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Link Hill

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lordship of Link Hill | Associated | | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

THIS LORDSHIP used to belong to the ancient family of Hever which name they took from the Parish in which the manor lies. It was held of the King in capite according to inquisitions taken in the reign

of King John 1211 and 1212, when it was held by Hugo de Tokington by the service of one Knight s

Fee, held of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The manor was the first residence of the Hevers in this country, although they eventually moved to

Hever Castle near Tonbridge. William de Hever accompanied Richard I, the Lion Heart (1189-99) on the

Third Crusade to the Holy Land and was present at the seige of Asshelon in 1192. In 1206 Walter de

Hever was one of the justices of the Great Assize. Richard de Hever, in 1291, accompanied Edward I

(1272-1307) to Newcastle when that King summoned the claimants to the Scottish throne to appear

before them to state their cases. In the reign of Edward III (1327-77), the manor passed to Richard

de Hever s two daughters, Joan and Margaret who, respectively, married Reginald Cobham and Sir

Oliver Brocas, one of whose descendants sold his share to Reginald, Lord Cobham, in about 1486.

In the 16th century, the Lordship was purchased and sold on numerous occasions and the lords of the

manor included John Rickell, Edward Lymsey, Sir John Rainsford, John Bartow, and Richard Child. Anne

Boleyn, Henry VIII s second Queen, lived nearby at Hever Castle and owned this Manor.

In the 17th century, the Childs sold the lordship to Dame Frances Burton, widow of Sir Thomas Burton

of Leicestershire. It passed through the hands of the Cripps and Tokes families until it became the

property of the Hart Dykes in the last century.

Catalogue sourceLot #3 of Manorial Holdings Auction - December 1989
Associated manorial documents / archive referencesCourt Books 1423, 1444-52 Canterbury Cathedral
LibraryCourt Books 1533-38

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Historical holder / succession informationRichard de Hever s two daughters, Joan and Margaret1327|1486 • passed_to • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: In the reign of Edward III (1327-77), the manor passed to Richard de Hever s two daughters, Joan and Margaret who, respectively, married Reginald Cobham and Sir Oliver Brocas, one of whose descendants sold his share to Reginald, Lord Cobham, in about 1486.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1327|1486 | Richard de Hever s two daughters, Joan and Margaret | passed_to | | Lot #3 of Manorial Holdings Auction - December 1989
- 1211 - 1212 | Hugo de Tokington | inquisition | Manor Property |
- about 1486 | Reginald, Lord Cobham | sale | Manor Property |
- 16th century | John Rickell | | Manor Property |
- 16th century | Edward Lymsey | | Manor Property |
- 16th century | Sir John Rainsford | | Manor Property |
- 16th century | John Bartow | | Manor Property |
- 16th century | Richard Child | | Manor Property |
- 16th century | Anne Boleyn | | Manor Property |
- 17th century | Dame Frances Burton | sale | Manor And Title |
- 17th century | The Cripps family | descent or transfer | Manor And Title |
- 17th century | The Tokes family | descent or transfer | Manor And Title |
- 19th century | The Hart Dyke family | descent or transfer | Manor And Title |

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Held of the King in capite: The supplied record states that Link Hill was held directly of the Crown according to inquisitions of 1211 and 1212.
- Held by the service of one knight's fee: The supplied record states that Hugo de Tokington held the manor by the service of one knight's fee.
- Held of the Archbishop of Canterbury: The supplied record states that the knight's fee was held of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

RESEARCH GAPS / WANTED EVIDENCE

- [OPEN] Historical alternative names are not established from the supplied record. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] Domesday Book inclusion is unresolved. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] The parish identification should be source-verified before being treated as definitive. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point
- [OPEN] The surviving status and any current holder of the Lordship of Link Hill are unresolved. | Wanted: Source-backed evidence resolving this point

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