**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 Woodward  Sarah Woodward  Francis Woodward  Thomas Woodward  Louisa Orchard  Ann Grey | 63  50  23  21  20  5 | Head, Farmer  Second Wife  Son, single  Son, single  Servant, single |  |
| 1851 | Francis Woodward  Thomas Woodward  Eliza Woodward  Sarah Woodward  Ann Grey | 32  30  27  57  15 | Head, Farmer, single  Brother, employed on the Farm, single  Sister, employed at home, single  Stepmother, widow  Niece, Visitor | 220 acres, employing 9 labourers |
| 1861 | Francis Woodward  Sarah Woodward  Elizabeth Grey  Louisa Turvey | 43  65  9  18 | Head, Farmer, single  Stepmother, widow  Visitor  Dairy Maid, single | 228 acres, employing 8 men and 3 boys |
| 1871 | Francis Woodward  Sarah Woodward  Elizabeth Curtis | 57  77  17 | 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 Woodward  Elizabeth Seaton  Clara Cox | 64  58  15 | Head, Farmer  Housekeeper, Servant, widow  General Domestic Servant, single | 211 acres, employing 4 men and 2 boys |
| 1891 | Henry Dancer  Annie R Dancer  Annie E Dancer  Eliza H Dancer  Charlotte Dancer  Annie Dytum  William Walker | 31  23  6  3  2  25  16 | Head, Farmer  First wife (nee Holt)  Daughter, scholar  Daughter  Daughter  Domestic servant, single  Farm Labourer, single |  |
| 1901 | Henry Dancer  Annie Dancer  Annie E Dancer  Eliza H Dancer  Charlotte Dancer  Alfred Wm Dancer  John Dancer  Henry Francis Dancer | 41  35  15  13  12  9  4  2 | Head, Farmer  Second wife (nee Dytum)  Daughter  Daughter  Daughter  Son  Son  Son |  |
| 1911 | Henry Dancer  Annie Dancer  Charlotte Dancer  Alfred Wm Dancer  John Dancer  Henry Francis Dancer  Dorothy Ann Dancer  Robert Dancer  Frederick Dancer | 51  45  22  19  14  12  9  7  2 | Head, Farmer  Second wife  Daughter, single, dressmaker  Son, single, worker on farm  Son, worker on farm  Son, 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.