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AIGHTON MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aighton Manor was the principal medieval manor in the township later known as Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley, Lancashire. Chaigley was originally included within Aighton, with its lords holding it, while Bailey was closely associated with Aighton and was separately accounted a manor in some medieval records. The manor complex included the Shireburn family estate centred on Stonyhurst and the Bailey Hall manor-house. Medieval evidence records divided or shared interests in Aighton, including a moiety associated with the Shireburn family and a quarter part held of the Harrington interest. The descent cannot be reconstructed continuously for every medieval generation, but by the later sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley manors were held within the Shireburn estate. Shireburn court rolls survive for the manors in the seventeenth century. The composite estate passed through the Shireburn inheritance to the Howard and Weld families after the death of Sir Nicholas Shireburn in 1717. Chaigley, treated as a component of the Aighton complex, was reported as sold to William Winstanley about 1840.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identifiable interests are medieval and were divided among the Mitton, Shireburn, Bailey, Harrington and other families. In 1349 John son of Walter de Bailey obtained a moiety of Aighton from William de Shireburne, and the interest was settled on him and his male issue in 1361. In the same year Sir Richard de Shireburne granted a moiety of Aighton to Richard son of John son of Walter de Bailey, Jordan de Bailey chaplain and Ralph son of Robert de Bailey. A 1362

grant by Cecily and Emma de Mitton conveyed lands in Aughton and Chaigley to their cousin John de Bailey, but the precise relationship of that grant to the several manorial shares is not fully clear. An inquisition associated with John de Bailey's death in 1391 records him holding a quarter part of Aughton of Nicholas Harrington, subject to a rent of 60 shillings and military service. The Shireburne family subsequently held the principal Stonyhurst-based interest; the medieval descent is not continuous in the surviving online evidence, although Richard Shireburne is recorded as succeeding to the Stonyhurst estate in 1391 and the Shireburn line continued to possess the Aughton-related estate. Sir Richard Shireburne acquired or consolidated further local interests during the sixteenth century, including the settlement of a long-standing Harrington or Mounteagle rent in 1576. In 1647 Richard Shireburne made a settlement or conveyance involving the manors of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley and other estates. Chaigley was expressly reported as sold to Richard Shireburne in 1655, after which it descended with Stonyhurst. Shireburn court records from 1652 to 1665 expressly describe Richard Shireburne as lord of the manors of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley. Sir Nicholas Shireburn succeeded to the consolidated estate before 1690 and died in 1717. The estates then passed through his daughter Mary, wife of Thomas Howard, eighth Duke of Norfolk, and subsequently through the Weld family. The online evidence is insufficient to establish a complete post-1754 descent of every component of the composite manor. The report that Chaigley was sold to William Winstanley about 1840 concerns the Chaigley component and should not automatically be treated as a conveyance of the whole Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley manor.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1349 - 1361 | John son of Walter de Bailey | Obtained a moiety of the manor of Aughton from William de Shireburne in 1349; the interest was settled upon him and his male issue in 1361. | William Farrer and J. Brownbill, *A History of the County of Lancaster*, volume 7, 1912, pp. 3-4, discussion of Aughton and the Shireburne and Bailey interests; citing Kuerden MSS, iii, A 3, nos. 65 and 966.

- 1361 | Richard son of John son of Walter de Bailey, Jordan de Bailey chaplain, and Ralph son of Robert de Bailey | Sir Richard de Shireburne granted a moiety of the manor of Aughton to the named grantees. | William Farrer and J. Brownbill, *A History of the County of Lancaster*, volume 7, 1912, pp. 3-4, citing Kuerden MSS, iii, A 3, no. 72.

