Manor History File

Manor Name	Hexham
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Honour/Lords	Regality of Hexham
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Courts	The first reference to the Regality of Hexham is made in 674 which says that Queen Etheldrid gave Wilfred lands out of her dower with which to endow the new bishopric of Hexham. The see of York founded its claim on this grant of Etheldrid and later Archbishop Greenfield asserted that the manor of Hexham had belonged to the see of York since the foundation of the latter church. The archbishops of Hexham had strong and extensive powers and a well organised system of administration, Hexhamshire was divided into six parts, Hexham borough, Newlands and Rowley ward, Acomb and Wall grieveship, Park and Forest grieveship, Allenton and Catton grieveship and West Allen and Keenley grieveship. An extensive system of administration involving many officials existed under the archbishop reporting via courts held in May and November, a detailed description of this is given in NCH III. After the dissolution the king became lord of the manor of the district and the many liberties of Hexhamshire ceased to have meaning. The district was assimilated into the Crown and was administered for the Crown by the grantee of the possessions of the late monastery. Sir Reynold Carnaby the original grantee died in 1547 and was succeeded by his daughters. Ketherine married Cuthbert, Lord Ogle and Mabel married George Lawson. The third daughter Ursula married Edward Widdrington, this share seems to have lapsed and in 1570 Elizabeth I granted it to Sir John Forster of Bamburgh. He gradually acquired all of the inheritance of Sir Reynold Carnaby which subsequently by the marriage of his daughter Grace descended to the Fenwicks. The regality itself continued in the hands of the Crown. In 1689 Sir John Fenwick sold the whole property to Sir William Blackett of Wallington. Hexham then passed via marriage of a Blackett heiress to Walter Calverley who assumed the name Calverley-Blackett. Their daughter did not survive them and the estate passed to their Aunt Diana who had married Sir William Wentworth of Bretton Hall, Yorkshire from where it descend
Courts	





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