



CANNON HALL
MUSEUM PARK & GARDENS

Living the High Life at Cannon Hall

Children's
trail



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When was Cannon Hall built?

There's been a building here since the 13th Century. The current hall was built in 1699 but most of the work that made it as big and fancy as it is today took place in Georgian times (1714-1837).

Who lived here?

Cannon Hall was owned by the Spencer family (later called the Spencer-Stanhopes) who created a mighty ironmaking empire that stretched for many miles.

The Industrial Revolution meant that there was great demand for iron and coal. The Spencer family became rich. They married into other wealthy families and became even richer!



JOHN SPENCER (1719-1776)

John Spencer chose the best architects and designers to make his home as fashionable as possible. He filled it with the most beautiful treasures that money could buy.

He spent millions on building work, and that was before he'd even started on the park and gardens!

FRUITY FACT

In Georgian times eating a pineapple was very posh indeed. It was the perfect way to show off to your friends!

John Spencer built a special greenhouse so that he could grow his own.

He even had them sent to him when he was in London. Now that's posh!



WALTER SPENCER-STANHOPE (1750-1821)

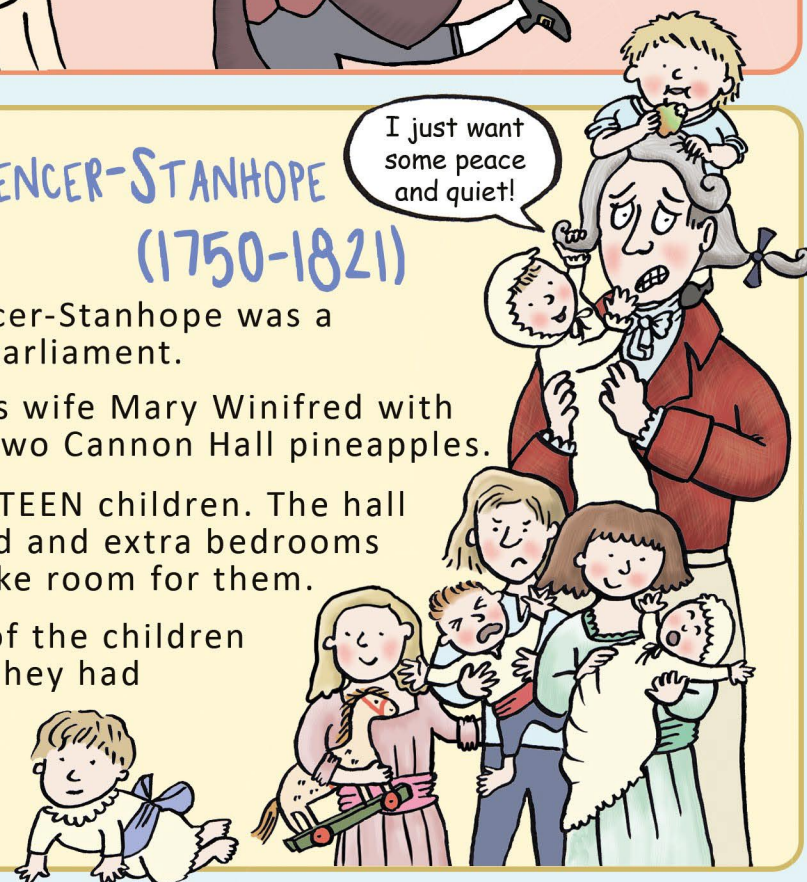
Walter Spencer-Stanhope was a Member of Parliament.

He wooed his wife Mary Winifred with the offer of two Cannon Hall pineapples.

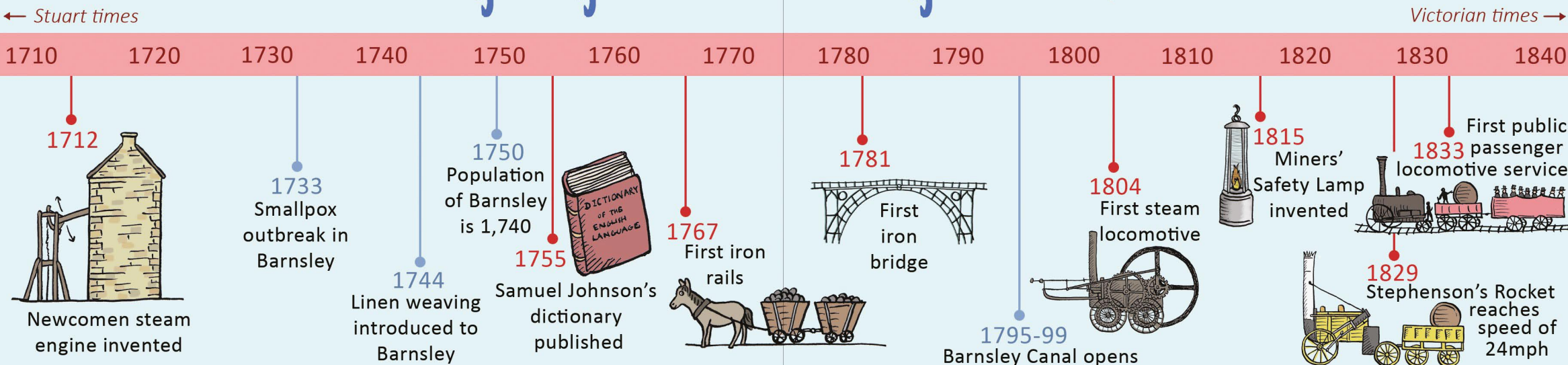
They had FIFTEEN children. The hall was extended and extra bedrooms added to make room for them.

Sadly three of the children died before they had grown up.

I just want some peace and quiet!



What else was going on in Georgian times?



I spy at Cannon Hall...

Here are some things to spot as you explore the hall. How many can you spot in the rooms which are open today? Be sure to look carefully as some of them are well hidden!

Can you spot me hiding in each room in the picture?



The Dining Room
This very grand room was where the family ate their meals and entertained visitors.

- a lovely lobster
- a peppy parrot
- a curly chap

Drawing Room
This comfortable room was where family members and guests would come to relax and drink tea together.

- Lady wearing a frilly bonnet
- Tudor girl

The Music Room
This small room was where the family came to relax and spend time together when they didn't have any guests to entertain.

- 3 greedy goats
- a sphynx
- the man in the moon

The Library
An impressive library was essential in order to impress your guests, as well as being a quiet place for reading and study.

- a lady
- a grumpy goat

The Blue Bedroom
This is now an art gallery so be sure to take a good look at all the paintings.

- a frightened horse
- a two-headed beast

The Oak Panelled Bedroom
There are lots more paintings in here too!

- a slimy snail
- a scampering bug
- a dog wagging his tail

The Victorian Kitchen
Meals were prepared in the kitchen under the watchful eye of the House Keeper. The servants had to wait until the family upstairs had been fed before they could eat their own dinners!

a knife and fork fit for a giant!

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These were made to be hung outside a butcher's shop. Shopkeepers used to do this so that people who couldn't read could tell what type of shop it was.

Servants' Hall

The Victorian Kitchen

Searching for Ceramics!

These fancy ceramics from Cannon Hall museum have lots of different things painted on them. Can you find all 10 in the grid below?



hog

pears



owl

flowers



pattern

stag



dragon

bees



sheep

ship



u	r	s	h	e	e	p
s	e	e	b	n	f	d
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