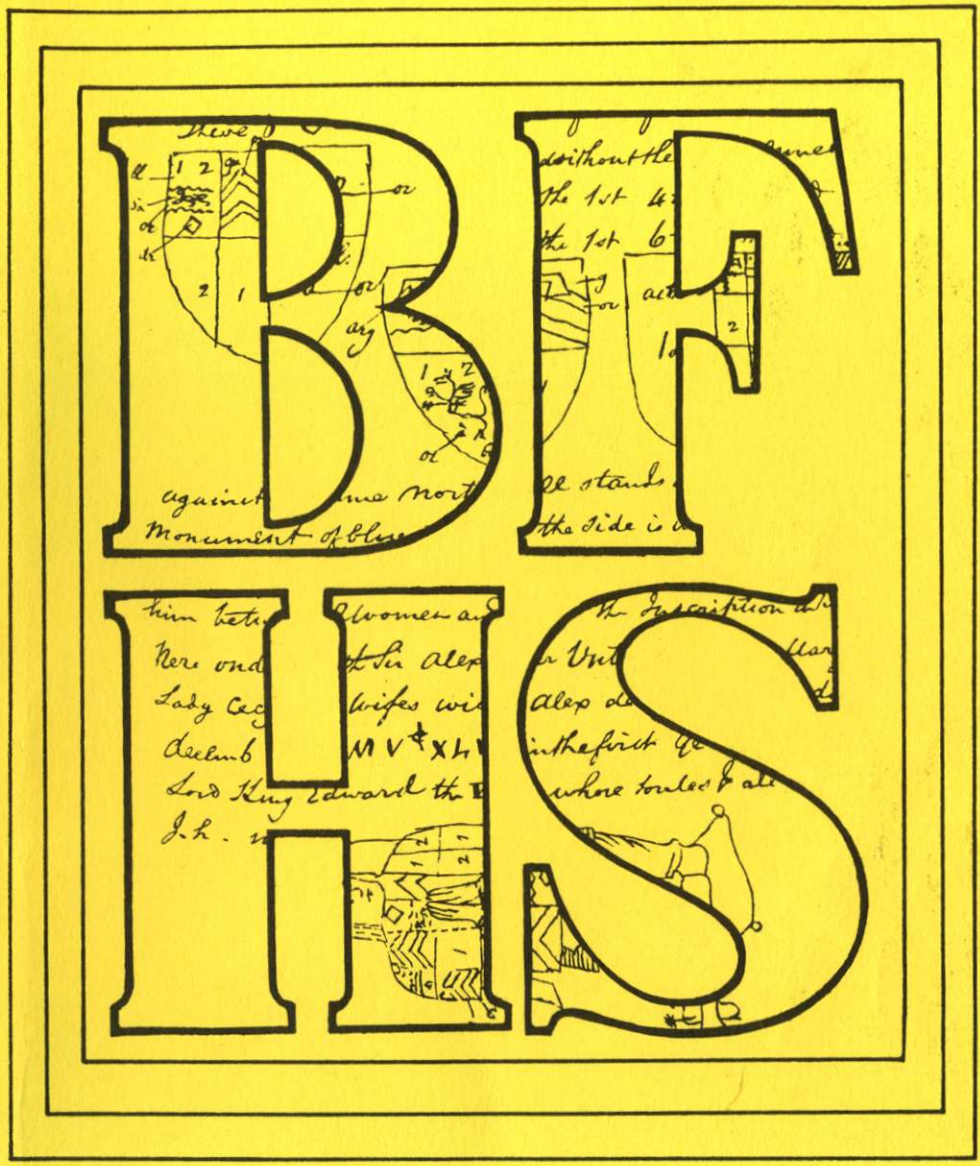
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Mr Richarde Mayotte

yeif, beinge sondrie tymes Maior of this borrowghe and the firste Mayor mentioned in the Charter of this Corporacon (of his fervente zeale and godlie disporicon) Did by his laste will and Testamente geve vnto a Preacther for a sermon forevere yerelie to be made in saincte Bellins Churche, to the edifyinge of all christian people; on the election daie of the Mayor xiijs iiijd and eighte pence, yssuinge oute of certeyne landes and Tenementes in Enlucham alis Cullam and thereppon enioyned his heires to performe the same, yer, Anno



# Abingdon

To quote the 'Guide to the Berkshire Record Office', (1952), now unfortunately out of print (and out of date), "The Borough archives of Wallingford, Reading and in another respect Abingdon, are among the most important series of records in the geographical county."

To illustrate the scope of the material on Abingdon in the Record Office, I have been allowed to reprint the three of its pages devoted largely to Abingdon; after which are assembled details from other pages in the guide which relate to the town.

