



Owners and tenants of Ayscoughfee Hall

Notes on the 'Family Tree' of Ayscoughfee Hall

1. fl. (from the Latin flourished or lived) 1471 – 1493.
2. Tradition has it that Sir Nicholas' father, Richard, was the original builder of Ayscoughfee Hall. However no evidence has been found to link him with the Hall, and it also does not explain how the building acquired the Ayscough part of its name. The Aldwyn family certainly had property in the town, as Sir Nicholas' will refers to "my great place in Spalding", but this may not mean Ayscoughfee. If the Ayscough family were responsible for building the Hall, then Sir William (Henry VI's Chief Justice of the Common Pleas who died in 1456) is a possible candidate. Although a connection between the Hall and the Ayscoughs cannot be proven, the name itself suggests that there was a link between the two.
3. The sixteenth century history of Ayscoughfee is based on a 1602 deed of sale named "Manorium de Aiscugh" (this records Thomas Wimberley's acquisition of the building); efforts are continuing to locate this document (it is referred to in Rosalyn Pursglove's history of the building, published in 1996). Until the deed has been studied, this period of the history of the Hall's ownership should be treated as conjecture, but it can be noted that Simon Hall's reputed ownership suggests a direct descent from the Gaytons. This adds more weight to the suggestion that the Aldwyns may not have built or owned Ayscoughfee.
4. Beville's dates are 1592 – 1641.
5. John's dates are 1612 – 1672.
6. Jane was John's sister and Francis' daughter; she had married Maurice in 1683. The two families were not related, despite having the same name. There were six Maurice Johnsons who owned Ayscoughfee, hence the reference to Maurice the first. Maurice's dates are 1661 - 1747.
7. Maurice II's dates are 1688 – 1755.
8. Maurice III's dates are 1714 – 1793.
9. Maurice IV's dates are 1756 – 1834; Maurice V's dates are 1788 – 1820; he died while his father was still alive, so did not inherit Ayscoughfee.
10. Maurice VI's dates are 1815 – 1864.
11. Bonner was a tenant at the Hall until his death in 1896.
12. The Committee raised £2,000 to buy the site.
13. It was passed to the then Spalding Urban District Council to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII. The Museum and Gardens are currently held in trust for the people of Spalding, with South Holland District Council's councillors as the trust.