

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

MHR-M-0003417 • MANOR
ALDWICK MANOR

Evidence status: Unverified
Generated: 16 October 2026 22:01 UTC

Location: Blagdon, Somerset
Associated places: Blagdon, Somerset

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aldwick Manor, also recorded historically as West Aldwick or Butcombe and Aldwick, was a manor centred in Aldwick in the parish of Blagdon, Somerset, with associated lands extending into neighbouring places including Butcombe, Wrington, Bourne, Rickford, Langford and Churchill. The manor is distinct from the separately located Aldwick Manor in the parish of Pagham, Sussex. A 1437 inquisitio post mortem records Aldwick as a manor held of the abbot of St Mary Graces beside the Tower of London, with an annual value of £4 6s. 8d. The manor had a court, and local historical material states that the court house survived. Aldwick Court, the later principal house associated with the estate, was built in 1791 by Samuel Baker; the surviving listed building is dated SB/1791. The public evidence located does not establish a complete continuous descent from the medieval Chedder holding to the later Turner and Baker ownership, so the history is necessarily partial.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest secure documentary evidence found is a charter dated 1 September 1382 by which William Chedder of Bristol senior, Roger Seward and William Draper granted their manor of Aldwick in Somerset to Robert Chedder of Bristol senior, Joan his wife and Robert their son, with successive remainders. By the 1437 inquisitio post mortem of Joan, widow of Thomas Brook and formerly wife of Robert Chedder, the manor of Aldwick belonged by right to Thomas Chedder after the deaths of Robert Chedder, Joan, Richard Chedder and William Chedder. Local historical material identifies Richard Chedder as lord of Aldwick in the Ubley court rolls in 1433, although the underlying roll was not

located online during this research. A 1555 deed of partition concerning the estates of Richard Newton and his wife Isabel, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chedder, expressly includes the manor of Aldwick and lands in Blagdon and Aldwick. The deed involved Sir Giles Capell, Sir Henry Capell, Sir Thomas Gryffyn and Lady Jane Gryffyn, and demonstrates that Aldwick was then within the Newton-Capell-Gryffyn inheritance; it does not, by itself, establish the precise allocation of the manor between the parties or the exact date of transfer from the Chedder line. A local Blagdon history states that the manor subsequently passed through the Newton, Capell, Turner and Baker families. The dates and individual conveyances for the Turner and Baker stages remain undocumented in the online sources consulted. Samuel Baker is securely associated with Aldwick Court, built in 1791, and with the later Aldwick estate, but the surviving public evidence found does not prove whether he held the entire manorial lordship or only the principal estate and demesne lands.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1 September 1382 - after 1382; before 1437 | Robert Chedder of Bristol senior, Joan his wife and Robert Chedder their son | Grant by charter from William Chedder of Bristol senior, Roger Seward and William Draper | | E-CIPM 24-710, inquisitio post mortem of Joan, wife of Thomas Brook, knight, writ 24 April 1437, inquisition at Bristol 3 July 1437, lines 186-191; TNA reference C 139/84/62 mm. 1-4.
- by 1433 - 8 June 1437 | Richard Chedder | Succession within the Chedder family; the precise instrument of transfer is not established in the sources located | | Blagdon and Failand Historical Society, 'Blagdon', statement that Richard Chedder was recorded as lord of Aldwick in the Ubley court rolls of 1433; corroborated by E-CIPM 24-710, lines 79-91, which records Richard as heir in the Chedder estate succession and his death without issue on 8 June 1437.
- 8 June 1437 - 3 June 1443 | Thomas Chedder | By right as brother and heir of Richard Chedder, following Richard's death without issue | | E-CIPM 24-710, writ 12 July 1437 and Bristol inquisition 30 July 1437, lines 79-94, especially line 91; E-CIPM 26-119, writ 6 June 1443 and Bristol inquisition 22 June 1443, lines 49-71.
- by 28 June 1555 - after 28 June 1555; end date unknown | Newton-Capell-Gryffyn inheritance: Isabel, wife of John Newton, and the later heirs of Richard Newton including Sir Giles Capell, Sir Henry Capell and Sir Thomas Gryffyn with Lady Jane Gryffyn | Inheritance and partition settlement; the exact conveyance into the Newton line and the final allocation under the partition are not established | | Somerset Archive and Record Service, DD/X/BDN/6, Deed of Partition dated 28 June 1555, 'Deeds for the manor of Aldwick'; the catalogue description names the manor of Aldwick and the Chedder, Newton, Capell and Gryffyn relationships.
- by 1791 - date unknown; later nineteenth-century status not fully established | Baker family, represented by Samuel Baker | Unknown; local history reports the Baker family as a later owner, while Historic England records Samuel Baker as the builder of Aldwick Court in

1791 | | Blagdon and Failand Historical Society, 'Blagdon', statement that the Manor of Aldwick passed through the Newton, Capell, Turner and Baker families; Historic England, Aldwick Court listing, stating that the house was built by Samuel Baker and dated SB/1791.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Manorial court: The registry states that Aldwick had a court; local historical material also records that the court house survived.

DISCLAIMER

This is a historical registry extract generated from the Manorial Heritage Registry. It records the registry's documented research and assertions; it is not a Land Registry title document, legal certificate, or guarantee of ownership, lordship, rights, boundaries, or enforceability.