The several hundred items are catalogued in three main areas:-

* Deposited Parish documents - D/P 1 Abingdon, St. Helen's
  - D/P 2 Abingdon, St. Nicholas
* Deposited Estate papers - D/Ep 1 to D/Ep 9 'The Preston Collection'
* Borough Records - A/A to A/Z Abingdon Borough Records

Of the Abingdon records, only the enclosure awards from both ancient parishes are represented in the Office's name index. The small number of overseers' papers (D/P 2-13 to D/P 2-17) from St Nicholas together with the bundle of apprenticeship indentures (A/RA) from the borough records are also included in the BFHS's "Overseers' Index"; their lists of names are printed in this issue.

The illustration opposite is taken from a bound volume (A/AZ6) which gives in addition to the list of Mayors, at the beginning, a variety of other information such as details of leases, etc. The text of the extract is printed below.

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gent, beinge sondrie tymes Maior of this borroughe and the firste Mayor mentioned in the Charter of this Corporac̃on (of his fervente seale and godlie dispocic̃on) Did by his laste will and Testamente, give unto a Preacher for a sermon for ever, yerelie to be made in sainte Hellins Churche, to the edifyinge of all Christian people, on the elecc̃on daie of the Mayor sixe shillinge and eighte pence, yssuinge oute of certeyne landes and Tenementes in Culucham a~s Cullam and theruppon enioyned his heirs to performe the same, per, Anim.

notes
c̃on abbreviation for --cion, or in modern terms --tion
a~s abbreviation for alias
the entry in the right hand margin of the page is the numeric presentation of the sum mentioned in the text, namely: $vj^{s}$ $viij^{d}$

Readily available are a series of lists of poor rates, window and land taxes, etc., (D/Ep 7/165 to D/Ep 7/167). It is from this group that the window taxes have been selected for printing; in the case of the window taxes the original order within the wards has been retained in preference to listing the occupiers alphabetically.

D/Ep 7/165 All documents in this group are from St. Nicholas parish

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| * 15-4-1689 | Rates | (13 months) |
| * 2-11-1693 | Rates | (7 months) |
| 6-4-1694 | | (8 months) |
| * 2-1-1722 | Rates | (4 months) |
| 22-6-1722 | | (1 year) |
| * 1729 | Account Book | |
| * 22-12-1758 | Rates | |
| * 12-6-1764 | Rates | |

D/Ep 7/166

| | |
|---|---|
| 11-7-1735 | Poor rate St. Nicholas |
| 1752<br>1753 | Window tax, Borough (in wards) |
| 27-2-1767 | Poor rate, St. Nicholas |
| 1776 | Rates, Borough (?)(in wards) |
| 1?-2-1785 | Church rate (for repairs), St. Helen's |
| 1795/96 | Land tax, Borough<br>& adjustments to list |
| 1797 | Land tax, Borough (includes notes dated 1798 & 1799)<br>& adjustments to list |
| 1805<br>1806 | Poor rates, various dates (5), both parishes |
| 1828 | County rate - part the second, St. Helen's Without |
| 1833 | County rate - part the third, St. Helen's Without |
| 1837 | Measurement of part of St. Nicholas |
| 1850 | Measurement of part of St. Nicholas |
| 1852 | Terrier (marked 'St. Helen's country part' but corrected to "that part of the parish of St. Helen's without the Borough".) |

A considerable series of lists of all males between the ages of 12 and 60 in the various wards would seem to be equally attractive, even though their ages are not included. The rub lies in the fact that very few of them are dated! (Complete dating will be impossible, though it may be that some relative dating could be effected given time and application.)

Photostat copies from the Hearth Tax Returns in the Public Record Office are also available for 1663 (T/A 17/2) and 1664 (T/A 17/14). The second reference also includes the returns for other parishes in the southern part of the Hormer hundred.

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all relevent material to the editor
please, as soon as possible

# SAINT NICHOLAS OVERSEERS' RECORDS

An Alphabetic Index to the Records in the Berkshire Record Office

compiler Mike Seymour

| ref | |
|---|---|
| 13/1<br>13/2<br>13/3 | Settlement Papers (various) |
| 14/1 | Apprenticeship Papers |
| 15/1 | Bastardy - examinations, paternity orders, etc. |
| 16/1 | Miscellaneous |
| 17/1 | Militia |

| T | type of document |
|---|---|
| AI | Apprenticeship Indenture |
| EI | Examination/ Indemnification |
| EX | Examination |
| MS | Militia Substitution |
| PA | Paternity Affiliation |
| PB | Paternity Bond |
| RA | Appeal against a Removal Order |
| RO | Removal Order - FROM or TO another parish as indicated |
| S | relating to Settlement |
| SC | Settlement Certificate from subject's settled parish |

