

## MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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Arreton

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS  
- Arreton Lordship | Associated | medieval period | Provisional

### ABOUT THE MANOR

AT THE Domesday Survey this Lordship was held by the King and previous to that by King Edward. There were four hides with land for five ploughs, in the demesne three ploughs, 10 villeins, 12 bordars with 10 ploughs. There were seven serfs and one mill worth 15 shillings. The Abbey of Lyre held the church belonging to this Manor together with one virgate of land and one acre of meadow, all valued at 20 shillings. In Saxon times the whole Manor was worth £10, but in 1086 only £5. The first holder of Arreton after the re-grant of the Sloe of Wight from the Crown in 1100 was Richard de Redvers, ancestor of the first Earls of Devon, and the Manor formed part of the first endowment of the abbey of Quarr by his son Baldwin in 1131. It was confirmed by Isabel de Fortibus in 1278. Its history then followed the Island Community and the Manor was farmed by the abbot's steward till 1525, when it was leased by the last abbot, William Rippon, to John Leigh, who already held land in the parish. After the Dissolution it was granted to various farmers by the Crown until 1628 when it was granted by the King to trustees for the payment of his debts to the City of London. In 1629 these trustees sold the Manor to John Lamott and William Kinge and they conveyed it in 1632 to Sir Humphrey Bennett. It passed from him to his brother Thomas Bennett of Babraham who was created a baronet in 1660 and died in 1667. His son and successor Sir Levinus sold the Manor in 1668 to Cheyney Colepeper, a younger son of the R Hon John Lord Colepeper and to Alexander Colepeper of Leeds Castle. From them it seems to have passed to Thomas, Lord Colepeper, who died in 1688-9 leaving a daughter Katherine, wife of Thomas, Lord Fairfax of Cameron. Her two sons Thomas and Robert

died without issue and the latter on his death in 1793 left his estates to the issue of his sister Frances by Denny Martin. Dr Denny Martin, afterwards Fairfax, the elder son of Frances died in 1800 and his brother General Philip Martin died in 1821, leaving his estates to his paternal relative Fiennes Wykeham. He assumed the name Martin in accordance with his relatives' will and died in 1840 when his son Charles Wykeham-Martin succeeded him. Shortly thereafter the Manor was sold to the Willis-Flemings and is still in the possession of this family.

Arreton village lies on the south slope of Arreton Down, four miles east of Newport in the Liberty of (Hundred) of East Medine, which had its seat at the Hatt of trees down nere the parke gate going in to Arreton . The parishes of North and South Arreton were formed in 1894, but the Lordship extends over both to an area of approximately 9,000 acres. There was a bowling green here, to the West of St George's Down, in the 16th and 17th centuries. The historian, Sir John Oglander, described it: I have seen with my Lord Southampton at St George's Down at bowls some 30 or 40 Knights and gentlemen ... and we had an ordinary (game) there and card-tables. Birchmore according to the VCH, probably formed part of the medieval hunting grounds, and is referred to in a list of liberties allowed to Isabel Le Fortibus, Countess of Albemarle.

ARRETON LORDSHIP lies on the south slope of Arreton down, four miles east of Newport. The Manor house and Church are at the extreme western end of the village, and on the left of the lane leading to the church is a 17th century cottage called Stile House, which was once used for the holding of church ales. It is part of the Liberty (Hundred) of East Medina, which had its seat at the Hatte of trees down nere the parke gate going in to Arreton . The parish of north and south Arreton were formed in 1894, but the Lordship extends over both to an area of approximately 9,000 acres. Arreton was well known in the 16th and 17th centuries for having a fine bowling green, to the west of St George s Down. The contemporary historian, Sir John Oglander (1595-1648), described it: I have seen with my Lord Southampton at St George s Down at bowls some 30 or 40 Knights and gentlemen, where our meting was then twice every weeke, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we had an ordinary

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there and card tables.

