

Manor History File

Manor Name	ACTON AND OLD FELTON
Alias	Actown, Aketon
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Mitford
Ownership	<p>Acton formed part of the Barony of Mitford, and was acquired in the twelfth century by the Morwick family of Morwick, barons of Chevington, who held Acton as socage tenants of the Herons of Hadston (NCH VII, p.365). In the early thirteenth century Richard de Morwyk gave land in Acton field to the convent of Brinkburn that had been held by them by his ancestors. His son Nicholas de Aketon also granted land to them. It passed down the de Aketon family, and though the direct line seems to have died out or passed down the female line, a branch became merchants in Newcastle and accumulated a number of estates. The last heiress Eleanor, daughter of Laurence de Acton, married Sir Ralph Percy who died at Hedgely moor in 1464 (NCH VII, p.370). Her estates passed to Johanna, wife of Thomas Rokeby in around 1415-1416 (NCH VII, p.370). Christopher Rokeby sold Acton to the earl of Northumberland in 1579/80. In 1588 the earl conveyed the estate of Acton, with all his lands at Little Felton and Thirston his father had purchased from the Rokeby family to Anthony Felton. In 1589/90 he sold the northern part to John Lisle, and it passed down the Lisle family to Edward Lisle, who in 1660 settled Acton and lands in Old Felton to one of his three daughters Jane, wife of Robert Manners. Her grandson John Manners died in debt in 1739, and the Court of Chancery ordered the sale of his estate, which was conveyed by Act of Parliament 19 George II (NCH VII, p.372-373). It was purchased by Edward Archbold of Cawledge Park. In 1780 John Archbold conveyed his estate to trustees for sale, and it was purchased in 1781 by Robert Lisle of Weldon, and passed down his family to the owner at the time of NCH, William Beresford Lisle (NCH VII, p.373).</p> <p>The southern moiety of the estate of Acton was conveyed by Anthony and Margaret Felton and their son John to Edward Lisle, who passed it to another of his three daughters Dorothy, wife of John Grey of Howick (NCH VII, p.375). Dorothy conveyed the moiety to Edward Adams of Longhoughton,</p>

	<p>descending through his family. Alexander Adams willed it to his illegitimate son Dr William Adams, who died in Bengal in 1818. The king granted South Acton, or Acton Hall, by warrant to Alexander Adam's heir-at-law Thomas Adams of Longhoughton. After he was killed by falling from a horse in 1822 it passed to his brother William, and descended to his granddaughter Mrs Robert S. Douglas (NCH VII, p.375).</p> <p>Old Felton (variously referred to as Under, Upper, Over and Little Felton or Felton Parva) is a similar descent in places, but with some land owned and donated to the convent of Brinkburn by de Scauceby family (NCH VII, p.376). It reverted to the crown after the dissolution of the monasteries, and were granted to Sir John Stonehowse and William Jorden, both of Wandsworth, surrey. It later was owned by Edward Lisle, who passed to his third daughter Katherine, wife of Thomas Ogle, but came into the ownership of John Lisle of Elyhaugh, passing to his daughter Elizabeth. Through remainders it passed to Robert Lisle of Newcastle, and was sold by him (or a Robert Lisle) in 1798. The of Old Felton part to the west of the turnpike was sold to Alexander Davison of Swarland and the eastern part to Robert Lisle of Acton (NCH VII, p.379).</p> <p>Kelly's gives Cuthbert D. G. Riddell as Lord of the manor, and describes Riddell and Mrs. Lisle the chief landowners of Acton and Old Felton (Kelly, 1921, p.127).</p>
Courts	
Sources	<p>Kelly, E., (1921) Kelly's Directory of Northumberland. p.127</p> <p>Northumberland County Histories (1904) Vol. VII. pp.365-379</p>
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