| ref | T | date | name and other relevant details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13/3 | | 1788-89 | ADAMS Elizabeth - bill for her examination |
| 17/1 | MS | 23-12-1780 | AVERY Robert (substitute) |
| 14/1 | AI | 25-3-1743 | BARTON Elizabeth (apprentice) |
| 14/1 | AI | 7-5-1750 | William (apprenticed to plate-maker) |
| 14/1 | AI | 23-6-1825 | BATTEN Mary Ann (apprentice to milliner) |
| 13/3 | RA | 8-4-1766 | BAYLEY Elizabeth (13)<br>John<br>Richard (12)<br>Sarah (wife)<br>appeal against removal from St. Helens, Abingdon |
| 15/1 | PA | 1-7-1780 | Beechey William (servant, of Oxford) (Martha LADYMAN) |
| 17/1 | MS | 8-7-1799 | BELCHER ---- of Abingdon |
| 14/1 | AI | 2-4-1781 | BERRYMAN Edward (son) (apprentice hatter at Kingston)<br>William (father) (Husbandman of Chertsey, Surrey) |

| ref | T | date | Name and other relevant details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13/3 | RA | 28-11-1817 | BERRYMAN Elizabeth (dau)<br>Margaret (widow) appeal against removal to Kingston |
| 16/1 | | 1818 | Elizabeth (orphan) papers relating to her |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | BIDCOCK Ann (9 weeks)<br>James (substitute)<br>Martha (wife) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | BLAGROVE William (of St. Helen's) |
| 14/1 | AI | 29-7-1822 | BLIZARD John (father) Labourer<br>William (apprentice carpet maker) |
| 13/3 | EX | 23-1-1761 | BORROW William (sackcloth weaver) |
| 17/1 | MS | ?-4-1780 | BOSHER William (of Abingdon) |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | BRADFIELD Richard |
| 16/1 | | 5-4-1817 | Mr. Richd (letter from Richard WAKELIN) |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | BURRY Edward (5)<br>Hannah (wife)<br>John (substitute)<br>Mary (3) |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-1-1712 | CARTER Jane (widow) of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/2 | RO | 10-3-1761 | Hannah (wife)<br>Richard (labourer) FROM Appleton |
| 16/1 | | 1816 | CHINES Elizabeth (letters apppealing for financial assistance - see below |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | CLEMENTS Edward |
| 14/1 | AI | 1695 | Mary (plumber/glazier) |
| 13/1 | SC | 25-8-1713 | CONSTABLE Elizabeth (wife)<br>William (of Radley) |
| 13/2 | EX | 6-3-1767 | CORDEROY Catherine (14 or 15 years previously m John FISHER; daughter of :-<br>Edward (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 14/1 | AI | 23-6-1825 | COX Martha (milliner) |
| 15/1 | PB | 1-11-1754 | DARLING Richard (elder) (sackmaker)<br>Richard (younger) (sackmaker) (Alice POPE) |
| 17/1 | MS | 24-1-1780 | DAY Martha (wife)<br>Richard (substitute) |
| 13/1 | SC | 17-9-1716 | DEAKIN Anne (daughter)<br>Anne (wife)<br>Elizabeth (daughter)<br>William (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-6-1704 | DEAKINS Mary (widow) of St. Helen's, Abingdon<br>----- (daughter) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | Mary((widow) alias DINGLEY, of St. Helen's |
| 13/1 | SC | 14-11-1726 | DEW Elizabeth (wife)<br>John (of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford) |

| ref | T | date | name and other relevant details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13/3 | EX | 23-1-1761 | DICKER Joseph (under whom William BORROW served apprentice) |
| 14/1 | AI | 1695 | DICKINSON James (apprentice plumber & glazier) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | DINGLEY - alias of Mary DEAKINS q.v. |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-1-1712 | DIXON William (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 13/1 | SC | 22-11-1756 | DOE John (10)<br>Katherine (wife)<br>Margaret (4)<br>Mary (2)<br>Richard (2 months)<br>Thomas (6)<br>William (of Drayton)<br>William (8) |
| 14/1 | AI | 5-9-1751 | DORN Richard (hempdresser) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | DUDLEY Mary (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 16/1 | | 1816 | ELMES Thomas (relief for him, residing at Thame) |
| 13/2 | RO | 30-5-1735 | EYLES Elizabeth (spinster) TO st. Mary Magdalene, Oxford |
| 13/2 | EX | 6-3-1767 | FISHER Catherine (nee CORDEROY) wife of:-<br>John (m c 1752/3) - residing in almshouses, Abingdon |
| 14/1 | AI | 9-9-1760 | FLACKMAN Richard (apprentice sackcloth weaver) |
| 14/1 | AI | 20-5-1697 | FREEBURY Edward (apprentice flaxdresser at Henley) |
| 14/1 | AI | 4-6-1752 | GARDNER William (sackcloth weaver)(2 apprentices) |
| 14/1 | AI | 21-12-1703 | GENGLE Thomas (hempdresser & sackcloth weaver) |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | GIBBON James (of Wooton) |
| 13/2 | RO | 3-12-1735 | GOODMAN Mary (wife)<br>Richard FROM Bampton |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | GOULD Edward (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 13/1 | SC | 23-9-1718 | GRAHAM Ann (wife)<br>Thomas (son)<br>William (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 13/2 | RO | 1-1-1771 | GREEN Mary (single) TO Marcham |
| 14/1 | AI | 5-2-1731 | GUNN Sarah (apprentice glovemaker) |
| 13/3 | EX | 21-5-1770 | HARPER Robert - b St. Helen's, served in the Navy, lived and worked in London. |
| 14/1 | AI | 26-12-1733 | HARRIS Robt. (miller of Marcham) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | HATHERILL Anthony (of St. Helen's, Abingdon) |
| 13/1 | SC | 21-6-1704 | HENWOOD Samuel (tobacco pipe maker of Culham) |
| 14/1 | AI | 7-5-1750 | Wm. (plate maker) |
| 13/2 | RO | 5-9-1747 | HINTON Pencot (wife of Roger) TO Hereford |
| 13/3 | EX | 14-8-1747 | Roger (Tailor, b St. Martin's parish, Hereford, apprenticed to John Vaughan, Hereford) |

