

Manor History File

Manor Name	BRUNTON, WEST
Alias	West Brunton, Bruneton West, Brumpton
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Styford or Bolbec
Ownership	<p>Unlike East Brunton, West Brunton was a member of the Barony of Styford or Bolbec, and was subinfeudated to the Lisle family of South Gosforth (NCH XIII, p.370). In 1245 Walter of Redewode (East Denton) and his wife Tyjoe or Tyjok quitclaimed William of Brunton half of eight acres in Brunton. In 1307-9 William le Frende and his wife Hawys brought a lawsuit to Walter son of Robert of West Brunton for land William le Frende's brother (in law?) William of Brunton had held, now claimed by Walter (NCH XIII, pp.371-372). In 1316 the manor of West Brunton was settled on Walter of Brunton and Alice his wife. Edmund of Eshot held a messuage with 34 acres of arable and meadowland here that was disputed in a suit with the Fenwick family. It passed down the Fenwick family and was still held by them in the sixteenth century (NCH XIII, p.372). Edmund or Edward de Eshot seems to have held the rest of the manor however, as his granddaughter Joan married Robert, son of Robert Conyers, and their descendant Robert Conyers entered a suit with John Marton in 1415 over the manors of West Brunton and Kenton, with land in Eshott and Thirston (NCH XIII, p.372). In 1578 there was a fine for the Manor of West Brunton between Christopher Conyers and James Strangeway, with a recovery in the same year (NCH XIII, p.372). Christopher Conyers died at Durham in 1592/3 seized of three of the four parts of West Brunton. The fourth part had been acquired by the Heselrig family, and possibly held by them since 1281. When Sir Thomas Heselrig died in 1629/30 he held the whole manor of West Brunton, likely having purchased the other three quarters from the Conyers family.</p> <p>West Brunton remained with the Heselrig family until it was sold by the court of chancery in in 1768 to Matthew Bell, Thomas Dawson and a certain Ormston (NCH XIII, p.373). By 1825 the Bell family had purchased the Dawson and Ormston portions. In 1921 the chief landowners in east and west Brunton were Brigadier-General Sir Joseph Frederick Laycock</p>

	and C. L. Bell (Kelly, 1921, p.132). In 1929 the landowners were Sir Joseph Laycock and Ralph George Elphinstone Mortimer (NCH XIII, p.373).
Courts	
Sources	Kelly, E., (1921) Kelly's Directory of Northumberland. p.132 Northumberland County Histories (1930) Vol. XIII. pp.370-373
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