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ALDERBOURNE MANOR

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Location: Langley Marish, Buckinghamshire
Associated places: Langley Marish, Buckinghamshire

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldbourn Manor was a historic manor and estate chiefly situated in the former parish of Langley Marish, Buckinghamshire, with parts extending into Denham and Iwer. The medieval and early post-medieval manor was distinct from the later nineteenth-century country house that came to bear the same name. The estate site was formerly known as Nutley Grove or Nutting Grove; it was shown as Aldbourn Manor on an estate map of 1845 and was described in 1862 as Aldbourn Manor, formerly called Nutley Grove, then the seat of the Revd Henry Hugh Way. The present mid-nineteenth-century villa, service buildings, lodge, gardens, woodland and parkland were developed between approximately 1845 and 1875. The surviving historic landscape includes the manor house site, associated service buildings, woodland, parkland and a boating lake, although the wider estate was later fragmented and affected by construction of the M25 and M40. The manor belonged to Ankerwycke Priory until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the mid-sixteenth century. It subsequently became associated with the Windsor family in the seventeenth century, then with the Dukes of Somerset and the Way family of nearby Denham Place. The precise dates and legal instruments for the transfers between those owners have not been established from the publicly accessible sources consulted.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The securely reported descent is: Ankerwycke Priory held the manor until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the mid-sixteenth century; the manor was subsequently in the possession of the Windsor family during the seventeenth century; it later passed to the Dukes of Somerset; it subsequently passed to the Way family of Denham Place. The estate was associated with the

Revd Henry

Hugh Way by about 1852 and he is stated to have owned it from 1861 until his death in 1890.

A Centre

for Buckinghamshire Studies reference records an agreement for exchange between Benjamin Way and the

Revd Henry Hugh Way involving land in Denham and Iwer, but the publicly available summary does not

establish that this document alone transferred the whole manor. Later directories and newspapers

show occupants or residents of Alderbourne Manor, including Viscount Coke in 1895, John Bell White

from about 1907 to at least 1919, Captain Tahu Rhodes and the Hon Helen Plunket from about 1927,

Murray Adams-Acton between 1931 and 1935, Major Arthur W. M. Burton, and subsequently the de Courcy

family. These occupancy references are not treated as proof of manorial ownership. The estate was

split during the 1950s. From 1958 to 1974 Gustav Kahnweiler and his wife Elizabeth owned one apartment within the manor house, while Basil Palmas is reported as owner of the manor house for

much of that period; these statements concern parts of the fragmented house and estate and are not

treated as evidence that either party held the historic manor as a whole. The later site remained in

split private ownership.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- Before the Dissolution of the Monasteries - mid-16th century | Ankerwycke Priory | Earlier holding; ended at the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The precise acquisition date and the subsequent legal transfer are not established in the consulted public sources. | |

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, Understanding Historic Parks and Gardens in Buckinghamshire: Alderbourne Manor, amended March 2018, p. 5; citing Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies material and Victoria County History, Buckinghamshire, vol. 3.

- 17th century - Unknown; before the later holding of the Dukes of Somerset | Windsor family | The manor subsequently became the property of the Windsor family after the Dissolution period. The precise date, individual Windsor holder and legal instrument are not identified in the consulted public sources. | | Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, Understanding Historic Parks and Gardens in Buckinghamshire: Alderbourne Manor, amended March 2018, p. 5; citing Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies reference AR/69/64 and Victoria County History, Buckinghamshire, vol. 3.

- Unknown; after the Windsor family - Unknown; before the Way family | Dukes of Somerset | The manor subsequently passed from the Windsor family to the Dukes of Somerset. The date, particular duke and legal instrument are not identified in the consulted public sources. | | Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, Understanding Historic Parks and Gardens in Buckinghamshire: Alderbourne Manor, amended March 2018, p. 5; citing Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies reference AR/69/64 and Victoria County History, Buckinghamshire, vol. 3.

- Unknown; after the Dukes of Somerset - About 1852 or earlier; precise descent unresolved | Way family of Denham Place | The manor subsequently passed from the Dukes of Somerset to the

Way family of nearby Denham Place. The precise conveyance date and instrument are not identified. A separate Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies reference records an agreement for exchange between Benjamin Way and the Revd Henry Hugh Way involving land in Denham and Iver. | | Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, Understanding Historic Parks and Gardens in Buckinghamshire: Alderbourne Manor, amended March 2018, pp. 5 and 10; citing Victoria County History, Buckinghamshire, vol. 3, and Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies reference D/W/33-16.

- 1861 - 23 February 1890 | Revd Henry Hugh Way | Established ownership during his lifetime; the source does not specify whether the holding arose by inheritance, purchase, exchange or another legal conveyance. | | Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, Understanding Historic Parks and Gardens in Buckinghamshire: Alderbourne Manor, amended March 2018, p. 5; citing Sheahan, History and Topography of Buckinghamshire, 1862, p. 864, Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies reference D/W/33-16, and Victoria County History, Buckinghamshire, vol. 3.

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