

Flambards Manor Timeline

Flambards Manor in Meldreth Grid Ref: TL 3780 4579 Oval Medieval Moat: Monument No 368421					Meldreth Timeline
	Manorial History/Owners	Archaeological Evidence	Flambards Mill	Miscellaneous	
1000 BC to 760 BC (late Bronze Age)					<i>"Meldreth Hoard" dates from the late Bronze Age</i>
AD 1-1000					<i>Archaeological evidence has revealed occupation in Meldreth during the Prehistoric, Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods. (A.Taylor 1977 ISBN 1879724843) including an extensive Romano-British site.</i>
C 960		Suggested date for Flambards by T C Lethbridge following excavation in 1933/34			<i>Earliest Church in Meldreth probably dates from around 970.</i>
1066	'Flambards was held to the demesne of the church of Ely, St. Etheldredra. (Domesday Book)				
1070		Suggested date for a fire on the platform by WM Palmer [TC Lethbridge PCAS]			
1086	Tenant-in Chief was Hardwin of Scales and Lord of the manor was Hugh Pedefold (Domesday Book) who also held land under Hardwin in Shepreth. (V.C.H. Cambs.i.387).				<i>There were 9 entries for Meldreth in the Domesday Book Total population: 61 households (very large) Total tax assessed: 11.8 geld units</i>

	Hundred: Arringford; County: Cambridgeshire				(very large). See the Open Domesday site for full details.
c. 1100	When Hardwin died his estates were divided between his sons Richard and Hugh. (Cur. Reg. R.V. 139).				
Late 12 th century					Parts of the present church date from the late 12 th century
12 th to 13 th century		Date given to mirror case found in test pit 7 in 2013. See also the paper, Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements – Results of the University of Cambridge CORS project in 2013 by Carena Lewis			
1230-50		Date of Henry III coin found in 1934 – minted London			
1235	Until about this time the descendants of Hugh of Scales retained their lands in Meldreth, Shepreth and Malton (Bk, of Fees ii 924).				
1265	The lands of Nicholas le Vavasour,				

	including estates in Meldreth, Malton and Melbourn were divided between his daughters, Agnes married to Roger Thornton and Amflice married to Phillip St Clowe. (Cf. V.C.H. Cambs. v 244). The land in Meldreth is believed to be Flambards.				
1266	The daughters then swapped their lands. Amfelice granted to Agnes her half of the manors in Meldreth and Malton in return for other lands in Meldreth and Melbourn. (TNA CP25 (1)/25/32 no 4.)				
1292	Agnes's husband Roger Thornton died (Cal. Close, 1288-96 262)				
1299	His niece Eleanor who was his brother Batholowmew's daughter inherited his land including Flambards. She was a minor at the time of her inheritance. (Feud Aids, I 147,of.Cal.Inq.p.m.vi.p65. Cal Pat 1313-17,14).				
1312	Eleanor had married Ralph, son of William FitzRalph of Shepreth (TNA, CP25910/27/55,no.2 CUL Palmer MS. A 55; Flambards , VCH Cambs v 258)				
1323	Ralph FitzRalph held the manor lands (TNA C 34/62, no. 8)				
1332	Ralph died and his son Richard inherited his estates. (Ibid.C 135/33.no.4).				
1346	Richard's son John inherited as a minor and William de la March was probably his guardian.				
1348	John died and his uncle Thomas held the estates for life.				
1350	The estates were divided between				

	John's three sisters, the Meldreth portion going to Elizabeth, wife of Edmund Flambard (ibid. CP25(1)/28/76.no.13 VCH.Cambs.v.244,256, CUL Palmer, A55, Flambards, feud.Aids.i.171).				
1385	Edmund Flambard died and Elizabeth inherited his estates. This appears to be when the manor started to be called Flambards.				
1394	Elizabeth died and Eleanor, her daughter who was married to Walter Tyrell, inherited the estates. (VCH. Cambs, v. 244 246).				
1406	Walter Tyrell died and Eleanor and her son Edward, held the estates. They also had another son called John				
1422	Eleanor died and Edward being of age continued to hold the lands. (geni.com; People /Flambard (Tyrell)				
1442	Edward died and the lands were left to his nephew Thomas Tyrell. A modern translation of the will of Edward Tyrrell of Downham in Essex dated 1 October 1442, 9 December 1442 and 14 December 1442, is available which is taken from pp. 628-636 of The Register of Henry Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury 1414-1443, vol. II Jacob, E.F., ed.				
1444	Inquisition at Royston on land held by Eleanor Tyrell nee Flambard. There was the acknowledgment that her father Edmund had held 30 messuages,				

