

MANORIAL HERITAGE REGISTRY HISTORICAL RECORD EXTRACT

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Westcotes or Cotton or Cotys or West Cotton

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

- Westcotes or Cotton or Cotys or West Cotton | Associated | | Unverified

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The second manor which is mentioned in the Domesday Survey is that of WESTCOTES or COTYS. At that

date it was assessed at 3 hides all but 1 virgate, and was held by Nigel de Albini. It followed the

same descent through the Albinis, St. Amunds, Braybrookes and Beauchamps as Millbrook (q.v.) until

the 15th century. The history diverges circa 1428, when Elizabeth Beauchamp transferred Millbrook to

Sir John Cornwall, retaining Westcotes. It was, however, forfeited to the Crown by her second

husband Sir Roger Tocotes, and was granted by Richard III in 1483 4 to John Grey, from whose

family it had passed by 1609 to Henry Lord Mordaunt, who died seised of the manor at this date. It

appears to have remained in this family till 1649 51, following here the same descent as the

principal manor in this parish. In 1741 it had become the property of James Baker, who with John

Eldridge made a settlement of 'West Cotton' Manor at this date. Thomas Baker, a representative of

this family, held the manor in 1800, and sold it about this time to Samuel Whitbread, whose representative Mr. Samuel Whitbread is now lord of the manor.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- | Nigel de Albini | Recorded holder | |

- 1428 | Sir John Cornwall | Conveyance | |

- 1483 1484 | John Grey | Grant | |

- 1800 | Samuel Whitbread | Sale | |

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