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Regulations for admitting persons to the Freedom of the Borough were first laid down in the reign of Edward III and revised in the reign of Elizabeth I, and again in 1652, 1758, 1796, 1807, and 1823. By the time of the Municipal Corporations Reform Act 1835 admission was confined to

- Sons of Freemen, who could be admitted at 16
- Apprentices of Freemen, who could be admitted on the expiry of their Indentures provided they were then 21
- Persons who purchased the Freedom
- Persons to whom the Freedom had been presented.

The Act brought to an end the ability to purchase a Freedom.

The sons and apprentices of Freemen had to pay fines on admittance, whilst the cost of purchase was 'not less than Ten pounds and Ten shillings' in 1796. Freemen were allowed to trade and had common rights on Lancaster Marsh.

Those listed have Levens connections. The Roll shorthand, e.g. Rich or Rich'd for Richard, has been ignored.

Date	Name
1767-8	William Bond of Levens son of Richard. of Cockerham
1770/1	William Hoggart, son of Richard of Nether Levens ¹
1772/3	John Parker of Leavens in Westmorland
1779/80	Richard Bowsfield of Levens, husbandman, son of John of Docker Garths, husbandman
	Addison Parker of Beathwaite Green, husbandman, son of John
	Robert Parker of Carron fforge in North Britain, hammerman, son of John of Levens in Westmorland, husbandman
1783/4	William Crawdson of Beathwaite Green, husbandman, son of John
1785/6	John Parker of Liverpool, bookkeeper, son of John, late of Levens, husbandman
1801/2	William Bond of Poulton by the Sands, husbandman, son of William of Levens
	Francis Bond of Old Hutton son of William of Levens, husbandman
1806/7	Richard. Bond of Poulton, husbandman, son of Richard, late of Beathwaite Green, husbandman
	James Backhouse Bindless of Manchester, manufacturer, son of Richard, late of Helsington near Kendal, formerly Highbarn
	Simpson Parker of Kendal, soldier in the 2 nd Lancashire Militia, son of Addison parker, late of Beathwaite Green
1817/18	John Croudson of Heversham, husbandman, son of William of Beathwaite Green, husbandman

¹ A Richard Hoggart of Helsington paid a fine of £6.6s.0d. to be admitted on 11 June 1757

