

The Lodge



Part of the Manor of Malton

There was once a large castle in Malton but this has long since been demolished, possibly in the reign of Henry I. Bulmers 1890 Trade Directory tells us: 'Ralph, Lord Eure, the owner of Malton in the time of James I., built a large castellated mansion on the site, but its subsequent fate shows the absurd length to which litigation is sometimes pursued, even where the litigants are connected by close ties of kinship. His lordship left two granddaughters, co-heiresses, who could not agree as to the division of the property and the possession of this mansion. A long and expensive lawsuit followed, and in the end it was determined to pull down the house and

divide the stones between them, which was done under the supervision of William Marwood, Esq., High Sheriff of Yorkshire, in 1674. But it would seem that some compromise had been effected before the entire demolition, as the lodge and three gateways were left, a standing "monument of the folly and vindictiveness of family feuds."

The Lodge was part of the manor of Malton and other estates devolved upon Earl Fitzwilliam, and from whom they have descended to the present owner.

Who Lived Here?

Earl Fitzwilliam was not resident in Malton for many years. The Lodge was inhabited in early Victorian times by his agents. Occupants can be tracked

through the Censuses and Trade Directories. 1823 Baines Directory: William Allen - Steward to Earl Fitzwilliam; 1841 Census: William Allen – Agent to

Earl Fitzwilliam; 1851 Census: William C. Copperthwaite, Land Agent; 1871 Census : William C. Copperthwaite; 1881 Census: William HW Fitzwilliam, Peers son and Member of Parliament;

1891 Census: William HW Fitzwilliam; 1901 Census: Geoffrey Nicholas Dawnay; 1911 Census: Geoffrey Nicholas Dawnay; 1921 Kellys Directory: Geoffrey Nicholas Dawnay

Hon. Henry and Lady Mary Fitzwilliam

Upon their marriage, the Hon. Henry and Lady Mary Fitzwilliam chose to reside in Malton and in 1878 commenced plans to add a new wing and make other alterations to 'the ancient Lodge of the old Castle.' [1] Board of health discussed the plan produced by Mr. Gibson, architect, for a new wing and other extensive alterations at The Lodge,

Malton, which is about to be prepared for the reception of the Hon. Henry Fitzwilliam, who is going to take up his residence in the borough, and superintend the extensive interests of Earl Fitzwilliam, the lord of the manor [2]. They remained there until 1890 when they moved to Wigganthorpe [3]

Old Photographs



Above: The Lodge, postmarked 1908



Above: The Lodge, rear view, postmarked 1931



Above: The Lodge, date unknown c1950

1942 Sale of Contents

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References

[1] Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 22 June 1878

[2] York Herald, 30 May 1878

[3] Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, 12 July 1920