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John Gower

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Dates: Circa 1330s-1408

BIOGRAPHY

English poet and substantial late medieval landholder with estates in Kent and East Anglia.

He

acquired the Aldington-Septvans moiety in the 1360s and maintained a residence or principal household connection at Aldington.

NOTES / SOURCES

The 1365 acquisition was disputed because the grantor was a minor.

Research sources:

- Michael Bennett, Gower, Richard II and Henry IV, in *Historians on John Gower*, summarizing the

royal proceedings and the 1365-1368 conveyances; corroborated by the *Probatio Aetatis* of William de

Septvans.

https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/FC77686406548B76454A5B26A831E196/9781787445994c13_p425-488_CBO.pdf/gower-richard-ii-and-henry-iv.pdf

The source describes a royal-authorized re-grant rather than an ordinary private conveyance.

Research sources:

- Michael Bennett, Gower, Richard II and Henry IV, in *Historians on John Gower*; the chapter states

that royal licences enabled Septvans to enfeoff Gower again in 1368.

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