

# Lordship of Highfield

Parish/ County	Lancaster Lancashire	Principal Source	Victoria County Histories
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	<b>Creation of the English Monarchy</b>		Alfred the Great 871-899 Edward Elder 899-924 Athelstan 924-939 Edmund I 939-946 Edred 946-955 Edwy 955-959 Edgar 959-975 Edward the Martyr 975-978 Ethelred 978-1016 Edmund II 1016 Canute 1016-1035 Harold I 1035-1040 Harthacnut 1040-1042 Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 Harold II 1066 William I 1066-1087
1066	<b>Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings</b>		
1086	<b>Domesday</b>		
1212	Roger, son of John, is holding the lordship of Highfield. His service to his overlord is to sharpen the plough-shares for two of the lord's manors each year. This service is commuted to a rent of 5 shillings.		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35 Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215	<b>Magna Carta</b>		
1215-1217	<b>First Barons War</b>		Henry III 1216-72
1222	Highfield is held by Walter, son of Walter the Smith and William, son of William the Smith.		
1264-1267	<b>Second Barons War</b>		
1297	William, son of William, son of Juliana is holding Highfield paying 5 shillings in rent.		Edward I 1272-1307
1314	William conveys Highfield to William de Slene, in the right of his wife Alice.		Edward II 1307-27

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1324	William dies leaving a son also called William who is just 7 years old.	
1325	William's widow, Alice, claims a dower against Highfield.	
1329	Alice's claim has been upheld as she grants a burgage, the service being a rent of 9 shillings and finding 2 labourers to reap for one day.	Edward III 1327-77
1338	Alice remarries and with her new husband John de Lancaster and her son William grant a lease of land in Highfield.	
1358	William dies and John Grelley, in the right of his wife Isabel (widow of William), and William (son of William de Slene) pay a rent of 6s. 8d.	
1401	William de Slene dies holding burgages (estates by service) in Lancaster but Highfield is not specifically mentioned. William lost his son Robert prior to his death and Highfield passes to co-heirs Isabel and Alice, but it is unknown what relationship they have with William.	Richard II 1377-1399
prior to 1427	Isabel marries Robert Brockholes.	Henry IV 1399-1413 Henry V 1413-22 Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71
prior to 1440	Robert Brockhalls dies, and Isabel remarries John Gardiner.	
prior 1448	Alice marries Oliver Southworth.	
1448	Burgages in Highfield formerly owned by Alice and Oliver Southworth are transferred to Margaret, wife of Matthew Southworth with remainders to Robert, Thomas, Richard and John (the brothers of Matthew), and then to the right heirs of Alice.	
1455-1487	<b>War of the Roses</b>	Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83
1472	Matthew and Margaret with their son and heir Robert grant a lease of land called Marketgate to Thomas Estaryk for 20 years.	Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5 Henry VII 1485-1509
1494	Robert Southworth sells the marriage of his son Robert to Thomas Lawrence.	
1516	Robert snr dies, and his son Robert inherits Highfield.	Henry VIII 1509-47

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1525/6	Robert is still in possession of Highfield.	
1534	<b>The Act of Supremacy – Church of England</b>	
prior to 1552	Highfield has come to George Southworth as he sells various pieces of land from the manor.	Edward VI 1547-53
1586	George dies holding Highfield and 7 burgages in Lancaster of the queen. His son and heir Thomas is aged 24.	Mary I 1553-58
1595	George dies leaving a son and heir also called George aged 6.	Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1622	George and his wife Mary are recorded as holding Highfield.	James I 1603-25
1636	George dies leaving a son and heir, Thomas 14 years of age. Highfield is described as free from service obligation, with a rent of 8 shillings.	Charles I 1625-49
1642-1651	<b>English Civil War</b>	
1673	Thomas dies and Highfield passes to another Thomas Southworth.	Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702 Anne 1702-14 George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60
1728	Thomas dies childless but leaves a widow. Highfield has been reduced through various sales of land to a very small estate. Thomas leaves no will and the only relative that can be found is a cousin called Francis who lives in London. Thomas' widow challenges Francis' claim but Francis' right is upheld. Francis sells Highfield to Robert Gibson for £300 and the lordship is not recorded again.	
1750-1850	<b>Industrial Revolution</b>	George III 1760-1820 George IV 1820-30 William IV 1830-7 Victoria 1837-1901 Edward VII 1901-10 George V 1910-36 Edward VIII 1936 George VI 1936-52 Elizabeth II 1952-
2019	The title appears not to have been used for 291 years.	