

Manor of Sames , Parish of Cottenham, Cambridgeshire.

Legal Note : The present lord of the manor owns only the title. He does not have any piece of land. He does not have or pretend to have any kind of rights over any land in the manor area.

The identified lords of the manor of Sames

Prior the subinfeudation

Prior the creation of the manor of Sames (by subinfeudation) the territory was ruled by lords we will name pre-Lords

They were :

Ufi of Willingha
or **Lefwine son of Aethulf**
or **Athelstan Manneson** till 986, then his son **Godric or Aethelwine**, ealdorman of East Anglia
Or a combination of above **pre-Lord 1**

Then it came, after 996, and prior 1066, to the **abbey of Ely and his abbot** till 1109 **pre-Lord 2**

1109 : abbey of Ely becomes a cathedral, abbot becomes **Bishop of Ely** **pre-Lord 3**

A freehold, under the bishop of Ely

Sames is probably the freehold, under the overlord of bishop of Ely, owned by Walsh family :

Hugh Walsh has got it in 1190 **Lord 4**
Then his son **Roger Walsh** **Lord 5**
Then his son **Hugh Walsh**, he dies in 1247 **Lord 6**
Then his son **Roger Walsh** who stil holds it in 1253 **Lord 7**
Then his brother **Simon Walsh**, holding it in 1272 and 1293 **Lord 8**

Cecily Walsh (?-1328- ?) have some lands in 1328 and Simon Walsh in 1329. Then there are no more info about this family.

The manor takes the name of Sames

In 1328 **Hugh de Saham** (Soham) witnesses a granting of land on Cottenham. **Lord 9**
He has probably yet some land there. He may be the 9th lord

In 1333 **Simon de Saham** holds land in Cottenham **Lord 10**

The estate takes the name of its owner, SAHAM, this will become later SAMES

SAMES is now mentionned as a manor, bishop of Ely being the overlord

John Windsor of Rampton holds the manor in 1389 and 1392. **Lord 11**

He holds by **knight service** from bishop of Ely

Then it's obscure till **Thomas Burgoyne** who holds it in 1458 till his death in 1470 **Lord 12**

His son **John Burgoyne** inherits in 1470 and dies 1505 **Lord 13**

It then descends like *IMPINGTON* manor :

SAMES manor is divided between two daughters :

→ 1 half to Elizabeth Burgoyne, her husband is Thomas Thursby : they hold 1505 to 1543

Then their son Edmund Thusby holds 1543 to 1547.

His widow Ursula holds 1547 to 1567 (she married with Erasmus Spelman)

Her son Thomas Thursby from 1567 to 1579

He sells SAMES manor to John Pepys of Cottenham in 1579. John dies 1589

His son Thomas is supposed to inherit but executors take some delay and the half of the manor disappear from archive after 1596, possibly this half was merged and managed by the Pepys family with the manor of Pelhams (till 1780) also in Cottenham

→ 1 half to **Margareth Burgoyne**, her husband is George Heveningham **Lady 14**
They hold 1505 to 1530

Their daughter, **Mary Heveningham**, inherits 1530 she dies 1532/3 **Lady 15**

Her daughter **Anne** inherits 1532/3, her husband is Sir Ambrose Jermyn. They sell in 1549 **Lady 16**

The manor is sold in 1549 to **John Playforth** **Lord 17**

The manor is sold some time before 1596 to Sir Francis Hinde.

The lords of the manor of SAMES, CROWLANDS and LISLE :

When Francis Hinde of Madingley (knight since 1578) dies in 1596, he is lord of SAMES, CROWLANDS and LISLE (all in Cottenham). They will stay under the same owner, but keep separate records, they are not legally merged.

Sir Francis Hinde of Madingley (knight in 1578) dies in 1596 **Lord 18**

His son **Sir William Hinde** (knight in 1603) dies 1606 **Lord 19**

His widow **Elizabeth** dies in 1625, her third husband is Sir Arthur Capell **Lady 20**

Sir William Hinde's brother and heir Edward had sold his reversionary interest in 1615 to the Cambridge carrier Thomas Hobson. So **Thomas Hobson** get the manor in 1625. He dies in 1631 **Lord 21**

His heir is his grandson **Thomas Hobson**, who dies 1667. **Lord 22**

His widow is **Catherine** (second husband John Pepys dies 1692). She dies 1703 **Lady 23**

Her widowed daughter is **Catherine Winde** (1703-1721). **Lady 24**

She is a lunatic, the manor is committed to her daughter who inherits at her death in 1721

Alice Winde inherits so in 1721. She is wife of John Dacres, and George Rogers **Lady 25**

She left her possession in 1728 in Cottenham (including SAMES manor) to the antiquary

Roger Gale a great-nephew of her grandmother's husband John Pepys. **Lord 26**

Roger sells in 1737 to **Edward Snagge** who dies 1739 **Lord 27**

His cousin **George Snagge** inherits (he dies 1753) **Lord 28**

His widow **Ann** dies in 1770 **Lady 29**

1/3 goes to George's sister Mary Mart

2/3 goes to Ann's nephews and niece Richard, Thomas, and Ann Bacchus

William Finch Ingle aka William Finch Finch bought Mary part, and kept the manorial right later
Manorial court were held jointly till 1784

so **Mary Mart then William Finch Finch, and Richard+Thomas+Ann Bacchus**

are co-Lords and Ladies from 1770 to 1784.

co-Lords and Ladies 30

William Finch Finch kept the manorial right (1784) and he dies 1826

Lord 31

His son inherits, the **Revd. Henry Finch**

Lord 32

Henry sells the possessions to **Thomas Musgrave** in 1828

Lord 33

Thomas Musgrave will be later archbishop of York and dies in 1860

Musgrave's widow is **Elizabeth** (death 1863).

Lady 34

His nephew **C. B. Musgrave** inherits (he dies 1881)

Lord 35

And then his other nephew the **Revd. V. Musgrave** (dies 1906)

Lord 36

Then comes **Thomas Musgrave Francis of Quy Hall** (dies 1931)

Lord 37

His heir is **John Clement Wolstan Francis** (till 1978)

Lord 38

The next generations are kept private for data privacy reasons.

SAMES manor modern owner :

[kept private] of UK is the lord of manor in 2024,

Lord 39

and he sells SAMES manor separately of the other manors

to the present owner, Emmanuel Vespier (of Normandy), in 2024

Lord 40

Sources :

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