**History of Oakham Farm, Swanbourne**

**Timeline of main owners and transactions:**

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| **Date** | **Name** | **Detail** |
| 1767 | Robert Carter | House built |
| 1783 | John Deverell | Owner/Occupier |
| 1870 | William Selby Lowndes | Landlord |
| 1897 | Lord Cottesloe | Landlord |

From the Census we can find the early succession of tenant farmers from 1841 and their families who lived and worked there:

| **Year** | **Name** | **Age** | **Family** | **Other** |
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| 1841 | John WoodwardSarah WoodwardFrancis WoodwardThomas WoodwardLouisa OrchardAnn Grey | 63502321205 | Head, FarmerSecond WifeSon, single Son, singleServant, single  |  |
| 1851 | Francis WoodwardThomas WoodwardEliza WoodwardSarah WoodwardAnn Grey | 3230275715 | Head, Farmer, single Brother, employed on the Farm, singleSister, employed at home, singleStepmother, widowNiece, Visitor | 220 acres, employing 9 labourers |
| 1861 | Francis WoodwardSarah WoodwardElizabeth GreyLouisa Turvey | 4365918 | Head, Farmer, singleStepmother, widowVisitor Dairy Maid, single | 228 acres, employing 8 men and 3 boys |
| 1871 | Francis WoodwardSarah WoodwardElizabeth Curtis | 577717 | Head, Farmer, single. (Partner with brother Thomas)Stepmother, widow General Servant, single | 228 acres, employing 6 men and 3 boys. Thomas (age 51) lives Nearton End, with wife Martha (age 42) and daughter Sarah A (age 5). |
| 1881 | Francis WoodwardElizabeth SeatonClara Cox | 645815 | Head, FarmerHousekeeper, Servant, widowGeneral Domestic Servant, single | 211 acres, employing 4 men and 2 boys |
| 1891 | Henry DancerAnnie R DancerAnnie E DancerEliza H DancerCharlotte DancerAnnie DytumWilliam Walker | 31236322516 | Head, FarmerFirst wife (nee Holt)Daughter, scholarDaughter Daughter Domestic servant, singleFarm Labourer, single |  |
| 1901 | Henry DancerAnnie DancerAnnie E DancerEliza H DancerCharlotte DancerAlfred Wm DancerJohn DancerHenry Francis Dancer | 4135151312942 | Head, FarmerSecond wife (nee Dytum)DaughterDaughterDaughterSon Son Son  |  |
| 1911 | Henry DancerAnnie DancerCharlotte DancerAlfred Wm DancerJohn DancerHenry Francis DancerDorothy Ann DancerRobert DancerFrederick Dancer | 514522191412972 | Head, FarmerSecond wifeDaughter, single, dressmakerSon, single, worker on farmSon, worker on farmSon, School Daughter Son Son  |  |
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During the 20th Century, the Fremantle family sold the farmhouse, and the name Holcombe was corrupted to Oakham Farm, and this name is retained today, with private owner occupiers.