

Appendix A Blackwell Grange Chronology

<p>1183</p>	<p><i>Boldon Book.</i>—In Blackwell are forty-seven oxgangs, which the tenants in villenage hold, and they render rent and service in all points as the villans of Darlington. Five farmers hold four oxgangs, and pay rent and do service like those of Derlyngton. Thomas Fitz-Robert holds an oxgang and pays 40<i>d.</i> Four acres, which were once of John Rufus, pay 16<i>d.</i> Adam, son of Ralph de Stapilton (fn. 88), holds four oxgangs, and one parcel of tillage of sixteen acres and three roods, 5<i>s.</i> 4<i>d.</i> and he shall look to the performance of the Bishop's autumn tillage, and he serves on the Bishop's embassies; the same Adam pays for the herbage of Bathela 32<i>d.</i> Ten cottages pay 5<i>s.</i> and assist in making ricks of hay, and carry fruit, and work at the mill. Robert Bland pays for a little plot of land near the Tees, 6<i>d.</i> Hugh Pundere pays for one acre 12<i>d.</i> and there is one toft waste.</p>	<p>Boldon Book</p>	
<p>1343-81</p>	<p>Hatfield's Survey.—John Middleton holds in right of his wife, one messuage and five oxgangs, which were once John of Blackwell's, and were granted by charter, to hold by knight's service and the sixteenth part multure, et cooperabit molas supra le Louthre, 23<i>s.</i> 8<i>d.</i> rent: the same John holds a parcel of tillage called Gromball, containing sixteen acres and three roods; and two</p>	<p>Hatfield survey</p>	

	<p>parcels of tillage called Lynholme and Elstantoftes; and one tenement, called the Castle-hill, with the herbage of Bathley, containing four acres of meadow and pasture: also the same John holds one plot or parcel, which is built upon, and half an oxgang; a toft, with a croft of half a rood, 12d.; and the toft which was once William of Oxenhall's, with a croft of one acre, by charter, 2d. William Strygate, Chaplain, holds one acre at Ellestantoft by knight's service and 4d. Emma Morrell three acres at Spyklyt (fn. 90) by knight's service, 15d. Peter Thomesson, in right of his wife, half an acre and half a rood in Oxenhal-flat, 16d. Four other tenants hold certain lands by knight's service, and pay.....—Bond-lands. John Verty holds one oxgang [the rent and services exactly as those of the Bond-tenants of Darlington]. Nineteen others hold twenty-four messuages and thirty-nine oxgangs and a half on the same terms. The same tenants hold amongst them five oxgangs, which was once bond-land, and pay at the Feast of the Purification, as it is said, ten quarters of wheat, and five quarters of barley, and fifteen of oats. [For the services of the bond-lands nothing is said, quia postea in villa de Cokerton.]—Cottagers. John Pothow and Peter Thomesson hold one cottage, make hay-ricks, carry fruit, and work at the</p>		
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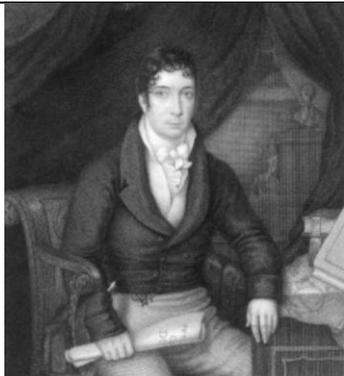
	<p>mill, and pay at the four terms 21d. Three other cottages owe the same services.—Exchequer-lands. Twenty-five tenants hold certain tofts and crofts, tenements and lands by the name of Exchequer-lands, free of all service (sine operibus), only paying divers annual rents. All the Exchequer-lands answer for the services of five cottages, till it be seen on which lands those services should be charged. The bond-tenants hold an acre called Punder-land, 2s. 6d. The same bond-tenants pay for the office of Punder 10s.; for wodlades at the Nativity of St. John 11s.9d.; for toll of ale 3s.; and they hold a pasture called Rathel (Bathel?) 10s. 8d. The same tenants hold the tenement once Roger Stapelton's, 8d. From the whole vill is received for an increment of one toft, 18d.; for a pasture called the Langdraght, 16s.; for wodsilver at Martinmas, and for a hen at Christmas, 2s. The watermill is in the hands of the tenants of Derlington, with the rent.</p>		
1663	<p>George Allan is born in Staffordshire and makes is fortune in salt mined in Hartlepool and distributed from Darlington</p>		
1685	<p>In 1685 the freeholders in Blackwell were, William Richardson, Gent. In London; Whayre Fawcett, Gent.; Thomas Garthorne (sold to Peter Hutchinson, who lives at Cornforth).</p>	<p>From: 'Parish of Darlington', The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham: volume 3: Stockton and Darlington</p>	

