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ALDINGTON MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldington Manor, also known historically as Aunton or Aldintone, was the principal manor of Aldington, a hamlet historically associated with Badsey in Worcestershire. In Domesday Book in 1086

Aldington appears as Aldintone, a berewick or outlying portion of the manor of Offenham, then associated with Evesham Abbey. By the later twelfth century Aldington had become connected with

Bretforton, and by 1291 it had become joined to Badsey. The manor included the principal manor site

and the associated Aunton Farm. The surviving manor-house complex includes seventeenth-century

fabric and is associated with the historic manorial estate. The manor passed from Evesham Abbey at

the Dissolution through a complicated sequence of Crown grants, conveyances, security arrangements

and disputed claims before becoming part of the Foley estate in 1665. It remained in the Foley

family for approximately 140 years, passed to George Day in the early nineteenth century, and was

sold by Day to James Ashwin in 1808. The ecclesiastical advowson and tithes were separate interests

and should not be confused with the lordship of the manor.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

Aldington was an Evesham Abbey possession by the time of Domesday Book and may have been associated

with the monastery as early as 703, although the early charter evidence is described as doubtful. At

the Dissolution the manor was granted to Richard Pyggyon. In 1562 Elizabeth I granted Aldington

together with Badsey to Sir Robert Throckmorton. The manor subsequently followed the descent of

Badsey until its conveyance in 1598 by Richard and Margaret Griffin to Philip Bigge. Bigge and his

wife Hester conveyed it in 1615 to William Courten and John Mounsey, apparently to the use of Courten. During the 1640s and 1650s the title became entangled in sales, security arrangements, debts, a jointure for Dame Katherine Courten, the interests of Sir Edward Littleton, George Carew, John Pettyward, Thomas Birkhead and the Commissioners dealing with Courten's creditors. The title of the Commissioners and Pettyward was expressly described as questionable. Despite that uncertainty, the manor was conveyed through William Bagott and Benjamin Lloyd, then Henry Scobell and William Baldwyn, and then John Whitfeild, before being sold in 1665 to Thomas Foley. Six successive generations of the Foley family held the manor or the Aldington estate until the estate was sold in the early nineteenth century. The manor was acquired by George Day around 1806 and was sold by him to James Ashwin in 1808. Later nineteenth-century directories identify members of the Ashwin family as lords of the manor, and James Ashwin was still identified as owner and lord of the manor in 1896. Publicly available sources consulted here establish Ashwin ownership into the early twentieth century, but do not provide a complete later legal descent of the manorial lordship.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1086 - at the Dissolution, probably 1539 | Evesham Abbey | Earlier monastic possession; Aldington is recorded in Domesday Book as a berewick of Offenham, and the manor remained associated with Evesham Abbey until the Dissolution. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society, citing Domesday Book and Evesham Abbey material.
- at the Dissolution, probably 1539 - 1562 | Richard Pyggyon | Granted the Manor of Aldington by the Crown at the Dissolution of Evesham Abbey. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 1562 - before 1598 | Sir Robert Throckmorton | Granted Aldington together with the Manor of Badsey by Queen Elizabeth I in 1562. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 1598 - 13 July 1615 | Philip Bigge | Conveyed by Richard and Margaret Griffin to Philip Bigge in 1598. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 13 July 1615 - after 13 July 1615 | William Courten and John Mounsey | Philip Bigge and Hester Bigge jointly conveyed the manor to William Courten and John Mounsey on 13 July 1615, apparently for the use of William Courten. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- after 13 July 1615 - April 1643 or later, subject to disputed title | William Courten | Held after the 1615 conveyance; in April 1643 he reportedly sold the manor to Sir Edward Littleton, although the later title was contested. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- April 1643 - 1 November 1649 or later | Sir Edward Littleton | William Courten reportedly

sold or transferred the manor to Sir Edward Littleton in April 1643 as security for Courten's debts. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.

