Manor History File

Manor Name	ANCROFT
Alias	
Honour/Lordship	
Ownership	The first name associated with Ancroft is Roger de Audrei, who had inherited from his wife Wimart, daughter and co-heir of a Papedi (Raine, 1852, p.217). De Audrei held moieties of Ancroft, Felkindon and Alvereden, the other half of which were held by Ingelram de Holetot, and each paid half a Knight's fee (Raine, 1852, pp.217-218). Ancroft is next found to be property of Robert Colville, who died in 1337, leaving all or most of the property to his son William (Raine, 1852, 218). Raine claims the manor soon passed to the Grey family of Heaton and Chillingham, and was passed down the family until the early 18th century on the death of Lord Grey. In 1359 William de Dalden, heir of de Audrei, granted Allerdean and Felkington to Thomas Grey in exchange for the manor of Rylley, Durham, and it may be Ancroft was sold or traded at a similar time (see Raine, 1852, 220). Due to confusion in the succession between his daughter Mary and brother Ralph, the estates were divided, with Ancroft among the portion assigned to Ralph Grey, lord Grey of Wark (Raine, 1852, 218). In 1704 Ralph Grey's will settled his estate on his nephew Henry Neville, with the remainder to John Grey of Howick. After Neville's death it was entailed on John Grey of Howick and remained in his family (Raine, 1852, 218). In 1921 Earl Grey was lord of the manor, with Christopher John Leyland of Haggerston Castle and Major Francis Lindisfarne Morley Crossman the chief landowners (Kelly, 1921, p.59).
Courts	
Sources	Kelly, E.R, (1921), Kelly's Directory of Northumberland, p.59. Raine, J., (1852) The History and Antiquities of North Durham as subdivided into the shires of Norham, Island and Bedlington. London: Bowyer Nichols and Son. pp. 218-220
Records Held By	NRO 04118 – survey and rental of the Baronies of Wark, Wooler and elsewhere, nd. [c.1570].

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Time period covered by records	nd. [c.1570]
Records Held Elsewhere	No records known.