

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

ASHRIDGE MANOR

Location:

Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

4

Export date:

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Public record URL:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=ashridge-manor

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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. Ashridge Bonhommes religious house | 1283

Transfer: Founded by Edmund, 2nd Earl of Cornwall

Holding: Other

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. The Crown | 1539

Transfer: Dissolution of the religious house and transfer into Crown hands

Holding: Other

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Anne of Cleves, Queen consort of England, Scotland and Ireland, Queen consort of James VI and I, 1540, Duchess of Cleves, Queen of England (briefly | Reign of Edward VI

Transfer: Crown grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere, 2nd Earl of Wilton, Viscount Grey de Wilton, Baron Grey de Wilton, Lord Chancellor of England, Baron Ellesmere, Viscount Brackley, 1st Baron Ellesmere, 1st Viscount Brackley, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, 1st Earl of Bridgewater, Solicitor General, Master of the Rolls, Lord Chancellor | Early seventeenth century

Transfer: Crown grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

1283

Ashridge Bonhommes religious house

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Founded by Edmund, 2nd Earl of Cornwall

Holding arrangement:

other

To / transferee:

Ashridge Bonhommes religious house

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Religious foundation

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Ashridge was established in 1283 at Little Gaddesden as a religious foundation for the Order of Bonhommes. This records the foundation and institutional tenure of the Ashridge estate, not necessarily a separately constituted manorial lordship.

Other parties:

Order of Bonhommes

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ashridge-bonhommes-religious-house

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1539

The Crown

Holder position:

holder

ASHRIDGE MANOR

Transfer:

Dissolution of the religious house and transfer into Crown hands

Previous holder:

Ashridge Bonhommes religious house

Holding arrangement:

other

From / transferor:

Ashridge Bonhommes religious house

To / transferee:

The Crown

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Dissolution and Crown vesting

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

Following the dissolution of Ashridge in 1539, the Ashridge estate passed into Crown hands.

Previous holder profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=ashridge-bonhommes-religious-house

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3**Reign of Edward VI**

Anne of Cleves, Queen consort of England, Scotland and Ireland, Queen consort of James VI and I, 1540, Duchess of Cleves, Queen of England (briefly

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Crown grant

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

The Crown

To / transferee:

Anne of Cleves

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Crown grant

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

The Ashridge estate was subsequently granted by the Crown to Anne of Cleves during the reign of Edward VI.

Other parties:

Anne of Cleves

Historical person profile:https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=anne-of-denmark**Person dates:**

1574–1619

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4**Early seventeenth century**

Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere, 2nd Earl of Wilton, Viscount Grey de Wilton, Baron Grey de Wilton, Lord Chancellor of England, Baron Ellesmere, Viscount Brackley, 1st Baron Ellesmere, 1st Viscount Brackley, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, 1st Earl of Bridgewater, Solicitor General, Master of the Rolls, Lord Chancellor

Holder position:

holder

Transfer:

Crown grant

Previous holder:

The Crown

Holding arrangement:

sole

From / transferor:

The Crown

To / transferee:

Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere

Assets / rights concerned:

manor_property

Instrument type:

Crown grant

Manor and title passed together:

0

Evidence status:

provisional

Narrative / explanation:

A later Crown grant placed the Ashridge estate with Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere, in the early seventeenth century. The registry describes this as estate ownership and cautions that it should not be treated as proof of a separate surviving lordship title.

Other parties:

Sir Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere

Historical person profile:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_person=thomas-egerton-2nd-earl-of-wilton

Person dates:

1799–1882

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.