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AIRMYN MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Airmyn Manor, historically also styled the Manor of Armin or Armyn, was the principal manorial estate associated with Airmyn, a settlement at the confluence of the River Aire and the River Ouse in the former township and chapelry of Snaith, Yorkshire. Airmyn formed part of an endowment made by Henry I to the monks of St Mary's Abbey, York, and a settlement was developed there during the medieval period. Following the Dissolution, the manor was sold by the Crown in 1540 to Sir Gervase Clifton. It was acquired by Hugh Smithson in 1656 and subsequently became associated with the Smithson, Percy and Heber-Percy estates. Airmyn Hall was the principal country house of the later estate and remains a surviving built feature, although the former estate was divided and sold in lots in the early twentieth century.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified lordship is the holding of Airmyn by St Mary's Abbey, York, after Henry I granted the area to that religious house during his reign, conventionally dated 1100-1135. A 1253 dispute records the men of Airmyn treating the abbot of St Mary's as their landlord. The abbey was dissolved in 1539 and its estates passed to the Crown. In 1540 the Crown sold the Manor of Armin to Sir Gervase Clifton. The subsequent descent is incompletely documented in the publicly accessible sources. Hugh Smithson of Hull is recorded as having bought Airmyn in 1656. Anthony Smithson was Lord of the Manor by 1676, but the precise conveyance from Hugh to Anthony is not established. By about 1740 the estate was held by another Hugh Smithson, described as of

Tottenham and Armin; he made his younger cousin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet, his heir, and the younger Sir Hugh and his wife Elizabeth subsequently acquired the Airmyn estate. Following the Smithson inheritance of the Percy property, Airmyn became part of the Percy Yorkshire estates. The estate was separated for Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley, in or around 1790, and passed to his son George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley, in 1830. In 1865, after George Percy succeeded to the dukedom of Northumberland, the Airmyn estate passed to his nephew Algernon Charles Heber-Percy of Hodnet Hall. The Heber-Percy ownership continued until the estate was offered for sale and broken up in 1919 1920. The sources do not establish a complete legal descent after the estate sale or whether a distinct manorial title continued in the hands of any one purchaser.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1100 1135 - 1539 | St Mary's Abbey, York | Granted by Henry I to the monks of St Mary's Abbey, York; the precise grant date is not established. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 28, 33 34, 42; local historical account citing the medieval dispute and Dissolution history.
- 1539 - 1540 | The Crown | The estates of St Mary's Abbey passed to the Crown on the abbey's dissolution; the Manor of Armin was then sold by the Crown in 1540. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, line 42.
- 1540 - before 1656 | Sir Gervase Clifton | Purchased the Manor of Armin from the Crown in 1540. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, line 42.
- 1656 - by 1676 | Hugh Smithson of Hull | Bought Airmyn in 1656; the later change to Anthony Smithson is not documented by a located conveyance. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 46 47; Airmyn church history, line 74.
- by 1676 - before 1740 | Anthony Smithson | The exact transfer is unknown; Anthony Smithson is identified as Lord of the Manor of Airmyn when the present church nave was built or dated in 1676. | | Airmyn's church past and present St David, lines 73 76; Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 50 and 53 55.
- by 1740 - after 1740 | Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin | His acquisition or inheritance of Airmyn is not documented in the located sources. He made his younger cousin, Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet, his heir and died shortly thereafter according to the local historical account. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 53 55.
- after 1740 - by 1766 | Sir Hugh Smithson, 4th Baronet | Inherited or otherwise acquired the Airmyn estate from his older cousin Hugh Smithson of Tottenham and Armin after the latter made him heir. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 53 57.
- by 1766 - 1790 | Hugh Smithson, 1st Duke of Northumberland | Airmyn became part of the Percy Yorkshire estates following the Smithson-Percy inheritance; the estate was later separated for a younger son of the first duke. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 56 58.
- 1790 - 1830 | Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley | The Percy Yorkshire estates, including Airmyn, were separated for a younger son of the first Duke of Northumberland, who was created Earl of Beverley in 1790. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, line 58.

- 1830 - 1865 | George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley | Inherited the title and estates, including Airmyn, from his father Algernon Percy, 1st Earl of Beverley, after the latter's death in 1830. | | Goole-on-the-Web, Airmyn, lines 58 and 61; Airmyn church history, lines 74 76.

- 1865 - 1919 1920 | Algernon Charles Heber-Percy | The Airmyn estate passed to him after George Percy, 2nd Earl of Beverley, succeeded to the dukedom of Northumberland in 1865; the exact legal instrument is not identified. | | Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1881, reproduced by Forebears; Airmyn church history, lines 74 78; East Riding Archives, Airmyn Estate sales particulars, 1919.

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