| ref | T | date | name and other relevant details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | HOLLOWAY Richard (substitute)<br>Mary (wife) |
| 14/1 | AI | 20-5-1697 | HUCKS John (Flaxdresser) of Henley |
| 14/1 | AI | 29-7-1822 | HUNT James (Carpet maker) |
| 15/1 | EI | 1780-81 | JENNINGS John |
| 14/1 | AI | 25-3-1743 | JOHNSTON Geo, (Porter) of Westminster |
| 13/3 | | 6-1-1752 | KEATES William (Oxford?) opinion regarding settlement |
| 14/1 | AI | 11-6-1768 | William (Hempdresser) |
| 14/1 | AI | 26-12-1733 | KEEN Francis (apprenticed to milliner) |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | KILBY Hannah (1)<br>Richard (substitute)<br>Richard (5)<br>Sarah (wife) |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-1-1712 | KING Thomas of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/1 | SC | 22-12-1713 | John (Boatman) of St, Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/1 | SC | 30-4-1757 | Elizabeth (wife)<br>Elizabeth (9)<br>John of Great Haseley, Oxford<br>John (4)<br>Mary (2)<br>Thomas (9 months) |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | KNAPP Geo. of Shrivenham |
| 15/1 | EX | 1779-80 | LADYMAN Martha |
| 15/1 | PA | 1-7-1780 | Martha - gave birth to:-<br>---- male bastard b. 18-4-1780 |
| 15/1 | EI | 1780-81 | Martha |
| 14/1 | AI | 9-9-1760 | LENNARD Wm. (Sackcloth weaver) |
| 14/1 | AI | 2-8-1768 | MARTIN John (apprenticed to hempdresser) |
| 16/1 | | 10-4-1817 | MASON George & family (letter from Harleigh Wallop, near Basingstoke, family delayed due to premature delivery, requests financial assistance.) |
| 14/1 | AI | 11-6-1768 | Richard (apprenticed to hempdreser) |
| 14/1 | AI | 5-2-1731 | MILLS William (Glover) |
| 13/3 | S | 1826 | MOSS James (opinion regarding settlement) |
| 13/3 | S | 6-1-1752 | NARES G. (an opinion regarding the settlement of William KEATES) |
| 17/1 | MS | 26-1-1796 | PALMER John (substitute) |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | Anthony (substitute)<br>Ann (7 months)<br>Elizabeth (wife)<br>James (2) |

| ref | T | date | name and other relevant details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | PALMER Elizabeth (wife)<br>John (substitute)<br>----- their child, b. 30-10-1798 |
| 13/3 | RO | 10-1-1775 | PARKS Dinah (aged 13) order of removal FROM Compton discharged |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | PARSONS John of Aston Tyrrold |
| 15/1 | PB | 1-11-1754 | POPE Alice (singlewoman) bond from Richard DARLING for:-<br>---- female bastard child |
| 13/2 | RO | 16-1-1756 | Sarah (single) FROM St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-12-1716 | PORTON (alias PAYTON) Edward of St. Helen's, Abingdon<br>Sarah (dau)<br>William (son) |
| 13/1 | SC | 18-11-1716 | PRENTICE Stephen of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/3 | | 1788-89 | PRINCE Elizabeth bill regarding her examination. |
| 16/1 | | 22-7-1829 | Mary - letter from St. Mary's workhouse, Reading, application for support. |
| 13/1 | SC | 25-5-1730 | PRIOR Mary of Cumnor<br>---- (daughter about 2 days) |
| 14/1 | AI | 5-9-1751 | REEVES Richard (17) (apprenticed to hempdresser)<br>William (father) |
| 14/1 | AI | 4-6-1752 | Ann (apprenticed to William GARDNER) |
| 14/1 | AI | 4-6-1752 | William (apprenticed to sackcloth weaver) |
| 13/1 | SC | 10-7-1717 | RICE William of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 16/1 | | 15-7- | SALTER Edward M. (Minister of Ufton) letter on behalf of Richard WEAKLIN (sic) & his family. |
| 13/3 | | 1788-89 | SELLWOOD Samuel (bill for examinations) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | SHREEVE Thomas of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 15/1 | | 1780-81 | SIDWELL Lawrence |
| 14/1 | AI | 21-12-1703 | SIMMS Richard (apprenticed to hempdresser/sackcloth weaver) |
| 13/1 | SC | 18-1-1713 | SIMON Charles of Radley<br>---- (wife) |
| 13/3 | EX | 1-2-1775 | SMEWING John (labourer) b. Radley |
| 17/1 | MS | 26-1-1796 | SPINDLER Wm. of Abingdon |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | William of St. Nicholas, Abingdon |
| 14/1 | AI | 2-4-1781 | SPONG Robt. (Hatter) of Kingston |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | STAMP John of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 15/1 | EX | 1779-80 | STAPLER Mary |
| 15/1 | | 1780-81 | Mary |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1715 | Thomas of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/1 | SC | ?-4-1716 | STENT Mary (wife)<br>Thomas of St. Helen's, Abingdon |

