

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Wilshamstead or Wilhamstead or Wilstead

Location:

Wilshamstead, Bedfordshire

Recorded historical holders:

10

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Public record URL:

https://manorialregistry.com/?mhr_manor=wilshamstead-or-wilhamstead-or-wilstead

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. the Abbess of Elstow of the Countess Judith

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. the Crown

Transfer: Recorded possession

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. Robert Newdigate | 1562

Transfer: Grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. John | 1562

Transfer: Conveyance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. John Warner and Thomas Norwood | 1563

Transfer: Sale

Holding: Joint

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

6. **Thomas Norwood | 1565**

Transfer: Reversion

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

7. **Thomas Norwood still**

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

8. **John for life | 1584**

Transfer: Settlement

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

9. **Henry Lord Mordaunt**

Transfer: Passed

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

10. **Thus he**

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Dates not recorded

the Abbess of Elstow of the Countess Judith

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

WILSHAMSTEAD MANOR, slightly the larger, was held by the Abbess of Elstow of the Countess Judith, the soke belonging to Kempston; tradition says that the latter had founded and endowed the convent as an act of reparation for the betrayal of her husband.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

Dates not recorded

the Crown

Transfer:

Recorded possession

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

After the Dissolution the manor was created part of the honour of Ampthill, and the overlordship remained in the hands of the Crown.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1562

Robert Newdigate

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Transfer:

Grant

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

By 1562 the manor had been granted by the Crown to Robert Newdigate, who conveyed it possibly in trust to his brother John.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1562

John

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

By 1562 the manor had been granted by the Crown to Robert Newdigate, who conveyed it possibly in trust to his brother John.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1563

John Warner and Thomas Norwood

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

joint

Narrative / explanation:

In 1563 Robert sold the property to John Warner and Thomas Norwood.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6

1565

Thomas Norwood

Transfer:

Reversion

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

John Warner died in 1565 childless, and the manor reverted to Thomas Norwood, his nephew and son of the joint feoffee of the manor.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7

Dates not recorded

Thomas Norwood still

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Norwood still held the manor in 1584, and four years later it was settled on his son John for life, with remainder to John's second son Edmund, who held in 1605.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1584

John for life

Transfer:

Settlement

Wilshamstead or Wilhamstead or Wilstead

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thomas Norwood still held the manor in 1584, and four years later it was settled on his son John for life, with remainder to John's second son Edmund, who held in 1605.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

Dates not recorded

Henry Lord Mordaunt

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

From him it passed to Henry Lord Mordaunt, whose daughters Elizabeth, Margaret and Anne compounded for their estates in 1649.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

Dates not recorded

Thus he

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Thus he held this manor still in 1795, and it remained in his family till 1849, when John third Lord Carteret died childless; the barony became extinct, but the manor remained in the possession of the family and is at present held by Mr. A.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.