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ABBOTSTONE MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Abbotstone was an ancient manor and settlement in the Candover valley, in the historic parish of Abbotstone and later associated with Itchen Stoke, Hampshire. The settlement is now regarded as a deserted medieval village. Domesday Book records Abedestune as a substantial estate of nine hides held in 1086 by Hugh de Port from the Bishop of Winchester, with five ploughlands, villeins, bordars, a mill and meadow. A mill and other Abbotstone property are recorded in early thirteenth-century feet of fines, and the manor was held by the St John family by the early fourteenth century. A manor house or capital messuage existed by the later Middle Ages. Sir William Paulet built a substantial house at Abbotstone in the sixteenth century; a later house associated with the Paulet family and the Dukes of Bolton stood there in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and was demolished about 1760. The manor and estate remained associated with the Paulet and Bolton family estates until sale to Alexander Baring in 1818 or 1819. The manor should not be confused with the separate Abbotstone/Titchborne estate in Whiteparish, Wiltshire.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure descent begins with Hugh de Port's Domesday holding in 1086. Adam de Port is directly associated with Abbotstone in 1173, when he pledged the stock of the estate, and again in a 1203 fine concerning the Abbotstone mill and messuages. The documentary sequence is incomplete between the de Port evidence and the St John evidence. John de St John held the villa of Abbotstone in 1316, and in 1323 his son William de St John and William's wife Eleanor were the objects of a settlement of the manor. Following William's death, Eleanor's remarriage gave Gerard de Lisle a dower or marital interest rather than an independently evidenced absolute title; by 1347 the

manor was held by Edmund de St John, and his widow Elizabeth subsequently held it by his gift. The later fourteenth- and fifteenth-century descent is not fully reconstructed from the sources consulted. In 1442 Constance, widow of John Paulet, was seised of a one-third share of the manor and advowson, with Henry Grene holding that share by the courtesy of England after her death. By 1501 John Paulet is recorded as having inherited the St John manors, including Abbotstone, from his mother Eleanor. In 1539 the manor is reported as having been united with Itchen Stoke and granted by the Crown to Sir William Paulet. The Paulet family retained the estate, subject to Parliamentary sequestration or temporary displacement during the Commonwealth period, until the Restoration returned the property to the family. The estate was associated with the Marquesses of Winchester and subsequently the Dukes of Bolton. It was sold to Alexander Baring in 1818 or 1819; the exact date and legal form of the conveyance require confirmation from estate or conveyance records.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 - after 1086 | Hugh de Port | Domesday holding | | Domesday Book, Hampshire entry for Abedestune; reproduced in The Domesday Book Online, Hampshire A-K, entry Abbotstone.
- 1173 - 1173 | Adam de Port | Documentary appearance as holder or person exercising lordship over Abbotstone; the stock of Abbotstone was pledged for seven years as security for a loan. | | Isabel Sanderson, 'Abbotstone: A Deserted Medieval Village', Hampshire Studies, vol. 28, citing the 1173 transaction.
- 20 January 1203 - 20 January 1203 | Adam de Port | Retained or asserted rights in Abbotstone in a feet of fine concerning the mill, land and messuages. | | Feet of Fines, Hampshire, CP 25/1/203/2, fine of 4 John concerning Abateston.
- 1316 - before 1323 | John de St John | Descent or succession from the earlier de Port-associated lordship is not documented in the sources consulted; John de St John is recorded holding the villa of Abbotstone. | | Isabel Sanderson, 'Abbotstone: A Deserted Medieval Village', Hampshire Studies, vol. 28, reporting the 1316 Nomina Villarum evidence.
- 1323 - before 1329 | William de St John and Eleanor de Arundel | Settlement of the manor of Abbotstone on William de St John and his wife Eleanor. | | William Page, ed., Victoria County History of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, vol. 4 (1911), account of Itchen Stoke with Abbotstone, p. 193; the settlement is also discussed with reference to the VCH account in the published genealogical source.
- after 1329 - before 1347 | Gerard de Lisle, in right of Eleanor de Arundel | Dower or marital interest arising through Eleanor de Arundel, widow of William de St John; no independent conveyance of the manor to Gerard is evidenced. | | Discussion of the Abbotstone settlement and dower position citing Victoria County History, Hampshire, vol. 4, p. 193, and related medieval records.
- before 3 November 1347 - 1347 | Edmund de St John | Returned to or retained by the St John family before Edmund's death; no separate conveyance into Edmund is identified. | | Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, vol. 9 (1916), pp. 39-40, as cited in the published discussion

of Abbotstone ownership.

