

Chronology of *Mansfield Park* (1814), by MacKinnon and Chapman (with interpolations):  
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Vol. 1		
1783		Marriage of Maria Ward and Sir Thomas Bartram, Bart, MP (5)
1789		Marriage of Frances Ward and Lieut Price, also Mrs Norris to Rev. Norris Birth of William Price
1790		Birth of Frances Price (Fanny)
1801		Mrs Norris writes to Mrs Price about Fanny (6), Fanny arrives MP (11)
1803	Easter	Fanny receives a pony (50)
1806	Spring	Rev. Mr Norris dies (18), Dr Grant and Mrs Grant arrive (19)
1807	Spring	Sir Thomas and Tom to Antigua for a year (25)
1808	Spring	Death of Fanny's pony (27), new horse (28), Mr Rushworth courts Maria (29)
	April	Sir Thomas consents to engagement (30) but wants marriage delayed to July
	July	Fanny's 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday (30), Crawfords arrive to visit Mrs Grant (30)
	Summer	Tom returns from Antigua (28), spurns Crawfords to attend races (35)
	Late summer	Party to Sotherton (59)
	August	Tom returns from races (81), Fanny dances with him at MP, Yates arrives (83)
	September-October	<i>Lovers' Vows</i> rehearsed (89-120)
	October	Sir Thomas returns (120)
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	November	Wedding of Maria and Mr Rushworth (139), Fanny dines at Parsonage (153)
	December	William on furlough (160)
1808	Thurs., 22 Dec. Fri., 23 Dec.	Christmas Ball at Mansfield Park (174-93) Edmund goes to Lessingby "to receive ordination in the course of the Christmas week" (175)
		Henry and William go to London (182, 193)
	<i>Fri.-Sun.</i> 30 Dec.-	
1809	1 Jan.	Edmund does not return, though his week was up (195)
	<i>Mon.</i> , 2 Jan.	Mary makes her way to the Park (196), Henry returns (199, 204)
	<i>Tues.</i> , 3 Jan.	He sits with Lady Bertram and Fanny (199)
	<i>Wed.</i> , 4 Jan.	He tells Fanny of William's promotion and makes his offer of marriage (204-5))
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	Thurs., 5 Jan.	Fanny's interview with Sir Thomas (212-3)
	Fri., 6 Jan.	Henry's interview with Sir Thomas (224)
	Mon.- Tues, 9-10 Jan.	Edmund returns, after an absence of more than a fortnight (226)
	Tues.-Wed., 10-11 Jan.	Henry dines at the Park (228)
	Thurs., 12 Jan.	Edmund dines at the Parsonage (238)
	Fri., 13 Jan.	Edmund and Fanny discuss her affairs and his (235-8)
	Sat., 14 Jan.	Fanny expects Mary's visit (242)
	<i>Sun.</i> , 15 Jan.	Mary says good-bye to Fanny (243)
	<i>Mon.</i> , 16 Jan.	The Crawfords leave Mansfield. Edmund had stayed away more than a fortnight from 23 Dec., and if he had stayed five or six days longer would have returned on that very Monday (248)
	? Sat. 28 Jan.	William arrives on ten days' leave (249)
	Mon., 6 Feb.	Three weeks after the Crawfords' departure Fanny and William leave Mansfield Park and sleep at Newbury (254-5)
	<i>Tues.</i> , 7 Feb.	They reach Portsmouth in daylight (255)
	Sat., 11 Feb.	The Thrush sails "within four days" (264)
	Thurs., 16 Feb.	Mary writes to Fanny that Henry went to Norfolk ten days ago, perhaps "for the sake of being traveling at the same time you were" (267)
	Sat., 25 Feb.	Edmund goes to London
	Tues., 28 Feb.	Mrs Rushworth opens one of the best houses in Wimpole Street (267)
	Sat., 4 Mar.	Fanny had been nearly four weeks from Mansfield. Henry walks into the room

- (271)  
*Sun.*, 5 Mar. They walk on the ramparts, in April weather though it was really March. Accused of having been in Portsmouth a month, Fanny says: "Not quiet a month.—It is only four weeks tomorrow since I left Mansfield." "You are a most accurate and honest reckoner. I should call that a month." "I did not arrive here till Tuesday evening." (277-9)
- Mon.*, 6 Mar. Henry leaves for London (281)  
*Wed.*, 8 Mar. Mary's letter (written no doubt on Tuesday) reaches Portsmouth. Henry, she says, cannot be allowed to go to Norfolk again "before the middle of next week, that is, he cannot any how be spared till after the 14<sup>th</sup>, for *we* have a party that evening." (281-2)
- Tues.*, 14 *Mar.* Mrs Fraser's party (283)  
*Sat.*, 18 Mar. Edmund returns to Mansfield (285-6)  
 ? *Sat.*-*Sun.* 25-26 Mar. Fanny receives Edmund's letter. On this day "seven weeks of the two months were very nearly gone"; they would be up on *Mon.* 27 March. *At latest* therefore it is *Sun.* 26 March. The *Saturday*, therefore on which Edmund returned to Mansfield is 18, not 25 March. He was in London three weeks, which would make his arrival there *Sat.* 25 Feb. He was not in London when Mary wrote on 16 Feb. (267); and about 4 March Fanny was supposing him to have been there a week (271). He had not seen Henry since 14 March (286)
- Mon.*, 27 March. The Grants leave for Bath (288)

A few days later (289) Fanny receives Lady Bertram's letter announcing Tom's illness. Some days after this—for her aunt writes "again and again" (291)—comes the news of his being at Mansfield. About a week later (291) comes the letter from Edmund revealing the truth. "Such was the state of Mansfield, and so it continued with scarcely any change till Easter," which was "particularly late this year." Easter came, and Fanny had no prospect of leaving Portsmouth. "The end of April was coming on; it would soon be almost three months instead of two that she had been absent" (293).

- ? *Fri.*, 21 Apr. Mary's letter inquiring about Tom's chances of recovery. Mrs Rushworth is at Twickenham for Easter (294)
- Fri.*, 28 Apr. About a week later, Mary's letter about the "scandalous, ill-natured rumour" (297)  
*Sat.*, 29 Apr. brought no second letter. Fanny "had, indeed been three months there" (298)  
*Sun.*-*Mon.* 30 Apr. "Nothing happened the next day, or the next" (300)  
 1 May  
*Tues.*, 2 May The third day brings Edmund's letter. "I shall be at Portsmouth the morning after you receive this." (Sir Thomas and he had been in London two days, when he wrote on 1 May (300)
- Wed.*, 3 May Edmund arrives, and they leave Portsmouth, sleeping at Oxford (302-3)  
*Thurs.*, 4 May They reach Mansfield Park. "It was three months, full three months, since quitting it" (303)
- Sun.*, 7 May Edmund opens his heart (308)

I purposely abstain from dates on this occasion, that every one may be at liberty to fix their own, aware that the cure of unconquerable passions, and the transfer of unchanging attachments, must vary much as to time in different people. I only entreat everybody to believe that exactly at the time when it was quite natural that it should be so, and not a week earlier, Edmund did cease to care about Miss Crawford, and became as anxious to marry Fanny as Fanny herself could desire. (319)