		wards (1823), pp. 350-377. URL: http://www.britis-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=76365 Date accessed: 21 August 2012.	
c.1690	George Allan starts building at Blackwell Grange	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
Late 17 th century	Blackwell belongs to the Allan family, bought from Thomas Hill who already had an estate and handsome mansion house there (possibly a farmhouse originally).	'Parish of Darlington', <i>The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham: volume 3: Stockton and Darlington wards</i> (1823), pp. 350-377. URL: http://www.britis-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=76365 Date accessed: 23 July 2012 Meadows and Waterson 1993, 68 Dresser 1899, 15	
1693	Building commenced at Blackwell Grange	http://www.blackwellgrangehotel.com/	
1710	The house was built about 1710 for George Allan, a wealthy industrialist who died in 1748. First phase of building at the Grange consisting of five bays, three storeys now in the centre of the long east range	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange Pevsner 1990, 155	
1712	Blackwell Grange is the main home for the Allan	Meadows and Waterson 1993,	Above source says George Allan lives here

	family and is the home for James Allan (1712-90) and his son George Allan (1736-1800)	68	and he doesn't die until 1748
1717	George Allan (son of the GA who built the Grange) married wealthy Thomasine Prescott and while they were away on their 'bridal excursion' GA the father started work on the south wing to surprise them on their return. The south wing contained the state room on the first floor with a fine four poster bed and wood carving by Grindling Gibbons.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	Was the bridal suite in 1972
1717	Another 5 bays added to the south, based on rainwater head, the same height but two storeyed with a pilastered parapet with vases	Pevsner 1990, 155	
1720	The State Chamber is built with the South Wing	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	This is used as the lying out room when a member of the family died. It is reputedly where the Duke of Cumberland stayed in January 1746 on his march to Scotland and Culloden.
1722	On the lead rainwater heads of the building were the initials T G 1722 A for George and Thomasine Allan.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1736	George Allan, the son of James Allan of Blackwell Grange, Darlington, was born on 7 June 1736. He was an eminent lawyer in Darlington, and was also very active as an antiquarian, being particularly interested in Co Durham's history.	http://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/localother/cathedralcatalogues/cldloadercat/?collno=2 [accessed 210812]	
1743	George Allan senior dies and leaves the Grange to his son who dies ten years later in 1753 leaving two daughters, one of whom was Ann Allan who was noted for her work with the	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	

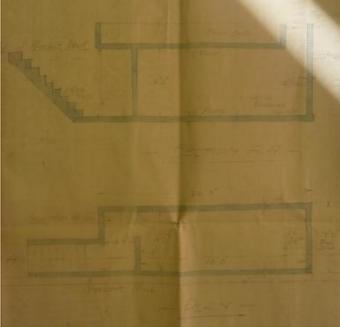
	poor.		
1748	George Allan dies and leaves the estate to his granddaughter	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange	Contra below and above Harris says he dies in 1743
1772	Part of the grange is turned into a private theatre by Anne Allan	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1785	Anne Allan dies and the Blackwell estate is passed to her cousin James Allan of Darlington, known to be the 'crossest and sternest man who ever lived'.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange	Contra below Her funeral cortege was so long that some were still leaving Blackwell Grange as others arrived at St Cuthbert's Church where she was to be buried
1787	George Allan, Esq's last surviving daughter, Anne Allan, who died in 1787, devised the estate to her cousin, James Allan, of Darlington, grandfather of the present [1823] proprietor, George Allan, Esq.	From: 'Parish of Darlington', The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham: volume 3: Stockton and Darlington wards (1823), pp. 350-377. URL: http://www.britis-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=76365 Date accessed: 21 August 2012.	Contra above
1790	James Allan dies on the same day in January that a tremendous storm uprooted trees and shook the Grange and Darlington to their respective foundations. George Allan, the antiquarian succeeds to the estate. The grounds around the house are surveyed and consist of formal tree	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972 Survey dated 22 nd July 1790 by John Monhay (?) in NYRO	

