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ADSDEAN MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Adsdean Manor is the manorial record associated with Adsdean, a historic settlement and estate in the northern part of Westbourne, Sussex, now administratively associated with Funtington. The place is recorded in medieval forms including Addesden and Addesdene, with references in 1194, 1279 and 1315. In later sources it is also called Adsden or Ashdean. Adsdean developed as a farm and country estate; Adsdean Farm existed by at least the eighteenth century, while Adsdean House and the surrounding park were created or substantially developed during the nineteenth century. The public evidence located does not establish that every later owner of Adsdean Farm or Adsdean Park held the manorial lordship, so estate ownership and residence are distinguished from proven lordship below.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The accessible evidence is insufficient to reconstruct a continuous medieval and early-modern descent of the manor. The medieval place-name evidence establishes Adsdean as an established locality by the late twelfth and early fourteenth centuries but does not identify a manor holder. The first later estate-holder evidence located places Adsdean within the Goodwood estate from 1800. An estate map of 1840 records the land at Adsdean as being owned by John Scardeville. The transfer from Goodwood to Scardeville is not documented in the sources consulted. By September 1898 the Adsdean Estate was being offered for sale while let to Mrs Kincaid Smith; a local historical account states that it is thought to have been bought by the Tennant brewing family, but this is not sufficiently secure to present as a proven conveyance. Archibald Hay Tennant was resident at Adsdean Park by 1909, but residence alone does not prove ownership or lordship. The public sources

consulted

therefore support a partial estate history, not a complete legal descent of the manor.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1800 - before 1840 | Goodwood Estate | Adsdean Estate is stated to have formed part of the Goodwood estate from 1800; by the 1840 estate map the land was recorded in the ownership of John Scardeville. The precise transfer from Goodwood to Scardeville is unknown. | | Parks & Gardens, 'Adsdean Park - Funtington - Parks & Gardens', historical account stating that the estate was part of the Goodwood estate from 1800.

- 1840 | John Scardeville | The 1840 Adsdean estate map records the land as being in John Scardeville's ownership. No deed or other source located establishes when or how he acquired it, and no later source securely establishes the date of his disposal. | | Parks & Gardens, 'Adsdean Park - Funtington - Parks & Gardens', citing the 1840 estate map as evidence that Adsdean was then owned by Mr John Scardeville.

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