



Normandy Historians

The Descent of Cleygate Manor

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A summary of owners, being the lords of the manor
(for more detail please see the following pages)

From 1384 to 1439, lands called Cleygate, within the manor of Henley, were rented by the Crown to various tenants.

From the time of Henry VI (1422-61) up to 1560, the manor of Cleygate was owned by the Crown and leased to various tenants.

22 Jan 1560, Queen Elizabeth sold it to Edward Fynes, Lord Clinton & Saye.

6 Aug 1564, Lord Clinton sold to Christopher Draper, alderman of London, for £1,240.

2 Jan 1565, Christopher Draper sold to William Harding, yeoman of Wanborough, for £1,190.

William Harding died and it descended to his son William, then William junior died and it descended to his sister Mary Harding who married Sir Robert Gorges.

In 1621 Sir Robert and Mary Gorges sold to Sir Thomas White.

In the 1630s Sir Thomas White willed it to his wife's nephew, Robert Woodroffe of Poyle.

It remained in the Woodroffe family for several generations.

In 1779 George Woodroffe died and it descended to his nephew Rev. William Billinghamurst.

The Rev William Billinghamurst died and it descended to his son William. William Billinghamurst changed his name to Woodroffe.

William Woodroffe (formerly Billinghamurst) died and it descended to his brother Col George Woodroffe.

In 1854 Col George Woodroffe died and his property descended to his great nephew Henry Chester. The Chesters' Poyle estate was leased to Col James Mangles.

By 1856 the manor of Cleygate was owned by Charles Edward Mangles Esq.

On the 1st of November 1876, Mrs Rose Mangles the widow of Charles, sold to the War Department for £19,800.

The War Department was subsequently renamed the Ministry of Defence, who remain the owners today.

With grateful thanks to Judy Turner formerly of Little Flexford, who went to much trouble to track down the Manor of Cleygate court records and 'rescue' them from the back recesses of a solicitor's office, thus ensuring their safe deposit at the Public Record Office where they are accessible to everyone.

Beware! There is another manor of Cleygate in the county of Surrey. That one is near Thames Ditton, and it was owned in medieval times by Westminster Abbey. Its early court rolls are at Westminster Abbey Library.

John Squier, April 2004

Lords of the Manor of Cleygate

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(a) Lands called Cleygate, in the manor of Henley		
26/1/1384	Richard II granted the lands of Cleygate and Wheterssh in the manor of Henley to Robert de Hartley for ten years, rent £12, with the dairy farm there and all the live and dead stock on the lands.	Cal Fine Rolls (CFR) 1383-91 p29
10/10/1393	Richard II granted the same to William Coterell for ten years, rent £12.	CFR 1391-99 p91
4/11/1399	Henry IV granted the same to William Coterell again, for ten years, rent £12.	CFR 1399-1405 p18
23/11/1399	Henry IV granted for life to Richard Rayle and Nicholas Churchill, the lands called Cleygate and Wheterssh lying at Henlee on le Heth, for which £12 yearly were paid at the Exchequer in the time of Richard II, to hold without rendering anything.	Cal of Patent Rolls (CPR) 1399-1401 p109
by 1436	Richard Ludlowe, yeoman, king's butler for the mouth, purchased lands called Cleygate and Wheteherssh, to the yearly value of £5, from Nicholas Tyle.	CPR 1436-41 p49
22/11/1437	Henry VI granted for life to Richard Ludlowe, one of the yeomen of the cellar, the lands called Cleygate and Wheterssh at Henley on le Heth, rendering nothing for them.	CPR 1436-41 p124
9/4/1439	Richard Ludlowe, yeoman of the cellar for the mouth, has certain lands called Cleygate and Whetershe in the lordship of Henley.	CPR 1436-41 p280
(b) <u>The Manor of Cleygate</u>		
The manor of Cleygate was apparently created between 1440 and 1445. (JVS)		
[1422-61]	Henry VI granted the manor of Cleygate to Jasper Earl of Pembroke, afterwards Duke of Bedford.	Manning & Bray
1465	Lately held by John Frampton, rent ten marks (£6 13s 4d).	CFR 1461-71 p159
1465/66	The Duke of Bedford's estates were seized by Edward IV.	Manning & Bray
15/7/1465	Edward IV granted the manor of Cleygate, parish of Ash, to Thomas St Ledger, kings servant, and Richard Wolston, yeoman, both of London, for life; rent ten marks.	CFR 1461-71 p159
23/11/1470	Edward IV granted to John Newdegate for 20 years, rent £6 13s 4d.	CFR 1461-71 p282
16/10/1475	Edward IV granted to Sir Thomas St Ledger for life.	CPR 1467-77 p548
3/4/1484	Richard III granted to William Mistelbrooke for 10 years	CFR 1471-85 n816
5/6/1484	Richard III granted to William Mistelbrooke for life, rent £6 13s 4d.	Cal Close Rolls (CCR) 1476-85
27/10/1486	Henry VII granted to Sir Reginald Bray for life, with the issues thereof from 5 th September in the first year.	CPR 1485-94 p139
30/4/1511	Henry VIII granted custody to William Fitzwilliam, Esquire for the body, for ten years, rent £10 10s 10d per annum.	Cal State Papers
1513	Henry VIII granted to William Compton, rent £11 0s 4d	Cal State Papers
26/9/1516	Henry VIII granted to Sir William Compton and Sir William Fitzwilliam in survivorship, rent £11 0s 14d	Cal State Papers

