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ALDWARD MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldward Manor is the manor and associated country-house estate at Aldward in the historic parish of Alne, North Riding of Yorkshire, beside the River Ure, at approximately OS grid reference SE 469 630. Aldward is recorded in Domesday Book as Adewere; the later manor had a medieval moated manor house north of the site of the present house. That earlier house had been demolished by the period of the Ordnance Survey survey of 1848-1852. The present Aldward Manor was built on Pasture Hill about 1863-1865, with parkland, lodges, kitchen garden and estate woodland. The property was subsequently used as a private estate, requisitioned during the Second World War, acquired by the Education Committee of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull in 1949 for educational use, and later converted to hotel use. The manor identity is distinct from Aldward in the City of York and from other places named Aldward.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest located reference concerns the Domesday estate at Aldward, which was held by Ligulf in 1086 and is described by the Aldward Manor Estate history as having passed to Count Robert of Mortain. The available public evidence does not establish a continuous line of descent from the Domesday holding to the later manorial estate, so no intervening medieval holders are supplied. By the late sixteenth century the manor of Aldward was owned by the Frankland family, and the manor and estate remained associated with that family into the nineteenth century. A 1861 estate survey identifies the property as that of Lady Frankland-Russell. Sources differ in how they describe the

ownership immediately after the death of Sir Robert Frankland-Russell in 1849: one account attributes the later Aldwark estate to his daughter and coheiress, while other accounts describe Lord Walsingham as owner by the period in which the new house was built. The evidence securely establishes the Frankland connection and the subsequent Walsingham connection, but does not justify inventing a precise conveyance between them. Thomas de Grey, 5th Baron Walsingham, is associated with the new house until his death in 1870, and Thomas de Grey, 6th Baron Walsingham, is associated with the estate until the attempted or advertised 1911 sale. The 1911 sale apparently did not complete. In 1949 the manor house and associated estate were bought for £10,400 by the Education Committee of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull. Tenancy by Thomas Eshelby, Major Archibald Hamilton Cochrane, B. Hutton Croft and the Gunter family is not treated as ownership.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- by the late 16th century - 1849 or later in the 19th century | Frankland family | Earlier history and transfer into the Frankland family not established in the located public sources. | | Louise Wickham, Aldwark Manor, Yorkshire Gardens Trust, July 2017, Historic Development of the Site.
- by 1861 - date uncertain; later 19th-century ownership is attributed to Lord Walsingham in other sources | Lady Frankland-Russell | The transfer into Lady Frankland-Russell's hands is not securely documented in the located public sources. | | North Yorkshire County Record Office, M/2, Estate in the parish of Alne the property of Lady Frankland Russell, surveyed by Charles Child of Halifax, 1861, as cited by the Yorkshire Gardens Trust; supplemented by Louise Wickham, Aldwark Manor, Yorkshire Gardens Trust, July 2017.
- by 1865 - 31 December 1870 | Thomas de Grey, 5th Baron Walsingham | The source evidence associates Lord Walsingham with the Aldwark estate and with commissioning the new residence, but does not provide the deed or date of transfer from the Frankland-Russell interest. | | Aldwark Manor Estate, History of Aldwark Manor; Curt DiCamillo, The DiCamillo Companion, Aldwark Manor.
- 31 December 1870 or shortly thereafter - 1911 | Thomas de Grey, 6th Baron Walsingham | Succession within the Walsingham family is documented as a biographical succession, but the exact legal conveyance of Aldwark Manor is not separately located. | | Curt DiCamillo, The DiCamillo Companion, Aldwark Manor; Aldwark Manor Estate, History of Aldwark Manor; Yorkshire Gardens Trust, Aldwark Manor, July 2017.
- 1949 - date uncertain; later use and ownership not researched as a current-title matter | Education Committee of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull | Purchased Aldwark Manor for £10,400 after the estate had been put up for sale in 1947. | | Louise Wickham, Aldwark Manor, Yorkshire Gardens Trust, July 2017, citing Hull Daily Mail, 27 April 1949.

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