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Hockinghanger

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lordship of Hockinghanger | Associated | 1235-6 | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

THE LORDSHIP of Hockinghanger is in the Hitchin Hundred of Hertfordshire in the parish of Kimpton close to the Bedfordshire border. As early as 1235-6 Baldwin de Vere, a member of the Northampton family of Vere, was holding the Manor, and demanding customs there from a certain William de Bikkeworth. The descent of the de Veres is as follows: ((see original pdf for full descent - page 65!))

In 1352 the de Vere made a settlement of his land, under the name Manor of Hockinghanger, on himself and his wife Elizabeth in tail. The title descended in this family until 1493, when Henry de Vere, of Creat Addington, Northants, died leaving four daughters, Elizabeth, Ann, Constance, and Audrey. Elizabeth married John, Lord Mordaunt; Ann married Sir Humphrey Browne of Roding, Essex, and Audrey married John Brown, a nephew of Sir Humphrey. These three daughters with their husbands each held one-third of the property.

In 1556 Audrey, after her husband's death, conveyed her third to John, Lord Mordaunt. These two thirds descended to his son John, Lord Mordaunt and to the latter's son Lewis, Lord Mordaunt. Sir Humphrey Browne, husband of Ann, died in 1562, leaving the third which had fallen to his wife to his three daughters - Mary, who afterwards married Thomas Wylford, Christine, later the wife of John Tufton, and Katherine. Mary and Katherine seem to have both conveyed their shares to Christine and John Tufton, who in Hilary Term 1581-2 conveyed this portion to Lewis, Lord Mordaunt, who thus acquired the whole. In 1596 Lord Mordaunt sold the Lordship to Thomas Hoo of St Paul's Walden.

His son, William succeeded him, on whose death in 1636 the title descended to his son Thomas. He died in 1650, his son, also Thomas having predeceased him. Hockinghanger passed with Hoo in St Paul's Walden to his daughter, Susan, wife of Sir Jonathan Keate, Bt. The Lordship descended to their son Sir Gilbert Hoo-Keate, who was succeeded by his son Sir Henry Hoo-Keate. He conveyed the Manor in 1732 to Margaret Brand of the parish of St James's, Westminster, widow of Thomas Brand, from whom the title passed successively to her son and grandson, both named Thomas. Her grandson married Gertrude, the ancestor of the present Viscount Hampden.

Catalogue source Lot #22 Manorial Auctioneers Partnership June 1992
 Associated manorial documents / archive references Court Rolls 1639 - 1649 Court Books (draft) 1703, 1721 Court Book 1743 - 1912 Letters patent Queen Elizabeth I 1557 Fine Receipts 1351, 1556 1575, 1583 Exchequer Inquisitions Post Mortem 1493, 1562

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Historical holder / succession information their son Sir Gilbert Hoo-Keate [source claim requiring identity review] passed to • historical_holder_or_transferee Source wording: The Lordship descended to their son Sir Gilbert Hoo-Keate, who was succeeded by his son Sir Henry Hoo-Keate.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1235-6 | Baldwin de Vere | | Manor Property |
- 1352 | Baldwin de Vere and Elizabeth de Vere | settlement | Manor And Title |
- 1493 | Elizabeth de Vere and John, Lord Mordaunt; Ann de Vere and Sir Humphrey Browne; Audrey de Vere and John Brown | descent | Manor Property |
- 1556 | John, Lord Mordaunt | conveyance | Manor Property |
- 1562 | Mary Wylford, Christine Tufton, and Katherine Browne | descent | Manor Property |
- 1581-2 - 1596 | Lewis, Lord Mordaunt | conveyance and sale | Manor And Title |
- 1596 | Thomas Hoo of St Paul's Walden | sale | Manor And Title |
- - 1636 | William Hoo | descent | Manor And Title |
- 1636 - 1650 | Thomas Hoo | descent | Manor And Title |
- 1650 | Susan Hoo, wife of Sir Jonathan Keate | descent | Manor And Title |
- | Sir Gilbert Hoo-Keate | descent | Manor And Title |
- - 1732 | Sir Henry Hoo-Keate | descent and conveyance | Manor And Title |
- 1732 | Margaret Brand | conveyance | Manor And Title |
- | Thomas Brand | descent | Manor And Title |

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RESEARCH GAPS / WANTED EVIDENCE

- [OPEN] Verify whether Hockinghanger has a Domesday entry. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point

- [OPEN] Verify the exact descent and identities of the de Vere holders before and after the 1352 settlement. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Clarify the identity and tenure of the two Thomas Brand holders and the later descent after the eighteenth century. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Establish whether the Lordship of Hockinghanger remains an active distinct title. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Verify the apparent conveyance by Mary Wylford and Katherine to Christine and John Tufton. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point

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