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ADGESTONE MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Adgestone Manor was a free manor in Brading, Isle of Wight. It was held by three freemen in the time of Edward the Confessor and was in the king's hands at the time of the Domesday Survey in 1086. Two Domesday holdings called Avicestone, held respectively by William son of Azor and Edric the king's thegn, may represent the same estate, although the identification is not certain. The recorded historical forms include Abedestone and Avicestone in the 11th century, Auythestone in the 13th century, Aucheston in the 15th century, Aidotone and Ageston in the 16th century, and Adgestone by the 18th century. The medieval evidence indicates that the estate was not necessarily a single undivided lordship throughout its history: separate fees, portions, and lands in Adgestone were held of different superior lords or manors, including the honour of Carisbrooke Castle and the manor of Alverstone. By the mid-19th century the manor was owned by E. Horlock; it was subsequently purchased by the father of Edward Granville Ward, who was identified as owner in the early twentieth-century account.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure history is composite and includes both the principal manor and separately recorded fees or parcels in Adgestone. Before the Norman Conquest the estate was held as a free manor by three unnamed freemen; by 1086 it was in the king's hands. Two Domesday entries for Avicestone, held by William son of Azor and Edric the king's thegn, may relate to Adgestone but are not securely identical with the whole manor. In the late 13th century John de Weston held half a fee in

Milton

and Adgestone from John de Insula, while a separate fortieth of a fee in Adgestone, held of the honour of Carisbrooke Castle, belonged in 1299 to John de Witvil or Wyvill and later passed to Edward de Whitefield and William de Whitefield. Anna Witvil or Wyvill held land in Adgestone in 1384 85. The John de Weston holding followed the descent of Milton until 1431, when it was held by John Haket and John Roucle or Rookley. After 1431, some Adgestone land appears to have followed the descent of Brook and to have passed to the Bowerman family; Joan Bowerman and her grandson Nicholas both died seized of land in Adgestone held of Alverstone. A rental of Alverstone Manor dated 8 October 1510 records Thomas Fitchett holding land in Adgestone and doing homage at Alverstone, suggesting that part of Adgestone, probably the western portion, had been absorbed into the Alverstone holding. In 1576 William Rogers held land in Adgestone for which he owed suit at John Worsley's court at Bembridge. These medieval and early modern entries should not all be treated as successive owners of the entire manor. The later direct ownership statement is that E. Horlock owned Adgestone in the middle of the 19th century, after which it was purchased by the father of Edward Granville Ward; Edward Granville Ward was the owner named by the early twentieth-century source.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- Before 1066 - By 1086 | Three unnamed freemen | Earliest recorded holding; no conveyance into their hands is stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- 1086 | The king | By the Domesday Survey the estate was in the king's hands; the mechanism and date of transfer from the pre-Conquest freemen are unknown. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- Late 13th century | John de Weston | Held half a fee in Milton and Adgestone of John de Insula; the preceding conveyance and later transfer are not stated in the available source. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entries for Adgestone and Milton; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- 1299 - After 1299 | John de Witvil or Wyvill | Held a fortieth of a fee in Adgestone of the honour of Carisbrooke Castle; the later transfer is stated only as occurring afterwards. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary

of Adgestone Manor.

- After 1299 | Edward de Whitefield | The fortieth of a fee formerly held by John de Witvil or Wyvill passed afterwards to Edward de Whitefield; the date and instrument are unknown. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- After Edward de Whitefield | William de Whitefield | The same Adgestone fee passed from Edward de Whitefield to William de Whitefield; the date and instrument are unknown. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- 1384 - 1385 | Anna Witvil or Wyvill | Held land in Adgestone in 1384 85; the source does not establish whether this was the same fractional fee or a different parcel, and no conveyance is stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- 1431 | John Haket and John Roucle or Rookley | The Weston fee in Milton and Adgestone was held by John Haket and John Roucle or Rookley in 1431; the preceding and subsequent conveyances are not fully documented in the available source. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entries for Adgestone and Milton; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- After 1431 - 1503 | Joan Bowerman | The source suggests that some Adgestone land passed with Brook to the Bowermans after 1431; Joan Bowerman later died seized of land in Adgestone held of Alverstone. The precise conveyance is not stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; corroborated by the calendar-based summary of Joan Bowerman's inquisition post mortem.
- Before the mid-16th century | Nicholas Bowerman | The source states that Nicholas Bowerman, Joan Bowerman's grandson, died seized of land in Adgestone held of Alverstone; the exact date and conveyance are not stated in the principal source. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- 8 October 1510 - 8 October 1510 | Thomas Fitchett | Held land in Adgestone as recorded in the rental of Alverstone Manor and did homage at Alverstone; this is a tenancy or dependent holding, not evidence of ownership of Adgestone Manor. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- 1576 - 1576 | William Rogers | Held land in Adgestone for which he owed suit at John Worsley's court at Bembridge; no conveyance is stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- Mid-19th century - Before 1912 | E. Horlock | Owned Adgestone by the middle of the 19th century; the manor was later purchased by the father of Edward Granville Ward. The date and instrument of sale are not stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.
- After the mid-19th century - Before 1912 | Father of Edward Granville Ward | Purchased

Adgestone from E. Horlock; the purchaser's personal name and the date and instrument of purchase are not stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.

- By 1912 | Edward Granville Ward | Identified as the owner after the purchase by his father; the date and legal form of the transfer from the father are not stated. | | William Page, A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 5 (Victoria County History, 1912), Isle of Wight manorial history, entry for Adgestone; reproduced in the modern summary of Adgestone Manor.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Suit of court at Bembridge: In 1576 William Rogers owed suit at John Worsley's court at Bembridge for land held in Adgestone. This evidences a court-related obligation attached to a holding or parcel, not necessarily a manor-wide right.

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