

## MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ALDRINGHAM MANOR

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Location: Aldringham with Thorpe, Suffolk  
Associated places: Aldringham with Thorpe, Suffolk

### LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Lordship of Aldringham | Associated | late 12th century | Provisional

### ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldringham Manor was a distinct medieval lordship in Aldringham, Suffolk. Copinger distinguishes it from the two Domesday estates recorded at Aldringham, neither of which was then described as a manor: one holding of 90 acres was included in the valuation of Leiston and held of the Bishop of Hoxne by Robert Malet, while another holding of 20 acres belonged to Robert Malet. The manor is first securely described in the surviving historical account as the lordship of Ranulph de Glanville, Lord Chief Justice in 1180. It descended through the Glanville, Vescy and Ufford families, later passing to the de la Pole family and reverting to the Crown after Edmund de la Pole's attainder and execution in 1513. No subsequent Crown grant of the manor itself was identified by Copinger. By 1792 the manor was held by Sir Joshua Vanneck, and it subsequently descended with the Vanneck family's Heveningham estates to Joshua Charles Vanneck, 4th Baron Huntingfield, who was described as lord in the early twentieth century. The rectory and tithes of Aldringham and Thorpe followed a partly separate conveyance history and should not be confused with the manor: they were granted by James I to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, in 1618 and sold through several parties before becoming associated with the Vanneck estate.

### OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure documentary descent begins with Ranulph de Glanville in the late twelfth century. Copinger reports that the manor seems to have passed to William de Glanville, then to William's son Gilbert, who died in 1266, and thereafter to Sir Ralph de Glanville. Sir Ralph's only daughter Maud married Sir William de Vescy. Their daughter Sarah married Robert de Ufford,

and the manor subsequently descended through the Ufford family to Robert de Ufford, created Earl of Suffolk in 1336. Robert's second son William, Earl of Suffolk, held the manor for life under a fine that created remainders to his sons Thomas, William and Edward, all of whom died without issue. The manor later passed to the de la Poles and reverted to the Crown on the attainder of Edmund de la Pole in 1513. The intervening descent from the de la Poles to the later Vanneck ownership is not established by a specific conveyance in the sources located. Copinger states that Sir Joshua Vanneck held the manor by 1792 and that it thereafter descended in the same course as the Manor of Heveningham Hall, reaching Joshua Charles Vanneck, 4th Baron Huntingfield, by 1908. The separate rectory and tithes were granted to George Villiers in 1618, conveyed in 1626 to Price Williams and Anthony Nevill, re-sold in 1629 to Daniel Eliab and Matthew Harvey subject to a £500 proviso, confirmed in 1640 to Daniel Eliab and Michael Harvey and their heirs, and were held by their heirs in the early eighteenth century before being held by Sir Joshua Vanneck in 1792. That rectory descent is included only as a related property history and is not treated as the manor's ownership history.

#### CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- late 12th century - after late 12th century | Ranulph de Glanville | Earliest securely identified medieval lordship; the manor was the lordship of Ranulph de Glanville. | | W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- late 12th century - before 1266 | William de Glanville | Descent from Ranulph de Glanville to his son, as reported by Copinger. | | W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- late 12th century or early 13th century - 1266 | Gilbert de Glanville | Descent from William de Glanville to his son Gilbert. | | W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- 1266 or shortly after - after 1266; before succession of Maud | Sir Ralph de Glanville | Succession from his father Gilbert de Glanville, who died in 1266. | | W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after Sir Ralph de Glanville; before her marriage - after marriage to Sir William de Vescy | Maud de Glanville | Inheritance as the only daughter and heir of Sir Ralph de Glanville. | | W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after Maud de Glanville's marriage - before succession of Sarah de Vescy | Sir William de Vescy | Marital association and descent through Maud de Glanville, heiress of Sir Ralph de Glanville. | | W. A. Copinger, *The Manors of Suffolk*, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.

- after marriage of Sarah de Vescy - before succession of their son Robert de Ufford | Sarah de Vescy and Robert de Ufford | Descent through Sarah, the only daughter of Sir William de Vescy, on her marriage to Robert de Ufford. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- by 13 January 1308 - before succession of Robert de Ufford, K.G. | Robert de Ufford | Succession as the son of Sarah de Vescy and Robert de Ufford. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- before 16 March 1336 - after 1336 | Robert de Ufford, K.G., Earl of Suffolk | Succession from the preceding Robert de Ufford. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after succession of Robert de Ufford, 1st Earl of Suffolk - after the fine; life interest | William, Earl of Suffolk | Succession as the second son of Robert de Ufford, 1st Earl of Suffolk, followed by a fine settling the manor on William for life. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- date not stated; before the fine - date not stated | William Lord Huntingfield | Party to a fine concerning Aldringham Manor; the fine reserved a remainder after his death. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after the death of William, Earl of Suffolk; date not stated - died without issue | Thomas de Ufford | First successive remainder under the fine settling Aldringham Manor. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after failure of the preceding remainder; date not stated - died without issue | William de Ufford | Second successive remainder under the fine settling Aldringham Manor. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after failure of the preceding remainder; date not stated - died without issue | Edward de Ufford | Third successive remainder under the fine settling Aldringham Manor. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- after failure of the specified Ufford settlement; date not stated - 1513 | De la Pole family | The manor later passed to the de la Poles; the precise conveyance or succession is not identified in the cited source. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- 1513 - after 1513; before 1792 | The Crown | Reversion to the Crown upon the attainder of Edmund de la Pole, executed in 1513. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.
- by 1792 - 6 March 1777 or otherwise conflict in the secondary chronology | Sir Joshua Vanneck, 3rd Baronet | Later possession by Sir Joshua Vanneck is stated by Copinger, but the instrument and date of acquisition from the Crown are not identified. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4; comparative chronology in the Heveningham entry, pp. 113 116.
- by 1908 - after 1908; latest securely identified historical holder in the researched sources | Joshua Charles Vanneck, 4th Baron Huntingfield | Descended from Sir Joshua Vanneck in the same course as the Manor of Heveningham Hall, according to Copinger. | | W. A. Copinger, The Manors of Suffolk, volume 2, 1908, entry 'Aldringham Manor', p. 4.

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