	540a of land 80a of meadow and £10 rent in the area, which then passed to his wife Elizabeth and on her death to their daughter Eleanor. [There is mentioned of a Tyrell family dispute concerning the Harrow lands around 1429 - VCH]				
1447	Thomas held three manors and was Sir Thomas Tyrell (Ibid. TNA, CP25 (!)/30; 98,no.22,Gal.Pat 1461-7, 169)				
1477	Sir Thomas Tyrell died and the estate passed to his grandson Sir Thomas Tyrell. (TNA, C 140/58, no71)				
1510	Sir Thomas died and his son, also Sir Thomas inherited the estates.				
1540	Sir Thomas died and his son John inherited but died the same year so his widow Anne held the manor in dower.				
1542	Anne married Sir William Petre, a politician.				
1549	Birth of John Petre to Anne nee Tyrell and Sir William				<i>Mid 16th century population: 47 households (possibly c. 220 people)</i>
1572	Sir William Petre died.				
1574	Sir Henry Tyrell released Flambards and the Shepreth manors to Anne.				
1582	Anne died and her son John, later Lord Petre, inherited Flambards and other manor lands (TNA C 142/201, no.83)				
1613	John, Lord Petre died and the lands were inherited by his son, William. (ibid.				

	C 142/660, no. 165 Complete Peerage, x.505-60)				
1637	William died and the lands passed to his younger son, John.				
1668	12 Nov Copy of Will of John Petre of Margareting, Essex, son of William Lord Petre deceased, bequeathing inter alia: Property in Margareting and Ingatestone, Essex. Manors of Tyrells in Shepreth and Flambards in Meldreth and messuages &c.: 30 shillings to poor of Shepreth. 13s 4d to poor of Meldreth. CRO R53/4/134				<i>Mid 17th century population: 70 households (possibly c. 330 people)</i>
1691	Elizabeth, John's widow was Lady of the manor. 21. Oct Court Rolls CRO L44/1				
1695	Elizabeth died and John's nephew Edward held the manor 22 Oct (VCH. Cambs.v.256, CRO, L44/1-2).				
1699 to 1720				Land tax records available CRO	
1706	Flambards passed to Elizabeth, Edward's daughter and her husband Roger Dickinson. 26/27 Nov Roger Dicconson of Holborn and Elizabeth his wife to Edward Brereton of Boras, Denbighshire. Lease and release, with Covenant to levy a Fine. CRO R53/4/400-401				
1708	17 Dec Roger Dicconson of Wesminster and Elizabeth his wife to Ralph Thorowgood of Ware, Herts. Mortgage				

	of Manors of Tyrrells in Shepreth and Flambards in Meldreth with appurtenances for £600. CRO R53/4/306				
1712	Roger Dickinson conveyed the manor to Samuel Coxall and John Browne (VCH.Cambs. v. 256 CRO,R53/4/400,TNA CP25(")/911/10 Anne East no.2).				
1720			Mill recorded on Flambards site as one of remaining mills in Meldreth. (Palmer, Richard Willowes, 12)		
1731	Samuel Coxall's son, Samuel Coxall inherited his father's estates.				
1744	His son, also Samuel inherits as a minor, (CRO R 53/4/316).				
1759	Samuel came of age and sold some of his estates (CRO R 53/4/313).				
1761	Eleanor Nightingale and her son Geoffrey are managing the family estates, which includes Flambards (Prob,11/7/83 (pcc 334 Greenly), BL Add MS,5808 ff. 49v-50,CRO L1/4pp52/3 80-1 Christ's Coll Mun leases 1761 -75)				
1766	Tenurial court matters held at Flambards and Edward Nightingale is Lord of the Manor. Sworn in were Izaak Coxall, Thomas Wayman and the steward Thomas Levington. (CRO ,R86/99 court rolls 1766-79).				
1771	Geoffrey Nightingale died and Eleanor in order to retain control of all the estates brought her son Edward home from the				

