

Manor History File

Manor Name	TWIZELL
Alias	Twizel
Honour/Lordship	
Ownership	<p>In the Testa de Nevill Twizel (its common modern spelling) and Duddo were held by Thomas de Twysill (Raine, 1852, p.314). His son Richard alienated Twizel to Sir William and Alice de Redel of Tillmouth with land on Holy Island and mills in Heaton and Tillmouth. Richard's son Robert also conveyed to William and Alice the family's remaining part of Twizel, two tofts and four bovates in 1316 (Raine, 1852, p.314). Sir William Riddell died around 1325 in possession of the manor of Twisell, and the hamlets of Dudhou and Old Grendon (Grindon Ridge), passed to one of his three daughters. The second daughter Constancia, wife of Sir John de Kyngeston, died seized of the manor in 1368, having rented it for life to Henry de Esslington. It passed to her son Sir Thomas de Kingeston. In 1385 it was settled on Sir Gerard Heron by Roger del Both and William de Meryngton, with a fourth of Tillmouth manor, a fourth of the mill and the advowson on the Cantary (Raine, 1852, p.314). It remained in the Heron family until it came into the ownership of the Selby family, long holders of leases and a life interest. It passed down the Selby family to two sisters, both known as Elizabeth, who married into other branches of the Selby family (Raine, 1852, pp.314-315). The younger sister Bess her husband and George Selby bought the older Elizabeth's interest. Twizel with its members passed to their daughter Frances, who with her husband Hiniosi conveyed the manor of Twizel including Tiptoe and Tindlehouse farms to Sir Francis Blake. He settled this on his daughter Sarah on her marriage to Robert Blake and passed down the Blake family. In 1921 the principal landowners were described as Col. Sir Francis Douglas Blake, baronet, Henry Parker and William R. Fenwick (Kelly, 1921, p.116).</p>
Courts	



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Sources	Kelly, E., (1921) Kelly's Directory of Northumberland. p.116 Raine, J., (1852) The History and Antiquities of North Durham p.313-315
Records Held By Northumberland Archives	ZBU/B/5/17 – steward's papers re. appointment of gamekeeper to Twizell manor, 1787
Time period covered by records	1787
Records Held Elsewhere	No records known.



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