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## APPENDIX A

### Chronology of Ownership and Occupancy

Dates in bold denote dates when the ownership of Rothamsted was transferred.

- 1212 First mention of the manor of Rothamsted.
- 1221** Gubion
- c. 1292** Nowell (Noel, Nele)
- 1355** Cressy
- 1525** Bardolph
- 1623** Sold to Anne Wittewronge , widow of Jacob Wittewronge (1558-1622).
- 1639** Given to Sir John Wittewronge (1618–1693), son of Anne and Jacob, on his majority. Knighted in 1639 and created 1st Baronet of Rothamsted and Stantonbury in 1662.
- 1693** James Wittewronge (1647-1721), Sir John’s 2nd son. Stantonbury and baronetcy to Sir John’s eldest son, John.
- 1721** Jacob Wittewronge [The Younger] (1693-1728), grandson of James.
- 1728** James Wittewronge [The Younger] (1720-1748), son of Jacob.
- 1738** Manor House let to 5th Earl of Dysart.
- 1748** Thomas Wittewronge (1723-1763), brother of James. Died unmarried.
- 1757** Manor House let to 3rd Earl of Harborough and to John Crawley.
- 1758** Manor House let to Lord Huntingtower.
- 1763** John Bennet (1722-1783), first cousin of Thomas Wittewronge.
- 1783** John Bennet Lawes [The Elder] (1768-1822), nephew of John Bennet.
- 1801** Death of John Bennet’s widow, Sarah. Start of John Bennet Lawes’ residence.
- 1822** Sir John Bennet Lawes (1814-1900), son of John Bennet Lawes [The Elder]. Manor house let until 1834, when he took up residence. Field experiments begun in 1843.
- 1900** Sir Charles Lawes-Wittewronge (1843-1911), son of Sir John Bennet Lawes.
- 1911** Lawes-Wittewronge family left Rothamsted. Manor House let to Major Ralph B. Sidebottom and Hon. Mrs. Sidebottom from 1911-1939.
- 1934** Sold to Lawes Agricultural Trust. Manor House and buildings converted into halls of residence in 1951-52, and also used for meetings and conferences.