- 1362 - 1391 | John de Bailey | Cecily and Emma de Mitton granted lands in Aughton and Chaigley to their cousin John de Bailey. The grant is associated with the Stonyhurst and Bailey interests, but the precise extent of the manorial interest conveyed is not fully stated in the accessible evidence. | | Summary of the Aughton and Stonyhurst descent based on the Whalley Coucher and related medieval evidence; corroborated by the discussion of the Bailey and Shireburne interests in the Victoria County History.
- 1391 | John de Bailey | Holding evidenced at his inquisition post mortem: a quarter part of the manor of Aughton held of Nicholas Harrington, subject to a yearly rent of 60 shillings and military service. The preceding conveyance is not established. | | Abstract of the inquisition post mortem of John de Bailey, dated 23 September 1391, as summarized from Towneley abstracts and discussed in the Aughton material; compare William Farrer and J. Brownbill, *A History of the County of Lancaster*, volume 7, 1912.
- 1391 - 1441 | Richard Shireburne | Succeeded to the Stonyhurst and associated Aughton interest after the death of his grandfather John de Bailey in 1391; the accessible evidence does not specify the precise legal instrument or whether all Aughton shares passed at that time. | | *Victoria County History, Lancashire*, volume 7, 1912, pp. 3-4; associated discussion of the Bailey and Shireburne succession and the Stonyhurst estate.
- 1468 - 1655 | John Holden and the Holden family | The Holden family is documented as the principal family at Chaigley, whose estate was regarded as a manor. In 1655 Chaigley was sold to Richard Shireburne; the intervening legal instruments are not identified in the accessible source. | | *Historic England Research Record Monument 43808*, quoting *Victoria County History, Lancashire*, volume 7, 1912, p. 15, and Edward Baines, *History of the County and Duchy of Lancaster*, volume 3, 1835, p. 371.
- 1576 - 1628 | Sir Richard Shireburne | Consolidated or defended the Shireburn interest in Aughton; in 1576 he compounded with Lord Mounteagle for a 60-shilling free rent representing the continuing Harrington interest. His direct possession of the Stonyhurst-based Aughton estate is also documented in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. | | *A History of the County of Lancaster*, volume 7, 1912, pp. 3-4, discussion of the Harrington interest and Sir Richard Shireburne's 1576 composition with Lord Mounteagle; corroborated by the *Forest of Bowland documentary appendix*.
- 1647 - 1648 | Richard Shireburne of Stonyhurst | Settlement or conveyance to Henry Blundell of Preston and Richard Shireburne of Buckley, gentlemen, expressly including the manors of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley together with other manors and lands. | | *Lancashire documentary appendix, QDD/49/F9*, deed dated 9 February 1647/8, Richard Sherborne of Stonyhurst to Henry Blundell and Richard Sherborne; the deed expressly lists the manors of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley.
- 1652 - 1665 | Richard Shireburne | Continuing lordship evidenced by court rolls for the manors of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley; no separate conveyance is asserted. | | *Lancashire Record Office, P/128*, copy of the Shireburn court-roll book for 1650-1665; summarized in the *Historical Society of Lancashire and Cheshire material on the Shireburn rental and related local records*.
- 1655 | Richard Shireburne | Purchased the Chaigley component from Thomas Brockholes of Claughton and Chaigley, according to the historical account of Chaigley. | | *Historic England Research Record Monument 43808*, quoting *Victoria County History, Lancashire*, volume 7, 1912, p. 15.
- 1690 - 1717 | Sir Nicholas Shireburn, 1st Baronet | Succeeded to the Shireburn estate and made a settlement of Aughton, Bailey and other manors on succeeding. | | William Farrer and J. Brownbill, *A History of the County of Lancaster*, volume 7, 1912, pp. 15-16, discussion of

the Shireburn succession and settlement; citing Lancashire Feet of Fines, Palatinate of Lancaster, plea and settlement records.

- 1717 - 1754 | Mary Shireburne, wife of Thomas Howard, eighth Duke of Norfolk | Inherited the Shireburn estate as the only surviving child of Sir Nicholas Shireburn after his death in 1717; the Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley manors passed with the estate. | | Historic England, Stonyhurst College registered park and garden, entry 1000953; Historical Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, Shireburn rental discussion.

- 1754 | Edward Weld and the Weld family | The Shireburn estate, including the Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley interests, passed through the heirs of Elizabeth Shireburn, sister of Sir Nicholas, who had married William Weld. The precise conveyance date and the exact division among Weld heirs are not established in the accessible evidence. | | James Croston, Nooks and Corners of Lancashire and Cheshire, discussion of the Shireburn inheritance; corroborated by Historic England's Stonyhurst registered-park entry.

- circa 1840 | William Winstanley | Chaigley was sold to William Winstanley about 1840 after descending with Stonyhurst. The source concerns the Chaigley component only and does not establish a sale of the entire Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley manor. | | Historic England Research Record Monument 43808, quoting Victoria County History, Lancashire, volume 7, 1912, p. 15.

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