# ABINGDON

The early history of Abingdon is dominated by the Abbey which, though encouraging commercial development, acted as a deterrent to local aspirations toward self-government. During the 13th and 14th centuries a prolonged struggle against the Abbot resulted in a temporary victory for the townsfolk, but it was not until after the Dissolution of the Monasteries that burghal status was achieved by the charter of 1556. In 1337, Abingdon sent representatives to parliament, and from 1556 to 1885 the borough had one representative.

In 1867 a committee of the Corporation was appointed 'to preserve, or destroy, or assort and relodge the Books and Papers . . . belonging to the Corporation'. As a result, virtually all the original files and rolls emanating from the various borough jurisdictions, together with a quantity of other papers and volumes, were set aside for destruction. A cart-load of these was purchased by the late Mr. John Preston and it is a large part of these records which has now been deposited in the Record Office. The result of this process is a threefold division of the borough archives of Abingdon. The corporation retains charters and minutes and the more modern records; a number of special items including bailiffs' and chamberlains' accounts are retained by Miss A. C. Baker as literary executrix of Mr. A. E. Preston, F.S.A., son of the purchaser of the documents; but the bulk of the papers purchased have been deposited as part of the Preston MSS. and are listed below. (For the rest of the Preston MSS. *see* p. 80) At some date after 1867 all but two of the original files of documents were broken up and their contents sorted according to type of document and it is now virtually impossible to reconstitute the rolls of the various courts. There remains, however, a very considerable quantity of valuable material for the borough jurisdictions in the 17th and early 18th centuries.

## ADMINISTRATION

GILDS. Order for creating Carpenters' Company, 1669; order constituting Mercers' Company, 1736; Mercers' rolls, 1737-38; legal papers regarding Skinners' Company, 1815.

MISCELLANEOUS, 1615-1874. Includes poll book, 1874; papers regarding the market, 1673-1797; officers' appointments, 1615-1871; report and petition regarding borough gaol, 1856, 1867.

## FINANCIAL

CONSTABLES' ACCOUNTS, 1672-89. Annual accounts largely relating to poor relief (1 bdl.).

RENTALS. Bailiffs', 1671-1834; chamberlains', *c.*1675-1835; quit rents, 1721-51 (6 bdls.).

BILLS AND VOUCHERS. Chamberlains', including repair of council chamber, 1670-1794; treasurers', *c.*1836-85 (4 bdls.).

## JUDICIAL

BOROUGH COURT OF RECORD. Court book, 1813-32 (1 vol.); process records, *c.*1590-*c.*1740, comprising plaints, declarations, pleas, defences, common bail pieces and miscellaneous papers (3 vols., 25 bdls.); writs of *capias* and *venire facias,* 1616-1738 (92 docs.), warrants to distrain, 1633-1725 (43 docs.), various writs and warrants including *mandamus,* 1615-1705 (76 docs.); jury lists, 1650-1730 (1 bdl.) ; declarations before mayor of debts owing, 1726-30 (146 docs.); inventories of goods distrained, 1663-1700 (47 docs.); bills of costs, *c.*1625-1700 (1 bdl.); miscellaneous, *c.*1600-1726 (4 bdls.).

CORONERS' COURT, 1699-1772 (2 original files, 1 bdl.). Comprise inquisitions, recognizances, depositions and jury lists.

