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ALDINGTON MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldington Manor was a major ecclesiastical manor in Aldington, Kent, historically associated with the See of Canterbury and its archbishops. An early charter of 805 x 815 identifies the estate as Stanhamstede, later Aldington, and records its grant to Christ Church, Canterbury. In Domesday Book in 1086 Aldington remained in the possession of the Archbishop of Canterbury and was a very substantial estate. The surviving Court Lodge Farmhouse incorporates remains of the medieval archiepiscopal manor house or palace, including fabric dating from the fourteenth century. The manor was transferred from the archbishopric to Henry VIII or the Crown in 1540 in an exchange of properties. The later descent is incompletely documented in the readily accessible sources; William Deedes is explicitly reported to have bought the manor in the late eighteenth century.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified holder is Christ Church, Canterbury, which received the estate called Stanhamstede, later Aldington, by charter dated 805 x 815. The estate was still held by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Domesday in 1086 and continued as an archiepiscopal manor through the medieval period. The archbishops maintained a manor house and hunting lodge at Aldington, particularly associated with Archbishops Simon Mepeham or John de Stratford in the fourteenth century and with Archbishops John Morton and William Warham in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. In 1540 the manor was taken from the archbishopric by Henry VIII in an exchange or seizure and entered Crown ownership. The intermediate descent after 1540 is not established here. William Deedes is explicitly reported to have purchased the manor in the late eighteenth century. The evidence reviewed does not securely establish the subsequent descent of the manorial lordship.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- Late 18th century | William Deedes | Purchase of the manor of Aldington. The precise year, vendor, and conveyance instrument have not been established in the sources reviewed. | | Ashford Borough Council, PN2207 Sherfield Heritage, Environmental and Design Baseline Assessment, paragraph 4.73, citing Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 1799, pages 314-327.

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