

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ADEL MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Adel Manor was the historic manor associated with Adel, Yorkshire, a settlement recorded as Adele in Domesday Book in 1086. Domesday describes the land as held by Richard of Sourdeval from Robert, Count of Mortain; this represents the contemporary feudal holding structure, with Count of Mortain as tenant-in-chief and Richard as the immediate lord or under-tenant. A later Adel church historical account identifies Ralph Paganel as lord of Adel Manor in connection with his endowment of the church at Adel in the reign of William II. The medieval manor should not be confused with the later Victorian Adel Manor House or with the modern residential and care developments using the Adel Manor name. The surviving online evidence does not establish a continuous descent between the medieval holders and the Eddison family, nor does it prove that every later reference to the Adel Manor estate represented the surviving legal manorial lordship rather than an estate or property holding.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest secure evidence is the Domesday entry for Adele in 1086, where Richard of Sourdeval held the land from Robert, Count of Mortain. The feudal relationship should be distinguished from direct ownership: Count of Mortain was the tenant-in-chief, while Richard was the immediate holder recorded in the survey. By 1089, Ralph Paganel is identified in Adel church tradition and associated historical material as lord of Adel Manor, but the source does not document the conveyance from Richard of Sourdeval to Ralph Paganel. There is then a substantial documentary gap in the publicly

accessible material. By the late nineteenth century, Eddison Brothers were recorded as lords of the manor of Adel in a contemporary county directory. A West Yorkshire Archives catalogue records that C.S. Bedford purchased Adel Manor from Dr Eddison in 1917, with a solicitor's invoice dated 31 January 1918 referring to the purchase price as £4,500. The evidence establishes Dr Eddison as vendor and C.S. Bedford as purchaser of the Adel Manor estate, but does not establish when or how the property passed from Eddison Brothers to Dr Eddison, nor whether the 1917-1918 transaction transferred the full legal lordship of the manor or a later estate described by that name.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 - after 1086; end date not established | Richard of Sourdeval | Domesday Book records Adele as held by Richard of Sourdeval from Robert, Count of Mortain. | | Domesday Book Online, entry for Richard of Sourdeval, listing Adel, Skyrack, Yorkshire; corroborated by the Domesday Book Online Yorkshire A-B place-name summary, entry for Adel/Adele.
- 1089 - date of relinquishment unknown | Ralph Paganel | Ralph Paganel is identified in Adel church historical material as lord of Adel Manor and is associated with the endowment of Adel church in 1089. No source located in this research documents the conveyance from Richard of Sourdeval to Ralph Paganel. | | Adel Parish Church, Our Church, Norman History Window and historical account; corroborated by Leeds City Council, Adel Neighbourhood Design Statement, Appendix C, History of Adel.
- by 1882 - after 1882; end date not established | Eddison Brothers | A contemporary county directory records Messrs Eddison Brothers of Leeds as lords of the manor of Adel. The source does not state how or when the manor passed to them. | | Kelly's Directory of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, 1882, entry for Adel, reproduced in the University of Leicester digital collection.
- 1917 - 31 January 1918 or shortly before; later history not established | Dr Eddison | Dr Eddison is identified as the vendor from whom C.S. Bedford purchased Adel Manor. The exact date of Dr Eddison's acquisition and the conveyance from Eddison Brothers are not documented in the accessible catalogue description. | | West Yorkshire Archive Service, CalmView catalogue, WYAS8096/5/41, item 5.141, Purchase of Adel Manor by C.S. Bedford, with associated 31 January 1918 solicitor's invoice.
- 1917 - after 1918; end date not established | Charles Stuart Bedford | Purchase of Adel Manor from Dr Eddison for £4,500, documented in the West Yorkshire Archive Service catalogue and associated solicitor's invoice dated 31 January 1918. | | West Yorkshire Archive Service, CalmView catalogue, WYAS8096/5/41, item 5.141, Purchase of Adel Manor by C.S. Bedford, including the 31 January 1918 invoice from Herbert Denison, solicitor.

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