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Benjamin Cotton

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Dates: flourished mid-nineteenth century; exact birth and death dates not established here

BIOGRAPHY

A nineteenth-century Isle of Wight landowner associated with Afton House in Freshwater.

Contemporary

directories identify him as lord of the manor of Afton and as a principal landowner; he was also

associated with local foxhunting.

NOTES / SOURCES

His tenure is securely evidenced by 1878, but no sourced acquisition or later conveyance has been

identified.

Research sources:

- Post Office Directory and Gazetteer entry for Freshwater, 1878, listing the manors and their

lords: Afton, Benjamin Cotton, Esq.; corroborated by the directory's description of Benjamin

Cotton at Afton House.

<https://www.bartiesworld.co.uk/directory-db/diroutput-town.php?loc=1878Freshwater&p=2>

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