

William Field bio

William Field was baptized in Halifax parish, Sowerby, England, in 1548, died at Northowram, England, July 24, 1619. In 1593 he removed from Sowerby to Southowram and later established himself as a clothier in Northowram. He married, June 1, 1591, Susan Midgley, of Northowram, a member of a prominent coat armor bearing family of the neighborhood, the Midgleys of Midgley. She was baptized in Halifax parish in 1574, died March 6, 1623.

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William FIELD (Christopher, John, Christopher, John, Richard, Thomas, Adam, Richard, Roger), baptized Halifax Parish, Sowerby, England, 1548; married June 1, 1591, Susan Midgley, of Northowram. She died March 6, 1623. He died July 24, 1619. Residence Sowerby and Northowram, England. He was baptized in Halifax parish, Sowerby, England, and married in Halifax church, as is recorded in its registers. His wife, Susan Midgley, was baptized there in 1574, when she is called daughter of John Midgley, of Northowram. She belonged to an old family of that neighborhood - the Midgleys, of Midgley - whose arms sable, two bars gemelle or, on a chief of the second three caltrops of the first, were painted on the roof of Halifax church, together with those of the principal families who attended service there. The residents of Sowerby worshiped at their own chapel.

William Field removed from Sowerby to Southowram within a year or two of 1593, and we find a confirmation of this in the Wakefield rolls which show that Grace, daughter of Richard Barestow, surrendered in 1594 lands in Northowram to William Feild of Southowram. This deed is also mentioned, under the same year, in the docket at Wakefield. Shortly after purchasing this property, in Northowram, which was the home of his wife's family, he removed there, and passed the remainder of his days there. There is a survey of this neighborhood among the Duchy of Lancaster court rolls, made April 20, 1607, in which it is stated that William Feilde doth hold by copy of his majesty a message called Causeye. This was a road or footpath raised above the surrounding land, usually passing over a morass, or damp ground. A small hamlet in Northowram is called Causeway End at the present day. Besides this causeway he held three acres of land whereof half an acre, used as pasture, and one and one-half acres, used as arable. Also the same William Feilde holdeth of his majesty by deed from my Lord of Leicester one acre and half a rod. According to the Wakefield rolls William Field, of Northowram, paid his fine in 1610 for one tenement, called Cawsey, with all his coppiehold lands, and in the same year he took of the lord four acres waste at Blackyers. In 1616 he was juror at Brighthouse court, and in 1618 he is referred to as a sub-tenant of William Sympson. In his last year William Field, Senior de le Cawsey surrenders lands after his decease to William, his son and heir. In 1619 William Feild, of Northowram, clothier, surrenders Horwithins to use of Joseph, his son. On July 15, 1619, he made his will, which is in the registry at York, and died soon after, as it was proved on the 10th of November following.

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