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ALKBOROUGH MANOR

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ABOUT THE MANOR

Alkborough Manor was a medieval manor or group of manorial holdings in the parish of Alkborough, Lincolnshire, historically also recorded as Aukborough and Alkebarowe. The Domesday survey records Alkborough under two separate entries: one held in 1086 by Ivo Taillebois as immediate lord under Peterborough Abbey, and another held directly by Ivo Taillebois. The settlement had 31 recorded households in 1086. The earthwork known as Countess Close, on the south-western edge of Alkborough, is identified by Historic England as the remains of a fortified medieval manor house and is associated by tradition and historical interpretation with Countess Lucy. A 1449 fine explicitly names the manor of Alkebarowe together with the manors of Halton and Burton Stather. In the early sixteenth century the Alkborough manor was among the Lincolnshire properties acquired by Westminster Abbey from George Neville. A separate or subsidiary Alkborough estate is documented from 1625 in the archives of Magdalene College, Cambridge, which received a grant of the Manor House of Alkborough and other properties there from Frances Rich, Countess Dowager of Warwick. The later lordship recorded in local directories was associated with the Goulton family and, subsequently, James Goulton-Constable of Walcot Hall. The evidence indicates that the medieval manor and later manor-house or estate interests should not automatically be treated as identical in extent; Alkborough had multiple property interests and holdings within the parish.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest securely identified pre-Conquest holder connected with the principal Alkborough holding is William Malet, recorded as lord in 1066. A separate Domesday entry records Eskil as the 1066 lord

of the portion later held by Ivo Taillebois under Peterborough Abbey. By 1086 Ivo Taillebois was lord of the principal Alkborough holding and immediate lord of the Peterborough Abbey holding, while Peterborough Abbey was tenant-in-chief of the latter portion. Later historical evidence associates Alkborough with Countess Lucy, whose manor there is said to have passed to the son of her second husband and subsequently to property given to Spalding Priory, although the intervening names and precise legal descent are not established in the sources consulted. In 1449 Richard Le Strange and Elizabeth his wife acknowledged the manors of Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe to be the right of George Neville, son of Edward Neville. In 1503 or 1504 George Neville sold or conveyed Alkborough, together with other Lincolnshire manors, to Westminster Abbey in an acquisition made by Abbot John Islip. In 1625 Frances Rich, Countess Dowager of Warwick, granted the Manor House of Alkborough and other properties there to Magdalene College, Cambridge; the archival description does not prove that this grant comprised the whole manorial lordship, and it is therefore recorded as a distinct manor-house or estate interest. By 1786 Thomas Goulton was described as lord of the manor at Aukborough. In 1896 James Goulton-Constable of Walcot Hall was described as lord of the manor. The conveyance or succession by which the Goulton interest replaced or became separate from the Westminster Abbey or Magdalene College interests has not been established from the public sources consulted.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- 1066 - before 1086 | William Malet | Recorded as lord of the principal Alkborough holding in 1066; the conveyance or dispossession is not stated in Domesday evidence. | | Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore reference Lincolnshire 14,29; Domesday entry lists William Malet as lord in 1066 and Ivo Taillebois as lord and tenant-in-chief in 1086.
- 1066 - before 1086 | Eskil | Recorded as the pre-Conquest lord of the portion of Alkborough later held by Ivo Taillebois under Peterborough Abbey; no conveyance is stated. | | Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore reference Lincolnshire 8,29; Domesday entry lists Eskil as lord in 1066, Ivo Tailleboise as lord in 1086, and Peterborough Abbey as tenant-in-chief.
- before 1086 - after 1086 | Ivo Taillebois | Held the principal Alkborough estate by 1086 and was also immediate lord of the smaller Peterborough Abbey-linked portion; the transfer from William Malet and Eskil is not documented in the sources consulted. | | Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore references Lincolnshire 14,29 and 8,29.
- 12th century - after her second marriage; exact end date not established | Countess Lucy |

Historic England states that Countess Lucy's manor in Alkborough passed to the son of her second husband; the precise conveyance and the son's name are not stated. | | Historic England, Countess Close moated site, Alkborough, List Entry 1017289.

- 1086 - 12th century or later; end date not established | Peterborough Abbey | Peterborough Abbey was tenant-in-chief of a small Alkborough holding in 1086 and is associated by later local and archaeological sources with land at Alkborough; no dated transfer out is established. | | Open Domesday, Alkborough, Phillimore reference Lincolnshire 8,29; Historic England, Countess Close moated site, Alkborough, List Entry 1017289.

- 9 February 1449 - 1503 or 1504 | George Neville, son of Edward Neville | Richard Le Strange and Elizabeth his wife acknowledged the manors of Halton, Burton Stather and Alkebarowe to be George Neville's right and quitclaimed them to him and his heirs for ever, for 1,000 marks. | | Feet of Fines, Lincolnshire, CP 25/1/145/160, number 16, dated 9 February 1449.

- 1503 or 1504 - 1625 or earlier; precise divestment date not established | Westminster Abbey, acquired by Abbot John Islip | Abbot John Islip acquired the manor of Alkborough and associated Lincolnshire properties from George Neville in 1503 or 1504. The purchase formed part of the endowment of the Westminster Abbey memorial founded with funds provided by Henry VII. | | Sarah E. B. Thompson, The Royal Almshouse at Westminster c.1500-c.1600, section on properties purchased by Abbot John Islip, citing Westminster Abbey Muniments, Close Rolls 1500-1509 and Patent Rolls 1494-1509.

- 1 March 1625 - 1787 or later for the documented estate interest | Magdalene College, Cambridge | Frances Rich, Countess Dowager of Warwick, granted the Manor House of Alkborough and other properties there to Magdalene College for the maintenance of one Fellow and two Scholars. The grant is dated 1 March 1625, with an attornment by Nicholas Homerton dated 2 March 1625. | | Magdalene College Cambridge Archives, MCCA/MCAD/4/1/20/1/2, Grant of the Manor House of Alkborough, 1 March 1625; related Alkborough records MCCA/MCAD/4/1/20/1, 1625-1787.

- 1786 - 1825 or 1826 | Thomas Goulton | By 1786 Thomas Goulton was described as lord of the manor of Aukborough. The conveyance or succession by which he acquired the lordship is not identified in the sources consulted. | | The Gentleman s Magazine, 1786, description of Aukborough and Julian s Bower, reproduced by Michael Behrend's transcription.

- 1896 - After 1896; end date not established | James Goulton-Constable | By 1896 James Goulton-Constable was described as lord of the manor of Alkborough. The succession from Thomas Goulton or any intermediate holder is not documented in the sources consulted. | | Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire, 1896, entry for Alkborough, stating that James Goulton-Constable of Walcot Hall was lord of the manor.

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