COURT OF CLERK OF THE MARKET. Precepts for calling jury, 1631-1705 (8 docs.); lists of persons warned to appear and bring measures, 1628-*c.*1700 (17 docs.); presentments and miscellaneous papers, 1624-1705, 1788, the Court Leet acting in this capacity in the latest documents noted.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS. Court in Session: fragment of Sessions book, 1680-85; precepts, 1637-1841; writs and warrants, 1664-1838; jury lists, 1637-1840; indictments, 1635-1840; presentments, informations and returns, 1635-1753; depositions and examinations, 1637-1840; recognizances, 1635-1841; miscellaneous process records, 1632-1851, including calendars of prisoners, petitions, estreats and insolvent debtors' papers. Administrative records: highway Sessions, 1686-1798; appeals against rating, 1713-1822; returns of lunatics, 1828-35. Registration and Deposit: oath rolls, 1674-1837; licensed victuallers' recognizances, 1664-1839; summary convictions, 1719-1840; declaration of printing press, 1826; vagrants' examinations and passes, 1756-58, 1819-24. Justices of the Peace: writ of *dedimus potestatem,* 1664.

## MANORIAL

COURT LEET. Precepts, 1636-1721; lists of persons warned to attend, *c.*1650-1725, arranged by wards and including lists of innkeepers; presentments and returns, *c.*1626-1720; estreats and warrants to distrain, 1636-1795.

## REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT

Apprenticeship indentures, 1633-1793 (1 bdl.); corn dealers' declarations, 1813-23 (1 bdl.); certificates of election of freemen, 1696-1760 (11 rolls.).

## TOWN PROPERTY

Leases, 1562-1864 (168 docs., arranged according to streets).

## MISCELLANEOUS

PAVING AND IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONERS. Minutes, 1809-49 (3 vols.); accounts, 1794-1847 (2 vols.); share book, 1794-1808 (1 vol.).

| ref | T | date | name and other relevant details |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17/1 | MS | 23-12-1780 | STEVENS William |
| 13/1 | SC | 21-12-1763 | SYMMONDS Elizabeth (3)<br>Robert of East Hagborne<br>Sarah (wife)<br>Sarah (1) |
| 13/3 | | 1826 | THOMAS Benjamin Francis - copy of AI & opinion about set'mnt<br>William (his father) of Abingdon |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-1-1713 | William of Sutton Courtney<br>---- (wife) |
| 13/1 | SC | 26-1-1712 | THURSTON Anne (wife)<br>Edmund of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 13/3 | EX | 14-8-1747 | VAUGHAN John of Hereford - mentioned in examination of Roger HINTON (Tailor) |
| 13/1 | SC | 14-12-1713 | VICKARS Joseph of Wooton |
| 17/1 | MA | 8-7-1799 | VINE Isaac (substitute) of Northmoor, Oxon.<br>Mary (wife)<br>& 2 children under 10 years old |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | VINER Bridget of Sunningwell<br>Christopher (her husband - now a soldier) |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-11-1716 | WAKE William of St. Helen's, Abingdon |
| 16/1 | | 5-4-1817 | WAKELIN Richard - letter regarding 'subsistans' |
| 13/1 | SC | 23-4-1766 | WALKER John of Compton<br>Mary (wife)<br>Mary (11) |
| 16/1 | | 15-7- | WEAKLIN (WAKELIN?) Richard - letter regarding their distress |
| 17/1 | MS | ?-4-1780 | WELLS John (substitute) of Kingston Bagpuise<br>---- (wife) - order to pay her relief<br>---- (child) |
| 14/1 | AI | 20-8-1768 | WESTON William (Hempdresser) |
| 17/1 | MS | 24-1-1780 | WHITNEY William |
| 13/1 | SC | 15-6-1715 | WILLIS John of Charlbury |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | WINTER Edw. of Appleton |
| 17/1 | MS | 1798 | WINTERBOURN Charles (substitute)<br>Edward (3)<br>Elizabeth (wife)<br>Mary (1)<br>Tho.(5)<br>Wm. ($6\frac{3}{4}$) |
| 17/1 | MS | 29-1-1800 | WINTERBOURNE Chas. - letter referring to him |
| 13/2 | RO | 8-12-1735 | WISE Henry FROM Oxford<br>Samuel (12)<br>Sarah (9) |
| 15/1 | | 1780-81 | YOUNG Ann |

to the
oversear or oversears
of st Neckless parrish
Abington
Barkshire

Tiverton June 1th 1816

Honered Sirs
i am sorry to troble you as i do wich I Shold not do did you but send my pay Reglar evry to monts as you promished me and Now i have ten weaks pay due to me and i am in great destress for the want of it as i have such a famely and no Labour at all to do for me nor my famely Neather have i frind in the would that can help me to a morsal of Bread so what i can do in this destressed setuation i do not know but this I know if you do not Advans me somthing more than to shillings per weak i can not do with it and i hope you will be Shore to Send it Reglar but if sotherways i shall be foust to send to the Magestrate Conserning it or be Brought home with my famely i have had a letter from my sister in London and she tells me that my Husbant is still in a state of De------ and no siene of his gating any Batte so he is still in Bedlem so if you do Mistress what i have said you can send for futhe satisfation but let me entreet you to forward my pay by Return of post and i hope you will be shore to send me somthing more then my to shillings per weak as i have five Children at my care and no labour at all to do as my kind of labour is still very doal in this place and no vew when it will be any Batte so i hope you will Consider me as an object of charitey
I am your Humble Servant
Elisabath Chines (Chiney/Chiny)
Ellmore street Tiverton devon

