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ABINGER MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Abinger Manor was the principal manor of Abinger parish in Surrey. In Domesday Book in 1086 the estate was held by William Fitz Ansculf, whose overlordship descended with the honour of Dudley through the Pagenels to the Somery family. The immediate lordship is recorded from the thirteenth century in the Jarpenvill family. The manor subsequently passed through the Aylesbury, Stafford, Guldeford, Jermigan, Elrington, Morgan, Hill, Leigh and Evelyn interests. From the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries it was reunited in the Evelyn family of Wotton, whose descendants continued to be identified as lords of Abinger in nineteenth- and early twentieth-century sources. The historic manor house stands on a moated site near Abinger Common and incorporates a house originally built in 1688 by John Evelyn; the building was substantially rebuilt in 1872-1873 by Alfred Waterhouse using some earlier materials. The medieval earthworks at the site include the associated motte and moat.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

In 1086 Abinger was held by William Fitz Ansculf as tenant-in-chief, with the overlordship later passing with the honour of Dudley through the Pagenels to the Somery family. The recorded immediate manor-holders begin with Geoffrey de Jarpenvill, who held a knight's fee in Abinger, and David de Jarpenvill, who was holding Abinger Manor in 1273. After David's death in 1293, his brother Thomas obtained possession and in 1295 settled the manor on himself with remainder to his son Roger and Roger's wife Nora. Roger was holding by 1322. A further settlement was made in 1332

on

Roger's son Thomas and Thomas's wife Avice, but the title was challenged in 1348 by

descendants of David de Jarpenvill's daughters and again in 1360 by Sir John de Aylesbury.

Releases by descendants of the claimants subsequently established Sir John de Aylesbury's

interest, and he died seised of Abinger in 1409. The manor descended through Thomas, John and Hugh

de Aylesbury; after Hugh's death it was divided between his aunts Isabel, wife of Sir Thomas

Chaworth, and Eleanor Aylesbury, with Abinger falling to Eleanor's share and passing through

her marriage into the Stafford family. Following Humphrey Stafford's attainder and execution in

1486, the Crown granted the manor to Sir John Guldeford and later, in 1511, to Sir Richard Jermigan.

By 1546 it had returned to the Stafford family. In 1551 Sir William Stafford and Dorothy his wife,

together with Sir Humphrey Stafford and Elizabeth his wife, sold the manor to Thomas and Edward

Elrington. The Elringtons alienated the manor in two moieties in 1578 and 1580. One moiety went to

Richard Brown, acting in trust for Richard or Edmund Hill, and the other to William Morgan.

Morgan's moiety descended through John Morgan and Anne Morgan's marriage to Edward Randyll, who conveyed it to Richard Evelyn in 1622. The other moiety passed through the Hill and

Leigh interests and was acquired by George Evelyn in 1595. The whole manor was therefore reunited in

the Evelyn family by 1622 and remained associated with the Evelyn estate of Wotton. J. H. C. Evelyn

was identified as lord of the manor in 1913. The public evidence located does not establish a later

conveyance or a current owner of the manor itself.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 - after 1086 | William Fitz Ansculf | Held at the time of the Domesday Survey as tenant-in-chief; the source describes the later descent of the overlordship with the honour of Dudley. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors, citing Domesday evidence and the descent of the honour of Dudley.

- early 13th century - before 1273 | Geoffrey de Jarpenvill | Held a knight's fee in Abinger; the source places the Jarpenvill family in the immediate history of the manor before David de Jarpenvill's recorded tenure. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1273 - 1293 | David de Jarpenvill | Recorded as holding Abinger Manor in 1273; he died in 1293. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors, stating that David de Jarpenvill was holding Abinger Manor in 1273 and died in 1293.

