

Lordship of Lalleford

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		Henry III 1216-72
1215-1217	First Barons War		
1264-1267	Second Barons War		Edward I 1272-1307 Edward II 1307-27 Edward III 1327-77 Richard II 1377-1399 Henry IV 1399-1413 Henry V 1413-22 Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71
1425	Joan Waleys is the first known Lord of Lalleford.		
Unknown	Joan dies leaving a daughter and heir Beatrice who is married to Reginald, son of John Cockayne of Bury Hatley.		
1428	Reginald dies and Beatrice marries William Milreth (a citizen and alderman of London).		
1448	Beatrice dies leaving a son and heir John Cockayne.		

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1455-1487	War of the Roses	Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83
1490	John dies and Lalleford passes to his widow Joan.	Edward V 1483
1507	Joan dies leaving a son and heir Edmund.	Richard III 1483-5
Prior to 1515	Edmund conveys Lalleford to William Markham and his wife Frances (who is the daughter of Sir William Cockayne, son of Edmund).	Henry VII 1485-1509
1522	William and Frances convey a portion of Lalleford to John Markham by fine (a process of involving the Crown court to confirm the transfer).	Henry VIII 1509-47
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	
Unknown	Frances dies leaving a son and heir Francis.	Edward VI 1547-53
1576	Francis conveys a portion of Lalleford to George Rotherham.	Mary I 1553-58
1585	John Markham conveys his portion of Lalleford to George Rotherham.	Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1602	John Rotherham conveys Lalleford to Sir Robert Napier. Sir Robert has amassed his fortune through trade with Turkey. He serves as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire as Robert Sandy.	
1612	Sir Robert is made a Baronet by King James.	James I 1603-25
1613	Sir Robert is elected Sheriff of London but refuses to take up the responsibility and is fined 400 marks.	
1637	Sir Robert dies and Lalleford passes to his son Sir Robert Baronet, a barrister and member of Gray's Inn.	
1640	Sir Robert becomes the Member of Parliament for Peterborough.	Charles I 1625-49
1642-1651	English Civil War	
1644	Sir Robert sides with King Charles and has his estates sequestered.	
1646/7	Sir Robert submits and offers to compound for his estates and successfully has them returned.	

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1660	Sir Robert dies leaving Lalleford to his grandson Sir Robert Napier, who is a minor (the elder Sir Robert's son Robert having pre-deceased him).	Charles II 1660-85
1675	Sir Robert dies while still a minor and Lalleford passes to his uncle Sir John Napier Baronet, a career politician who sat in the Cavalier Parliament until 1679).	James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702
1711	John goes insane and eventually dies, leaving a son and heir Sir Theophilus Baronet.	Anne 1702-14
1716	Sir Theophilus serves as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.	George I 1714/27
1719	Sir Theophilus dies childless and Lalleford passes to his nephew Sir John Napier Baronet.	
1748	John dies having not married and Lalleford passes to his aunt Frances Napier and the Napier Baronetcy becomes extinct.	George II 1727/60
Unknown	Frances dies and Lalleford passes to her nephew Francis Herne of Middlesex, a politician who sits in the House of Commons 1754 – 1776).	
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	
1753/4	Francis serves as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.	
1763/4	Francis sells Lalleford to John Stuart 3rd Earl of Bute.	George III 1760-1820
1792	John dies leaving a son and heir John (Baron Cardiff in his own right). He serves as Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan.	
1794	John serves as Lord Lieutenant of Buteshire. He is created Viscount Mountjoy (in the Isle of Wight), Earl of Windsor and Marquess of Bute.	
1799	John is made a Fellow of the Royal Society (a self-governing fellowship of scientists, engineers & technologists).	
1814	John dies and all his property including Lalleford is conveyed into the hands of trustees for John, his grandson, who is still a minor.	
1815	Lalleford is listed in the court rolls of Luton Manor, but this is the last record of Lalleford, its fate unknown.	

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2020	The title appears not to have been used for 205 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-