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ABBOTTS ANN MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Abbots Ann Manor, historically the manor of Ann or Anna, was an ecclesiastical estate in Abbots Ann, Hampshire. A charter in the name of Edward the Elder granted an estate at Anna to the New Minster at Winchester, the institution later known as Hyde Abbey. The estate was recorded in Domesday Book in 1086 as held by the New Minster and assessed at eight hides, with three mills. The manor and church remained associated with the Winchester foundation until the Dissolution of the Monasteries. After the Dissolution, the Crown granted the manor to William Paulet, later first Marquess of Winchester, in 1542. It remained with the Paulet family and Marquesses of Winchester until the late seventeenth or very early eighteenth century, when it was acquired by Thomas Pitt, the former Governor of Madras. The manor should not be confused with Little Ann, a separate estate in the same parish historically associated with Wherwell Abbey.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely evidenced holder is the New Minster at Winchester, later Hyde Abbey, which received the estate of Anna by royal charter in the early tenth century and retained it through the medieval period. Domesday Book confirms the New Minster's possession in 1086. The precise legal sequence between the medieval abbey's holding and the Crown's post-Dissolution grant is not established in the sources reviewed. In 1542 the Crown granted Abbots Ann Manor to William Paulet, Lord St John, subsequently Earl of Wiltshire and first Marquess of Winchester. The manor then continued in the Paulet family, with sources specifically describing its succession through the

Marquesses of Winchester and recording Paulet lordship and dealings with tenants during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The precise instruments and dates of each individual succession within the Paulet family have not been established here. By about 1710 the manor had been purchased by Thomas Pitt. A later 1749 survey is described as a survey of the manors of Abbots Ann and Little Ann, the estate of Thomas Pitt, but the sources reviewed do not securely establish the subsequent legal descent of Abbots Ann Manor after Thomas Pitt. References to the later Red Rice estate and to members of the Best family are not treated as manor conveyances because the available material does not sufficiently distinguish ownership of the entire manor from ownership of a country house, estate lands, or a later composite estate.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1542 | William Paulet, Lord St John, later first Marquess of Winchester | Crown grant | Manor Property |

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