

## Manor History File

<b>Manor Name</b>	BYKER
<b>Alias</b>	
<b>Honour/Lordship</b>	Serjeanty of Byker
<b>Ownership</b>	<p>In 1198 Byker appears as the serjeanty of William of Byker, and was the most important serjeanty in Northumberland. This required in return for the manor a service to the king of varying menial roles, usually attached to the King's household. The earliest known holder was William Escolland in around 1200, possibly the son-in-law of the previous holder, and ensured the inheritance of the role for himself and his wife Margery's heirs (NCH XIII, p.266). In 1212 and 1236 their son Nicholas of Byker is described as, in addition to a payment of 40s annually, making distrains for the wards of Newcastle and the debts to the King between the rivers Tyne and Coquet (NCH XIII, p.265). This involved looking after the beasts and chattels taken in the name of the King. He was also required to carry the King's writs between Tyne and Coquet (NCH XII, p.265). Nicholas bought the Fawdon lands in Byker from Robert of Fawdon in 1256 (NCH XIII, p.268). John of Coupland bought Byker in 1357, and after his murder in 1362-1363 his widow held the estates, selling to Sir Richard Arundel in 1372, and seems to have been sold to the first Earl of Northumberland or his son Harry 'Hotspur' Percy in around 1403-1405 (NCH XIII, pp.268-269). It was taken along with the other Percy properties by the Crown after the Earl rebelled in 1405, and was returned to the family in 1416 (NCH XIII, p.269). After the third Earl's death at the battle of Towton in 1461, after which it was granted to Edward IV's brother the Duke of Clarence, and in 1463 was granted to the Mayor and Burgesses of Newcastle (NCH XIII, p.269). However it is likely this was as a tenancy, as it is the following year amongst the Percy lands given to John Neville, Earl of Northumberland (NCH XIII, p.269). Though Byker is not mentioned among the properties returned with the restoration of the Percy Earls in 1469, the Corporation of Newcastle were again granted Byker by the fifth Earl in around 1489 (NCH XIII, p.269). After the sixth Earl's death in 1537 the Percy estates passed into the King's hands, and the Manor of Byker was sold to James</p>

	Lawson of Newcastle in 1543 (NCH XIII, p.269-270). The overlordship of Byker was restored to the seventh Earl of Northumberland in 1557 and remained in the family (NCH XIII, p.270). The land passed down the Lawson family and was inherited by William Wright, later Lawson, who sold the land in the early nineteenth century, the land north of Shields road to Matthew White Ridley, and Byker Bar to Matthew Plummer, who subsequently sold to Edward Collingwood, and in 1872 it was divided and sold as building plots (NCH XIII, p.270)
<b>Courts</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	Northumberland County History (1930) Vol. XIII, pp. 264-270
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