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King's Barton

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lordship of King's Barton | Associated | 13th century | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

The lordship of King's Barton, in the hundred of King's Barton and Dudstone, in Gloucestershire, has belonged for many centuries to the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral

before it was purchased by the Guise family.

General Sir John Guise was lord of the manor in 1848, on his death the lordship came to his son Sir

William and from him the manor descended to Sir Anselm Guise, the last lord of the manor.

THE ORIGINAL site of this Manor is given as Barton Street in the 13th century, and some of it now

had a Le Court House at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530s. In the middle

of the 13th century, the king's hall at Kingsholm was the centre of an estate held under

King's Barton Manor by the serjeantry of keeping the door of the King's pantry . The

hamlet of Barton Street now forms part of the City of Gloucester.

When the Manor was sold as a part of William Singleton's estate on 27 June 1786 to Lot III it

was described: The Manor of King's Barton, in the County and City of Gloucester, and in the

County of Gloucester, or one of them, and the Hundreds of King's Barton and Dudston, in the said

County of Gloucester, together with the Courts Leet, Courts Baron, Hundred Courts, View of Frankpledge, Franchises, Wastes, Commons, Profits, Privileges, Rights, Members and Appurtenances,

thereunto respectively belonging.

The ANNUAL CHIEF RENTS and RESERVED RENTS, issuing out of FREEHOLD ESTATES in this Manor, and from

copyholds of inheritance, from Cottages and from common Fines, including the right of fishing in the

River Leadon, Granted by Mr Singleton to Sir John Guise, Bart. by Lease dated the first day of

February, 1770, for 99 years, from the 25th December 1769, at £4s per annum, clear of land

tax,

amount to about per annum £22 2s 6d.

The Royal Manor of Barton had nine hides at the time of the Norman Conquest (1066) and included half

a hide in Droitwich, said in the Domesday Survey (1086) to belong to the hall of Gloucester.

In 1244

the Manor was held in farm by Gloucester Abbey and was called King's Barton to distinguish it

from the Barton estate held by the Abbey in its own right. The Abbey later failed to pay the farm

(1265) because of the civil war, and the Crown granted the Lordship at farm to Roger de Clifford.

The Abbey regained the farm in 1267, but in 1273 the estate was assigned to the town and the castle

of Henry III's widow, Eleanor of Provence, under whom it was called Queen's Barton. In

1299 it was included in the dower of Queen Margaret. The estate was later granted by Edward II in

1318 to his brother Edmund of Woodstock. In 1322 it was committed during pleasure to Gilbert Talbot

and Hugh le Despenser the younger was appointed to a superior control.

Queen Isabella had a grant for life in 1327, and the reversion for life to Thomas de Brodesdon in

1330. He is again recorded as holding it in 1331, and kept it until 1345 when Edward III granted the

Manor to Gloucester Abbey at fee farm. The Abbey, which from 1316 also held Dudston and the hundred

at fee farm was granted free warren in 1354, and retained the estate until the Dissolution of the

Monasteries.

The Crown granted the Lordship of King's Barton in March 1611 to George and Thomas Whitmore of

London. George later released his interest to Thomas who was succeeded by his brother Sir William

Whitmore, who, as a Royalist sympathizer, in 1645-6 he was removed from the Parliamentary interest.

In 1651 he later received from and they passed on his death three years later to his second son

Richard, who was discharged from the sequestration in 1653. It passed to his daughter Catherine, who

married George Walker, a London merchant. They sold it to Catherine's cousin, also Sir William

Whitmore, who released his interest in it to her nephew, William Whitmore Howard Slaughter.

Gloucestershire family sold it in the mid-1750s to Samuel Blackwell of Northaw, in Hertfordshire.