	madhouse. He shortly killed her in a fit of rage. (Horace Walpole's correspondence, ed WS.Lewis i 238- 40).				
1773	Gamaliel Nightingale, Geoffery's brother, inherited all the estates. (TNA.PROB 11/1200(PCC 33 Bever), BL Add MS 5808.f.49v.)				
1779	14 October Admission. CRO L92/94				
1782	Tenurial court matters held at Flambards and Edward Nightingale, Gamaliel's son is Lord of the Manor.				A new whipping post was erected in the village in 1782, at a cost of 1s.
1791	Gamaliel died and Edward his son inherits all his estates.				
1797	Tenurial court matters held at Flambards and Edward assumed the family Baronetcy (GEC.Baronetage ii 54-5).				
1798	Tenurial court matters held at Flambards. Suggested date for a property still being there in VCH However the book by Palmer on Layer suggests that the property in question was the house at Heron in the ownership of the Tyrell family [CAS LIII John Layer 1935 p 78]				
1801					Population: 444
1804	Baron Edward Nightingale died leaving all his estates to his son Sir Charles Ethelston Nightingale. (CRO, 70/62,L60/58).				
1815				Tax records CRO [up to 1948]	Roman Coffin found in Meldreth
1820	Sir C E Nightingale sold some of his Flambards land before enclosure to William May Underwood including the		Sir C E Nightingale sold some of his Flambards land before enclosure to William		

	moated site and the mill. (1820 Map)		May Underwood including the moated site and the mill. (1820 Map)		
1820	Inclosure: The map shows land and properties on the east of the parish and land to the west of the parish, the former freehold, the latter copyhold. C E Nightingale sold manor house and mill to William May Underwood and shortly after Meldreth's inclosure was completed Christ's College agreed with Sir Charles Nightingale to acquire c. 101 acres at the western edge of Meldreth, which in the 1830s was leased to the Nightingales and formed most of the land attached to Flambards manor. The lease descended with that manor to Biscoe Hill Wortham (VCH fn. 174) who held it in 1873. (VCH fn. 175)				Enclosure of the open fields in Meldreth
1831-2	Included in a sale: Manor of Flambards in Meldreth, with 167 acres of land in Meldreth and about 44 acres of land in open fields of Melbourn [L60/58] See also a Nottingham Archives record re sale under reference DD/FM/74/10 and /11				Population: 643
1830, 1832, 1835	William May Underwood was resident in Meldreth and in Poll Books; one says he holds freehold land and mill but no address. Not found there in either 1841 or 1851 census [see note below]		William May Underwood was resident in Meldreth and in Poll Books; one says he holds freehold land and mill but no address. Not found there in either 1841 or 1851 census [see note below]		A new set of stocks was made by William Course in 1833, costing £3, 2s.
C1840			A new mill was built,		

			probably on the site of an earlier mill.		
1841					Population: 730
1844	Biscoe Hill Wortham inherited land in Shepreth but this also included Flambards manor in Meldreth from father James via his brother Hale Wortham. BHW lived at Kneesworth House from c 1849.		August: Mill was advertised for sale by auction at The Bull in Royston as “a newly erected water corn mill on a never failing stream, with three pairs of French stones capable of working 50 sacks per week”. The mill was sold along with the miller’s cottage and six acres of pasture land, much of which was later planted as orchard. [Cambridgeshire Chronicle]		
1846			October: Another advertisement for the mill in Cambridgeshire Chronicle <i>[it’s not known if this means it did not sell the first time or was bought and then advertised for sale again]</i>		
1847	James W[o]ertham mentioned in Kelly’s Directory as land owner but had already died				
C 1849				BH Wortham acquires Kneesworth House etc from W Mason [?] CRO 294/0118	
1851	William May Underwood in Meldreth – Gardner’s directory . Same directory				Population: 776 Railway line and station opened in