a subsequent letter, also printed, was addressed to:-

Mr Wm Belcher oversear
at the parish of
St Necklas Abingdon
Barkshire

Tiverton November 1th 1816

Honered Sirs
i duly read your letter with a pound Inclosed as my yushal pay and you desirs to know the Nams of my children and thae ages my daughtr Elesabath is Naw just After 16 then the Next was to twens Boys and the arre eleven Next Apreal the Next is james he is Nine Next may them four i had when i was hom wich is now in the 10th year Sins and sins that time i have had one Boy and he is Now in his third year and each of my children is my Husbants and you may depend that you lettr have hurted me greatly as you Said that i was not to send the Nams of the children that i had in my Husbants Abstance no I can not send the Nams of them for i have had None you may depend so i hope you will not abrade me for any Such a gain be cause it is a troble to me and you may supose that mye troble is great a Naff els for the the Lost of my Husbant and to be Left with such a famely but if you wish to have my Carincter say on your Next letter and i will Gate difarant Respectable pepal to send you my Cariter in ful such as i am deserving and no other then ----e to add Conserning my Boys thare is a factory Sating on and it is going on with Lace and silk so that the children most appear Cleen and decent and the Gentlemen have promised to Imploy my to Children if i could gate some Close for them so i hope you will take it into Considaration and send me somthing more than my pay to help me with my famely as the are fatherlass but with your Asistance i will do to the atmost of my powe for them as i allways have doon and no one can Say any othre by me you may depend Honered Sirs i hope you will be so good to send on my pay so soon as posable and what you do entend to send allso i have eight weaks due to me on tuesday Next the 5 of this Instant
I Raymain Sirs your
obeyent Servant
Elesabath Chines
Ellmore street Tiverton Devon

and finally a threat of a miniature invasion from Ufton . . .

April 15 1817
Sir i am under the Nisety of
Righting to you to inform you
that unless you Chuse to Send me
Som Littel subsistans i must be a
bliged to bring my famley home
in the Corse of a week or two for i
have Seven i Famley and i Cannot
maintain them for the bread is so Dear
Sir i hope you will take it inconside
ration to Send me Som Litel asistance
and i will Do the best i Can and i hope
that i munt Trubel you Long
Sir i Shuld Rote to you before but the
keeper of the poor house tould me wen
i was at Abingdon tha- he would Come
to see my destress i am Richard Wakelin
Sir if you plase to send me som thing
Direct to me as this
Richard Wakelin
Ufton to be Left
at Jack Booth
Near Reading
Berk

## ABINGDON

## APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURES

1633 1645 1646 1648 1667 1676
1692 1693 1714 1720 1725

In addition to the apprenticeship indentures among the overseers' papers, a further bundle of 27 is catalogued under D/Ep 3 (A/RA). All but two of them mention the apprentice's (often already dead) father (f) or widowed mother (m). The apprentices themselves are marked 'a' in the following index and their masters are marked 'M'.

| date | | name |
|---|---|---|
| 1-10-1646 | a | ARKLAND Georg (cordwaining) |
| | f | Michaell (dec.) |
| 9-4-1667 | f | BARBER Thomas |
| | a | William (silk-weaving) |
| 19-8-1676 | M | BLACKMAN Richard (x) elder |
| 9-9-1646 | a | BULPITT Abraham (black smything) |
| | m | Elizabeth (widow) |
| 10-10-1646 | f | CARROTT John (dec.) |
| | a | Mary (housewifery) |
| 2-8-1648 | M | CHURCHER Thomas (taylor) |
| 26-10-1646 | M | COLES Dorothie (cloath-maker) |
| | a | Paul (cloathmaking) |
| | f | Paul (dec.) |
| 25-8-1646 | M | COLLINS William (tobacco pipemaker of Dunstowe, Oxon) |
| 16-9-1645 | M | COOKE William (x)(cord-wainer & shoemaker) |
| | M | William (x)(cord-wayner) |
| | M | William (x)(cord-wainer) |