	avenues and enclosed gardens and orchards		
1792	George Allan houses his collection of stuffed birds and animals, books, coins, gems etc in two rooms on the north side of the house and he opens part of the house as a free museum which reached 2,000 visitors a year.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1800	George Allan dies and is succeeded by another George Allan who was best known as being a politician and at the time was known as 'Allan the Member'.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1802	A new layout is proposed for the grounds around Blackwell Grange for George Allan Esq. It consists of a more 'naturalistic' landscape with a tree circuit, water features, tree clumps, more tree planting around the Grange, but also retained some of the tree lined avenues. George Allan buys the area to be Blackwell Hall	Plan of alterations intended at Grange in the Bishoprick of Durham, the seat of George Allan Esq 1802 in the NYRO Notes by Vera Chapman in Crown Street Library, Darlington	
1802-3	Folly built by G Allan on the site of a former leper hospital	DRO 07657	
1808	John Allan buys the Hall and folly area	Notes by Vera Chapman in Crown Street Library, Darlington	
1811	George Allan and his cousin Robert arrange to split up the estate	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	

1813	George Allan is elected Member of Parliament	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1818	Family money is running out and so Allan does not stand for election again as the costs would be too high – he retires to France	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1820	Blackwell Grange Park is shown with its fully planted circuit of trees and main drive to the house in Greenwood's map	Greenwood 1820	
1822	George Allan's museum collection is sold to the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle for £400	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1828	George Allan dies on 21 st July 1828 in France and his body is returned for burial. Blackwell Grange was bequeathed to George Allan.	Text from an engraving of George Allan. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange	
1833	John Allan buys the hall area tenements	Notes by Vera Chapman in Crown Street Library, Darlington	
1850	Blackwell Grange passes to a cousin Robert Henry Allan (High Sheriff of Durham 1851), whose mother was Hannah Havelock.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange	
18?	Blackwell Hall built by either Robert Allan or his son John Allan (d.1844)	Meadows and Waterson 1993, 68	
1833	Sale of Allan estate releases land for development in the town centre and on the outskirts; but demand outside the town is limited	Cookson 2003, 70	

	with much going for agricultural use		
1848	Auction sale at the Grange of horses due to William Allan 'who has left his farms' includes 31 horses heifers, hay, harnesses	Yorkshire Gazette 25.3.1848	
1858	Waterhouse is commissioned to make alterations to Blackwell House	Cookson 2003, 112	
1870	South Park is derived from the Thompson estate after they went bankrupt		
1877	Two boxwood trees are stolen from the Grange by John Wilson and David Storey and are sold to Harrison Coates at the Cricketers for one shilling and a quart of ale	Northern Echo 25 th April 1877	
1880	In 1880, another cousin, Sir Henry Havelock Bt., came to the property on the condition that he changed his name to Havelock-Allan as required in Robert Allan's will. The Havelock-Allan Baronets held the estate until after the death of the second Baronet in 1953.	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange	
1880	Sir Henry Havelock Allan 'had greatly improved the historic old house in 1880'	Wooler 1913, 243	
1880	Havelock takes out an injunction to prevent the cutting down or ornamental timber at the Blackwell Grange estate in contravention of the lease	Northern Echo 17.1.1880	
1882	The land formerly occupied by the late Mr. Harrison as a nursery in Grange road is sold for building plots (terraced houses and detached residences)	Northern Echo 12.5.1882	
1884	South Park is expanded	Northern Echo	

