

Manor History File

Manor Name	BRUNTON
Alias	Burneton
Honour/Lordship	Barony of Alnwick
Ownership	<p>Brunton, along with Preston, was owned by Walter Bataill. It had been held by his ancestors since the time of Henry I. The estate, made up of two parts High and Low Brunton, was known as Burneton Bataill and was part of the Barony of Alnwick.</p> <p>In 1288 the heirs of Sir William Middleton are recorded as being in possession of Brunton. However, in 1319 Sir John Middleton was declared a rebel for helping the Scots during the wars and so his lands were confiscated. They were given to John de Crumbewell and Thomas de Bamburgh for life with a remainder to the crown on their deaths. Sir John de Stryvelyn was granted Brunton and Preston by King Edward III in 1335. When Sir John died in 1378, without heirs, he entailed Brunton to his kinsman Sir John de Middleton a member of the family to which Brunton previously belonged. Sir John Middleton's son inherited Brunton and was recorded as holding the township in 1427. It remained in the Middleton family until 1504. Then the Manor was bought by Sir John Mordaunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Around 1537 Brunton became the property of Sir Reginald Carnaby. He died in 1545 and the estate was inherited by his daughters: Katherine, who was married to Lord Ogle, and Mabel, who was married George Lawson of Usworth.</p> <p>In 1601 Lord Ogles' estates were inherited by his two daughters and part of Brunton became the property of Sir William Cavendish, Duke of Newcastle as well as being Lord Ogles' grandson.</p> <p>Lord Ogles' granddaughter married the Earl of Clare and the Brunton estate eventually came into the hands of William Duke of Portland, great grandson of the Countess of Clare. In 1788 the Duke of Portland sold land including 204 acres of Low Brunton to Henry Taylor of Rock. William Taylor of Christon Bank, his brother, inherited the lands but he died unmarried and the property was inherited by his sister Mary</p>

	<p>Taylor. Her will of 1807 passed Low Brunton to her kinsman Edward Henderson of Edinburgh. In 1828 Edward Henderson sold property to Henry Taylor, formerly Anysley, of Christon Bank. Then in 1839 Taylor sold Low Brunton to John Railston of North Sunderland, who in 1862 sold it to Sir George Grey.</p> <p>The Lawson family retained possession of the other part of the Brunton estate. In 1663 Edmund Lawson was rated for lands in Brunton. Then In 1731 Richard Witton and his sister Margaret, inheritors of the Lawson estate sold their lands in Brunton to Thomas Forster of Lucker. Mathew Forster left his lands, in 1786, to his three daughters and Brunton became the property of Mrs William Burrell of Broom Park. It was bought by Sir George Grey in 1840 and so the two parts of the Brunton estate were reunited. Then Sir George Grey sold land including Low Brunton to Major A H Browne. The rest he retained and it passed to Sir Edward Grey.</p> <p>In 1894 Sir Edward Grey Bart, MP, JP, and Major A H Browne are described as the chief landowners of Brunton. Then in 1914 Sir Edward Grey Bart, MP, JP, and Mr A H Browne of Callaly are recorded as chief landowners of Brunton.</p>
Courts	
Sources	<p>Northumberland County History Volume II pp. 90 - 113 available at www.archive.org.</p> <p>Kelly's Directory of Northumberland 1894 p109</p> <p>Kelly's Directory of Northumberland 1914 p 127</p>
Records Held By Northumberland Archives	No records known.
Time period covered by records	1474-1920

<p>Records Held Elsewhere</p>	<p>Alnwick Castle - AC:D/II/5a-5c Knights Court Rolls, 1474-1507; AC:D/II/5d Knights Court Rolls, 1520; AC:C/II/3, AC:C/II/10 Court Books, 1732-1737; AC:D/II/6/1-8, AC:D/II/7/1-3, AC:D/II/8, AC:D/II/9/1-2 Court Books, 1746-1920; AC:C/II/4 Court Minutes, 1618; AC:C/II/1/a/1-13 Court Files, 1652-1659; AC:C/II/1/b/1-3, AC:C/II/1/c/1-35 Court Files, 1675-1698; AC:C/II/2/a-z, AC:C/II/2/aa-zz, AC:C/II/2/aaa-zzz, AC:C/II/2/aaaa-zzzz, AC:C/II/2/aaaaa-kkkkk, AC:C/III/4/63 Court Files, 1703-1741; AC:D/II/2a Court Rolls, 1663-1668; AC:D/II/2b, AC:D/II/3 Court Rolls, 1703; AC:C/II/1-9 Calls of Court, 1667-1730; AC:D/II/1 Call List, 1670; AC:D/II/4 Suit Roll, 1704; AC:E/II/2/11, AC:E/II/2/13-17, AC:E/II/2/31 Admissions, 1704-1739. [All Alnwick Barony].</p>
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