

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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ALGARKIRK MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Algarkirk Manor was a historical manor in Algarkirk, Lincolnshire, identified in the surviving historical and archaeological record with Hiptoft Hall or Toop's Manor. A documented medieval legal description calls it the manor of Hiptofthall and associates it with land, meadow, pasture, rents, pepper, cumin, cocks and hens in Algarkirk, Sutterton, Kirton in Holland and Wigtoft. The associated moated manor-house site is traditionally identified with the enclosure known as Hill Six Acres, although the Lincolnshire archaeological record notes uncertainty over the precise location of the Hiptoft Hall/Toop's Manor site and records a map-based disagreement concerning its grid reference. The property should not be confused with the separately documented Algarkirk Hall, which was principally associated with the Beridge rectors and their accumulated glebe and estate lands.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The available public evidence gives a partial but usable descent. Local archaeological and historical records state that the manor was held in the 13th century by the Hiptofts, in the 14th century by the Toopes, and from the 15th through the 18th centuries by the Meres family. Medieval legal records show a more complex pattern of interests during the later 14th century: in 1374 the manor of Hippetofthalle was held for life by William de Huntingfield, knight, from the inheritance of John de Hagh, with a life interest reserved to John de Lynstede and a remainder to William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, followed by remainders to members of the Ufford family. The precise relationship between those legal interests and the later Toope and Meres descent is not established

by the sources consulted, so no unsupported intervening conveyance is supplied. In 1446 Thomas Meres acquired the manor and associated property from John Coppledick by a formally enrolled plea of covenant. The Meres family continued to hold the manor into the 18th century; Sir John Meres, described by the local record as the last of the line, died in 1736. An agreement dated 15 July 1737 concerning the division of Sir John Meres's estate allocated the manor of Hiptoft Hall, together with associated lands in and around Algarkirk and neighbouring places, to Thomas Whichcot. The later history after that allocation was not securely established in the public sources consulted.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 13th century - 14th century | Hiptoft family | Earlier holder not established; the manor is reported as passing to the Toope family by the 14th century, but the conveyance is unknown. | | Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; citing local archaeological files and historical works by William Marrat, Thomas Allen, Richard Yerburgh and William White.
- 14th century - before 15th century | Toope family | Earlier holder and precise conveyance not established; local records report that the manor was held by the Toopes in the 14th century and later by the Meres family. | | Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; corroborated by Heritage Gateway, Historic England Research Record for Hill Six Acres.
- 1374 - after 1374 | William de Huntingfield, knight, for life; John de Hagh, in inheritance; with reserved remainders | Settlement by plea of covenant: John de Hagh granted the manor after the death of William de Huntingfield and John de Lynstede to William de Ufford, earl of Suffolk, for the earl's life, with remainder to Thomas de Ufford and successive Ufford remainders. This was a complex life-interest and remainder arrangement, not a simple outright conveyance. | | Feet of Fines, CP 25/1/142/137, number 32, dated 27 October 1374, with subsequent agreement dated 20 January 1375; abstract identifies the property as the manor of Hippetofthalle and standardised places include Hiptoft Hall in Algarkirk.
- 1446 - after 1446 | Thomas Meres, esquire | John Coppledick acknowledged the manor and associated tenements and rents to be the right of Thomas Meres, as property Thomas had of Coppledick's gift, and quitclaimed them to Thomas and his heirs in return for 100 marks. | | Feet of Fines, CP 25/1/145/159, number 37, dated one week from the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 24 Henry VI, equivalent to 9 February 1446.
- 15th century - 1736 | Meres family | Continuation of the Meres tenure after Thomas Meres; the precise intervening descent is not established in the sources consulted. The local record states that the family held the manor from the 15th to the 18th century. | | Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; corroborated by Heritage Gateway, Historic England Research Record for Hill Six Acres, and the 1446 Feet of Fines entry.
- before 1736 - 1736 | Sir John Meres | Death of Sir John Meres, described in the local archaeological record as the last of the Meres line; the subsequent estate division is documented in 1737. | | Lincolnshire Heritage Explorer, Monument Record MLI12504, 'Manor

House, Hill Six Acres, Algarkirk'; corroborated by Heritage Gateway, Historic England Research Record for Hill Six Acres.

- 15 July 1737 - after 15 July 1737 | Thomas Whichcot | Division of the estate of the late Sir John Meres among his coheirs: the agreement allocated the manor of Hiptoft Hall and associated lands in Algarkirk and neighbouring places to Thomas Whichcot. | | Lincolnshire Archives, Berridge and Sparrow estate material, reference PL F7/2/1/13, agreement by the coheirs at law to divide Sir John Meres's estates, dated 15 July 1737; the archival abstract is reproduced in the cited genealogical index.

RECORDED RIGHTS

- Land, meadow and pasture associated with the manor: A medieval legal description of the manor of Hiptofthall included land, meadow and pasture in Algarkirk, Sutterton, Kirton in Holland and Wigtoft.
- Rents: The same medieval legal description included rents associated with the manor and its lands.
- Pepper and cumin dues or services: The medieval legal description refers to pepper and cumin among the associated appurtenances or render.
- Cocks and hens: The medieval legal description refers to cocks and hens among the associated customary renders or services.

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