

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Willington or Wylyngton

Location:

Willington, Bedfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

14

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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. Hugh de Beauchamp | Attested 1086

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. Maud de Beauchamp | 1265

Transfer: Passed

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. An inquisition on Elizabeth's estates

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Sir Thomas de Rempston

Transfer: Grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. John de Mowbray | 1405

Transfer: Passed

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. the Howard family as in the case of Stotfold (q.v.) | 1483

Transfer: Passed

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. John de Vere Earl of Oxford and to his heirs male

Transfer: Grant

Holding: Joint

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. the Earl of Oxford

Transfer: Grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. Thomas Duke of Norfolk

Transfer: Succession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. Sir John Gostwick | 1529

Transfer: Sale

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

11. be buried in Willington Church

Transfer: Devise

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

12. Sarah Duchess of Marlborough | 1719–1720

Transfer: Sale

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

13. the Duke of Bedford | 1779

Transfer: Purchase

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

14. George and James Keeble of Peterborough | 1902

Transfer: Sale

Holding: Joint

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Attested 1086

Hugh de Beauchamp

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

In 1086 Hugh de Beauchamp held WILLINGTON MANOR, assessed at 10 hides.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

1265

Maud de Beauchamp

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

This manor follows the same descent as the other Beauchamp property, and on the subdivision of the barony in 1265 passed to Maud de Beauchamp, wife of Roger de Mowbray, who died in 1266.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

Dates not recorded

An inquisition on Elizabeth's estates

Willington or Wylyngton

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

An inquisition on Elizabeth's estates was held at Willington in 1376 on account of the minority of the next heir, John de Mowbray, son of the lastmentioned John de Mowbray, who had died in 1368.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

Dates not recorded

Sir Thomas de Rempston

Transfer:

Grant

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas his son and heir was a minor and the custody of Willington Manor was granted to Sir Thomas de Rempston.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1405

John de Mowbray

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas de Mowbray was executed for high treason in 1405, and the manor passed to his brother John de Mowbray, who died in 1432 and was succeeded by his only son John.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1483

the Howard family as in the case of Stotfold (q.v.)

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

At her death in 1483 the manor passed to the Howard family as in the case of Stotfold (q.v.).

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

Dates not recorded

John de Vere Earl of Oxford and to his heirs male

Transfer:

Grant

Holding arrangement:

joint

Narrative / explanation:

When the Norfolk estates were forfeited after the battle of Bosworth Field, Willington Manor was granted by Henry VII to John de Vere Earl of Oxford and to his heirs male.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

Dates not recorded

the Earl of Oxford

Transfer:

Grant

Holding arrangement:

sole

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Narrative / explanation:

The forfeited estates, which had been granted to the Earl of Oxford, were restored to him.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

Dates not recorded

Thomas Duke of Norfolk

Transfer:

Succession

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

He was succeeded by his son Thomas Duke of Norfolk in 1524, who sold Willington in 1529 to Sir John Gostwick, whose ancestors in Willington can be traced back to 1209.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

1529

Sir John Gostwick

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

He was succeeded by his son Thomas Duke of Norfolk in 1524, who sold Willington in 1529 to Sir John Gostwick, whose ancestors in Willington can be traced back to 1209.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

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HOLDER 11

Dates not recorded

be buried in Willington Church

Transfer:

Devise

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Both left directions that their bodies were to be buried in Willington Church; that of the former in the chancel, that of the latter 'in the aisle of the Chapel lately builded.' William especially bequeathed 'one Turkey Carpet to Robert, my son, to have after the death of Anne, my Wife.' To another son he left certain feather beds.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12

1719–1720

Sarah Duchess of Marlborough

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

He was succeeded in 1719–20 by his grandson William, who sold the manor of Willington in 1731 to Sarah Duchess of Marlborough.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1779

the Duke of Bedford

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Transfer:

Purchase

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

In 1779 it was purchased by the Duke of Bedford, and remained in the possession of the Dukes of Bedford until 1902, when it was sold to George and James Keeble of Peterborough.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

1902

George and James Keeble of Peterborough

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

joint

Narrative / explanation:

In 1779 it was purchased by the Duke of Bedford, and remained in the possession of the Dukes of Bedford until 1902, when it was sold to George and James Keeble of Peterborough.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.