

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ALDBROUGH MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldbrough Manor is the imported spelling for the manor of Aldborough, the ancient settlement beside Boroughbridge in the former West Riding of Yorkshire. The manor included or was closely associated with the borough of Boroughbridge, the liberty and customary lands of Aldborough, and property in places including Milby, Minskip and Ellenthorpe. Aldborough was a manor of ancient demesne: a Crown manor at the time of Domesday. Its surviving documentary record includes medieval and early-modern court rolls, customals, inquisitions, Duchy of Lancaster leases, deeds, common recoveries and enclosure-related papers. The manor should not be merged with Aldbrough in Holderness, East Yorkshire, or Aldbrough St John in Richmondshire.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure public evidence begins with Aldborough as a Crown manor of ancient demesne, held by the Crown from the Domesday period until the Crown's disposal of the manor in 1628. A 1628 royal grant placed the manor in the hands of Edward Ditchfield and other grantees, and an enrolled bargain and sale of 2 December 1629 conveyed it to Arthur Aldburgh. Arthur Aldburgh is directly documented as manor holder through the 1630s and 1640s; several transactions involving him concern the manor itself, its former manor-house site, its royalties, fishing and hunting rights, and a 1649 demise of the manor to Sir John Mallory for a term of 99 years. The documentary trail located here does not securely establish the intermediate conveyances between Arthur Aldburgh's later tenure and the acquisition by the Dukes of Newcastle. The Dukes of Newcastle are securely attested as holding the

manor by the early nineteenth century, and specifically the 4th Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyne owned it when Andrew Lawson purchased Aldborough Manor in 1834. Andrew Lawson thereafter held the manor and estate and developed Aldborough Manor and its gardens. Later Lawson and Lawson-Tancred family association with Aldborough Manor is well attested, but the precise legal descent after Andrew Lawson has not been reconstructed here and current ownership is intentionally not supplied.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 - 1628 | The Crown | Held as a Crown manor of ancient demesne; the manor remained in Crown hands until its disposal in 1628. | | Richardson, J., article in Rural History Centre Studies, volume 164, July 1996, p. 134, stating that Aldborough was a manor of ancient demesne and continued to be held by the Crown until 1628; corroborated by the University of Nottingham, Newcastle (Clumber) Collection, Ne 6/D/16/1/1-43, archive descriptions of the 1617 and 1628 Crown leases and grant.

- 9 September 1628 - 2 December 1629 | Edward Ditchfield and other grantees | Grant by King Charles I of the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, to Edward Ditchfield and others by letters patent dated 9 September 1628. | | University of Nottingham Manuscripts and Special Collections, Newcastle (Clumber) Collection, Ne 6/D/16/1/1-43, item 19: copy letters patent of King Charles I granting the manor of Aldborough, Yorkshire, to Edward Ditchfield and others, 9 September 1628.

- 18 June 1629 - after 1652 | Arthur Aldburgh | Contract for conveyance from the City of London to Arthur Aldburgh dated 18 June 1629, followed by an enrolled bargain and sale from Edward Ditchfield and others and the Corporation of London to Arthur Aldburgh dated 2 December 1629. | | University of Nottingham Manuscripts and Special Collections, Newcastle (Clumber) Collection, Ne 6/D/16/1/1-43, items 21 and 23: contract for conveyance of the manor of Aldborough to Arthur Aldburgh, 18 June 1629, and enrolled bargain and sale to Arthur Aldburgh, 2 December 1629; related items 24-40 document Arthur's subsequent dealings with the manor.

- 24 January 1649 - term of 99 years from 1649, subject to the deed and its legal effect | Sir John Mallory | Demise by Arthur Aldburgh to Sir John Mallory of the manor of Aldborough for a term of 99 years, made to secure engagements undertaken by Mallory for Aldburgh. | | University of Nottingham Manuscripts and Special Collections, Newcastle (Clumber) Collection, Ne 6/D/16/1/1-43, item 35: demise from Arthur Aldburgh to Sir John Mallory of the manor of Aldborough, 24 January 1649.

- By 1832 - 1834 | Henry Pelham Fiennes Pelham-Clinton, 4th Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyne | Held the manor before its sale to Andrew Lawson in 1834. The precise acquisition date and intermediate conveyances from the seventeenth-century Aldburgh ownership are not established by the sources used. | | English Heritage, History of Aldborough Roman Site, identifying Andrew Lawson's purchase of Aldborough manor in 1834 from the 4th Duke of Newcastle; University of Nottingham Manuscripts and Special Collections, Ne 6/D/16/1/1-43, item 503-504, common recovery of the Manor of Aldborough in the 4th Duke's marriage settlement, 1832.

- 1834 - 28 February 1853 | Andrew Lawson | Purchase of Aldborough Manor from Henry Pelham Fiennes Pelham-Clinton, 4th Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyne, in 1834. | | English Heritage, History of Aldborough Roman Site; Andrew Lawson biography, The Peerage, recording his

residence at Aldborough Manor and death on 28 February 1853.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Ancient demesne status: Aldborough was a Crown manor of ancient demesne, with associated customary tenure and jurisdictional characteristics.
- Borough and liberty associated with Aldborough: The manor was closely associated with the borough of Boroughbridge and the liberty and customary lands of Aldborough.
- Manorial royalties: The documentary record includes transactions concerning the manor's royalties.
- Fishing rights: The documentary record includes transactions concerning fishing rights associated with the manor.
- Hunting rights: The documentary record includes transactions concerning hunting rights associated with the manor.

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