

Manor History File

Manor Name	AYLE
Alias	Ale, Alne
Honour/Lordship	
Ownership	<p>Ayle seems to be closely associated with Kirkhaugh in the records but is distinguished as a separate manor. It is likely therefore that it follows a similar descent to the manor of Kirkhaugh. Kirkhaugh was granted along with Alston and Elrington by William the Lion, King of Scotland, to William de Veteriponte on the 10th May 1209.</p> <p>The boundaries of Kirkhaugh manor were set in 1258 by the King of Scotland's justices at Nunwick, when the land was recognised as that of Nicholas de Veteriponte (Hodgson, 1811, 58). Other families have had leases and rents from Kirkhaugh, or been seized of the manor, though it seems to have remained with the descendants of the Veteripontes (Hodgson, 1811, 63). After four centuries Hodgson found it reappears in the possession of the Hilton family, however Hodgson argues this may not have been the case, and concludes that the manor passed through the Whitlawe family, who were granted a lease in 1349. Through them it passed to the Whitfields, then to the Richardsons. The manors of Kirhaugh and Ale went by will from the Richardsons to Elisha Fisher, who sold them to Joseph Salkeld Esq. before the year 1807. The manors of Kirkhaugh and Ale were included in the purchase of Randalholme from Mr Salkeld by the Greenwich hospital.</p> <p>In 1825 the commissioners and governors gave notice of their intention to ride the boundaries of Randalholme, Kirkhaugh, Whitlaw and Alne on the 21st June.</p> <p>In 1855 and in 1879 the manorial rights are still vested with the Commissioners of the Greenwich Hospital although Ayle is described as a hamlet within the township of Kirkhaugh by this point so at some point it would seem these manors were joined together.</p>

	In 1921 the Commissioners of the Greenwich Hospital are still described as lords of the manor.
Courts	
Sources	<p>Hodgson, J (1840) History of Northumberland, Part II, Vol. III, p.39 & pp.58 – 67.</p> <p>Whellan. W, History, Topography, and Directory of Northumberland, 1855, p.890.</p> <p>Kelly.E.R, The Post Office Directory of Northumberland, 1879, p.635.</p> <p>Kelly E.R, Kellys Directory of Northumberland, 1921, p.172.</p>
Records Held By Northumberland Archives	NRO 07417 – rentals, 1900-1907
Time period covered by records	1601-1907
Records Held Elsewhere	The National Archives - ADM/75/233/17 – boundary plan, 1853; ADM/76/83 – enfranchisements, 1601-1900



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