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ACKLETON MANOR

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Location: Worfield, Shropshire
Associated places: Worfield, Shropshire

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Ackleton Manor is the manor or manorial estate associated with Ackleton, a township and historic settlement in the parish of Worfield, Shropshire. Medieval evidence places Ackleton within the wider Worfield manorial complex, but treats it as a distinct subordinate member or submanor. In a mid-thirteenth-century valuation of Worfield, Ackleton, recorded as Akelington, was separately valued at a ferm of 60 shillings. Eyton states that Ackleton, together with Ewdness and Roughton, had at an early period been bestowed on tenants by serjeantry. He reports that Ackleton's feudal position had been discussed under Badger, whose lords held the vill by the service of keeping Shirlot Forest, or alternatively under Worfield; the surviving evidence therefore does not securely establish a single continuous lordship for Ackleton itself. Ackleton also appears in the Worfield local juries in 1256 and 1272 through Thomas de Akinton and Roger de Akelinton, but these references identify local tenants or jurors and do not by themselves prove that either man was lord of the manor. The present house known as Ackleton Manor is a later period building; a modern sales description states that the house is believed to date from about 1725, but this is evidence for the building rather than a documented descent of the medieval manor.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The secure medieval evidence is limited. Ackleton was an early serjeanty holding associated with the wider Worfield estate, probably originating in or before the reign of Henry I, but the identity of the original tenant or tenants is not given. By the thirteenth century Ackleton was separately valued as part of the Worfield complex. The principal historical source is ambiguous as to

whether
its immediate feudal connection was under the lords of Badger or under the lords of
Worfield. No
public source located in this research provides a reliable, continuous sequence of named
lords or
owners of Ackleton Manor from the medieval period through the early modern and modern
periods.
Nineteenth-century directories identify principal landowners in Ackleton, including Richard
Eykyn
and William Piper, but do not state that either was lord of Ackleton Manor; they have
therefore not
been entered as manor holders. Likewise, the later references to Ackleton Manor as a house
or
freehold property do not establish the ownership of the historic manor and are not treated
as
conveyances.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- possibly reign of Henry I - unknown | Unnamed tenant or tenants by serjeantry | Early
grant or assignment of Ackleton as a serjeanty holding; the grantor, grantee, precise date,
and immediate feudal lord are not identified. | | R. W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*,
volume 3, section 'Ackleton, Ewdness, and Roughton', pp. 112-13; the passage discusses
Ackleton as an early serjeanty holding and notes the alternative Badger or Worfield
connection.

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