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Shardelowes

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- Lordship of Shardelowe | Associated | | Provisional

ABOUT THE MANOR

The Lordship of Shardelowe is a sub-manor of the main lordship in the parish of Tuddenham. It lies in the attractive village, a few miles south of Mildenhall. Before the Norman Invasion of 1066 the manor was held by a Norse freeman named Canute but when the Saxon thegns were driven from their lands it became the proper ty of Eudo Dapifer. By 1236 it had become vested in Eborard de Trumpington who granted half a knight s fee to William de Knapwell, and this may have been the origins of the portion of the manor later to come into the hands of Thomas de Shardelowe. Later in the 13th Century the manor was held by Peter de Leyham and it was then sold by his son and heir, Peter, to Sir Thomas de Hemegrave (or Hengrave). Sir Thomas died in 1264 and the next recorded Lord of the Manor was Roger de Trumpeton, presumably a descendent of Eborard. He died in 1289 but it is supposed that he was merely a trustee of the lordship since in 1316 it was held by Sir Edmund de Hemgrave, Sir Thomas son. Sir Edmund served as Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk in 1321 and was also governor of Norwich Castle. At his death in 1334 the estate passed to his son Sir Thomas. He died in 1349 and is buried at the church of The Black Friars in what is now Great Yarmouth. In 1352 Sir Edmund de Hemgrave the Younger gave the Tuddenham estate to Richard de Brews, Thomas de Shardelowes and Edmund de Thorpe in trust. It is from Thomas that the sub-manor received its name. Sir Edmund s son and heir, Sir Thomas, is recorded as Lord of the Manor in 1419, the year of his death. Sir Edmund s son and heir had died two years before him and so after his passing the manor

passed to William Ampleford. He held a manorial court in 1428 but little else is heard of him or the

manor until 1475 when it was in the hands of William Wellys.

In 1428 it is recorded that Thomas Heigham the Elder, of Heigham. released to Thomas Wellys all his right in the lands and tenements with foliage in Tuddenham which formerly belonged to Robert

Shardelow, knt.

In the same year Wellys settled the estate on his son and heir, John, who lived until 1482.

It

passed to his son and heir, Thomas, and his wife Lucy and they were recorded as its Lords in 1495

when the whole of Tuddenham, including Shardelows was said to be valued at £6 13 4d per year.

The descent of Shardelows from the end of the 15th Century is not clear. By 1548 it was in the

hands of Robert Smyth, but how it came into his hands is not clear. The Smyth family held it until

the end of the 16th Century when it came to the two daughters and heirs of Robert Smyth, who died in

1598, Mary and Jane. The former was married to Charles Lovell and it appears that the manor then

passed to his family.

In 1698 the manor passed to John Hervey, son of Sir Thomas Herbey. John Hervey, the 1st Earl, and

Lord of Shardelows, served as MP for Bury St Edmunds and was raised to the rank of earl in 1714.

His son, George, the 2nd Earl, served as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1766 and as Bishop of Cloyne

in 1767. Frederick, the 4th earl, was also A Bishop (Derry) but is famed for his great love of

travel and there are hotel Bristols, named in his honour in Paris and Vienna. He was described by

Sir Jonah Barrington as

a man of elegant erudition, extensive learning, and and enlightened and classical, but eccentric

mind: bold, ardent, and versatile; he dazzled the vulgar by ostentatious state, and worked upon the

gentry by ease and condescension. It is likely that it was this earl who inspired Voltaire to

comment; When God created the human race, he made men, women and Herveys.

In 1826 the 5th earl was created the first Marquess of Bristol. The present Lord of the Manor of

Shardelows is the the 8th Marquess.

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OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Historical holder / succession informationhis son Sir Thomas [source claim requiring identity review]1334 • passed_to • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: At his death in 1334 the estate passed to his son Sir Thomas.William Amplefordpassed_to • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: Sir Edmund s son and heir had died two years before him and so after his passing the manor passed to William Ampleford.his family [source claim requiring identity review]passed_to • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: The former was married to Charles Lovell and it appears that the manor then passed to his family.John Hervey1698 • passed_to • historical_holder_or_transfereeSource wording: In 1698 the manor passed to John Hervey, son of Sir Thomas Herbey.8th Marquess [source claim requiring identity review]current_holder_statement • catalogue_stated_current_holderSource wording: The present Lord of the Manor of Shardelowes is the the 8th Marquess.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- | William Ampleford | passed_to | | Lot #11 of Manorial Services Auction - Winter 2024 - Stephen Johnson
- 1698 | John Hervey | passed_to | | Lot #11 of Manorial Services Auction - Winter 2024 - Stephen Johnson
- 1066 | Eudo Dapifer | | Manor Property |
- 1236 | Eborard de Trumpington | | Manor Property |
- 1236 | William de Knapwell | grant | Manor Property |
- 13th century | Peter de Leyham | | Manor Property |
- 13th century - 1264 | Sir Thomas de Hemgrave (also Hengrave) | sale | Manor Property |
- 1264 - 1289 | Roger de Trumpeton | | Manor Property |
- 1316 - 1334 | Sir Edmund de Hemgrave | | Manor Property |
- 1334 - 1349 | Sir Thomas de Hemgrave | descent | Manor Property |
- 1352 | Richard de Brews; Thomas de Shardelowes; Edmund de Thorpe | settlement in trust | Manor And Title |
- 1419 - 1419 | Sir Thomas de Hemgrave | manorial record | Manor And Title |
- 1428 - 1428 | Thomas Heigham the Elder | release | Manor Property |
- 1428 | Thomas Wellys | settlement | Manor Property |
- 1428 - 1482 | John Wellys | settlement | Manor Property |
- 1482 - 1495 | Thomas Wellys and Lucy Wellys | descent | Manor And Title |
- 1548 - 1598 | Robert Smyth | | Manor Property |
- 1598 - 1698 | Mary Smyth and Jane Smyth | inheritance | Manor Property |

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Lands and tenements with foliage in Tuddenham formerly belonging to Robert Shardelow, knight: A 1428 release is recorded as conveying all Thomas Heigham the Elder's right in these lands and tenements to Thomas Wellys.
- Manorial court: William Ampleford is recorded as holding a manorial court at Tuddenham in

1428.

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