

Lordship of Fennels Grove

Parish/ County	Luton Bedfordshire	Principle source	Victoria County History
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	Creation of the English Monarchy		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	Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings		
1086	Domesday		William II 1087-1100 Henry I 1100-35 Stephen 1135-54 Henry II 1154-89 Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1215	Magna Carta		
1215-1217	First Barons War		Henry III 1216-72
1264-1267	Second Barons War		
1283	Robert Fitz Neel grants lands known as Fennels Grove to Roger Taylard.		Edward I 1272-1307
Unknown	Robert dies leaving a son and heir of the same name.		Edward II 1307-27
1329	Roger de Gildesburgh acknowledges the right of Robert Fitz Neel to a messuage (farm) 140 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow and 30 acres of wood and a moiety (share) of a watermill.		Edward III 1327-77
1332	Robert dies leaving Fennels Grove to his daughter Grace (wife of John de Nowers).		

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1370	John and Grace's son John conveys Fennels Grove to King Edward III.	
1378	King Edward grants Fennels Grove to Henry Downham for life.	Richard II 1377-1399
1399	The Crown values Fennels Grove at 60 shillings.	Henry IV 1399-1413
1416	King Henry V grants Fennels Grove with other manors to his brother John, Duke of Bedford.	Henry V 1413-22
1422	Henry V dies and John vies with his younger brother Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester for control of the kingdom. John is appointed regent and focuses on the war with France, however while he is absent Humphrey is appointed Lord Protector of England.	Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71
1422-32	John serves as Governor of Normandy.	
1431	John has victory at the Battle of Verneuil and captures Joan of Arc. He hands her to an ecclesiastical court who convict her, and she is burnt at the stake. John organises the coronation of Henry VI at Paris.	
1435	John dies and Fennels Grove returns to the Crown as heirgeneral (recipient of an estate after death) of his uncle.	
1455-1487	War of the Roses	Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83
1462	King Edward IV creates a lease of the manor of Fennels Grove.	
Approx. 1467	King Edward IV grants Fennels Grove to John, Lord Wenlock.	
1471	John has fought with the Yorkists however he switches sides for the Battle of Tewkesbury in which he commands the middle of the Lancastrian line. The Lancastrians suffer a crushing defeat and John is killed by his own commander, the Duke of Somerset for failing him. Fennels Grove escheats to the crown once again and is granted to Thomas Rotherham, Bishop of Rochester.	
1472	Thomas is appointed Bishop of Lincoln.	

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1473	In order to consolidate Thomas' title, he obtains a release from Thomas Lawley of Wenlock (kinsman and heir of John) to all rights in any Luton manors.	
1475	Thomas is appointed Lord Chancellor.	
1480	Thomas is appointed Archbishop of York.	
1483	Edward V dies and Thomas sides with the dowager Queen in trying to deprive Richard, Duke of Gloucester from the role of Lord Protector of the new King. To this end he releases the Great Seal to her however it does eventually come to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Duke dismisses him as Lord Chancellor. He is charged with conspiring against King Richard and is imprisoned in the Tower of London. Later he is released.	Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5
1485	Thomas is once again appointed Lord Chancellor but shortly afterwards is dismissed by King Henry.	Henry VII 1485-1509
1500	Thomas dies of the plague and Fennels Grove passes to his nephew Thomas (son of his brother John).	
1504	Thomas dies leaving a son and heir also called Thomas aged 5.	
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	Henry VIII 1509-47 Edward VI 1547-53 Mary I 1553-58 Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1565	Thomas dies leaving a son and heir George.	
1600	George dies leaving a son and heir Sir John.	
1611	Sir John transfers his Luton manors into trustees in preparation for their sale to Sir Robert Napier. Fennels Grove is not listed, its fate unknown and never recorded again.	James I 1603-25
1642-1651	English Civil War	Charles I 1625-49 Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702 Anne 1702-14 George I 1714/27
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	George II 1727/60 George III 1760-1820

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2020	The title appears not to have been used for 409 years.	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-