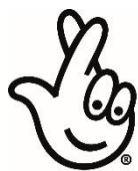


Manor History File

Manor Name	ALNWICK
Alias	
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Alnwick
Ownership	<p>We do not know of the Lords of Alnwick before the Conquest. However, an Anglo-Saxon population settled there not long after the establishment of the kingdom of Northumberland by Ida in 547.</p> <p>Yvo de Vescy became the first Norman Baron of Alnwick probably a little after A.D. 1096; but the original charter is not in existence. His daughter Beatrix married Eustace Fitz John, and Yvo's name first occurs in a charter granted to their son, William, by Henry II. It passed down the family until the death of William's son William de Vescy in 1297. Alnwick was placed in the trust of Anthony Bek, Bishop of Durham for the heir, However, as no heir survived William it became Bishop Bek's possession. The Bishop granted the barony, castle, manor and vill of Alnwick to Henry de Percy in on the 19 November 1309.</p> <p>It passed down to the Percy family to Henry, first earl, who in 1408 was attainted for treason and his title and estates were forfeited. However, on 18 March 1416 Henry Percy, son of Hotspur and grandson of the first Percy earl, did homage to the king in parliament and was restored to the title of Earl of Northumberland with Alnwick and the other Percy lands. It again passed down the Percy family until it was confiscated from Henry Percy, third Earl, and his lands given to John Neville. Henry Percy, fourth Earl, was kept by the King in the tower of London, and was restored to his lands in 1469. It remained in the family until the death of Henry Algernon Percy, sixth Earl, without heirs, when it passed to the Crown. It was returned to his nephew, Thomas Percy, the seventh Earl, in 1557. Alnwick continued to be passed down the family until the death of Josceline the eleventh Earl, passing to his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Charles Seymour and then to their son Algernon, who in 1749 became Earl of</p>

	<p>Northumberland of a new creation. His daughter Elizabeth and her husband Hugh Smithson inherited and took the name of Percy in 1750 by act of Parliament. On October 22 1766, Hugh Smithson was created Duke of Northumberland and Earl Percy, with succession to heirs male of his body; and, on 26 January 1784, another peerage was added to his family, by his being created Lord Lovaine, Baron of Alnwick, with remainder to Algernon his second son. The descent continued through the Percys to the present day.</p>
Courts	
Sources	<p>Tate, G., (1866) The History of the Borough, Castle and Barony of Alnwick,</p> <p>Alnwick Castle – Guide Book</p> <p>Kelly E.R, Kellys Directory of Northumberland, 1921, p.43-48, available at. http://leicester.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4/hd/</p>
Records Held By Northumberland Archives	<p>B/DAT/Box 150 – Steward’s papers, 1844-1871; B/DAT/Box 361 – Steward’s papers, 1888.</p>
Time period covered by records	<p>1314-1920</p>
Records Held Elsewhere	<p>Alnwick Castle - AC:C, AC:D AC:E – Admissions, Call Books, Call Lists, Court Books, Court Files, Court Minutes, Court Rolls, List of Freeholders, Presentments, Steward’s Papers and Suit Rolls – see Manorial Documents Register for full list.</p> <p>The National Archives - SC 12/13/53 Rental, 1314; SC 12/13/66 Rental, 1533-1534.</p>



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