

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ALDERTON MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Alderton Manor was the manor associated with Alderton, a small township or hamlet in Great Ness, Shropshire, near the River Severn and approximately one and a half miles south-west of Great Ness church. In the nineteenth century Alderton was described as comprising about 196 acres and as having the Earl of Powis as lord of the manor and sole landowner. Alderton Hall, also known historically as Alderton Farmhouse, stands in the township and is a Grade II* listed timber-framed house dated internally 1591 for Richard Heylin. The building evidence establishes the location and the presence of a substantial late-sixteenth-century house, but it does not by itself prove that Richard Heylin was lord of Alderton Manor. Alderton had originally been associated with the wider Domesday manor of Myddle but had separated manorially from Myddle at an early date; the available source does not establish the legal date or instrument of that separation.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure public evidence located for the manor begins in the nineteenth century. Samuel Bagshaw's History, Gazetteer, and Directory of Shropshire, published in 1851, states that Alderton in Great Ness was a small township and that the Earl of Powis was lord of the manor and sole proprietor. Kelly's Directory of Shropshire repeats the same description in 1895, and the 1913 directory likewise states that the Earl of Powis was lord of the manor and sole landowner. These sources establish continued possession or lordship by the Powis interest across the period 1851-1913, but they do not identify the deed, settlement, inheritance, purchase, or other legal

conveyance by which the manor entered the Powis estate. The earlier history remains unresolved. The association of Alderton with Myddle is documented, but the available source says only that Alderton had separated manorially from Myddle at an early date; it does not establish a complete chain of lords. Richard Heylin is directly associated with the construction of Alderton Hall in 1591, but no source found in this research directly identifies him as lord of Alderton Manor, so he has not been entered as a manor holder.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1851 - 1913 | Earl of Powis | Earlier acquisition by the Powis interest is unknown. The manor is directly attested as being in the hands of the Earl of Powis in 1851, with the same lordship repeated in 1895 and 1913; no intervening conveyance or later historical holder was securely identified. | | Samuel Bagshaw, History, Gazetteer, and Directory of Shropshire (1851), entry for Alderton, Great Ness; Kelly's Directory of Shropshire (1895), entry for Great Ness and Alderton; Kelly's Directory of Shropshire (1913), entry for Great Ness and Alderton.

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