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1522	Henry VIII granted to Sir William Compton and Sir William Fitzwilliam, to hold by fealty	Cal State Papers
12/1/1532	Leased to Henry Exfold and William Fitzwilliam for £12 19s and eight loads of hay.	PRO TS19/13
1543	Henry VIII granted to Sir Anthony Browne, rent £11 14d	Cal State Papers
16/5/1548	Edward VI leased to Gregory Revell, Yeoman of the Guard, for 21 years for £9 8s 8d per annum: The site & capital messuage of the manor of Cleygate; and lands called Barnefield, Cleyfield, Highfield, Flexley, Hokefelde, Milkehills, Barlands, Costalles, Frenchinghams, Strengnam, Olde Retfelde, Wheteherses, Kings Ingham, Long Meade, Long Tynes, Little Titnes and the Ligh; and 13 acres of heathland on East side of Henley Park; thorny land in Botemcroft & Alderetts croft 12 acres, French Inghams 5 acres & Busshy close 3 acres; a parcel of Bedfords lands which Anthony Browne kt decd held for life [late of Jasper Tudor, Duke of Bedford].	SHC ref: G101/1/12, CPR 1558-60
22/1/1560	Queen Elizabeth gave in fee simple with reversion (i.e. hereditary) to Edward Fynes, Lord Clynton & Saye, Councillor & High Admiral; the site and capital messuage of Cleygate, and the manor of Cleygate. The yearly value of the manor was £12 9s 5d. He was to hold it by the service of 1/20th part of a knight's fee. She reserved the bells and lead of the premises and the advowsons of the manor.	CPR 1558-60
3/8/1564	Queen Elizabeth gave Lord Clinton permission to sell.	CPR 1563-66
6/8/1564	Edward Lord Clinton & Saye sold to Christopher Draper, citizen & alderman of London, for £1,240 (except for lands within Henley Park)	SHC G101/1/16
6/12/1564	Queen Elizabeth gave Christopher Draper permission to sell.	CPR 1563-66
2/1/1565	Christopher Draper sold to William Harding, yeoman of Wanborough, for £1,190. [18/2/1567 according to M&B]	SHC 6569/2
1571-1603	William Harding was lord of the manor.	N.H. MSS105/1
10/7/1593	William Harding died, descended to his son William Harding.	M&B
1604-13	Lady Katherine Woodroffe was lord of the manor.	N.H. MSS105/1
12/12/1611	William Harding died, descended to his sister Mary Harding who married Sir Robert Gorges.	M&B
1613	Indenture of fine re. the manors of Cleygate and Wyke; Edward Gorge kt & John Osborne, querents, Robert Gorge Esq & Mary his wife, deforcians.	SHC G 101/1/42
1621	Sir Robert and Mary Gorges sold to Sir Thomas White.	M&B
1620-40	Thomas White Kt was lord of the manor.	PRO TS19
14/1/1636	Covenant to stand seized: Sir Thomas White of Farnham, to his own use then to the use of Robert Woodroffe of Poyle, his wife's nephew. Sir Thomas White bequeathed to his cousin Robert Woodroffe, Esq.	SHC G 101/1/51 M&B
1639?	Robert Woodroffe died, descended to his son Thomas.	Jackson (Ash)
1645-49	Thomas Woodroffe, armiger, and Letice Woodroffe, widow, were lords of the manor.	PRO TS19
1652	Thomas Woodroffe assigned to his brother George.	Jackson (Ash)
1664-88	George Woodroffe Kt was lord of the manor.	PRO TS19
1688	George Woodroffe died, descended to his son George.	Jackson (Ash)
1688-1712	George Woodroffe was lord of the manor.	PRO TS19
1692	George Woodroffe put the manor in trust as a jointure for his wife Dorothy.	SHC G 101/1/82

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1713	George Woodroffe died, descended to his nephew George W.	Jackson (Ash)
1715-16	Dorothy Woodroffe, widow	PRO TS19/31
1716-31	Hester Woodroffe, widow.	PRO TS19
1736-75	George Woodroffe Esq.	PRO TS19
1778	George Woodroffe Esq.	SHC G101/1/110
1779	George Woodroffe died, descended to his nephew Rev. William Billinghamurst	Jackson (Ash)
1782-90	Nicholas Nicholas & James Batson Esq, trustees of George Woodroffe deceased.	PRO TS19
	Rev William Billinghamurst died, descended to his son William. William Billinghamurst changed his name to Woodroffe.	Jackson (Ash)
1791-1821	William Woodroffe Esq.	PRO TS19
1818	For sale by auction - the Manor of Cleygate, about 4000 acres with courts, etc. Lot XI in the Poyle estate sale. <i>(But apparently not sold at this time. JVS)</i>	SHC G85/2/1/2/11
	William Woodroffe (formerly Billinghamurst) died, descended to his brother Col George Woodroffe.	Jackson (Ash)
1825-51	George Woodroffe Esq.	PRO TS19
1854	Col George Woodroffe died and his property descended to his great nephew Henry Chester. The Poyle estate was leased to Col James Mangles. (The Mangles lived at Poyle until the death of Mrs Rose Mangles in 1882.)	Jackson (Ash)
1856-62	Charles Edward Mangles Esq. was lord of the manor.	PRO TS19
27/2/1869	Charles E Mangles drew up a conveyance for the sale of the manor to Samuel Smiles. <i>(But the conveyance was not executed. JVS)</i>	SHC G97/11/15, N.H. MSS67
1874	Rose Mangles, widow, was lord of the manor.	PRO TS19
1/11/1876	Mrs Rose Mangles sold to the War Department for £19,800.	N.H. MSS98
1885-1936	HM Principal Secretary of State for the War Department.	PRO TS19