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## Mansfield History, Family Crest & Coats of Arms

The name Mansfield arrived in [England](#) after the [Norman Conquest](#) of 1066. The Mansfield family lived in *Mansfield*, a parish in [Nottinghamshire](#). The place-name itself is a combination of Celtic and [Anglo-Saxon](#) terms, and literally signifies the field by the hill called *Mam*, from the Celtic word for a *mother* or a *breast*.

### Early Origins of the Mansfield family

The surname Mansfield was first found in [Nottinghamshire](#) at Mansfield, a market town that dates back to the [Domesday Book](#) of 1086 where it was listed as Mamesfelde. <sup>[1]</sup> The place name literally means "open land by the River Maun," from the Celtic river name + the Old English word "feld." <sup>[2]</sup> Looking back further, the area is known to date back to Roman times, with a villa discovered in 1787 by a Major Rooke and a cache of denarii coins found near King's Mill in 1849. Some claim the early English royalty were said to have stayed in the area, with the Mercian Kings using it as a base for hunting in the nearby Sherwood Forest.

### Early History of the Mansfield family

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Another 106 words (8 lines of text) covering the years 1066, 1659 and 1666 are included under the topic Early Mansfield History in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.

### Mansfield Spelling Variations

A multitude of [spelling variations](#) characterize Norman surnames. Many variations occurred because Old and Middle English lacked any definite spelling rules. The introduction of Norman French to [England](#) also had a pronounced effect, as did the court languages of Latin and French. Therefore, one person was often referred to by several different spellings in a single lifetime. The various spellings include Mansfield, Manfield, Mansfeild and others.

### Early Notables of the Mansfield family (pre 1700)

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### Migration of the Mansfield family to Ireland

Some of the Mansfield family moved to [Ireland](#), but this topic is not covered in this excerpt. More information about their life in [Ireland](#) is included in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.

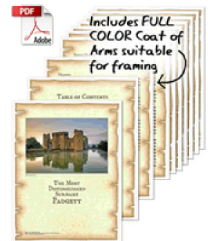
### Migration of the Mansfield family to the New World and Oceania

Many English families left [England](#), to avoid the chaos of their homeland and migrated to the many British colonies abroad. Although the conditions on the ships were extremely cramped, and some travelers arrived diseased, starving, and destitute, once in the colonies, many of the families prospered and made valuable contributions to the cultures of what would become the United States and Canada. Research into the origins of individual families in North America has revealed records of the immigration of a number of people bearing the name Mansfield or a variant listed above:

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**Mansfield Settlers in United States in the 17th Century**

- Davy Mansfield, who settled in Virginia in 1623
- Davy Mansfield, who landed in Virginia in 1623 <sup>[3]</sup>
- Robert Mansfield, who settled in Lynn Massachusetts in 1630
- Thomas and Jane Mansfield, who settled in Virginia in 1634
- John Mansfield, who settled in Boston in 1634
- ... (More are available in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.)

**Mansfield Settlers in United States in the 18th Century**

- Marry Mansfield, who landed in Virginia in 1718 <sup>[3]</sup>
- Elizabeth Mansfield, who arrived in Carolina in 1724 <sup>[3]</sup>
- John Mansfield, who arrived in America in 1765 <sup>[3]</sup>
- Elizabeth Mansfield, who settled in Maryland in 1774

**Mansfield Settlers in United States in the 19th Century**

- Charles Mansfield, aged 20, who landed in New York in 1812 <sup>[3]</sup>
- Marg Mansfield, aged 25, who landed in America in 1822 <sup>[3]</sup>
- L J Mansfield, who arrived in San Francisco, California in 1850 <sup>[3]</sup>
- Henry Mansfield, who landed in Texas in 1850-1906 <sup>[3]</sup>
- James Mansfield, who arrived in Allegany (Allegheny) County, Pennsylvania in 1850 <sup>[3]</sup>
- ... (More are available in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.)

