

## COLTSTAPLE

The manor of Coltstaple was a sub-manor of Chesworth, which adjoined it to the north. In 1397 it belonged to Richard FitzAlan, earl of Arundel, and was passed down through succeeding generations of this family and others until 1504 when it was settled on Thomas Howard, earl of Surrey, as lord of Chesworth. Thereafter it descended with Chesworth manor through the Crown to the Eversfield family.



A manor house is recorded in 1397 at Coltstaple. By 1650 there were two chief properties on the estate, which are evidently identical with the houses today called Coltstaple Farm and Little Coltstaple Farm. In 1650 Coltstaple Farm (shown in the photograph) had a hall and parlour, and at least five upstairs rooms. It is a T-shaped building of the 17th century or earlier, timber-framed with brick infilling, and with an early 19th-century range added at the south end.

The Land Tax Assessments of 1785 show the Duke of Norfolk owning Coltstaple.

(See LITTLE COLTSTAPLE)

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