Before the Conquest this Manor was held by King Edward, and at the time of the Domesday survey

(1086) by King William. At that time there were Four hides with land for five ploughs, in the

demesne three ploughs, 10 villiens, 12 bordars with 10 ploughs. There were seven serfs and one mill

worth fifteen shillings.

The Manor of Arreton after the Isle of Wight was re-granted by the Crown was Richard de Redvers, and

his son Baldwin gave it as part of his first endowment of the Abbey of Quarr in 1131. The grant was

confirmed to the convent by Isabel de Fortibus in 1278. The Manor was farmed by the Abbot s

Steward until 1525, when the last Abbot, William Rippon, leased it to John Leigh, who already had

extensive landholdings in the parish. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries it was granted to

various farmers by the Crown, until Charles I vested it in trustees in 1628 as a means of paying his

debts in the City of London.

The Trustees sold the Lordship to John Lamont and William Kinge who conveyed it to Sir Humphrey

Bennett in 1632. It passed from him to his brother Thomas Bennett of Babraham who was created a

baronet in 1660 and died in 1667. His son and successor Sir Levinus sold the Manor in 1668.

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Castle. From them it seems to have passed to Thomas, Lord Colepeper, who died in 1688-89, leaving a

daughter Katherine, wife of Thomas, Lord Fairfax of Cameron. She had two sons, Thomas and Robert,

both of whom died without issue. Robert left his estates, including this Lordship, to the children

of his sister Francis by her husband Denny Martin.

Dr Denny Martin, afterwards Fairfax, the elder son of Francis, died in 1801, his elder brother

General Philip Martin dying in 1821. He left the estate to his paternal relative Frances Wykeham

under condition he changed his name to Martin. He was succeeded by his son Charles Wykeham-Martin

who shortly afterwards sold the Manor to the Willis-Flemings who are the current owners.

Catalogue source Lot #1 Manorial Auctioneers Partnership June 1991 Lot #29 of Manorial Auctioneers December 1996

Associated manorial documents / archive references Survey with other Manors 1583 Cambridge Univ Court

Rolls 1404-05, 1468, 1471, 1473, 1490-1 PROCourt Books 1603-5, 1625-31 Isle of Wight RO  
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Source notes((1991 Catalogue Begins)) | ((1996 Catalogue Begins))

#### OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Historical holder / succession informationWillis-Flemingsold\_to •  
historical\_holder\_or\_transfereeSource wording: Shortly thereafter the Manor was sold to the  
Willis-Flemings and is still in the possession of this family.

#### CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- | Willis-Flemings | sold\_to | | Lot #1 Manorial Auctioneers Partnership June 1991 |  
Lot #29 of Manorial Auctioneers December 1996  
- after 1100 - 1131 | Richard de Redvers | royal re-grant | Manor And Title |  
- 1131 | Baldwin de Redvers | abbey endowment grant | Manor And Title |  
- 1525 | John Leigh | lease | Manor And Title |  
- 1628 - 1629 | Trustees for payment of the King's debts to the City of London | trust  
vesting | Manor And Title |  
- 1629 - 1632 | John Lamott and William Kinge | sale | Manor And Title |  
- 1632 | Sir Humphrey Bennett | conveyance | Manor And Title |  
- - 1667 | Thomas Bennett of Babraham | succession | Manor And Title |  
- 1667 - 1668 | Sir Levinus Bennett | succession | Manor And Title |  
- 1668 | Cheyney Colepeper and Alexander Colepeper | sale | Manor And Title |

#### RECORDED RIGHTS

- Association with the Liberty (Hundred) of East Medina: The registry places Arreton within  
the Liberty or Hundred of East Medina and records liberties associated with the Island  
jurisdiction.

#### RESEARCH GAPS / WANTED EVIDENCE

- [OPEN] The precise historical forms of the manor name beyond Arreton and Arreton Lordship  
are not established here. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point  
- [OPEN] The status and survival of any distinct Arreton lordship title are not established.  
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