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ALDEBURGH MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldeburgh Manor was the principal manor associated with the ancient borough and parish of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, later administered ecclesiastically with Hazlewood. The Aldeburgh parish history records an 80-acre manor held before the Norman Conquest by Wulfric, a free man of Edric of Laxfield, and in 1086 by Robert Malet. The medieval and early modern manor was subsequently connected with William Martel, the Abbot of Colchester, the Crown, Butley Priory, Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk. The manor should be distinguished from the separate Vicarage Manor and from other sub-manors and estates in the wider Aldeburgh and Hazlewood area. The surviving public summary establishes the principal descent, but documentary gaps remain between several of the recorded ownership points.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified holding is the 80-acre Aldeburgh manor of Wulfric in 1066, held under Edric of Laxfield. In 1086 the manor was held by Robert Malet as tenant-in-chief, with the Domesday entry also identifying the immediate pre-Conquest and local lordship context. By 1155 William Martel held the manor and granted it in frankalmoin to the Abbot of Colchester. The manor was recorded as being in the King's hands in 1405 and was granted to Butley Priory in 1508. Cardinal Wolsey was recorded as owner in 1525; a 30-year lease was granted to Thomas Russhe in 1530 at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d. In 1533 the manor was held by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk. The next publicly summarised ownership point is circa 1696, when Sir Henry Johnson was recorded

as

owner. By 1902 the manor was recorded as held by Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth, whose family was

also associated with Friston and Hazlewood. The public sources consulted do not securely document

every intermediate conveyance, and no transfer has been inferred across those gaps.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1066 - 1086 | Wulfric | Recorded as holding the 80-acre manor before the Norman Conquest; the Domesday record shows the manor in the hands of Robert Malet by 1086. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section; Open Domesday, Aldeburgh, Domesday Book entry.

- 1086 - 1155 | Robert Malet | The manor was recorded in Domesday Book as belonging to Robert Malet. The subsequent change to William Martel is documented by the 1155 ownership entry, but the precise conveyance is not stated in the public summary. | | Open Domesday, Aldeburgh, Domesday Book, Phillimore reference Suffolk 6,130; corroborated by Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history.

- 1155 - 1155 | William Martel | William Martel is recorded as owner in 1155 and granted the manor in frankalmoin to the Abbot of Colchester. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- 1155 - 1405 | Abbot of Colchester | Received the manor from William Martel by a grant in frankalmoin. By 1405 the manor was recorded as being in the King's hands; the intervening history is not supplied by the public summary. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- 1405 - 1508 | The Crown | The manor was recorded as being in the King's hands in 1405 and was later granted to Butley Priory in 1508. The reason for Crown custody and the precise grant instrument are not stated in the public summary. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- 1508 - 1525 | Butley Priory | The manor was granted to Butley Priory in 1508. By 1525 it was recorded as belonging to Cardinal Wolsey; the precise transfer is not stated. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- 1525 - 1530 | Cardinal Thomas Wolsey | The manor was recorded as belonging to Cardinal Wolsey in 1525. In 1530 he granted Thomas Russhe a 30-year lease at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- 1530 - 1560 | Thomas Russhe | Received a 30-year lease of the manor, or of the interest described by the source as the manor, from Cardinal Wolsey in 1530 at an annual rent of £45 6s. 8d. The source does not state the subsequent outcome of the lease. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- 1533 - circa 1696 | Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk | Recorded as owner in 1533. The source does not document the intervening descent to Sir Henry Johnson, recorded circa 1696, and no conveyance has been inferred. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section.

- circa 1696 - circa 1791 | Sir Henry Johnson | Recorded as owner circa 1696. The later change to the Vernon-Wentworth family is not documented by a secure conveyance in the sources consulted. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section; Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Friston parish history, for the linked Friston association.

- 1844 - 1891 | W.F.T. Vernon-Wentworth | The Aldeburgh parish history records W.F.T.

Vernon-Wentworth as principal owner in 1844. It does not expressly state the precise date or instrument by which the Vernon-Wentworth family acquired the manor. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Land ownership section.

- 1891 - 1902 | T.F.C. Vernon-Wentworth | Recorded as principal owner in 1891 and as the predecessor of Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth in the 1902 manorial entry. The precise transfer mechanism is not stated. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Land ownership and Manorial sections.

- 1902 - 1902 | Commander F.C.U. Vernon-Wentworth | Recorded as owner of Aldeburgh Manor in 1902. The consulted public sources do not establish a later historical holder of the manor itself. | | Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Aldeburgh parish history, Manorial section; Suffolk Heritage Explorer, Friston parish history, Manorial and Land ownership sections; Kelly's Directory evidence reproduced in the Aldeburgh and Hazlewood parish summaries.

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