**Mansfield Settlers in Canada in the 18th Century**

- John Mansfield, who arrived in Nova Scotia in 1749

**Mansfield Settlers in Canada in the 19th Century**

- Peter Mansfield, who landed in Nova Scotia in 1822
- Margaret Murphy Mansfield, who arrived in Nova Scotia in 1840

**Mansfield Settlers in Australia in the 19th Century**

- Richard Mansfield, a baker, who arrived in [New South Wales, Australia](#) sometime between 1825 and 1832
- William Mansfield, English convict from London, who was transported aboard the "Argyle" on March 5th, 1831, settling in [Van Diemen's Land, Australia](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- Edward Mansfield, English convict from Middlesex, who was transported aboard the "Andromeda" on November 13, 1832, settling in New South [Wales, Australia](#) <sup>[5]</sup>
- George Mansfield, who arrived in Adelaide, [Australia](#) aboard the ship "Seppings" in 1839 <sup>[6]</sup>
- Richard Mansfield, who arrived in Adelaide, [Australia](#) aboard the ship "Britannia" in 1846 <sup>[7]</sup>
- ... (More are available in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.)

**Mansfield Settlers in New Zealand in the 19th Century**

- Thomas Mansfield, who landed in Wellington, New Zealand in 1844
- Henry Mansfield, who arrived in Wellington, New Zealand aboard the ship "Alma" in 1857
- Robert Mansfield, aged 40, a labourer, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Maori" in 1864
- Ann Mansfield, aged 44, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Maori" in 1864
- Robert John Mansfield, aged 21, a labourer, who arrived in Auckland, New Zealand aboard the ship "Maori" in 1864
- ... (More are available in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.)

**Contemporary Notables of the name Mansfield (post 1700)**

- Sir Peter Mansfield [FRS](#) (1933-2017), British physicist awarded the 2003 [Nobel Prize](#) in Physiology or Medicine

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- Burt James Ray Mansfield (1941-1996), American [NFL](#) football center
- Walter Roe Mansfield (1911-1987), American jurist, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1971-1987)
- Joseph King Fenno Mansfield (1803-1862), American career United States Army officer, civil engineer, and a Union general in the American Civil War, mortally wounded at the Battle of Antietam
- Arabella Mansfield (1846-1911), the first American female lawyer
- Jayne Mansfield (1933-1967), born Vera Jayne Palmer, American actress and sex symbol, her tragic death in a car accident inspired the addition of an ICC bar or better known as the Mansfield bar on the back of tractor trailers
- Michael Joseph "Mike" Mansfield (1903-2001), Montana politician and statesman, the longest-serving Senate Majority Leader (1961 to 1977), recipient of the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#)
- Edwin Mansfield (1930-1997), American professor of economics
- Harvey Mansfield (b. 1932), Harvard Government Professor and conservative political commentator
- John Vincent Mansfield (b. 1946), English former [footballer](#)
- ... (Another 6 notables are available in all our [PDF Extended History products](#) and printed products wherever possible.)

## Historic Events for the Mansfield family

### [HMS Prince of Wales](#)

- Mr. Norman Leonard Mansfield (1922-1942), English Radio Operator from Hayes, Middlesex, [England](#), who sailed into battle on the [HMS Prince of Wales](#) and survived the sinking, was listed as missing in action 1942 <sup>[8]</sup>

### [HMS Repulse](#)

- Mr. William Mansfield (b. 1907), British Ordinary Seaman, who sailed into battle on the [HMS Repulse](#) and died in the sinking <sup>[9]</sup>

### [HMS Royal Oak](#)

- William Harry Mansfield (1913-1939), British Stoker 1st Class with the Royal Navy aboard the HMS Royal Oak when she was torpedoed by U-47 and sunk; he died in the sinking <sup>[10]</sup>

## Suggested Readings for the name Mansfield

- *Mansfield Genealogy* by Geneva A. Daland.

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