

Lordship of Begwary

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Parish/ County	Eaton Socon Bedfordshire	Principal Source	Victoria County Histories
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	Creation of the English Monarchy		Alfred the Great 871-899 Edward Elder 899-924 Athelstan 924-939 Edmund I 939-946 Edred 946-955 Edwy 955-959 Edgar 959-975 Edward the Martyr 975-978 Ethelred 978-1016 Edmund II 1016 Canute 1016-1035 Harold I 1035-1040 Harthacnut 1040-1042 Edward the Confessor 1042-1066
1066	Beggary is a lordship within the Wyboston lordships in Saxon times held by the Abbey of St Neots. It takes its name from a hamlet that still exists.		
1066	Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings		Harold II 1066 William I 1066-1087
1086	Domesday		
1086	The Abbey retain the lordship but gain the overlord of Richard, son of Count Gilbert (one of the most powerful landowners in Normandy).		
Unknown	A charter is made of Beggary by King William to William Fitz Hugh and his son John. William Fitz Hugh is murdered by his wife Elizabeth and the manor is taken back into Crown hands.		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35 Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215	Magna Carta		
1215-1217	First Barons War		Henry III 1216-72
1264-1267	Second Barons War		
1276	A hamlet is known as Goodwich and in 2015 a farm next to Beggary.		Edward I 1272-1307

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1317	Joan widow of Richard de Beggary, son of Roger, conveys lands in Eaton to Richard de Braybrook. It is unknown what the connection is between Richard or Roger and the Fitz Hugh's.	Edward II 1307-27
1374/83	Two inquisitions are held looking into the seizure of Begwary after the murder and it is determined that Richard, son of William Fitz Hugh is the rightful heir to the manor and lordship and he takes possession.	Edward III 1327-77
1455-1487	War of the Roses	Richard II 1377-1399 Henry IV 1399-1413 Henry V 1413-22 Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71 Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83 Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	Henry VII 1485-1509 Henry VIII 1509-47 Edward VI 1547-53 Mary I 1553-58
1568	The Fitz Hugh family are still holding Beggary and Richard Fitz Hugh suffers a recovery of the manor.	Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1574	There is another recovery and Richard Fitz Hugh is a vouchee in that recovery. The recovery results in the manor being transferred to Walter Luke, who belongs to a branch of the Cople family.	
1613	Walter dies leaving his son and heir Nicholas.	James I 1603-25
1619	Nicholas makes a settlement of Beggary however it is not known if this is the manor.	
1622	Nicholas dies holding a tenement in Beggary which goes to another Nicholas Luke.	
1624/8	Nicholas Luke makes two more settlements.	
1638	Richard Fitz Hugh, son and heir of Richard who made the settlement in 1574, acknowledges the right of William Luke to Beggary.	Charles I 1625-49

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Unknown	The Stocker family who has been resident in the parish for several generations gain the manor.	
1642-1651	English Civil War	
1656	Richard Stocker dies and the manor passes to Oliver Stocker.	
1667	Oliver dies and it is not known what happens to Begwary next.	Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702 Anne 1702-14 George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60
Unknown	Thomas Whetham, lord of Wyboston is holding Begwary. This is the last reference about the manor.	
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	George III 1760-1820 George IV 1820-30 William IV 1830-7 Victoria 1837-1901 Edward VII 1901-10 George V 1910-36 Edward VIII 1936 George VI 1936-52 Elizabeth II 1952-
2014	The title appears not to have been used for 351 years.	