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ALCOTT MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Alcott Manor, also recorded as Aldecote Hall, Aldcotehall, Olde Cotenhal and Old Coton Hall, was a medieval and early-modern manor and hall estate in the Alcott hamlet of the parish of Coleshill, Warwickshire. The earliest located reference is to Aldcotehall in 1247. The estate appears to have included the hall site, woodland and pasture, with associated land extending into Coleshill and, in some later instruments, Sheldon. The documentary record shows that it was distinct from the principal Manor of Coleshill, although in the fifteenth century Alcott was held of the lord of Coleshill. By the early seventeenth century it was expressly styled the Manor of Alcote or Aldcote. The surviving evidence establishes a substantial descent, but not an uninterrupted chain from the thirteenth century to the eighteenth century; several intermediate transfers remain undocumented in the sources located.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The manor or hall estate is first recorded at Aldcotehall in 1247. A local historical account states that William de Charneles and his wife Margaret settled at Alcott in 1332, while a 1404 05 quitclaim concerning lands late of John Charnels expressly included Alcott Hall and named William Mountfort among the recipients. By 1492, pasture and woodland in Alcotenhall were held of Sir Simon Mountfort, lord of Coleshill; this is evidence of Mountfort overlordship or lordship over the Alcott estate, but does not by itself prove that every component of the Alcott estate was in his direct possession. A later local account places the estate in the hands of Sir Simon Mountford in the late

fifteenth century and in the hands of the Bellers family by the sixteenth century. The first directly located early-modern title evidence is a 1610 covenant by John Bellers, Ellen his wife and William Bellers to levy a fine of the Manor of Alcot, followed by a 1615 grant by John Brandreth to John Bellers and John Alderson of the manor house of Alcot and associated lands. In 1692 Arthur Devereux was claimant in a common recovery of the Manor of Aldecotte alias Aldcote, together with Lyndon and Shustoke. In 1743 Pryce, Viscount Hereford, granted the Manor of Aldecote alias Aldcote to Edward Vernon as collateral security for a debt; this was a security transaction rather than an unqualified sale, and the preceding conveyance into Pryce's hands has not been located.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1404 1405 - 1404 1405 | William Mountfort, William de Astley and William, lord of Willoughby | Quitclaim to lands and premises late of John Charnels, including Alcott Hall | | Summary of a 1404 05 quitclaim reported in a correction concerning Sir William Astley and Joan Grey, citing the underlying medieval conveyance and the Alcott Hall property.
- 1492 - 1495 | Sir Simon Mountfort | Lordship or overlordship evidenced by pasture and woodland in Alcotenhall being held of him; the source does not prove a specific transfer of the whole manor | | Entry on Simon Mountford, citing the inquisition post mortem of Edward Grey, Viscount Lisle, and the history of Coleshill and Mountford estates.
- 1 April 1610 - 1 April 1610 | John Bellers, Ellen Bellers and William Bellers | Covenant to levy a fine of the Manor of Alcot and appurtenances | | Birmingham Archives and Collections, MS 3378/3/10, item 430305, Indenture between John Bellers of Alcot Hall, Ellen his wife, William Bellers his son and John Brandreth, covenant to levy a fine of the Manor of Alcot and appurtenances, 1 April 1610.
- 5 September 1615 - 5 September 1615 | John Bellers and John Alderson | Grant by John Brandreth of the manor house of Alcot and lands and premises in Alcot, with Bacon's End in Coleshill and lands in Sheldon | | Birmingham Archives and Collections, MS 3378/3/1, item 434076, Counterpart of grant from John Brandreth to John Bellers and John Alderson of the Manor house of Alcot and associated lands, 5 September 1615.
- 21 April 1692 - 15 June 1692 | Arthur Devereux of Nantcribber | Creation of a tenant to the praecipe followed by common recovery of the Manor of Aldecotte alias Aldcote, with Lyndon and Shustoke | | Birmingham Archives and Collections, MS 3378/3/1, items 434091 and 434092, indenture creating a tenant to the praecipe, 21 April 1692, and exemplification of recovery by Arthur Devereux against John Bembowe, 15 June 1692.
- 29 September 1743 - 29 September 1743 | Pryce Devereux, Viscount Hereford | Grant of the Manor of Aldecote alias Aldcote to Edward Vernon as collateral security for £18,720 | | Birmingham Archives and Collections, MS 3378/3/1, item 434093, grant from Pryce, Viscount Hereford, to Edward Vernon as collateral security for £18,720, 29 September 1743.
- 29 September 1743 - 29 September 1743 | Edward Vernon | Receipt of a secured grant of the Manor of Aldecote alias Aldcote as collateral security for £18,720 | | Birmingham Archives and Collections, MS 3378/3/1, item 434093, grant from Pryce, Viscount Hereford, to Edward Vernon as collateral security for £18,720, 29 September 1743.

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