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ABLOADS MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Abloads Manor was the medieval manor associated with Abload or Abbelode at Sandhurst beside the River Severn, later known as Abloads Court or Ablode's Court. The name is recorded in medieval forms including Abbelode and is interpreted as referring to a difficult or dangerous river crossing. The site included a medieval settlement and a mill associated with the Gloucester abbey estate. Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record identifies a deserted medieval village at Abloads Court and records references to the place in the Pipe Rolls of 1190 and 1191-92. The present Abloads Court is a later farmhouse incorporating or replacing the earlier manorial complex; the surviving listed building is principally eighteenth- and nineteenth-century in date. The manor should not be confused with other Gloucestershire estates bearing similar Abbot- or Abload-related names.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The securely evidenced medieval lordship belongs to Gloucester Abbey, formally the Abbey of St Peter at Gloucester, whose estate records refer to Abload and whose manor at Abload is identified in later historical and archaeological scholarship. The abbey's demesne tithes from Ablode are recorded in the early thirteenth-century *Historia of St Peter's Abbey*, and a thirteenth-century Gloucester abbey grant refers to its mill of Abbelode. The estate passed after the Dissolution to the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester. By about 1629 the Abloads estate or court was acquired on lease by Sir William Guise of Elmore. The Guise family held Abload or Ablode's Court during the seventeenth century, with John Guise of Ablode Court documented by the later seventeenth century. A

scholarly estate survey records that the Guise acquisition was a lease made about 1629 and that the property was sold in 1705, but the purchaser and the subsequent descent of the manorial interest have not been securely identified in the sources consulted. The evidence therefore establishes a partial descent from Gloucester Abbey to the Guise family but does not justify filling the post-1705 gap by inference.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- by the early 13th century - c.1629 | Abbey of St Peter, Gloucester, later Gloucester Abbey | The manor and associated demesne at Abload are evidenced as belonging to Gloucester Abbey. The early thirteenth-century *Historia of St Peter's Abbey* refers to the abbey's demesne tithes from Ablode, while later Gloucestershire scholarship explicitly identifies the boat mill as belonging to Gloucester Abbey's manor of Abload in Sandhurst. The post-Dissolution corporate successor was the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester, but the precise legal date and form of that transition for Abload are not established by the sources used here. | | *Historia of St Peter's Abbey, Gloucester*, vol. 1, passage concerning the dispute over the abbey's demesne tithes from Ablode; John Rhodes, *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, vol. 124, discussion of the boat mill belonging to Gloucester Abbey's manor of Abload in Sandhurst.

- c.1629 - 17th century; exact end date not established | Sir William Guise | Acquisition by lease from the Gloucester ecclesiastical estate. A scholarly survey of the Guise family records the acquisition of Ablode's or Abload Court as a lease about 1629, and a Gloucestershire historical study states that around this period the manor of Abloads in Sandhurst was bought by Sir William Guise, lord of Elmore. | | J. V. Beckett and others, *List of Parliamentary Families*, entry for Guise, recording Ablode's (Abload) Court as acquired on lease about 1629; Gloucestershire Family History Society article on the Hawkins family, citing the purchase of the manor of Abloads in Sandhurst by Sir William Guise.

- by the later 17th century - before or by 1705; exact end date not established | John Guise of Ablode Court | The Guise family continued to hold or occupy the Abload Court estate. John Guise is directly described in biographical and genealogical sources as being of Ablode or Abloads Court, and the Guise family estate summary records the court as sold in 1705. The precise instrument, parties and legal nature of the 1705 sale are not identified in the sources consulted. | | *Dictionary of National Biography*, entry noting Dionisia, daughter of John Guise of Ablode Court, Gloucestershire; *List of Parliamentary Families*, Guise entry recording Ablode's Court as sold in 1705.

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