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AIKETGATE MANOR

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Location: Hesketh in the Forest, Cumberland
Associated places: Hesketh in the Forest, Cumberland

LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Aiket Gate Manor was a manor associated with Aiket Gate, also written Aiketgate, a hamlet in the historic parish of Hesketh-in-the-Forest, Cumberland. Aiket Gate lies approximately two miles west-north-west of Armathwaite. The 1901 History, Topography, and Directory of Cumberland treats Aiket Gate and Nunclose together as hamlets and gives the combined area as approximately 1,368 acres. The same entry states that Nunclose had formerly belonged to the Benedictine Nunnery of Armathwaite and identifies Edward Ecroyd of Low House as lord of the manor. The surviving online evidence does not establish whether the manor comprised the whole hamlet, the Aiket Gate and Nunclose area, or a more restricted manorial unit, nor does it provide a continuous medieval or early-modern descent.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

The earliest secure holder identified in the publicly accessible sources consulted is not established. The principal direct historical evidence located is a 1901 directory entry for Aiket Gate and Nunclose, which states that Edward Ecroyd esquire, J.P., of Low House, was lord of the manor. The evidence does not identify the date or legal instrument by which Ecroyd acquired the manor, and no earlier holder of Aiket Gate Manor has been entered. References to the Skelton, Sanderson, Milbourne, Ecroyd and later Lonsdale ownership of Armathwaite Castle and its manor have not been treated as a descent of Aiket Gate Manor because the available sources do not explicitly equate Armathwaite Manor with Aiket Gate Manor.

CONVEYANCE / DESCENT

- by 1901 | Edward Ecroyd | Accession date and transfer instrument not identified; the 1901

directory records Edward Ecroyd esquire, J.P., of Low House, as lord of the manor in its entry for Aiket Gate and Nunclose. | | T. Bulmer & Co., History, Topography, and Directory of Cumberland, 2nd edition, 1901, p. 177, entry headed 'Aiket Gate and Nunclose'.

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