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Henry VIII

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BIOGRAPHY

King of England during the dissolution of the monasteries, under which Cwmhir Abbey was dissolved and its lands came into Crown possession.

NOTES / SOURCES

The source establishes Crown possession but does not prove that Henry VIII personally held the manor

in a private or beneficial capacity.

Research sources:

- ArchaeoDomus, Home Farmhouse, Abbey Cwm-hir, Historic Buildings Record AD142, section 3.2.6;

Coflein/Cadw-related historical record.

https://coflein.gov.uk/media/360/314/adahs_059_001.pdf

- Wikipedia biographical reference https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_VIII

The source establishes Crown involvement but does not provide a standalone dated Crown conveyance

before the grant to Paul Bush.

Research sources:

- Historic England, Leigh Court, Abbots Leigh, Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic

Interest, list entry 1000407, historic development section.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1000407>

The source uses the word acquired; it does not provide the later royal grant recipient.

Research sources:

- J. F. Meehan, More Famous Houses of Bath and District, second series, 1906, p. 92;

nineteenth-century gazetteer summaries also state that the manor passed from Bath and Wells to Henry

VIII.

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/04/More_famous_houses_of_Bath_%26_district%3B_being_the_second_series_of_that_work_%28IA_morefamoushouses00meeh%29.pdf

- Wikipedia biographical reference https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_VIII

The manor exchange is documented in the 1545 deed abstract.

Research sources:

- A Topographical History of Surrey, Account of the Manors of Addington; Leveson-Gower, Notices of

the Family of Leigh of Addington, Surrey Archaeological Collections, volume 7.

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b6/A_topographical_history_of_Surrey_%28IA_

b29350463_0004%29.pdf

- Wikipedia biographical reference https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_VIII

Research sources:

- John Murray, Handbook for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and Huntingdonshire, Aldenham section;

Stephen Johnson, 'Lordship of the Manor of Aldenham, Hertfordshire'; Victoria County

History, A History of the County of Hertford, volume 2, 'Parishes: Aldenham';, pp. 149-161.

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2a/Handbook_for_Hertfordshire%2C_Bedfordshire%2C_and_Huntingdonshire_.._%28IA_handbookforhertf00john%29.pdf

- Wikipedia biographical reference https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_VIII_of_England

The holding continued in the Crown after Henry VIII's death; the entry uses Henry VIII as the

named royal grantee in the source tradition.

Research sources:

- Aldwick Parish Council, Aldwick History, recording Cranmer's June 1542 exchange of Aldwick to

Henry VIII and its later restoration to Cardinal Pole.

<https://aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-aldwick/>

- Wikipedia biographical reference https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_VIII

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