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Sir Ernest Debenham

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BIOGRAPHY

Debenham department-store proprietor and agricultural experimenter who acquired a large Dorset estate in 1914, including Affpuddle, and developed the Bladen model-farming estate.

NOTES / SOURCES

The 1914 acquisition is documented as including four manors; the later legal descent of Affpuddle

Manor after the Bladen Estate's break-up remains unresolved.

Research sources:

- Dorset Council, Piddle Valley Conservation Area Appraisal, section stating that Ernest Debenham

purchased the four manors, including Affpuddle, from the Moreton Estate in 1914.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/281165/Piddle%2BValley%2BConservation%2BArea%2BA appraisal.pdf/41bf989a-574c-c14e-28e9-37d977a8adaa>

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