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ALBRIGHTON MANOR

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Location: Albrighton (near Shifnal), Shropshire
Associated places: Albrighton (near Shifnal), Shropshire

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Albrighton Manor was the principal manor of Albrighton near Shifnal, Shropshire, a place which also possessed borough privileges, a market, fairs, courts leet and view of frankpledge. Domesday evidence records Albrighton as Albricston and shows it held in 1086 by Norman, or Normannus Venator, under Earl Roger de Montgomery. The manor subsequently became associated with the de Pitchford family, was held of the Crown by knight-service in the thirteenth century, and passed through the Tregoz and de la Warre successions before later associations with the Troutbeck and Talbot families. The manor should not be confused with Monks' Albrighton, a separate estate near Shrewsbury which belonged to Shrewsbury Abbey. Albrighton retained its manorial and borough significance into the early modern period; a royal charter in 1303 confirmed market, fair and view-of-frankpledge privileges, and a further charter was issued in 1664. By 1895 the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot was recorded as lord of the manor. The Earls of Shrewsbury were reported to have sold their Albrighton estates in December 1918, but the precise transfer of the manorial title itself has not been established from the sources consulted.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified holder is Norman or Normannus Venator, who held Albrighton under Earl Roger de Montgomery in 1086. A later Domesday and antiquarian tradition connects the manor with the de Pitchford family. R. W. Eyton records Ralph de Pichford as holding Albrighton directly of the Crown in the thirteenth century, with the manor and Ryton appearing together in the 1240 tenure roll. Ralph de Pichford died in 1252, and the 1253 inquisition recorded his son John as

heir. By the 1290s the manor was again held by Ralph de Pichford, who sold it within three years of the date of Eyton's cited 1295 evidence to John, Baron Tregoz. John de Tregoz died on 21 August 1300 seized of Albrighton. His estates were divided between his coheirs, John de la Warre and Sibil, wife of Sir William de Grandison; the partition was settled in 1302, and Albrighton fell to John de la Warre. John de la Warre was recorded as lord in 1316. The later descent is incompletely documented in the sources located: local and antiquarian summaries state that the manor passed through the Troutbeck and Talbot families, and by the sixteenth century Sir John Talbot of Pepperhill was lord of the manor. By 1895 the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot was lord of Albrighton Manor. The exact transfers between the de la Warre, Troutbeck and Talbot interests, and the legal status of the manor after the reported 1918 estate sale, remain unresolved.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- by 1240 - 1252 | Ralph de Pichford | Documented as holding Albrighton directly of the Crown in the 1240 and 1251 tenure rolls; he was dead by 5 October 1252. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume II, p. 153, citing *Testa de Nevill*, folios 206 and 274, and *Excerpta e Rotulis Finium*, volume II, p. 141.
- 1253 - unknown; probably before the later Ralph de Pichford's tenure | John de Pichford | Succeeded his father Ralph de Pichford as heir according to the 1253 inquisition; the subsequent date and manner of disposition are not established. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume II, p. 153, citing the inquisition on Ralph de Pichford's death.
- before 21 August 1300 - 21 August 1300 | John, Baron Tregoz | Purchased Albrighton from Ralph de Pichford; died seized of the manor on 21 August 1300. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume II, p. 156, citing *Inquisitions*, 28 Edward I, no. 43.
- 1302 - after 1316; later descent uncertain | John de la Warre | Received Albrighton in the 1302 partition of the Tregoz estates between John de la Warre and Sibil, wife of Sir William de Grandison; recorded as lord in the 1316 Feodary. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, volume II, p. 156, citing *Parliamentary Writs*, volume I, pp. 131 and 291, and the 1316 Feodary.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Market: Albrighton possessed market privileges; a royal charter in 1303 confirmed the market, and a further charter was issued in 1664.
- Fairs: Albrighton possessed fair privileges; a royal charter in 1303 confirmed the fairs, and a further charter was issued in 1664.
- Court leet: The manor and borough possessed court leet jurisdiction into the early modern period.
- View of frankpledge: Albrighton possessed view-of-frankpledge privileges, confirmed by the 1303 charter and associated with its continuing manorial and borough significance.

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