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1889	Artwork from Blackwell Grange is sold at auction at the Mechanics' Institute	Northern Echo – Saturday 11 May 1889	
1890	Sir Henry Havelock-Allan has the Grange extended by adding to the western end of the south front and to the north end of the east front. The east porch was also added and alterations carried out. However the state room in the south wing, the fireplaces and the staircase remain unaltered.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	Pevsner says 1900
1897	Sir Henry Havelock-Allan is killed in the Khyber Pass and is succeeded by another Sir Henry Havelock-Allan		
1899	64 acres of grassland at Blackwell Grange is let	Northern Echo 2.2.1899	
1900	The 1717 south bays were extended to ten and given a new doorcase. Three bays at the north end of the east front were added, plus the east porch and many internal alterations.	Pevsner 1990, 155	
1904	Sir Anthony James Allan Havelock-Allan, 4th Baronet (28 February 1904 - 11 January 2003) was born at Blackwell Grange and became a prolific and successful British film producer and screenwriter whose credits included <i>This Happy Breed</i> , <i>Blithe Spirit</i> , the 1968 version of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> and <i>Ryan's Daughter</i> .	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_Havelock-Allan [accessed 210812]	
1930	Sir Henry Havelock-Allan sold Blackwell Hall to W. Stanley Robinson, Darlington auctioneer. He lived there for 10 years	Meadows and Waterson 1993, 68	

	and to prevent 'bungalow type' houses being built he built some large houses in the grounds.		
1930	Blackwell Golf Club House is a called the British Pavilion in a Norwegian style and dates to 1930, bought and shipped in pieces from the Trade Fair in Antwerp by Robinson . The 18 th hole is still called the British pavilion.	Notes by Vera Chapman in Crown Street Library, Darlington	
1931	Blackwell Golf Club opened in April	Notes by Vera Chapman in Crown Street Library, Darlington	
1932	Blackwell Lane	DRO 08190	
1937		DRO 7814	
1939	An air raid shelter is built on the south edge of the formal gardens for Sir Henry Havelock Allan by W. S. Sutton, architect	Da/NG2/8270	
1939	Robinson starts works on a new hotel at Blackwell Hall	Notes by Vera Chapman in Crown Street Library, Darlington	
1940	Blackwell Hall becomes a hotel.	Meadows and Waterson 1993, 68	

1945		Google Earth	
1953	Sir Henry Havelock-Allan dies Blackwell estate is sold by the Havelock-Allans	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackwell_Grange	
1954	On the death of Sir Henry Spencer Moreton Havelock-Allan in 1954 the 'remaining' contents were sold by auction on 17, 18 and 19 March 1954 by L.W.Arnett.	Crown Street library archive notes	Garden contents include poultry house, garden frames, horse roller, garden seats, garden roller, water barrow, timber, ladders, garden tools, seed boxes etc.
195?	Blackwell Grange is purchased by Darlington Corporation for £37,000.	David Harris, Evening Despatch 22.8.1972	
1963	Blackwell Hall is sold to building contractors and the hall is made into six flats and more development takes place around it	Meadows and Waterson1993, 68	
1965	Blackwell Hall is demolished	Meadows and Waterson1993, 68 Northern Echo 26.11.2003, p8	
1967	Blackwell Grange opens as a hotel		
1977		DRO 09210	
1989	Rumours suggest that	Darlington	

	Blackwell Grange golf club are selling of the golf course to a developer for housing and that the club might be run by Stressholme golf Club	Evening Gazette 31.3.1989 Darlington & Stockton Times 11.3.1989 Darlington & Stockton Times 8.4.1989	
2012	Rumours abound that Blackwell Grange Gold Club may be leaving their course to join Stressholm Golf Course	Darlington & Stockton Times	