

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ABBERTON MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Abberton Manor was the principal estate of Abberton in Pershore Hundred, Worcestershire. The place is recorded in a tenth-century charter as Eadbrithinctune and in Domesday Book in 1086 as Edbretintune and Edbritone. In Domesday the estate was a berewick or outlying holding of the church of St Mary of Pershore, whose abbey was both tenant-in-chief and immediate lord. The manor remained connected with Pershore Abbey until the Dissolution. A Crown grant of 16 January 1544 transferred the manor to William and Francis Sheldon, members of the local Sheldon family. The Sheldon family retained the manor until its sale in 1829 to William Laslett. Abberton Hall was the principal residence associated with the manor in the nineteenth century. No distinct barony, seigneurial title or other associated title has been found; Abberton Manor is treated here as a property designation rather than a separate titled dignity.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely evidenced lordship is that of the church of St Mary of Pershore, represented by Pershore Abbey, in 1066 and 1086. The available evidence does not establish every intermediate medieval holder or every legal step between Domesday and the Dissolution. Ralph Sheldon was lessee of Abberton by 1540, but the evidence distinguishes his leasehold interest from the later freehold or fee grant. On 16 January 1544 the manor was granted to William Sheldon and Francis Sheldon; the estate was then settled on Francis Sheldon and Mary his wife, with remainders to their children. William Sheldon died in 1570, after which the manor descended through the Abberton branch of the

Sheldons. The sources record Francis Sheldon holding in 1625 and 1632, Francis Sheldon dealing with the manor in 1699 and dying in 1700, a succeeding Francis Sheldon dying in 1711, another Francis Sheldon holding in 1720, and the estate of Francis Sheldon, described as a lunatic, being dealt with by Act of Parliament in 1733. Thomas Sheldon held the manor in 1776 and with his wife Margaret in 1798. The manor was sold in 1829 by Samuel Sheldon alias Lesingham to William Laslett. William Laslett remained the securely evidenced historical holder through his lifetime, dying in 1884. Later nineteenth- and early twentieth-century references identify the Abberton Hall estate and associated land, but the sources examined do not securely establish a subsequent manor lord and therefore no later holder is entered.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1066 - 1543 | Pershore Abbey, the church of St Mary of Pershore | Continuation of the pre-Conquest ecclesiastical holding; the estate was held by Pershore Abbey in 1066 and in Domesday Book in 1086, and remained associated with the abbey until the Dissolution. | | Domesday Book, Worcestershire folio 7; Open Domesday entry for the land of Pershore (St Mary), abbey of, including Abberton. Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7.

- 16 January 1544 - 16 January 1544 | William Sheldon and Francis Sheldon | Royal grant of the manor following the Dissolution of Pershore Abbey; the manor was granted to William Sheldon and Francis Sheldon. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 16 January 1544 - 1570 | Francis Sheldon and Mary Sheldon | Settlement made after the 1544 grant, placing the manor on Francis Sheldon and Mary his wife, with remainders to their children. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 24 December 1570 - 1608 | William Sheldon, son of Francis Sheldon | Succession within the settlement after the death of William Sheldon, the elder 1544 grantee, on 24 December 1570; the source states that William, son of Francis, was then of full age and residing at Abberton. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1608 - 1625 | Francis Sheldon | Succession to his father William Sheldon in 1608. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1625 - 1632 | Francis Sheldon and Elizabeth Sheldon | Continuing Sheldon ownership; the manor is documented in their joint names in 1625 and 1632. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced

in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1699 - 1700 | Francis Sheldon | Continuing Sheldon ownership; Francis Sheldon was dealing with the manor in 1699 and died in the following year. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1700 - 1711 | Francis Sheldon | Succession after the death of Francis Sheldon in 1700; the succeeding Francis Sheldon died in 1711. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1711 - 1733 | Francis Sheldon | Succession after the death of Francis Sheldon in 1711; a Francis Sheldon was holding in 1720, and an Act of Parliament in 1733 dealt with the estate of Francis Sheldon, described as a lunatic. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1776 - 1798 | Thomas Sheldon | Continuing Sheldon ownership; Thomas Sheldon held the manor in 1776 and with his wife Margaret in 1798. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7, as reproduced in the Sheldon family historical compilation citing the VCH account.

- 1798 - 1829 | Samuel Sheldon alias Lesingham | Sale of Abberton Manor in 1829 to William Laslett. The source identifies the vendor as Samuel Sheldon alias Lesingham; the relationship between Samuel and the Thomas Sheldon named in 1798 is not established here. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7; corroborating VCH-derived account of the 1829 sale by Samuel Sheldon alias Lesingham.

- 1829 - 26 January 1884 | William Emmerson Kendrick Laslett | Purchased Abberton Manor in 1829 from Samuel Sheldon alias Lesingham. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Worcester, volume 4, 'Parishes: Abberton', pp. 4-7; William Laslett biographical and local historical accounts; The Heraldry of Worcestershire, entry for Laslett of Abberton Hall.

- 1540 - 1540 | Ralph Sheldon | Lease | Manor Property |

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