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AISHOLT MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aisholt Manor was the manor of Aisholt, also historically written Asholt, in Somerset. The place is recorded in Domesday Book as terra Olta, with Robert holding it from Roger de Courseulles in 1086. Medieval evidence later associates the manor with the de Reyny or de Reigny family, and a 1435 Somerset inquisition records Aisholt Manor among the estates of John Hill of Spaxton. The manor was held of superior lords at different periods, including Robert, Lord Poynings, in the fifteenth century. Lower Aisholt Farmhouse is traditionally identified as the manor house of Aisholt; the present building is principally sixteenth-century but is said to incorporate or replace a post-fourteenth-century building. By the early twentieth century Aisholt was under the lordship of Edward Arthur Vesey Stanley, who was described in Kelly's Directory of 1911 as lord of the manor and principal landowner. The medieval and later descent remains incomplete because the surviving publicly accessible sources do not provide a continuous chain of conveyances between all identified holders.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest located evidence is Domesday evidence for terra Olta in 1086, when Robert held the estate from Roger de Courseulles. The intermediate descent is not securely established. In the thirteenth century William de Reyny is explicitly identified in authoritative antiquarian research as lord of Aisholt. By 1430 John Hill of Spaxton was seised of Aisholt Manor, which he transferred temporarily to feoffees who re-enfeoffed him and Cecily his wife; John died seised in 1434. The manor was held of Robert, Lord Poynings, as superior lord. A later antiquarian source lists

John II, Earl of Egmont, as lord of Asholt among a group of Somerset estates, but the date and precise legal basis of that holding are not fully stated. A separate later source states that Asholt was included among the group of estates known as the Ten Manors by 1726, but its published account does not establish a complete Asholt-specific succession and should not be used to bridge the gap. Edward Arthur Vesey Stanley is directly recorded as lord of the manor and principal landowner in 1911. The transfers between William de Reyny, John Hill, the later eighteenth-century interests, and Edward Arthur Vesey Stanley remain undocumented in the sources presently located.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 | Roger de Courseulles | Domesday record; no conveyance identified | | Domesday Book Online, Somerset A-B, entry for Aisholt: terra Olta, Robert from Roger de Courseulles.
- 1086 | Robert | Domesday record; no conveyance identified | | Domesday Book Online, Somerset A-B, entry for Aisholt: terra Olta, Robert from Roger de Courseulles.
- 13th century | William de Reyny | Intermediate acquisition not identified | | Sir Henry C. Maxwell Lyte, 'Curci', Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, citing Feudal Aids, vol. IV, p. 281; passage identifying William de Reyny as lord of Aisholt.
- 1430-01-10 - 1430-01-24 | John Hill of Spaxton | Granted Aisholt Manor and associated rights to Edward Cullyford, John Southwode, John Passeware, and William Bochell, on condition that they re-enfeoff John Hill and Cecily his wife | | E-CIPM 24-355, Somerset inquisition at Ilchester, 22 January 1435, TNA reference C 139/71/36 mm.7-8.
- 1430-01-10 - 1430-01-24 | Edward Cullyford, John Southwode, John Passeware, and William Bochell | Received Aisholt Manor and associated rights as feoffees and then re-enfeoffed John Hill and Cecily his wife | | E-CIPM 24-355, Somerset inquisition at Ilchester, 22 January 1435, TNA reference C 139/71/36 mm.7-8.
- 1430-01-24 - 1434-10-21 | John Hill of Spaxton and Cecily Hill | Re-enfeoffed by Edward Cullyford, John Southwode, John Passeware, and William Bochell under the 24 January 1430 charter; John later died seised | | E-CIPM 24-355, Somerset inquisition at Ilchester, 22 January 1435, TNA reference C 139/71/36 mm.7-8.
- 1434 | Robert, Lord Poynings | Superior lordship recorded in the inquisition; no conveyance of Aisholt to him identified | | E-CIPM 24-355, Somerset inquisition at Ilchester, 22 January 1435, TNA reference C 139/71/36 mm.7-8.
- 18th century | John II, Earl of Egmont | Later lordship asserted in an antiquarian account; precise conveyance and date not identified | | Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, vol. 43, passage listing John II, Earl of Egmont, as lord of Asholt and associated Somerset estates.
- 1911 | Edward Arthur Vesey Stanley | Recorded as lord of the manor and principal landowner in Kelly's Directory; preceding conveyance not identified | | Kelly's Directory of Somersetshire, 1911, entry for Aisholt or Asholt, identifying Edward Arthur Vesey Stanley as lord of the manor and principal landowner.

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