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ALDONS MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldons Manor was situated in Wye, Kent, about a mile and a half south-west of Bilting on the Ashford road. Edward Hasted states that its site was then called Perry Court, and that the name Aldons derived from the family of Aldon, while Perry Court derived from the later residence of the Pyrie or Perry family. The manor was associated with the lands and possessions of the College of Wye, including the site of the college and certain ecclesiastical possessions. A 1554 final concord describes the manor of Perycourt as including 30 messuages, 800 acres of land, 600 acres of meadow, 800 acres of pasture, 400 acres of wood, the site of Wye College, rectories of Boughton Aluph and Brenzett, the vicarage of Wye, a watermill, and associated advowsons in Wye, Boughton Aluph, Brenzett, Hinxhill, Godmersham and Crundale. The present research establishes the medieval and Tudor descent securely through Sir William Damsell and identifies a later Burston holding, but the purchaser in the early seventeenth century is not named in the consulted sources.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified holder is Thomas de Aldon, who held Aldons Manor in the 43rd year of Edward III. Hasted states that the manor then passed to Sir Robert Belknap, recorded as its owner in the 10th year of Richard II. At an uncertain date it subsequently came into the possession of the Pyrie family, later written Perry; Hasted does not supply a precise conveyance date. The manor was purchased from the heirs of Geoffrie de Pyrie by John Kempe, cardinal archbishop, in the beginning of the reign of Henry VI. In the 10th year of Henry VI, Kempe settled it with other premises on the newly founded College of Wye. It remained with the college until its dissolution in the 36th year of

Henry VIII, when it reverted to the Crown. The Crown granted it to Walter Bucler in the same regnal year. By 1554 the manor was held by Sir Maurice Dennys and his wife Elizabeth, who conveyed it by final concord to Sir William Damsell for £1,820. A later antiquarian source states that the manor was held by an unnamed Burston jure uxoris, a daughter and coheir of Sir William Damsell, who died before the 25th year of Elizabeth I; the source further says that it was sold by a descendant in the reign of James I, but does not name the purchaser. No later historical holder has been added without a direct manor-specific source.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 43 Edward III (1369-1370) | Thomas de Aldon | Recorded as possessed of Aldons Manor. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- 10 Richard II (1386-1387) | Sir Robert Belknap | Passed from Thomas de Aldon; the precise instrument or circumstances of the transfer are not stated in the consulted source. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- After 10 Richard II; date not established - Beginning of the reign of Henry VI; date not established | The Pyrie or Perry family | The manor subsequently became the estate and residence of the Pyrie family, later written Perry. The source expressly leaves the timing and nature of the transfer uncertain. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- Beginning of the reign of Henry VI (1422-1430 range; exact date not established) - 10 Henry VI (1431-1432) | John Kempe, cardinal archbishop | Purchased the manor from the heirs of Geoffrie de Pyrie. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- 10 Henry VI (1431-1432) - 36 Henry VIII (1544-1545) | The College of Wye, founded by John Kempe | John Kempe settled the manor, with other premises, on his newly founded College of Wye. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- 36 Henry VIII (1544-1545) - 36 Henry VIII (1544-1545) | The Crown | Reverted to the Crown on the dissolution of the College of Wye. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- 36 Henry VIII (1544-1545) - By 1554; exact end date not established | Walter Bucler | Granted by the Crown in the 36th year of Henry VIII. | | Edward Hasted, The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, 2nd ed., vol. 7 (1798), p. 352, parish history of Wye; cited under Aldons Manor.
- By 1554 - 1554 | Sir Maurice Dennys and Elizabeth Dennys | The precise transfer from Walter Bucler is not established. Their ownership is directly evidenced by the 1554 final concord in which they conveyed the manor of Perycourt to Sir William Damsell. | | Kent Feet of Fines, reigns of Edward VI to Philip and Mary, Trinity Term 1554, CP 25/2/72/601, no. 52;

Kent Archaeological Society calendar.

- Trinity Term 1554 - Before 25 Elizabeth I (before 1583-1584) | Sir William Damsell | Purchased the manor of Perycourt from Sir Maurice Dennys and Elizabeth Dennys for £1,820 by final concord. | | Kent Feet of Fines, reigns of Edward VI to Philip and Mary, Trinity Term 1554, CP 25/2/72/601, no. 52; Kent Archaeological Society calendar; corroborated by the calendar's discussion of the £1,820 Perycourt purchase.
- After the death of Sir William Damsell and before 25 Elizabeth I (before 1583-1584) - Reign of James I; before the reported sale, exact date not established | [Unnamed] Burston, jure uxoris, through a daughter and coheir of Sir William Damsell | Held jure uxoris through an unnamed daughter and coheir of Sir William Damsell. The source does not name the wife or give a formal conveyance date. | | Notices of the Ellises of England, Scotland, and Ireland, supplementary material, citing the manor of Aldons alias Perycourt in Wye; the statement is also indexed in the National Library of Scotland scan.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Advowson of Wye: The 1554 final concord included the associated advowson of Wye with the manor and its other premises.
- Advowson of Boughton Aluph: The 1554 final concord included the associated advowson of Boughton Aluph.
- Advowson of Brenzett: The 1554 final concord included the associated advowson of Brenzett.
- Advowson of Hinxhill: The 1554 final concord included the associated advowson of Hinxhill.
- Advowson of Godmersham: The 1554 final concord included the associated advowson of Godmersham.
- Advowson of Crundale: The 1554 final concord included the associated advowson of Crundale.

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