

Manor History File - Morpeth

Manor name	Morpeth
Alias	None known
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Merlay
Ownership	<p>The Lordship of Morpeth was granted by William the Conqueror to William de Merlay whose descendants continued to hold the manor until the reign of Henry III. Mary the eldest daughter and co-heir of Roger de Merlay married William de Greystock before 1271. The manor passed down the Greystock family until Elizabeth daughter of Ralph 7th baron Greystock transferred it to the Dacres by her marriage to Thomas 2nd Baron Dacre of Gillesland in around 1490. Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas 4th baron Dacre then married Lord William Howard warden of the Western Marches in 1577 and the manor passes into the Howard family. In 1661 Charles Howard was created Baron Dacre of Gillesland, Viscount Howard of Morpeth and Earl of Carlisle and was the ancestor of the Earl of Carlisle who was Lord of the Manor in 1921.</p>
Courts	Court Leet and Court Baron
Sources	<p>Hodgson's Northumberland, Pt.II Vol.II pp.369-534.</p> <p>Kelly E.R, Kelly's Directory of Northumberland, 1921, pp.188-190, available at. http://leicester.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collecti on/p16445coll4/hd/</p>
Time period covered by records	1284-1901
Records held by	<p>NRO 00309 – Accounts and letter books.</p> <p>B/DAT – Map, 1604</p>



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<p>Northumberland Archives</p>	<p>SANT/BEQ/28/1/1 - Court Rolls, 1632, 1653-1660, 1668.</p> <p>ZBS/37 – court minutes, 1820, 1828-1830; court summons, 1818-1834; estreats, 1810-1832; jury lists, 1798-1832; presentments, 1813-1827; stewards’ papers, 1787-1875.</p> <p>ZTR – rent payments, 1685-1708.</p>
<p>Records held elsewhere</p>	<p><u>Cumbria Record Office</u></p> <p>DHN – court books, 1696-1883; stewards’ papers, 1284-1285, 1618, 1707-1787.</p> <p><u>Tyne and Wear Archives</u></p> <p>136 – court roll, 1591.</p>