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ADSTOCK MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Adstock Manor was the principal medieval and early modern manor of Adstock, Buckinghamshire, recorded in Domesday Book in 1086 as Edestoche. In 1066 the estate was held by Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph; in 1086 Ambrose held it from William Peverel, who was the tenant-in-chief. The manor was assessed at 10 hides and included meadow for seven plough-teams. Following the forfeiture of the Peverel lands in 1153, Adstock was granted to William Avenel. Avenel divided or conveyed interests in the estate between his sons-in-law Richard Vernon and Simon Basset. The Vernon interest continued in the Vernon family until the death of George Vernon in 1566. The Basset interest was later represented by Robert Bardolf, and subsequently descended through Avis Bardolf, John de Hausted and the Cope family. A separate but associated holding, Hansted Manor in Adstock, was held by the Hansted family, passed to the Newenham after the death of John Hansted in 1317, and was conveyed in 1393 to John Cope and Elizabeth his wife. The Hansted holding was conveyed by fine and recovery in 1489 to Thomas Smith of Stewkley and in 1575 to Robert Tomlins, who held manorial courts at Adstock in 1586, 1595, 1601 and 1606. The later descent is not securely traced in the consulted public sources. Charles Matthew Prior was explicitly described as lord of the manor in Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire in 1899 and is documented at Adstock Manor in the early twentieth century. During the Second World War the manor house was used as a Bletchley Park bombe outstation, but that operational use does not itself establish ownership.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The medieval estate has a documented Domesday descent from Gytha in 1066 to Ambrose, holding from

William Peverel, in 1086. After the forfeiture of the Peverel lands in 1153, William Avenel received Adstock and passed interests to his sons-in-law Richard Vernon and Simon Basset. The Vernon portion descended through Richard Vernon, William Vernon and Robert Vernon, remaining in the Vernon family until George Vernon died in 1566. The other portion was associated with Simon Basset and his descendants, appearing in 1280 in the possession of Robert Bardolf, whose daughter Avis was heir in 1305. This interest subsequently passed to John de Hausted and, by marriage, to John Cope. The distinct Hansted Manor holding in Adstock descended from the Hansteds to the Newenhams, then to John Cope and Elizabeth in 1393. John Cope's interest was held by or descended to Stephen Cope and a later John Cope, who conveyed Hansted Manor to Thomas Smith by fine and recovery in 1489. Thomas Smith's descendant conveyed it to Robert Tomlins in 1575. A documentary gap follows the early seventeenth century. Charles Matthew Prior is securely documented as lord of the manor in 1899, but the transfer by which the manor reached him has not been established from the consulted sources.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1066 - before 1086 | Gytha, wife of Earl Ralph | Held in 1066; the later transfer is not specified in the consulted Domesday evidence. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section, citing Victoria County History: Buckinghamshire, volume IV, pages 140-144.
- 1086 - after 1086 | Ambrose of Tilsworth | Held Adstock from William Peverel at the time of the Domesday survey. | | Domesday Book, Buckinghamshire, Adstock, Phillimore reference Buckinghamshire 16,8; corroborated by the Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, History section.
- 1086 - 1153 | William Peverel | Superior lordship recorded in Domesday Book; his lands, or those of a later William Peverel, were forfeited in 1153 after support for Stephen during the civil war. | | Domesday Book, Buckinghamshire, Adstock, Phillimore reference Buckinghamshire 16,8; Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, History section.
- 1153 - after 1153 | William Avenel | Adstock was granted to William Avenel after the forfeiture of the Peverel lands. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section, citing Victoria County History: Buckinghamshire, volume IV, pages 140-144.
- after 1153 - before 1195 | Richard Vernon | William Avenel passed one interest or portion of Adstock to Richard Vernon, his son-in-law, married to Avis Avenel. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.
- before 1195 - after 1195 | William Vernon | Inherited or succeeded to the Vernon portion after the death of his father Richard Vernon. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain

and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- after 1195 - after 1195 | Robert Vernon | William Vernon granted the Vernon interest to his half-brother Robert while retaining rights over it. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- after 1153 - circa 1205 | Simon Basset | William Avenel passed the other interest or portion of Adstock to Simon Basset, his son-in-law, married to Elizabeth Avenel. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- circa 1205 - mid-13th century | Basset family | The Basset portion remained in the Basset family after Simon Basset's death; the precise succession is not established in the consulted sources. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- 1280 - 1305 | Robert Bardolf | By 1280 the relevant Adstock interest appeared as Robert Bardolf's property; he died in 1305, leaving his daughter Avis as heir. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- 1305 - after 1305 | Avis Bardolf | Inherited the Adstock interest from her father Robert Bardolf, who died in 1305. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- after 1305 - before 1393 | John de Hausted | The Adstock interest passed from Avis Bardolf to John de Hausted; the precise date and form of transfer are not stated. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section.

- 1393 - after 1393 | John Cope and Elizabeth Newenham | John Newenham conveyed Hansted Manor in Adstock to John Cope and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs by fine. | | Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

- 1436 - after 1436 | Stephen Cope | After Joan, wife of John Cope, died possessed of the manor in 1436, the holding descended to Stephen Cope. | | Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

- after 1436 - 1489 | John Cope | The Hansted Manor interest descended from Stephen Cope to John Cope; in 1489 John Cope conveyed it by fine and recovery to Thomas Smith of Stewkley. | | Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

- 1489 - 1575 | Thomas Smith of Stewkley | Acquired Hansted Manor in Adstock from John Cope by fine and recovery in 1489. | | Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

- 1575 - after 1606 | Robert Tomlins | A descendant of Thomas Smith sold Hansted Manor in Adstock by fine and recovery to Robert Tomlins in 1575. | | Browne Willis, The History and Antiquities of the Town, Hundred and Deanry of Buckingham, 1755, page 123, discussion of Hansted Manor in Adstock.

- after 1195 - 1566 | George Vernon | The Vernon interest in Adstock remained in the Vernon family until the death of George Vernon in 1566; the intervening descent is not fully enumerated in the consulted source. | | Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland, St Cecilia, Adstock, Buckinghamshire, History section, citing Victoria County History: Buckinghamshire, volume IV, pages 140-144.

- 1899 - after 1899 | Charles Matthew Prior | Later transfer into the Prior family's

ownership is unknown in the consulted sources. Charles Matthew Prior was explicitly described as lord of the manor in Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire in 1899. | | Kelly's Directory of Buckinghamshire, 1899, parish description of Adstock, reproduced in the Forebears transcription; corroborative early twentieth-century directory and official notices identify Charles Matthew Prior at Adstock Manor.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Manorial court holding: Robert Tomlins is recorded as holding manorial courts at Adstock in 1586, 1595, 1601 and 1606.

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