



# *Blackland Manor*

## *(Blackland Farm and The Blackland House Estate)*

### *1194 - Present*

In 1194 this was called the black land of Calstone. It was held by Richard de Canville, Governor of Cyprus, who died at the siege of Acre in 1191. While Richard was crusading, his estate was held by Guy de Diva, Constable of the King's castle at Devizes. The Estate descended as follows:

DATE	HOLDER		NOTES
After 1191	De Canville	Gerard	son of Richard. (d probably 1215)
1215 probably	De Canville	William	son of Richard
????	De Canville	Geoffrey	Son of William. (d by 1219)
By 1219	De Canville	William	Son of Geoffrey

In 1242 the Manor was divided into two parts: "Blackland Farm" and Blackland Manor, later the Blackland House Estate

### *"Blackland Farm"*

In 1242, through a trial by combat, Adam de Casterton proved the right of his wife Maud to all or part of Blackland Manor and William de Canville conveyed 1 carucate (the amount of land a team of eight oxen could till in a season – perhaps 120 acres) at Blackland to Adam and Maud. This land was later described as a moiety (one of two equal parts) of Blackland Manor. It was apparently the area later called Blackland Farm.



Blackland Farm was known to have been standing in the 16th century; it was built at a moated site on gault clay, probably in the mid-13th century. The moat enclosed a rectangle of land on which the house, apparently equivalent to a manor house, stood. In 1863 this was replaced by a new farmhouse built on or very near the original site. Farm buildings, adjacent to Blackland Street, were built probably in about 1863 and other large farm buildings were added in the 20th century.

DATE	HOLDER		NOTES
1242	de Casterton	Adam and Maud	
1307	Casterton	Richard	
1332	Casterton	Richard	The above or a namesake
1381	Casterton	Geoffrey	Probably
1391	Casterton	Richard	Probably
1428	Casterton	Geoffrey	
????	Casterton	Richard	Probably. (d. 1445)
1445	Freton	Elizabeth	Daughter of Richard; wife of Nicholas Freton of Lincoln
????	Colvile	John	Of Great Humby, Lincs. Presumed to have passed to him by marriage or inheritance. (fl. 1503)
????	Colvile	Robert	Son of John. He devised the estate to his wife Anne for life and died in 1514
1514	Colvile	Anne	Widow of John
????	Colvile	Godfrey	Son of Robert, he died in 1550
1550	Colvile	Mary	Relict of Godfrey, held the estate for life. From c1558 she was the wife of John Both (d. 1566) and from 1569 the wife of Gabriel Saville
1550	Saville	Anne	Daughter of Godfrey and wife of William Saville, she held the reversion of the estate
1561	Mitchell	John	John was of Calstone. Jointly bought the reversion of the estate, described as a moiety of Blackland Manor, from the Savilles
	Mitchell	Edward	
1570	Goddard	Thomas	Of Upper Upham, Aldbourne, bought the reversion
1598	Goddard	Richard	Son of Thomas, inherited the reversion
1602	Hungerford	George	(d. 1641) Bought the estate from Richard Goddard and his brother James
1641	Hungerford	Thomas	Nephew of George, was left Blackland Farm, the larger part of the estate, in George's will
1675	Hungerford	John	Son of Thomas (d. 1681), inherited the profit of Thomas' real estate
1675/1681-1700	Hungerford	Rebecca	Either: Wife of Thomas. <i>Probably</i> the Mrs Hungerford who held Blackland Farm until 1700
	Hungerford	Mary	Or: Wife of John. <i>Possibly</i> the Mrs Hungerford who held Blackland Farm until 1700
1721	Wyche	Mary	(fl. 1729) Owned Blackland Farm. Daughter of John Hungerford & relict of Jermyn Wyche
1745	Dickinson	Vickris	Brother of Ezekiel Dickenson, the mortgagee, bought the farm from Mary Clough (wife of Robert Clough) and Catherine Wright (wife of the Revd Robert Wright), daughters of Mary Wyche
1765	Dickenson	Caleb	The farm, then approx 250 acres, was settled on him by his father Vickris
1766	Bull	John	Bought the farm from Vickris and Caleb Dickenson
	Bull	Daniel	
1770 - 1805	Petty	William	Earl of Shelburne and later 1 <sup>st</sup> Marquis of Lansdowne, bought the farm from Daniel Bull. Blackland

