
Thorpe Hall

- During the Wars of the Roses little is recorded of Harthill and district, for the country was in turmoil. All we do know is that the Beaumonts (Lovells) were still chief lords of the Manor of Harthill, and that they were supporters of the House of York. The Serlbys were still resident sub-holders of the manor under the Beaumonts. Lord Lovell, the head of the Beaumont family, rebelled against Richard III and had to leave the country for Burgundy. In Henry VII's reign he returned with Lambert Simnel and helped him against the king.
- Lambert was defeated and Lovell again fled to save his head. His Harthill lands were confiscated by the Henry V and in part given to Sir Brian Sandford of Thorpe Salvin Hall. Lovell's interest in the Serlbys' manor, however, was not given to Brian Sandford, and they became owners in entirety, probably because they had held fast to the King during the rebellion.
- In 1636, Edward Osborne bought the Manor of Thorpe Salvin including Sandford's Thorpe Salvin Hall. Sir Bryan Sandford, Knight, fought for Henry Tudor at the Battle of Bosworth Field, 19 August 1485. Sir Bryan was one of many who defected from Richard III's army just days before the battle.



- The present Thorpe Hall, was designed and built by Robert Smythson in 1570 on the site of the previous manor house.