- by 1347 - after 1347 | Elizabeth de St John, later wife of Gerard de Lisle | Gift or settlement by Edmund de St John, her first husband; later held in her own right or under the terms of his gift. | | Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, vol. 10 (1921), pp. 228-229, as cited in the published discussion of Abbotstone ownership.
- before 27 November 1442 - 27 November 1442 | Constance, wife and widow of John Paulet | Inherited or otherwise held a one-third share of the manor and a one-third share of the advowson; the preceding conveyance is not identified. | | Inquisition post mortem for Constance, delivered 12 February, relating to her death on 27 November 1442; TNA reference C 139/108/22 mm. 3-4.
- 27 November 1442 - after 27 November 1442 | Henry Grene | Held Constance's one-third share by the courtesy of England after her death. | | Inquisition post mortem for Constance, TNA C 139/108/22 mm. 3-4.
- by 1501 - before 1539 | John Paulet | Inheritance through his mother Eleanor of several former St John manors, including Abbotstone; the immediate predecessor and date of succession are not specified in the cited source. | | The County Community of Hampshire c.1300-c.1530, discussion of John Paulet and the St John-Poynings-Paulet inheritance, citing Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, Henry VII, i, p. 355 and iii, pp. 110-111.
- 1539 - 1572 | Sir William Paulet | Royal grant associated with the union of Abbotstone and Itchen Stoke during the Dissolution period. | | Raymond Elliott, 'The Importance of Abbotstone'; Isabel Sanderson, 'Abbotstone: A Deserted Medieval Village'; and William Page, ed., Victoria County History of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, vol. 4 (1911).
- by 1569 - 1576 | William Paulet, 2nd Marquess of Winchester | Succession within the Paulet family; the exact instrument is not stated in the cited source. | | The Elizabethan Court Day by Day, 1569, entry for Abbotstone manor-house.
- 1642 - 1650 | John Paulet, 5th Marquis of Winchester | Succession within the Paulet family; the family estate was later sequestrated or seized by Parliament during the Commonwealth period. | | Raymond Elliott, 'The Importance of Abbotstone'; Hampshire Garden Trust, Abbotstone research; and local historical accounts of the Paulet estates during the Civil War.
- 1689 - 1699 | Charles Paulet, 1st Duke of Bolton | Succession and restoration of the Paulet family estate after the Commonwealth interruption; no separate Abbotstone conveyance identified. | | Hampshire Garden Trust, Abbotstone research; Historic England listing for Abbotstone Farmhouse; Raymond Elliott, 'The Importance of Abbotstone'.
- late seventeenth century - 1818 or 1819 | Paulet family, Dukes of Bolton and successors | Continued family ownership through successive dukes and the later Bolton estate; the individual succession and legal instruments are not fully reconstructed here. | | Hampshire Garden Trust, Abbotstone research; Winchester City Council, Itchen Stoke Conservation Area Technical Assessment; Raymond Elliott, 'The Importance of Abbotstone'.
- 1818 or 1819 - after 1819 | Alexander Baring | Purchase of the Abbotstone estate from the Bolton family; sources differ between 1818 and 1819 for the transaction or completion date. | | Raymond Elliott, 'The Importance of Abbotstone'; Handed On, 'Bolton Hall, Yorkshire', reporting Alexander Baring's purchase of the Abbotstone estate for £64,200 in 1818; Winchester City Council, Itchen Stoke Conservation Area Technical Assessment.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Advowson associated with the manor, including a recorded one-third share in 1442.: The supplied ownership history records Constance as holding a one-third share of the manor and

advowson in 1442.

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