			Farm became part of Bowood Estate, held by the Marquis of Lansdowne until 1957
1806-1809	Petty-Fitzmaurice	John	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marquis Lansdowne
1809-1863	Petty-Fitzmaurice	Henry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Marquis Lansdowne
1863	Petty-Fitzmaurice	Henry	4 <sup>th</sup> Marquis Lansdowne
1863 -1927	Petty-Fitzmaurice	Henry Charles Keith	5 <sup>th</sup> Marquis Lansdowne
1927-1936	Petty-Fitzmaurice	Henry William Edmund	6 <sup>th</sup> Marquis Lansdowne
1936-1944	Petty-Fitzmaurice	Charles Hope	7 <sup>th</sup> Marquis Lansdowne
1944-1957	Petty-Fitzmaurice	George John Charles	8 <sup>th</sup> Marquis Lansdowne. The last tenants were the Self Family.
1957-1962	O'Brien	Johnny D & Sheilah	Bought Blackland Farm from the Marquis of Lansdowne
1962-1989	Minter	Frederick John, OBE	Of Knook Manor, Warminster, Wiltshire – Absentee Landlord. The resident Farm Manager for most of this time was Mr Bill Allen
1989-2006	Richards	Basil & Joyce	Owner occupiers
2006-present	Morley	Harry & Kate	Owner occupiers



## *Blackland Manor and the Blackland House Estate*

An estate at Blackland, apparently the rest of the Manor was sold by William de Canville to John Trementes. This was later called Blackland Manor and the Blackland House Estate.

DATE	HOLDER		NOTES
1242?	Trementes	John	Bought the estate from William de Canville
Pre 1262	Haddon	Christine	John Trementes conveyed the estate to Christine Haddon (also de Haddone) and her heirs
1282-1539	Malmesbury	Abbey of	Had been given or sold the estate by Christine Haddon
1539-1544	The King	Henry VIII	Upon the dissolution of the Abbey
1544-1552	Allen	William	(also Alleine, Alleyn) bought the estate from the Crown
1552-1556	Smith	Robert	Bought the estate from William Allen
1556-1595	Smith	John	son of Robert

1595-1599	Smith	Robert	Son of John
1599-1602	Smith	Philip	(a lunatic in 1599) Son of John
1602-????	Smith	Matthew	Son of John. (Matthew fl. 1631)
????-1647	Smith	Robert	Son of Matthew
1647-????	Smith	Henry	Son of Robert
????-1691	Smith	Robert	Son of Henry
1692-1756	Smith	William	A minor. Son of Robert
1756-c1759	Smith	Michael	To whom William had conveyed it. Possibly also the owner of Dugdale's Estate, Compton Bassett
C1759-c1790	Maundrell	Thomas	Bought estate. Builder of Blackland House & possible owner of Blake's Estate, Compton Bassett
c1790-1796	Maundrell	Robert	
1796-1809/10	Maundrell	Henry	Robert's principal creditor
1809/10-1821	Merewether	John	Bought the estate
1821-1826	Tanner	William	Mortgagee
1826-1847	Tanner	William	Son of William, who, in his will, left it in trust for sale
1849-1857/8	Tanner	John	Mortgagee and trustee, brother of the younger William. In 1857/8 the estate other than those parts named below, was sold in portions
1857/8-c1861	Hall	Marshall	Bought Blackland House, Park Farm and Blackland Park
c1861-1906	Brown	Henry	Bought Blackland House, Park Farm and Blackland Park (approx 102 acres in total)
1906-at least 1910			Held by Trustees of Henry Brown
1906/7-1913	Treacher	William Bolland	Possibly a tenant. Named in Church Vestry Book 1907-1913; at this address in the 1911 Census
1910?-1913?	Murray Rumsey	Robert	Son-in-law of W.B. Treacher, in 1911 Census. Wife mentioned in Church Vestry Book 1910-13
Dates unknown	Toppin	James Morris	Possibly a tenant. Both his sons' WWI deaths are commemorated in St Peter's Church
1921-1951	Wingfield-Digby	Margery	Bought, probably from Henry Brown's Trustees
1951-1973	Wilson	Sidney	
1973-1987	Lycett Green	Rupert	
1987-1996	Bennett	H M	
	Bennett	Gail	
1996-2006	Hawkings-Byass	Nicholas	
2006-present	Nicholson	Edward	

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