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ALDBOURNE RECTORY MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldbourn Rectory Manor was the rectorial estate associated with the parish church of Aldbourne, comprising rectorial land, a rectory house or parsonage, and tithes. It was distinct from the principal secular Aldbourne manor, whose medieval and early-modern descent included the counts of Perche, the Longespøe family, the Crown, the Duchy of Lancaster, the City of London and Thomas Bond. The rectory estate should therefore not be merged with the main Aldbourne manor or with Upper Upham, Warren, Court House or other separate Aldbourne estates. The rectory was an ecclesiastical appropriation by the medieval period. A local chronology states that the rectory or rectory manor, described as an estate of land and tithes, was granted in 1541 to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester. Later local material records the continuing existence of rectorial land and tithes, including a rectory house and glebe, and states that the rectorial tithes were replaced by a rent charge in 1837. The public sources located do not securely identify a later conveyance of the manorial or rectorial estate after the 1541 grant.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The medieval rectory of Aldbourne was appropriated by the religious house associated with Nogent-le-Rotrou and Amesbury by about 1228, although the precise legal descent and the identity of the immediate appropriator at every stage are not fully established in the sources located. Following the Dissolution, the rectory or rectory manor was granted in 1541 to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester. The Dean and Chapter are the latest securely evidenced institutional holders found in the public material consulted. The later history of the rectorial estate is documented mainly

through its land, rectory house, glebe and tithes rather than through a complete series of conveyances. In 1837 the rectorial tithes were replaced by a rent charge, but the sources located do not establish whether that event involved a transfer of ownership, nor do they identify a subsequent holder of the residual manorial interest.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- by 1228 - before or at the Dissolution; precise end date not established | Nogent-le-Rotrou / Amesbury ecclesiastical institution | Medieval appropriation of the rectory of Aldbourne; the exact instrument and the precise division of interests between Nogent-le-Rotrou and Amesbury are not established by the public source located. | | De Nogent Possessions in England, section 28, citing the Victoria County History and related medieval evidence; statement that the rectory of Aldebourne was finally appropriated by 1228.
- 1541 | Dean and Chapter of Winchester | Grant of the Aldbourne rectory or rectory manor, described as an estate of land and tithes, after the Dissolution. | | Aldbourne Heritage Centre, Medieval 1365 1600 timeline, entry for 1541: The rectory or rectory manor, an estate of land and tithes, was granted to the dean and chapter of Winchester.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Rectorial tithes: The rectorial estate included rights to rectorial tithes; these were replaced by a rent charge in 1837.
- Glebe or rectorial land: The estate included rectorial land or glebe associated with the rectory.
- Rectory house or parsonage: The rectorial estate included a rectory house or parsonage.

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