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CLASSIFICATION	SUBJECT	SOURCE	DATE
H.S 1	Highfield House		21.12.60

Remnant

ONE of the oldest houses in Highfield, now being demolished to make way for flats in this Southampton suburb, was a gardener's cottage when a gallows site was marked on maps of Bassett, and the Romsey turn-

pike still collected tolls at what is now Commercial-road.

The house stands in Oakmount-avenue and was once part of the old Highfield House estate.

Over the years the cottage has been added to . . . portions of stonework have been replaced by bricks, doorways added and bricked up, the thatched roof removed and replaced by slates.

Today the house is a hotch-potch of building, but the stonework is clearly visible where the line of the thatched roof once was.

Highfield House, built somewhere between 1810 and 1845, was demolished long ago to make way for flats. Today all that remains of the estate is a small lodge at the point where Oakmount-avenue joins Southampton Common.