

## Manor History File

<b>Manor Name</b>	ALNMOUTH
<b>Alias</b>	
<b>Honour/Lordship</b>	Barony of Alnwick
<b>Ownership</b>	<p>An earlier settlement called Twyford previously existed in the area but had diminished by the twelfth century when the lord of the barony of Alnwick determined to create a new town and harbour at the mouth of the river. In a sixteenth-century survey Alnmouth was described as 'sett on an angle or corner of the lordship of Lesburye, given forth by the lord of Alnewyk to one certain nombre of persons' to whom the lord of the barony granted the same liberties and free customs which the burgesses of Alnwick enjoyed (see NCH, 1895, pp.475-481). There can be little doubt that a town of some size had existed much earlier, either on the present site or in the immediate neighbourhood of it.</p> <p>The new town of Alnmouth was recorded by a charter made some time after 1152 by William the Lion, King of Scotland (as earl of Northumberland) giving leave for William de Vescy to hold a court at 'St Waleric, which is called the new building' (NCH, 1895, p.468). This prospered and Eustace de Vescy, on 2nd Jan., 1207-8, procured permission from King John to have a port there, and a market every Wednesday. The chief product sold at the market was fish. The market was regranted in 1253 by Henry III. Alnmouth suffered a number of raids by rieviers, and seems to have been almost destroyed in 1336.</p> <p>The Manor of Alnmouth is part of the Barony of Alnwick and so the history of the lordship of Alnmouth follows that of the lordship of Alnwick and remains with the Percy family, dukes of Northumberland. The manor court was still occasionally held at the time of NCH (1895, p.485).</p>
<b>Courts</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	Northumberland County History (1895) Vol. II, pp.465-489.
<b>Records Held By Northumberland Archives</b>	B/DAT/Box 150 – Suit Roll, 1869.

<b>Time period covered by records</b>	1474-1920
<b>Records Held Elsewhere</b>	Alnwick Castle - AC:C & AC:D – Admissions, Call Books, Call Lists, Calls of Court, Court Books, Court Files, Court Minutes, Court Rolls, and Suit Roll – see Manorial Documents Register for full list.  The National Archives – E164/38 - Survey 1570.



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