- 1 November 1649 - 1657 or later | George Carew | Sir Edward Littleton released or left Aldington to George Carew for a 99-year term in consideration of Carew's payment and discharge of debt obligations. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 1651 - before 29 March 1656 | John Pettyward and Thomas Birkhead | William Courten made over his interest in the manor to John Pettyward and Thomas Birkhead in connection with Courten's bankruptcy and debts. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 29 March 1656 - 15 December 1657 | William Bagott and Benjamin Lloyd | John Pettyward and the Commissioners dealing with Courten's creditors granted the manor to William Bagott and Benjamin Lloyd for ever by instruments dated 29 March 1656. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 15 December 1657 - 15 March 1664 | Henry Scobell and William Baldwyn | William Bagott, George Carew and related parties granted the manor to Henry Scobell and William Baldwyn by indenture dated 15 December 1657. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 15 March 1664 - 6 June 1665 | John Whitfeild | Henry Scobell, William Baldwyn and George Carew sold all that manor of Aunton or Aldington to John Whitfeild for £3,500 by indenture dated 15 March 1664. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- after 15 March 1664 - 6 June 1665 | William Willoughby and William Cherry | John Whitfeild devised the Manor of Aunton alias Aldington to William Willoughby and William Cherry, as devisees and intended sellers, for the payment of a debt to Sir William Powell. | | E. A. B. Barnard, 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington', Badsey Society.
- 6 June 1665 - 1 October 1677 | Thomas Foley | Purchased the Manor of Aldington alias Aunton and Aunton Farm by indenture dated 6 June 1665 from William Courten, Samuel Baldwyn, George Carew, William Willoughby and William Cherry. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677) and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society; citing the 6 June 1665 indenture.
- 1 October 1677 - 1 February 1701 | Thomas Foley | Inherited the Aldington estate on the death of his father, Thomas Foley, in 1677. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677) and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society.
- 1 February 1701 - 22 January 1732/33 | Thomas Foley, 1st Baron Foley | Inherited Aldington with his father's estates on the death of Thomas Foley in 1701. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677) and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society.
- 22 January 1732/33 - 22 January 1766 | Thomas Foley, 2nd Baron Foley | Inherited the Foley estates, including the Manor of Aldington, on the death of his father in 1732/33. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677) and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society.
- 22 January 1766 - November 1777 | Thomas Foley, 1st Baron Foley of the new creation | Inherited the estates of his childless second cousin once removed, Thomas Foley, 2nd Baron Foley, including Aldington Manor, in 1766. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677) and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society.
- November 1777 - 2 July 1793 | Thomas Foley, 2nd Baron Foley of the new creation | Succeeded to the Foley peerage and appears to have inherited or received the Aldington estate on the death of his father in 1777. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677)

and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society.

- 2 July 1793 - by 1806 | Thomas Foley, 3rd Baron Foley of the new creation | Succeeded to the Foley estates as a minor on the death of his father in 1793; trustees administered and sold parts of the settled estate. | | Maureen Spinks, 'FOLEY, Thomas (1617-1677) and descendants Owners of Aldington Manor', Badsey Society.

- 1806 - 6 October 1808 | George Day | Acquired the Manor of Aldington from the Foley estate in the early nineteenth century, probably in or around 1806, and sold it to James Ashwin on 6 October 1808 for £12,000. | | George Day, 'DAY, George (1764-1830) The largest landowner in Aldington at the time of Enclosure', Badsey Society; see also the transcription of the 1807 Aldington Inclosure Act.

- 6 October 1808 - before 1880 | James Ashwin | Purchased the Manor of Aldington from George Day for £12,000 on 6 October 1808, according to the local account. | | George Day, 'DAY, George (1764-1830) The largest landowner in Aldington at the time of Enclosure', Badsey Society; corroborated by 'Notes on the Manor of Aldington'.

- 1880 - 1892 | Henry Ashwin, probably William Henry Ashwin | Later Ashwin family holding; the exact conveyance or inheritance from James Ashwin is not established in the consulted sources. | | Kelly's Directory of Worcestershire, 1880 and 1888, transcribed by the Badsey Society.

- 1892 - at least 1912 | James Ashwin | Inherited or otherwise succeeded to Ashwin family holdings after the death of William Henry Ashwin in 1892; the exact manorial conveyance is not established. | | The Badsey Society, 'Land at Blackminster' and 'Valuation Survey - Aldington'; corroborated by Kelly's Directory of Worcestershire, 1896.

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