

Manor History File

Manor Name	BRADFORD
Alias	
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Bradford
Ownership	<p>Bradford was held as a barony, the smallest in the county, by the Bradford family, and was first granted to Avenall de Bradford by Henry I by knight's fee (NCH I, p.295-296). The tenure was defined in 1279 as being held by serjeanty of finding one serving-man for the army from the barony, decently armed (NCH I, p.298). In 1293 it was re-defined as the serjeanty of 'finding one man decently armed in the king's army of Wales and elsewhere in the realm for forty days, and of attending the king's court' (NCH I, p.298). This was described in more detail in 1316, listing the equipment as a buckskin tunic, chain mail hauberk, a 'bascinet' helmet, lance, dagger, and with a horse, though it was seen as unnecessarily expensive to armour the horse (NCH I, p.298). The man was required to serve forty days. The male Bradford line died out in 1398, and passed to their cousins the de Wetewode family. Thomas Wetewode seems to have taken the name of Bradford as the last of the family (NCH I, p.301). However the Bradfords of Burton were a minor branch; in 1538 Edward Bradford of Burton joined the conspiracy to murder Thomas Clifford with the promise his family would gain the barony of Bradford (NCH I, p.301). He claimed he was 16th in line to the barony (NCH I, p.301; for the conspiracy see Newstead, or NCH I, p.262-268). In 1624 Thomas Bradford sold the estate to Ralph Grey of Chillingham, who died in that year, passing Bradford on to his son John and it passed down the Grey family (NCH I, p.302-305). Sometime after 1750 it reverted to the Grey family of Howick, who still owned Bradford at the time of NCH (NCH I, p.305). In 1902 Earl Grey was still the lord of the manor, however by 1906 and 1910 the lord of the manor was Alexander Browne of Callaly Castle, while in 1921 this was William Robson (Kelly, 1902, p.70; Kelly, 1906, p.70; Kelly, 1910, p.67; Kelly, 1921, p.66).</p>

Courts	
Sources	<p>Kelly, E.R, (1902), Kelly's Directory of Northumberland, p.70</p> <p>Kelly, E.R, (1906), Kelly's Directory of Northumberland, p.70</p> <p>Kelly, E.R, (1910), Kelly's Directory of Northumberland, p.67</p> <p>Kelly, E.R, (1921), Kelly's Directory of Northumberland, p.66</p> <p>Northumberland County History (1893) Vol. I, pp. 295-305.</p>
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