	refers to the manor of Flambards and St Lowe being held by BH Wortham				<i>Meldreth</i>
	Census shows William May Underwood in Royston Workhouse in parish of Bassingbourn. Described as a pauper/miller aged 71.				
1853	William May Underwood dies on 19.3.1853 aged 70. Buried in Meldreth. No mention of BHW or mill in Post Office Directory		No mention of BHW or mill in Post Office Directory		
1858	No mention of BHW or mill in Kelly's Directory		No mention of BHW or mill in Kelly's		
1860					Stocks last used as a punishment for brawling in church.
1861					<i>Population: 735</i>
1864	No mention of BH W or mill in Kelly's Directory		No mention of BHW or mill in Kelly's		
1869	No mention of BHW or mill in Post Office Directory		No mention of BHW or mill in Post Office Directory		
1871			The miller was Christopher Scowen who was also a baker		<i>Population: 757</i>
1873	No mention of BHW or mill in Post and Commercial Directory		No mention of BHW or mill in Post and Commercial Directory		
1873	BH Wortham in Return of Land Owners list with 1534 a 2r 14p and income of £2651.17s		Christopher Scowen mentioned in Post and Commercial directory as baker and miller but not where he lived		
	No mention of BHW or mill in Post Office Trade Directory				
Prior to 1879			The mill was converted so that the mill stones could be driven by steam as well		

			as water.[<i>by whom ? owner or Lord of the Manor</i>]		
1879	No mention of Flambards or its mill in Kelly's Directory		26 th July An auction to sell the Mill . The now named Quakers Mill was sold to local farmer Mr Charles Ellis for £1,200 [Cambridgeshire Chronicle 8/1879]. At the time it was let to Samuel Jarman on a lease which expired in 1882. The land was described as 6 or 7 acres, with building frontage next to village street as well as house, stable, orchard, offices, pasture and orchard [296/SP 847]		
1880					<i>Late Bronze Age "Meldreth Hoard" found in village</i>
1881			Census Samuel Jarman was still the miller at Quakers Mill living next door to Charles Ellis at Oak Villa		<i>Population: 718</i>
1884/5			Reference to a Quakers Mill in Bassingbourn vestry book – liability for bridge nearby ref P8/8/1		
1888	Biscoe Hill Wortham listed as a principal landowner in Kelly's Directory		No mention of the mill in Kelly's Directory		
1891			Census: Nathan Driver and family in the High Street. A Miller.		<i>Population: 713</i>
1892	Biscoe Hill Wortham listed as a principal landowner in Kelly's Directory , and		Nathan Driver listed as miller in Kelly's Directory		

	Nathan Driver is listed as a miller (water)				
1895				Biscoe Hill Wortham died	
1896	Biscoe Hill Wortham and Nathan Driver listed in Kelly's Directory		Nathan Driver listed as miller In Kelly's Directory		
1897	A sale linked to the estate of BH Wortham and it included Kneesworth House and the Manor of Flamberds. Also appears to have included c. 65 a. in Meldreth and 71 a. in Melbourn when offered for sale (C.R.O., 296/SP 969). Manor held by son Briscoe Hale Layer Wortham who died in 1928 but trustees also named				
1897			Charles Ellis died and ownership of the Mill passed to his son, Hubert Oslar Shepherd Ellis .		
19 th C	Tenurial Court matters was held at the manor every 3-4 years.				
C1900			Mill Stopped working [C.R.O., Q/RDc 34; 296/SP 847; Butler, Meldreth, a personal view, 1.]		
1900	Lords of Manor includes trustees of BH Wortham Biscoe Hill Wortham and Nathan Driver listed in Kelly's Directory		Flambards Mill described as a water mill with Nathan Driver miller in Kelly's.		
1901			Census: Nathan Driver and family at Quakers Mill listed next to Oak Villa in the High Street		<i>Population: 626</i>
1904	Tenurial Court matters was held at the manor. Biscoe Hill Wortham and Nathan Driver		Nathan Driver still at Flambards	Trustees of BHW said to be Ernest Oswald and	

