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ALBRIGHT HUSSEY MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Albright Hussey was a medieval manor and estate in the historic parish and hundred of Pimhill, Shropshire, now within the Shrewsbury area. The estate is recorded in Domesday Book under forms of the name Albrighton or Elbretone. The later qualifying name Hussey was derived from the Hussey family, who held the estate from the twelfth century. The surviving moated manor house is principally a timber-framed building of the early sixteenth century, with a date of 1524 associated with the earlier range, later sixteenth-century enlargement, and a brick-built section dated 1601. A medieval chapel dedicated to St John the Baptist stood near the manor house, and the Husseys were associated with the foundation and patronage of Battlefield Church after the Battle of Shrewsbury. The estate later passed through the Hussey, Pelham and Corbet families. During the Civil War the house was occupied and used as a Royalist garrison. In the early eighteenth century the Corbet family moved its principal residence to Sundorne, after which Albright Hussey ceased to be their principal seat. The house was subsequently occupied by tenants and was eventually adapted for use as a hotel and restaurant.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest documentary evidence concerns two Domesday estates at Albrighton held in 1086 by Rainald the Sheriff; the precise identification of one or both Domesday entries with the later Albright Hussey manor is treated cautiously by Eyton. By 1165 Walter Hussey held a knight's fee of new enfeoffment in the barony of Fitz Alan, and the evidence indicates that his fee included

Albright Hussey and associated lands at Harlescott. The manor descended through Walter's son Ralph Hussey, Walter Hussey II, Thomas Hussey, John Hussey, John Hussey II and Richard Hussey. Richard Hussey is directly recorded as lord of Albright Hussey in the early fifteenth century and as patron of its chapel. The estate remained with the Hussey family until an heiress married Sir William Pelham. Their daughter Anne married William Corbet of Leigh, and the property was eventually inherited by their son Pelham Corbet, born about 1601. The precise dates and legal instruments of the Hussey-Pelham-Corbet succession have not been established from the publicly accessible sources consulted, so the intervening transfers are recorded as documentary transitions rather than assigned exact dates. Sir Pelham Corbet was the owner at the outbreak of the Civil War, and his son Robert Corbet settled at Albright Hussey. Corbet occupation continued until the family succeeded to the Sundorne estate in 1760. The later history of legal ownership is not securely documented in the sources consulted. The present hotel's own history states that Franco Subbiani, his wife and their son Paul purchased Albright Hussey Manor in March 1988; this is evidence for a modern purchase of the property and not necessarily proof that the transaction conveyed the manorial lordship in the strict medieval sense.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 - after 1086 | Rainald the Sheriff | Recorded as holding one or possibly both of the Domesday estates later associated with Albright Hussey; exact identification is uncertain. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume 10, section Albright Hussey, citing Domesday Book, folio 255.
- circa 1160-1165 - by circa 1174 | Walter Hussey | New enfeoffment under the Fitz Alan barony; later succeeded by his elder son Ralph Hussey. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume 10, section Albright Hussey, citing the Liber Niger and the Lilleshall Chartulary.
- 1174 - circa 1204 | Ralph Hussey | Succession from his father Walter Hussey. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume 10, section Albright Hussey, citing the Forest Roll of 1180 and the 1173/1174 composition with St Mary's, Shrewsbury.
- circa 1204 - before 1235 | Walter Hussey II | Succession from his father Ralph Hussey. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume 10, section Albright Hussey, citing a Lilleshall charter and Testa de Nevill.
- before 1235 - 1255 | Thomas Hussey | Succession from Walter Hussey II. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume 10, section Albright Hussey.
- 1255 - circa 1280-1290 | John Hussey | Succession from his father Thomas Hussey while

still in minority. | | R. W. Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 10, section Albright Hussey, citing the 1279 Pimhill Tenure-Roll.

- circa 1280-1290 - after 1316 | John Hussey II | Likely succession from John Hussey; Eyton identifies him as John Hussey's successor around this period. | | R. W. Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 10, section Albright Hussey, citing a late thirteenth-century deed, the Inquestes ad quod damnum of 1310, and the 1316 Nomina Villarum.

- 1333 - after 1416 | Richard Hussey | Succession from John Hussey II; Eyton identifies Richard as his son and heir. | | R. W. Eyton, Antiquities of Shropshire, volume 10, section Albright Hussey; the 1406-1416 Battlefield foundation material also identifies Richard Hussey as lord of the manor.

- circa 1403 - after 1403 | Sir John Hussey | Continuation of Hussey possession; no separate conveyance from Richard Hussey has been identified. | | Gareth Williams, The Country Houses of Shropshire, chapter 8, Albright Hussey, Cambridge University Press, 2021/2023 online edition.

- Late sixteenth century or early seventeenth century - Before the inheritance of Pelham Corbet, circa 1601 or later | Hussey family, through an heiress | The Hussey estate passed through an heiress who married Sir William Pelham. | | Gareth Williams, The Country Houses of Shropshire, chapter 8, Albright Hussey, Cambridge University Press, 2021/2023 online edition.

- Late sixteenth century or early seventeenth century - Before the inheritance by Pelham Corbet | Sir William Pelham | Acquired the estate through marriage to the Hussey heiress; later succession passed through his daughter Anne. | | Gareth Williams, The Country Houses of Shropshire, chapter 8, Albright Hussey, Cambridge University Press, 2021/2023 online edition.

- Before circa 1601 - Before the inheritance by Pelham Corbet | Anne Pelham and William Corbet of Leigh | The property passed through Anne Pelham's marriage to William Corbet of Leigh and was eventually inherited by their son. | | Gareth Williams, The Country Houses of Shropshire, chapter 8, Albright Hussey, Cambridge University Press, 2021/2023 online edition.

- During the seventeenth century, after his father's ownership - Until the Corbet succession to Sundorne in 1760 | Robert Corbet | Settled at Albright Hussey as son of Sir Pelham Corbet; the precise legal conveyance is not identified. | | Henry W. Phillips, Castles and Old Mansions of Shropshire, section Albright Hussey.

- March 1988 | Franco Subbiani, Mrs Subbiani and Paul Subbiani | Purchased Albright Hussey Manor from the previous owner or owners; the seller and legal nature of the transaction are not stated. | | Albright Hussey Manor, History page, published by the property's operating business.

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