

Manor History File

Manor Name	THORNTON
Alias	Thornton in Tindale
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Wark
Ownership	<p>Sometime between 1124 and 1153 David, King of Scotland granted Richard Cumin and the countess Hextilda his wife, Thornton and Stancroft (Stonecroft) besides Walwick and Hethingshalc. Henry III granted a weekly market at Thorenton in Tindale to William Cumin earl of Buchan, son of Richard and Hextilda, in the thirteenth century.</p> <p>Newbrough and Stonecroft were both formerly included in the ancient manor of Thornton. Lord Borough's great grandfather married Elizabeth daughter of Henry Percy earl of Athol. Henry Percy was the son of Elizabeth, great-grand-daughter of Joan Cumin wife of David de Strathbolgie, earl of Athol. It was with Joan Cumin and her sister Elizabeth, wife of Richard Talbot of Goodrick castle, that the inheritance they derived in Tindale from their ancestors Richard Cumin and wife Hextilda, first fell into moieties.</p> <p>In 1330 Elizabeth Talbot was assigned half of the manor of Thornton, an orchard, 128 acres of demesne land, various other properties and half of the ville of Newbrough.</p> <p>In 1376 the moiety of Joan Cumin was divided between her two grand-daughters, Elizabeth and Philippa Strathbolgie who were married to Sir Thomas and Sir Ralph, two younger sons of Henry Percy, first earl of Northumberland. The partition of Thornton in Tindale, Newbrough, Henteshalgh and the Forest of Lowes are mentioned at length in the agreement.</p> <p>In 1692 the Armstrong family are listed as proprietors of Thornton Tower, and then at the beginning of the 1700s Thornton Tower is in the hands of John Bacon of Starward. Mrs Jane Bacon, who died in 1811, bequeathed it to her nephew the Rev Henry Wastell.</p> <p>It is not clear when Thornton ceased to operate as a manor. Hodgson describes Stonecroft as standing 'in manorial dignity next after Thornton' in old times however no evidence</p>

	suggests that Stonecroft ever operated as a manor in its own right. Newbrough always seems to have been a ville in the manor of Thornton although it is often described as a 'burgh' because of the grant to hold a market. This grant happened around the same time Thornton was being recorded as a manor.
Courts	
Sources	J. Hodgson, A History of Northumberland, Pt II, Vol. III, pp. 389-393, available at https://archive.org
Records Held By Northumberland Archives	No records known.
Time period covered by records	No records known.
Records Held Elsewhere	No records known.