	listed in Kelly's Directory			Arthur Russell Fordham	
1905					A fire near Sheene Manor destroyed four cottages
1906	Henry Coke [?] and Arthur Dove were Lords of the Manor.[VCH] 6.3 Herbert Edgar Cook appointed new trustee from 12/2. Also a Herbert Edward Cooke of Bristol mentioned.			The will of Biscoe Hill Wortham was dated 3.4.1895 with eldest son BHL Wortham and Henry Cooke named as trustees	
1907	CRO ref for Rowley Son and Royce 76a.1r.19p. Arable in Melbourn, part freehold, part copyhold of manors of Flamberds and Melbourn cum Meldreth 296/SP 402				
1908					• A fire in the High Street destroyed seven cottages
1910			Land Valuation has HOS Ellis owned the mill with the occupier being Nathan Driver of a "mill and building". Fire around this time destroyed the mill, leaving only the chimney and wheel housing remaining.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meldreth School opened • The Bell Public House closed
1911				Census Describes Nathan Driver as a "fruit grower".	Population: 596
1912	No mention of Flambards Manor or the mill in Kelly's Directory				

1916	No mention of Flambards Manor or the mill in Kelly's Directory				
1917	29th October: Death of Arthur Dove			7 th January: Death of John George Mortlock	
1920	<p>Freehold house called the Warren, and 1a.2r; five cottages with gardens and a paddock-orchard, part copyhold of manor of Flamberds, all in Meldreth 296/SP 616. [<i>this appears to be recorded below at Manor was Percy Woodville Price new owner?</i>]</p> <p>Christ's college sold the land to the county council, which still owned it in 1977 when it was occupied by three tenants.[VCH]</p> <p>30th October: Minutes Record death of JG Mortlock, a copyholder of this manor. Will dated 6.10.1914. [Probate 30.9.20/estate £19112.3s.6d] Executors Georgina BR Mortlock and John Nash Woodham. The court roll says rights to Manor did not exceed £500</p>				<p>Bell's Postcards provide a snapshot of the village in the 1920s</p> <p>Jarman's Golden Ale Brewery in Meldreth closed</p>
1921	<p>26th February: Court Roll Admissing [?] Charlotte Elizabeth Thurley of Meldreth widow of attorney before Thomas Musgrave Francis steward to the Manor at his office in Cambridge with absolute surrender £100 GBR Mortlock and JN Woodham of Shepreth</p> <p>4 stud built and thatched cottages with gardens at the back in High Street</p>				Population: 572

	<p>occupied by ??, Farnham, Kenzie, Thurley and right of way to back of the premises over the roadway. GBR Mortlock and JN Woodham tenants lived there 31.10.1920[?] certified according to the rights of the manor not exceeding £500</p> <p>This Surrender was taken and accepted by Porter deputy steward £100 from CE Thurley very sorry. Annual rent 6d</p>				
1921 (continued)	<p>6.7 [?date 7.6]Award of enfranchisement to T Musgrave Francis steward to MAF compulsory enfranchisement under Copyhold Act 1894 Award £81.9s.4d /£4 pa.GBR Mortlock and JN Wortham tenants said copyhold land 23 of Copyhold Act becomes freehold henceforth 7.6.1921. allotment of land Syncrop Field 7a 2r 14p and Manting Brook and ancient inclosure family</p> <p>William Whitechurch ->W Parsons->Herbert Fordham etc to GBR Mortlock and JN Woodham 30.10.1920. Signed Fitch MAF</p> <p>27th June Agreement between MAF and GBR Mortlock and J Nash Woodham</p>				
1922	<p>Tenorial Court matters was held at the manor.</p> <p>22nd November</p> <p>Percy Woodville Price. Deed of enfranchisement. Lords of the Manor Herbert Edward Cooke [Bristol], Charles Wortham [Westbrook, Margate Kent],</p>				

