

Property Name	CROWTREES
Alternative name(s)	OLD HALL
Location	#xx on map
First record	15thC

Description and inhabitants

Grade II listed Listing NGR: SD5713969850

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House, 1690, altered. Slobbered rubble with slate roof. 2 storeys, 4 bays. Windows rebated and chamfered with mullions, all of 2 lights except for those to the 2nd bay which are of 3 lights. The single-storey gabled porch in the 3rd bay appears to be an addition of c.1900. It has a re-set W cyma-moulded door surround with battlemented lintel inscribed: 'HIW 1690'. Above is a shield carved with a slung horn. Gable chimneys, the right-hand one projecting at 1st floor level on stone corbels. The right-hand gable wall has 2 one-light rebated and chamfered windows on each floor. Interior not accessible at time of survey, but said to contain no features of architectural interest.

Crow trees is the oldest house in the village, dating from at least the 15th century.

It was owned at some time by Pearsons of Storrs Hall and Martons of Capernwray - ??when, vaguely?

1690 – it is thought that Harry West carried out major rebuilding works to the property leaving his initials over the door. See *The Dated Buildings of South Lonsdale, Garnett, E (2007)*

1851 – Thomas Cornthwaite, farmer and wife Jane with 6 sons

1871 – James Atkinson, aged 66, farmer of 60 acres (born in Lancaster). Unmarried daughter, aged 37 (born in Halton). Illegitimate stepson John Relph, aged 51, farmer (born in Lancaster). Richard Hall, aged 35, boarder, labourer, unmarried, (born in Wennington). Thomas Curwinn aged 19, servant, born in Torrisholme.

By 1881 Alice Arkinson, Richard Hall and Thomas Curwin had moved away. John Carr, aged 50 in 1881 (born in Littledale) was living there and farming 90 acres, jointly, with John Relph. Also in 1881 there was Mary Ann Relph, aged 63, Atkinson's stepdaughter, born in Lancaster and Sarah Hall, aged 18 in 1881, servant from Hornby.

1881/5 – John Relph, farmer

January 1890 – death of James Atkinson aged 85 of Crowtrees and formerly resident of Aughton. Had moved from Aughton 32 years previous and was clerk of Aughton Church for 52 years

1898 – Christopher Metcalfe, farmer

1901/4 - John Thistlethwaite, farmer. The same Thistlethwaite family later farmed at Sunny Bank Farm and daughter Madge married Reg Gregson, followed by daughter Eileen married David Barton and their sons Mark and Graeme.

September 1938 – Messrs T Armistead & Son received instructions from Mr James Braithwaite to sell by Auction the whole of 32 head of choice young dairy cattle and young stock, 58 sheep, horse and 2 pigs. The 1939 census showed him still being a dairy farmer.

Mr & Mrs James Braithwaite had a daughter Nellie but no record of when they came to the property.

David and June Pellet farmed jersey cows here and his parents lived at Eskrigg House thus using the land from both properties. They had a daughter Fran. When he decided to give up farming the property was sold.

Mr & Mrs Lockett – there in 1968+

Peter and Irene Stiles. They had a son called Robert and a daughter called ?.

In 1970 they converted the bull pen into a house and moved into that and sold Crowtrees House.

March 1983 Nick Mason, a land agent at Davis and Bowring came to live here with his wife Tiggy.

March 1986 they moved south for his work and sold the property.

Rosalie Warburton

1995 bought by the Barry Henning and Keltse Iriondo with children Amaya and Elena

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