By 1780, John Price and Thomas Mitchell held the Manor as assignees of Messrs Walker and Singleton,

bankrupts, and in 1784 it was mortgaged to Edmund Probyn. The income of the Manor at this

time
 comprised rent from freehold and copyhold and fishing rights in the River Leadon but no
 under £18
 per annum. It was conveyed with his nearby Highnam estate to Sir John Wright Guise. After
 his death
 in 1865, King's Barton passed in the direct line to Sir William Vernon Guise (d.1887),
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 Catalogue sourceLot #26 of Bernard Thorpe Auction - June 1986Lot #12 of Manorial Auctioneers

December 1996

Associated manorial documents / archive references1 Court rolls of King's Barton
 1787-18542

Presentments of King's Barton 1769-92, 1832-18513 Court leet presentments 1769-18314

Original

presentments c. 18315 Rentals 1828-1840 & N.D.6 Stewards precepts 1800-18517 List of

names, etc.

1835, 18408 Forms to be observed at courts leet & baron c. 17969 Court book

1854-1946Manorial

Docs 1705-55 Glos ROPresentments 1769-1851Court Books

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Source notes((1986 Catalogue Begins)) | ((1996 Catalogue Begins))

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Historical holder / succession informationhis son Sir William and from him the manor descended to

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Barton [source claim requiring identity review]1267|1273 • conveyed_to •

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bankrupts, and in 1784 it was mortgaged to Edmund Probyn.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1265 - 1267 | Roger de Clifford | grant at farm | Manor And Title |

- 1273 - 1299 | Eleanor of Provence | royal assignment | Manor And Title |

- 1299 - 1318 | Margaret of France, Queen of England | dower assignment | Manor And Title |

- 1318 - 1322 | Edmund of Woodstock, 1st Earl of Kent | royal grant | Manor And Title |

- 1322 - 1327 | Gilbert Talbot and Hugh le Despenser the younger | custodial commitment | Manor And Title |

- 1327 - 1330 | Isabella of France, Queen of England | life grant | Manor And Title |

- 1330 - 1345 | Thomas de Brodesdon | life grant of reversion | Manor And Title |

- 1345 - 1539 | Gloucester Abbey | grant at fee farm | Manor And Title |
- 1611 - 1611 | George Whitmore and Thomas Whitmore | Crown grant | Manor And Title |
- 1611 - 1641 | Thomas Whitmore | release | Manor And Title |
- 1641 - 1654 | Sir William Whitmore | inheritance | Manor And Title |
- 1654 - 1657 | Richard Whitmore | inheritance | Manor And Title |
- 1750 - 1780 | Samuel Blackwell | sale | Manor And Title |
- 1780 - 1784 | John Price and Thomas Mitchell | assignment and mortgage | Manor And Title |
- 1784 - 1786 | Edmund Probyn | mortgage | Manor And Title |
- 1786 - 1865 | Sir John Guise | conveyance | Manor And Title |
- 1865 - 1887 | Sir William Vernon Guise | inheritance | Manor And Title |
- 1887 - 1920 | Sir William Francis George Guise | inheritance | Manor And Title |
- 1920 - 1986 | Sir Anselm William Edward Guise | inheritance and relinquishment | Manor And Title |

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Courts leet and courts baron: The 1786 sale description expressly included the courts leet and courts baron belonging to the manor.
- Hundred courts and view of frankpledge: The 1786 sale description included hundred courts and view of frankpledge.
- Chief rents, reserved rents and common fines: The manor's income included rents issuing from freehold and copyhold estates, cottages and common fines.
- Fishing in the River Leaddon: Fishing rights in the River Leaddon are expressly mentioned in the manor's sale and lease descriptions.
- Commons, wastes, franchises and manorial profits: These incidents and appurtenances were included in the 1786 sale description.

RESEARCH GAPS / WANTED EVIDENCE

- [OPEN] The exact historic ecclesiastical parish designation for Barton Street and King's Barton should be verified. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] The status and identity of any surviving lordship title or post-1986 holder remain unconfirmed. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] The Domesday identification should be source-verified against the relevant Gloucestershire and Gloucester entries. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point

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