



A Plague Doctor

## Thomas Lanfyre 1585-1636 and Jane Fowler 1590-1636

In 1606 an outbreak of the Plague caused the death of 55 inhabitants in Calne. Then in 1636-1637 a further outbreak of the plague resulted in the death of 193 of its inhabitants, seven of whom belonged to the same family of Lanfyres including both parents and five of their children.

### Vital Records of Thomas Lanfyre and Jane Fowler

<b>Name</b>	Thomas Lanfyre
<b>Baptism Date</b>	17th May 1585
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Rogeri Lanfyre
<b>Marriage</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Place of Marriage</b>	24th July 1609
<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plaque in 1636 aged 51
<b>Burial</b>	7th December 1636
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	Jane Fowler
<b>Baptism Date</b>	4th October 1590
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Richard Fowler
<b>Marriage</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Place of Marriage</b>	24th July 1609
<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plague in 1636 aged 46
<b>Burial</b>	26th October 1636
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

### Vital Records of the Children of Thomas Lanfere and Jane Fowler

<b>Name</b>	Marye Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	19th April 1612
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Marriage</b>	31st May 1635.
<b>Place of Marriage</b>	St. Mary Calne
<b>Spouse</b>	Peter Tydcombe, Jnr.

<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plague in 1636
<b>Burial</b>	5th May 1636
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	Ann Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	24th July 1614
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Marriage</b>	3rd December 1637
<b>Place of Marriage</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Spouse</b>	Ralph Rummyn
<b>Death</b>	August 1679 at Hilmarton
<b>Notes</b>	Anne had a number of children with Ralph. Ralph was buried 10 July 1681 in Wiltshire.

<b>Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	21st April 1616
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Marriage</b>	Unknown
<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plague in 1637 aged 21
<b>Burial</b>	18th April 1637
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	Joane Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	8th February 1617
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Marriage</b>	26th June 1637
<b>Place of Marriage</b>	St. Mary Calne
<b>Spouse</b>	Samuel Corke
<b>Death</b>	1647

<b>Name</b>	Jane Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	6th June 1619
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Marriage</b>	Unknown
<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plague in 1636 aged 17
<b>Burial</b>	2nd March 1636
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	Roger Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	7th October 1621
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plague in 1637 aged 15
<b>Burial</b>	25th March 1637
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	Elyzabethe Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	29th August 1624
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Death</b>	Died in 1624 as an infant
<b>Burial</b>	09 Sep 1624
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	Elizabeth Lanfere
<b>Baptism Date</b>	1st October 1625
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfere
<b>Death</b>	Possibly of the plague in 1636 age 11
<b>Burial</b>	17th March 1736
<b>Place of Burial</b>	Wiltshire

<b>Name</b>	John Lanfer
<b>Baptism Date</b>	12th September 1630
<b>Baptism Place</b>	St. Mary, Calne
<b>Father's Name</b>	Thomas Lanfier

No further records that relates to John Lanfer have been found in the English records. It is believed that John went to Ireland but more research is required. He was too young to fight in the English Civil War. Having been orphaned aged 6 it is possibly that either his sister Anne or Joane may then have taken care of him. Joane died when John was barely 17. He would have struggled as an orphan to gain an apprenticeship which would be severely affected by the loss of father and elder brothers. With few prospects and virtually no living family members it is believed he joined Cromwell's Army and went to Ireland. Perhaps he remained there to start a new life. This would also explain why he was the only Lanphier to arrive in Ireland.

#### **OPC Notes**

In the 17th century in Calne plague victims were carried up Mill Lane and buried on the far side of the river behind what are now the houses on Anchor Road. It is unlikely they would have been buried in the churchyard for fear of spreading the disease further.