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Members (locations) of the manor of Brewood and Associated Families - continued

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The present **Engleton Hall**, now a farmhouse, was probably built in 1810, a date which appears on the brickwork. Ponds and depressions surrounding the present house possibly indicate the position of a moat which surrounded an earlier Hall.

Somerford contained 30 houses circa 1680. Probably in 1779 the capital messuage (including the original **Somerford Hall**) passed to the Hon Edward Monckton who was a younger son of Viscount Galway who died in 1751 after making a large fortune in India. The Hon Edward Monckton was responsible for making extensive alterations to the then, existing **Somerford Hall**, which included a porch and Adam-type fireplaces. The Hon Edward Monckton was succeeded by his son, Edward Monckton in 1828, who was followed by his brother, George Monckton in 1848. Francis Monckton, nephew of George Monckton's younger brother, Henry Monckton, succeeded in 1858, and was followed by his son, Major R. F. P. Monckton in 1926, and following a period of tenants the house was later converted into flats c.1945. **Standeford** was a 'vill' in Somerford, circa 1680.

In 1724 the recorded Townships within the manor of Brewood were: **Brewood, Horsebrook, Kiddemore, Engleton, Somerford, Chillington, the Hattons and Gunstone.**

Kiddemore (Kiddemore Green) contained 30 houses including a farm called **Hawkeshead House** belonging to Edward Moreton of Engleton circa 1680. **Bishop's Wood** was a little 'vill' just beyond Kiddemore Green circa 1680.

Coven contained 40 houses, circa 1680 although is not yet mentioned in the records as a manor 'member' or Township. **Aspley** (which was within **Coven** by 1310) was described as a 'manor' in 1507 and held by Thomas Ellyngbrigg who was then succeeded by his infant daughter, Anne Ellyngbrigg. There was a **Hall** here by the 16th Century and in 1704 the manor and capital messuage (**Hall**) were held by **Thomas Fowke** (1654 -1708) and his wife, Mary (nee Pearl), who in that same year sold them to Thomas Bracegirdle. The manor subsequently passed to Thomas Watson Perks of Shareshill by his marriage to a daughter of Henry Bracegirdle. In 1774 the manor seems to have been held by John and Ann Perks and William and Mary Bromley, then sold again to Hon Edward Monckton. In 1841, as Aspley Farm, it was owned by his son, Edward Monckton, the tenant then being Michael Lovatt. There is a 'blank' gap here in the records, then ownership is recorded by Major R F P Monckton of Stretton Hall, in 1956.

Chillington contained 30 houses, circa 1680. **Chillington Hall** is largely the work of Sir John Slone c.1786. A complete rebuild was undertaken by Sir John Giffard, probably after his mother's death in 1537. Peter Giffard, who succeeded his cousin in 1718, demolished some of the Tudor buildings and erected the present three-storey brick range on the south side of the quadrangle. Between this and the Hall he inserted a staircase block. The south wing is attributed to Peter and Barbara Giffard and dated 1724. Considerable other alterations and improvements were executed up to 1823 and are recorded. In 1957 further restoration progress was being recorded under the supervision of the Ministry of Works.

The manor of Gunstone (Gunston) and Associated Families

Gunstone contained 10 houses and was originally contained within the manor of Brewood. At some time prior to 1279 one-third of the capital messuage of the manor of Gunstone was held by Alice, wife of Henry de la Pyrye of Gunstone, who after Henry's death exchanged it with their son, Hugh, for a messuage and land in **Chillington**.

What was called 'the manor' had passed by 1419 to Joan, widow of Ralph de la Hyde, son of Thomas de la Hyde. Joan then conveyed all her estate in it to Ralph de la Hyde's daughter and her husband, Richard Lane. Lands here were held by Richard Lane and his son, John Lane in 1434. In 1597 John Lane conveyed land to John Fowke, described as of Gunstone, who made a settlement of the estate there, including the capital messuage, in 1618, the capital messuage being **Gunstone Hall**.

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