

Barony of Lavendon

Seat/County	Lavendon Buckinghamshire	Principle source	Baronies IJ Saunders
Date	History of Lordship		Monarchs
871	<p align="center">Creation of the English Monarchy</p>		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	<p align="center">Norman Conquest- Battle of Hastings</p> <p>Geoffrey de Montbray, the warrior Bishop of Coutances participates in the Battle of Hastings. At William the Conqueror's coronation Archbishop Aldred announced the King in English and Geoffrey announced him in French. As his reward Geoffrey is granted lordships across 12 counties making him the 1st Baron of Lavendon.</p>		
1067	<p>Geoffrey accompanies King William on his return to Normandy.</p>		
1069	<p>Geoffrey plays a key role in supressing English rebellions. King William deals with the north and Geoffrey occupies London, Winchester and Salisbury.</p>		
1075	<p>Geoffrey fights for the King in the Revolt of the Earls, led by the Earl of Norfolk. He successfully captures the Earl's stronghold of Norwich.</p>		
1086	<p align="center">Domesday</p> <p>Geoffrey is appointed a commissioner of the Domesday project to maximise the revenue King William can raise from his, nobleman. The Barony of Hanslope passes to one of Geoffrey's tenants William the Sewer (servant), who is also Geoffrey's chamberlain. He becomes 2nd Baron of Lavendon.</p>		William II (Rufus) 1087-1100

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Circa 1100	Halneth (or Halenald) de Bidun is granted the barony by King Henry making him the 3rd Baron of Lavendon .	Henry I 1100-35
Unknown	Halneth becomes a monk at St Andrews Priory Northampton. He donates the income from a mill at Cotes and from Halsey in Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire for the souls of himself, his wife, and his son John.	Stephen 1135-54
1156	Halneth dies leaving six sons, his eldest John is his heir and 4th Baron of Lavendon .	Henry II 1154-89
Unknown	John founds Lavendon Abbey.	
1180/1	John dies leaving a son and heir also John 5th Baron of Lavendon .	
Prior to 1185	John dies without issue (childless) so Lavendon passes to his sisters Amice (wife of Henry de Clinton), Mabel (wife of Miles de Beauchamp), Sarah (wife of Richard de Beauchamp), Maud (wife of Geoffrey Fitz Geoffrey) and Hermingarde (wife of Aldulf de Gatesden).	
1204	The sisters are dispossessed of the barony by William Briwerre (or Brewer) who also receives a Royal grant to become 6th Baron of Lavendon . William is a faithful servant of King John receiving a considerable wealth in return for his service. It is thought that William knows King John's mind, anticipating his every whim. William was High Sheriff of Nottingham, whilst King Richard was on Crusade and is used as the notorious adversary of the fictional Robin Hood). In reality, he was also one of the Justiciars to administer England whilst King Richard was absent. He now serves as High Sheriff of Cornwall.	Richard I 1189-99 John 1199-1216
1207	William is appointed High Sheriff of Somerset and Dorset. He is so unpopular with the men of these counties that they pay King John to have him removed.	
1209	William is appointed High Sheriff of Sussex.	
1210 & 1215	William is appointed High Sheriff of Hampshire.	
1215	Magna Carta	
1215-1217	First Barons War	Henry III 1216-72

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1224	William retires from the World and lives as a Cistercian Monk in Dunkeswell Abbey.	
1226	William dies holding lordships to the value of sixty knight's fees (military service owed) leaving a son and heir also William 7th Baron of Lavendon . William has been High Sheriff of Devon and Northumberland. He also serves as a Forest Judge.	
1233	William dies without issue (childless) and the Barony of Lavendon is divided between his sisters and their heirs and is lost as a separate entity.	
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
1455-1487	War of the Roses	Henry VI 1422-61 1470-71 Edward IV 1461-70 1471-83 Edward V 1483 Richard III 1483-5
1534	The Act of Supremacy – Church of England	Henry VII 1485-1509 Henry VIII 1509-47 Edward VI 1547-53 Mary I 1553-58 Elizabeth I 1558-1603
1642-1651	English Civil War	James I 1603-25 Charles I 1625-49 Charles II 1660-85 James II 1685-88 William III 1688-1702
1750-1850	Industrial Revolution	Anne 1702-14 George I 1714/27 George II 1727/60 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
2021	The title has not to have been used for 788 years.	Elizabeth II 1952-

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