer:

Conveyance

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Bernard, probably a son of Thomas, alienated the manor in 1725 to Sir George Byng, Lord Torrington, whose grandson George was holding it in 1762.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.