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ALDBOROUGH MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldborough Manor was the principal manor of Aldborough in the former West Riding of Yorkshire, including manorial interests associated with Boroughbridge, Milby, Minskip and related townships. Medieval records connect Aldborough with the Honour of Knaresborough and with Crown or Duchy of Lancaster interests. The surviving archival material shows the manor passing through Crown-related leases and grants before its purchase by Arthur Aldburgh in 1629. The manor was subsequently associated with the Dukes of Newcastle, who used their control of Aldborough and Boroughbridge to exercise substantial political influence over the boroughs. Andrew Lawson purchased Aldborough manor from the 4th Duke of Newcastle in 1834. The present Aldborough Manor house is principally an early eighteenth-century building that was heightened, extended and refronted in the nineteenth century; it should not be confused with the legal manorial title itself.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The early medieval descent is not fully reconstructed from the publicly accessible material reviewed. A 1293 record in the Newcastle estate collection concerns Edmund, Earl of Cornwall and property in the Honour of Knaresborough, but the catalogue description does not itself state that he held Aldborough manor and therefore he has not been entered as a manor holder. By the early seventeenth century the manor was being dealt with through the Duchy of Lancaster and Crown. A 1617 lease placed the manor of Aldborough and borough of Boroughbridge in trust for Charles, Prince of Wales, later Charles I. The lease interest was assigned in 1628, and Charles I granted the manor to Edward Ditchfield and co-grantees on 9 September 1628. On 2 December 1629 Edward Ditchfield and the

Corporation of London conveyed the manor to Arthur Aldburgh. Arthur Aldburgh is directly evidenced as holding and dealing with the manor through the 1630s and 1640s; later documents record dealings by Arthur and William Aldburgh in relation to a common recovery of the manor in 1652. The subsequent descent from the Aldburgh family to the Dukes of Newcastle is not fully documented in the accessible catalogue material, but authoritative modern historical material states that Aldborough became a valued possession of successive Dukes of Newcastle and that Andrew Lawson purchased it from Henry Pelham Pelham-Clinton, 4th Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyne, in 1834. Andrew Lawson is directly described as lord of the manor in nineteenth-century Yorkshire historical material. The later descent of the manorial title after Andrew Lawson has not been entered because the sources reviewed establish the continuation of the Lawson family at Aldborough Manor and the later Lawson-Tancred connection, but do not provide a sufficiently direct, dated conveyance of the manor title for each subsequent holder.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 10 January 1617 - 20 June 1628 | Sir Francis Bacon and co-trustees for Charles, Prince of Wales | Lease from the Crown or Duchy of Lancaster of the manor of Aldborough and borough of Boroughbridge, held in trust for Charles, Prince of Wales, later King Charles I. | | Nottinghamshire Archives, Newcastle estate collection, Ne D 5391/16/17, copy Duchy of Lancaster lease from King James I to Sir Francis Bacon and others of the manor, lordship, castle and forest of Knaresborough, the manor of Aldborough and borough of Boroughbridge, in trust for Charles, Prince of Wales, 10 January 1617, copy dated 21 May 1663.

- 20 June 1628 - 9 September 1628 | William Williams and co-lessees or trustees | Assignment from Sir John Walter and others of the Duchy of Lancaster lease covering the manor of Aldborough and borough of Boroughbridge to William Williams and others. | | Nottinghamshire Archives, Newcastle estate collection, Ne D 5391/16/18, copy assignment from Sir John Walter and others to William Williams and others of a Duchy of Lancaster lease of the manor, lordship, castle and forest of Knaresborough and of the manor of Aldborough and borough of Boroughbridge, 20 June 1628, copy dated 28 May 1663.

- 9 September 1628 - 2 December 1629 | Edward Ditchfield and co-grantees | Grant by letters patent of King Charles I of the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, to Edward Ditchfield and others. | | Nottinghamshire Archives, Newcastle estate collection, Ne D 5391/16/19, copy letters patent in Latin of King Charles I granting the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, to Edward Ditchfield and others, 9 September 1628, undated mid-seventeenth-century copy.

- 2 December 1629 - 21 September 1652 | Arthur Aldburgh | Bargain and sale by Edward Ditchfield and others together with the Corporation of London to Arthur Aldburgh of the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire. | | Nottinghamshire Archives, Newcastle estate collection, Ne D 5391/16/21, contract for the conveyance of the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, from the City of London to Arthur Aldburgh, 18 June 1629; and Ne D 5391/16/23, enrolled bargain and

sale from Edward Ditchfield and others and the Corporation of London to Arthur Aldburgh of the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, 2 December 1629.

- 21 September 1652 | Arthur Aldburgh and William Aldburgh | Common recovery and associated settlement concerning the manor of Aldborough and the capital messuage called Ellenthorpe, made in connection with the marriage settlement of William Aldburgh and Elizabeth Lodge. | | Nottinghamshire Archives, Newcastle estate collection, Ne D 5391/16/40, deed of covenant between Arthur and William Aldburgh and Christopher Watkinson and John Walker leading uses of a common recovery of the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, and of the capital messuage called Ellenthorpe, made prior to the marriage of William Aldburgh and Elizabeth Lodge, 21 September 1652.

- Before 1834 - 1834 | Henry Pelham Pelham-Clinton, 4th Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyne | The manor was held by successive Dukes of Newcastle and was sold by the 4th Duke of Newcastle to Andrew Lawson in 1834. The intervening conveyance into the Newcastle ownership has not been established from the sources reviewed. | | English Heritage, History of Aldborough Roman Site, stating that Aldborough was a valued possession of successive Dukes of Newcastle and that Andrew Lawson purchased Aldborough manor in 1834 from the 4th Duke of Newcastle; corroborated by the study 'A Great Electioneer and His Motives Reconsidered,' which identifies the Duke as lord of the manor of Aldborough.

- 1834 | Andrew Lawson | Purchase of Aldborough manor from Henry Pelham Pelham-Clinton, 4th Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyne. | | English Heritage, History of Aldborough Roman Site; Yorkshire Philosophical Society, 'Members Elected 1822-1855,' entry for Andrew Lawson, identifying him as lord of the manor of Aldborough and recording his purchase and residence at Aldborough Manor.

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