	<p>Phillip William Temple, Hale Wortham [Kent]. Lords of the Manor of Flambards Percy Woodville Price of Meldreth Farmer and copyhold tenant 26.2.1921. GBR Mortlock and JN Woodham. Biscoe Hill Wortham will 3.4.1895. Eldest son Rev BH Wortham Henry Cooke [Henry D N gave up Trustee be executors Trustees. New Trustee Indenture 6.3.1906 Herbert Edgar Cook appointed 12.2. H Cooke and Charles W[ortham] pair. Arthur Dove died 29.10.1917. Phillip W Temple, Hale Wortham, Charles Wortham trustee have agreed with Percy Woodville Price tenant for the enfranchisement £20.9s.7p now freehold. £500</p>				
1922 (continued)	<p>5 stud thatched cottages converted into 1 each containing 5 rooms and outbuildings and gardens in High Street formerly occupied by Cosban and Reed -> Haddock-> Percy Woodville Price. Site of messuage formerly known as the Keys and secondly in italics '<i>rijore</i>' also in italics <i>JM RIJOSE</i> piece of land at orchard 3a and arable 5r at end of the land formerly known in occupation of Samuel Woods yearly tenant. Keys with garden half a covert occupied by John Speed rent 1s per annum and pasture 5r Robert Wing 1s pa Signed H Cooke C Wortham Percy Woodville Price TH Wortham</p>				

1923	In a talk, WMP mentions that the Kneesworth estate was not really made compact until 1840 when at enclosure of the parishes of Meldreth and Melbourn Christ's College to whom had come the estate owned by Colswyn exchanged it with Sir Charles Nightingale for the land belonging to Flambards Manor at Meldreth				<i>Inauguration of Meldreth War Memorial</i>
1925	No mention of Flambards Manor or the mill in Kelly's Directory				
1929	No mention of Flambards Manor or the mill in Kelly's Directory				
1931	11 th July Probate granted to J Nash-Woodham and Caroline Kate May Barlow Estate £11595.5s.16d			18 th March: Death of Georgina B R Mortlock	<i>Population: 597</i>
1933-34	No mention of Flambards Manor or the mill in Kelly's Directory of 1933	Excavated by T.C Lethbridge, W.M. Palmer, Cambridge Antiquarian Society See Flambards Manor: Archaeology for further details			
1936	No mention of Flambards Manor or the mill in Kelly's Directory				
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1940s			Sheldrick mentioned as farmer at Flambards Mill; [memories of Ken Winter]		<i>Topcliffe Mill stopped working</i>

1949				29 th October: Death of H O S Ellis . Probate 23.9.1950. Executors EA Hitch Ellis and J Hitch Ellis. Estate £ 2158.12s.11d	
1950				11 th July: Death of widow of HOS Ellis, Marion. Probate 2.1.1951. Executors JHV Oslar and Annie Bevis £2803 17s 10d	1956: Sailor's Return , The Dumb Flea and the Queen Adelaide public houses closed 1959: The Railway Tavern Public House closed
1951					Population: 636
1954					Leverington's Shop in the High Street destroyed by fire
1965				Planning permission given under 65/189 for estate to be built on 7.44 acres. Known as Flambards Close	
c. 1970				First houses built in what is now Flambards Close	
1971					
1972		Field			

		Investigation [F1 BHS 29/11/1972][odd ref suggests British Horse Society so footpaths not archaeology?]			
C 1972			Sara Butler : "Flambards Mill was in ruins long before my time"		
1991					<i>Population: 1740</i>
1993	February Bill Wing: Another mill where Flambards is now belonged to Mr Ellis. Also on the corner where Flambards is now stood an old cottage which got knocked down to build Flambards. Sheldrick's Mill was over the footbridge at the river at the back of Flambards				
2001					<i>Population: 1641</i>
2011					
2012	SCDC Document: Flambards Green owned by the Parish Council managed by the residents				
2013		Three test pits were dug on Flambards Green and one close to the site of the watermill as part of Meldreth Local History Group's Test Pit Project . See: Test Pit 7			

		Test Pit 8 Test Pit 19 Test Pit 6			
2014		<p>In 2014 a Geophysical Survey of Flambards Green was carried out. The results were inconclusive and no further archaeology is planned at this time.</p>			