CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:
Whitley

Location:
Reading, Berkshire

Recorded historical holders:
6

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Public record URL:
https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=whitley-2

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. **Edward Duke of Somerset | 1548**
   Transfer: Grant
   Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. **Sir Francis Knollys and his male heirs | 1564**
   Transfer: Grant
   Holding: Joint
   Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. **Sir William Whitmore and George and Thomas Whitmore | 1629**
   Transfer: Sale
   Holding: Joint
   Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. **the Vachell family**
   Transfer: Passed
   Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. **Whitley Park | Attested 1843**
   Transfer: Recorded holder
   Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. **Mr. Richard Atten borough | 1876**
Transfer: Purchase
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1548

Edward Duke of Somerset

Transfer:
Grant

Holding arrangement:
sole

Narrative / explanation:
The manor with the park was granted in 1548 to Edward Duke of Somerset, and, being forfeited to the Crown on his attainder in 1552, was leased in 1553 (without the park) to Sir Francis Englefield, and in 1564 the reversion was granted by Elizabeth to Sir Francis Knollys and his male heirs.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1564

Sir Francis Knollys and his male heirs

Transfer:
Grant

Holding arrangement:
joint

Narrative / explanation:
The manor with the park was granted in 1548 to Edward Duke of Somerset, and, being forfeited to the Crown on his attainder in 1552, was leased in 1553 (without the park) to Sir Francis Englefield, and in 1564 the reversion was granted by Elizabeth to Sir Francis Knollys and his male heirs.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1629

Sir William Whitmore and George and Thomas Whitmore

Transfer:
Sale

Holding arrangement:
joint

Narrative / explanation:
The earl sold Whitley in 1629 to Sir William Whitmore and George and Thomas Whitmore.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

Dates not recorded

the Vachell family

Transfer:
Passed

Holding arrangement:
sole

Narrative / explanation:
It later passed to the Vachell family, and apparently descended with Coley till about the close of the 18th century.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

Attested 1843

Whitley Park

Transfer:
Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:
sole

Narrative / explanation:
In 1843 Whitley Park was owned by Messrs. Allotson & Bros. of London.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1876

Mr. Richard Atten borough

Transfer:
Purchase

Holding arrangement:
sole

Narrative / explanation:
About 1876 a large part of the Whitley Park estate was bought by Mr. Richard Atten borough and afterwards purchased by Mr. William Palmer, whose nephew Mr. Howard Palmer now holds it.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.