- 1293 - before 1316 | Thomas de Jarpenvill | Obtained possession after the death of his brother David de Jarpenvill and in 1295 settled the manor on himself, with remainder to his son Roger and Roger's wife Nora. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- before 1316 - after 1332 | Roger de Jarpenvill | Succeeded his father Thomas de Jarpenvill before 1316 and was holding the manor in 1322; in 1332 he settled it on his son Thomas and Thomas's wife Avice. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1332 - after 1348 | Thomas de Jarpenvill | Received the manor under a 1332 settlement by his father Roger, with Avice, daughter of William de Latimer, as his wife; the settlement was challenged in 1348. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- after 1360 - 1409 | Sir John de Aylesbury | Acquired the interest in Abinger Manor after claims by descendants of David de Jarpenvill; Hugh son of Margaret de la Marlere and Margery Franklin released their rights to him. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1409 - 1418 | Thomas de Aylesbury | Succeeded his father Sir John de Aylesbury and held until his death in 1418. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1418 - 1422 | John de Aylesbury | Succeeded his father Thomas de Aylesbury while a minor and died in 1422. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1422 - circa 1423 | Hugh de Aylesbury | Inherited from his father John de Aylesbury as an infant and survived him by only about a year. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- circa 1423 - 1486 | Eleanor Aylesbury and Sir Humphrey Stafford | After Hugh de Aylesbury's death the inheritance was divided between his aunts Isabel, wife of Sir Thomas Chaworth, and Eleanor Aylesbury; Abinger fell to Eleanor's share and passed through her marriage to Sir Humphrey Stafford. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1486 - 1511 | Sir John Guldeford | Following Humphrey Stafford's attainder and execution in 1486, the Crown granted his lands, including Abinger Manor, to Sir John Guldeford. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1511 - before 1546 | Sir Richard Jermigan | Received a further Crown grant of Abinger Manor in 1511. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- before 1546 - 1546 | Humphrey Stafford | The manor had returned to the Stafford family before 1546; Humphrey Stafford died in possession in 1546. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1546 - 1548 | Humphrey Stafford | Succeeded his father Humphrey Stafford as son and heir; died two years later. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.
- 1551 - 1578 | Sir William Stafford, Dorothy Stafford, Sir Humphrey Stafford and Elizabeth Stafford | Sold Abinger Manor to Thomas and Edward Elrington in 1551. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors; compare Topographical History of Surrey for the alternative 1552 dating.
- 1551 - 1578 | Thomas Elrington and Edward Elrington | Purchased Abinger Manor from the

Stafford parties; the manor was later alienated by the Elringtons in two moieties in 1578 and 1580. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors; Surrey County Council, More than just dry parchment.

- 1578 - 1595 | Richard Brown, trustee for Richard Hill | Received one moiety from Thomas and Edward Elrington in 1578; the source describes Brown as trustee for Richard Hill. The interest was later conveyed through Richard Browne to Sir Oliph Leigh in 1595 and acquired by George Evelyn in the same year. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1580 - 1589 | William Morgan | Received the other moiety from Thomas and Edward Elrington in 1580; in 1589 he settled it on his son John. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1586 - 1589 | Richard Hill and William Morgan | Held and exercised the lordship of the two moieties jointly; a court was held in their names in 1586. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1589 - 1602 | John Morgan | Received William Morgan's moiety under the 1589 settlement and settled it on his daughter Anne on her marriage to Edward Randyll in 1602. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1602 - 1622 | Anne Morgan and Edward Randyll | The Morgan moiety was settled on Anne Morgan at her marriage to Edward Randyll in 1602; Edward Randyll conveyed it to Richard Evelyn in 1622. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1578 - 1595 | Richard Hill | Beneficial interest in one moiety was represented by Richard Brown as trustee for Richard Hill; the moiety was conveyed in 1595 through Richard Browne to Sir Oliph Leigh and acquired by George Evelyn in the same year. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1595 - 1595 | Sir Oliph Leigh | Richard Browne conveyed the Hill-associated moiety to Sir Oliph Leigh in 1595, apparently to avoid selling lands of his more ancient inheritance; the same source says the interest was probably held in trust and was acquired by George Evelyn in the same year. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1595 - 1622 | George Evelyn | Acquired the Hill-associated moiety from the intermediate Leigh transaction in 1595 and held it until the manor was reunited under Richard Evelyn's acquisition of the other moiety in 1622. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors.

- 1622 - after 1622 | Richard Evelyn | Acquired the Morgan-Randyll moiety from Edward Randyll in 1622, thereby reuniting Abinger Manor with the moiety already held by George Evelyn and the Evelyn family. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors; corroborated by Papers on Abinger Church, 1938.

- 1622 - 1913 | Evelyn family of Wotton | The whole manor remained in the Evelyn family after Richard Evelyn's acquisition of the second moiety; the family is identified in later sources as continuing lords of Abinger. | | Victoria County History, A History of the County of Surrey, Volume 3, Abinger, section Manors; British Library, Evelyn Papers, Add MS 78586-78587; Surrey in the Great War, Abinger page reporting J. H. C. Evelyn as lord of the manor in 1913.

- 1913 - after 1913 | J. H. C. Evelyn | Identified in a 1913 account as lord of the manor of Abinger; the conveyance or succession by which he acquired the manor is not established in the sources located. | | Surrey in the Great War, Abinger parish page, citing the 1913 local context and identifying J. H. C. Evelyn as lord of the manor.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Manorial court: A court was held in the names of Richard Hill and William Morgan in 1586, evidencing the exercise of manorial court jurisdiction over the two moieties.

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