

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ALEY MANOR

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Location: Over Stowey, Somerset
Associated places: Over Stowey, Somerset

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aley Manor was associated with Aley, also known historically as Ely or Eley Green, a hamlet in the parish of Over Stowey in Somerset. Aley lies in the Quantock Hills area and was historically a small settlement centred on a Tudor yeoman farmhouse and associated agricultural buildings. Eighteenth-century and later sources use Eley or Aley Green in lists of manors and estates held by the Earls of Egmont. The surviving evidence indicates that Aley was treated as a manor or manorial estate, but it should not automatically be merged with the distinct manor of Over Stowey or Fryron, later called Friarn Manor. Some estates in the parish, including Aley, Adscombe, Chapel and Friarn, were later brought together within larger Egmont and Labouchere estate interests.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure public evidence for Aley Manor is incomplete. Aley or Eley Green is explicitly included among the Somerset manors and estates associated with John II Perceval, 2nd Earl of Egmont, in the eighteenth century. The preceding acquisition or descent into the Egmont family has not been established from the sources located. A 1761 sale of the Adscombe estate from the Rich family to John Perceval, later Earl of Egmont, is documented, but the available source does not prove that the sale itself included Aley Manor and it is therefore not entered as a direct Aley conveyance. In 1833 Henry Labouchere purchased the estates of Over Stowey from the Earl of Egmont; contemporary local evidence places Aley within the resulting Quantock estate area, but the available source does not provide a deed expressly naming Aley Manor in that conveyance. The descent after Labouchere is not securely documented here. The record therefore supplies a partial descent rather than a

complete
chain of title.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- by the 18th century; exact acquisition date unknown - 1833 | John II Perceval, 2nd Earl of Egmont | Earlier transfer into the Egmont family is not established. John II Perceval is explicitly recorded as lord of Eley or Aley Green and other Somerset manors and estates. | | Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, Proceedings, vol. 43, paper on Over Stowey and the Stoke Courcy records, p. 76; the passage lists John II, Earl of Egmont, as lord of Eley (or Aley Green) and other local estates.
- 1833 - 1869 | Henry Labouchere, 1st Baron Taunton | Purchased the estates of Over Stowey from John Perceval, 2nd Earl of Egmont, in 1833. The evidence links the purchase to the Over Stowey estate and places Aley within the resulting Quantock estate area, but does not provide a deed expressly naming Aley Manor. | | English Heritage, Adscombe Chapel, Over Stowey, Somerset: archaeological survey, citing the Victoria County History, Somerset, vol. 6, pp. 163 164; and local historical evidence concerning Labouchere's 1833 purchase of the Over Stowey estates and the later incorporation of Aley into the Quantock estate.

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