

The Lordship of Chiddingly, Sussex

The Manor of Chiddingly extends into the parishes of Chiddingly, Waldron, Willingdon and Hartfield. At Domesday it was held by Ralph and Godwin from the Count of Mortain. In the reigns of Edward II and Edward III Chiddingly belonged to the de la Beche family. Nicholas de la Beche obtained a grant of free warren here in 1319, and licence to crenellate his house at Chiddingly together with others at Wallington and Aldworth, Buckinghamshire. He was made Constable of the Tower of London in 1366 and was summoned to Parliament on February 5 1342. A year later he became Seneschal of Gascony and in 1344 was one of the commissioners who treated with King Alfonso of Castile for a marriage between John of Gaunt, Edward III's son, and Joan of Castile. Nicholas died without issue in 1347 when Chiddingly passed to his niece, Joan, who married Sir Andrew Sackville. It remained in the Sackville family, whose descent follows, until recently.

Herbrand de Saqueville (*temp* Conquest)

Sir Richard Sackville, *ob* 1536 = Winifred

Thomas Sackville, 1st Earl of Dorset, *ob* 1608 = Cecily

Robert, 2nd Earl of Dorset = Margaret

Richard, 3rd Earl of Dorset = Anne Edward, 4th Earl of Dorset = Mary of Dorset

Richard, 5th Earl of Dorset, *ob* 1667 = Frances

Charles, 6th Earl of Dorset, KG, Earl of Middlesex and Baron Cranfield = Mary

Lionel, 1st Duke of Dorset, KG = Elizabeth

Charles, 2nd Duke of Dorset *dsp* 1769 John, *ob* 1756 = Frances George, cr Baron Bolebrook and Viscount Sackville, *ob* 1798 = Diana

John, 3rd Duke of Dorset = Arabella

Charles, 5th Duke of Dorset and 2nd Viscount Sackville, *dsp* 1843

George, 4th Duke of Dorset *ob unnm* 1815 Lady Elizabeth Sackville = 5th Earl de la Warr

Earls de la Warr (4th son) (*vide* Debrett's) Mortimer, 1st Baron Sackville *dsp* 1888 = Fanny William Sackville West = Georgina

Lionel, 2nd Baron by Special Remainder *ob unnm* 1908 Lionel, 3rd Baron *ob* 1928 Edward, 5th Baron *ob* 1965 Bertrand = Eva

Lionel, 6th and present Baron Sackville

Chiddingly Place was long in the possession of the Jefferay family, and later passed to the Rt Hon Henry Pelham, brother of Thomas, Duke of Newcastle. The house, now regrettably demolished, seems to have been built in true Elizabethan style

The last Court held for Lord Sackville by Mr Brougham Glasier was held at the Crown Inn for which we have a bill for hire of the room and luncheon afterwards:

April 4 1892

Hire Room Court		10s	0d
9 Luncheon	£1	2s	6d
3 bitters, 1 stout		2s	8d
2 cigars (illegible)		1s	4d
6 teas 3 dinners		11s	0d
4 bottles of Beaune		10s	0d
Soda, gin, cigars		3s	6d
Bedroom		5s	0d
(illegible) scotch and soda		5s	0d
Hire (illegible) one day	£1	0s	0d
Dinner plus Beaune		11s	0d
Attendants		5s	0d
	£5	7s	0d

It seems that Mr Glasier was an assiduous steward for in the same year we find him selling a bull by auction at a sale of Channel Islands cattle:

Commission		5s	0d
Railway carriage of said bull		10s	8d
Keep of said bull		5s	0d
Total	£1	0s	8d

He paid this on behalf of Lord Sackville to one J Bannister of Haywards Heath. The Lordship covers approximately 3,000 acres and lies 10 miles east of Lewes, 7 miles south east of Uckfield

Documents associated with this manor:

Rentals:	1378 - 1740	Brit Lib
Accounts	1430 - 7, 1509 - 1674	
Court Rolls	1477	
Rentals	Early 15thC, <i>temp</i> Hen VIII, 1679, 1707, 1710, 1681-4	
“Ancient Map”	nd (PRO)	
Court Books w/Milton	1606 - 22, 1697 - 1716, 1732 - 41, 1757	
Rentals	1892 (East Sussex RO)	