| date | | name |
|---|---|---|
| 20-9-1646 | M | COOPER Henry (sadler) |
| 1-10-1646 | M | CORDEROY Edmund (x) (cooper) |
| 20-9-1646 | M | COX John (taylor) |
| 20-9-1646 | M | COXETER Thomas |
| 10-9-1646 | a<br>m | DAY John (cordwayning)<br>Susanne (widow) |
| 13-9-1646 | f<br>a | FFERBERT ffrancis<br>Thomas |
| 20-9-1646 | f<br>a | GRAY John<br>Mary |
| 12-7-1720 | a<br>f | GREENAWAY Edmund (haber-dashery)<br>William (baker, dec.) |
| 10-10-1646 | M | GREENEWAY Michaell (cord-wayner) two indentures |
| 25-8-1646 | f<br>a | HARRIS Henry<br>Thomas (tobacco pipe making) |
| 29-4-1633<br>14-5-1633<br>29-4-1633<br>14-5-1633 | a<br>a<br>f<br>f | HAWKES Elizabeth<br>Mathewe (glove making)<br>Robert<br>Robert |
| 15-4-1714 | M | HAWKINS John jnr (gunmaker of London) |
| 25-7-1792<br>14-1-1793 | a<br>a | HICKS Charlotte, a poor child (hemp spinning & housewifery)<br>Mary, a poor child (hemp spinning & housewifery) |
| 10-10-1646 | a<br>f | HOBBES Henry (cordwayning)<br>Richard (dec.) |
| torn off | M | HOPKINES William ( (cordwayner) |
| 19-8-1676<br>7-8-1676<br><br>19-8-1676 | a<br>a<br>f<br>f | HORNE Joyce<br>Mary (housewifery)<br>William (boatman, dec.)<br>William (boatman, dec.) |
| 20-9-1646 | M | HYETT Isaack (x) |
| torn off | a<br>f | KEATE Phillip (cord (cordwayning)<br>Thomas (maltster) |
| 12-7-1720 | M | LAMBETH Edward (citizen & haberdasher of London) |
| 14-5-1633 | M | LEA George (glover) |
| 10-10-1646 | M | LEEKES John (x)(labourer) |
| 13-10-1725 | M | LINDSEY William (barber & perwick maker of Wapping, Mx.) |
| 7-8-1676 | M | LUMLEY John (glaserr) |
| 25-7-1792<br>14-1-1793 | M<br>M | MOSS John (sackclothmaker)<br>John (sackclothmaker) |
| 20-9-1646 | f<br>a | PALMER Nicholas<br>Steven (sadle making) |
| 20-9-1646 | a<br>f | PAYNE Jeremiah (tayloring)<br>John (dec.) |
| 13-9-1646 | M | PERRY(E) Richard (x) of Cumner |
| 13-10-1725 | a<br>f | RANCE Thomas (barbering & perwick making)<br>Thomas (sawyer) |
| 2-8-1648<br>29-4-1633<br>2-8-1648 | f<br>M<br>a | RICHARDSON Jacob (dec.)<br>John (gent.)<br>Richard (tayloring) |
| 9-9-1646 | M | SQUIRE Thomas (blacksmyth) |
| 1-10-1646 | f<br>a | STANNTON Edward<br>William (coopering) |
| 16-9-1645 | a<br>f | TERRALLE Humfry (cordwaining & shoemaking)<br>Joseph (dec.) |
| 15-4-1714 | f<br>a | WELLS John (chandler, dec)<br>William (gunmaking) |
| 20-9-1646 | a<br>f | WHEELER Thomas<br>Thomas (dec.) |
| 9-4-1667 | M | WILKINS Humfrey (x) (silkweaver) |
| 10-10-1646 | f<br>a | WILLIAMS Robert (dec.)<br>William (cordwayning) |

PRESTON MSS.

This is an 'artificial' collection formed by the late A. E. Preston, Esq., F.S.A., of Abingdon; it falls into several natural sections according to the provenance or type of record.

RADLEY HALL ESTATE (Stonehouse and Bowyer families)

Manorial: court rolls, hundred of Ock, 1707-29; Radley, 1560; Sunningwell and Bayworth, 1718.

Deeds: few, mainly for Radley and Abingdon, 1560-1848.

Family Papers: pardon to William Stonehouse for his part in the Lady Arabella Stuart conspiracy, 1604.

Estate Papers: papers relating to the building of Radley House, *c.*1726; estate and personal accounts, 1712-67; inventories of cellars, *c.*1800.

Public Office: quietus roll for fines on recusants, 1607; quietus for maintenance of 30 soldiers in Ireland for three years, 1647; sheriff's quietus roll, 1774; papers relating to naval campaign in West Indies, 1795; muster rolls, company of 16th Bucks. Regiment at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1799-1801.

SUTTON COURTENAY AND DRAYTON DOCUMENTS (Tyrold and Wicks families)

Deeds: 150 for Sutton Courtenay and Drayton. 1382-1794; East Hendred, Harwell and Buckland, 1726-1802.

Family Papers: inventories of personal goods, 1679-1744.

ABINGDON BOROUGH ARCHIVES. *See* pp. 23-24 above.

MISCELLANEOUS ABINGDON MSS.

Deeds: 1592-1849: also deeds for Sutton Courtenay, 1646-1861.

Family Papers: appointment of domestic chaplain to Francis, Lord Norris of Rycote, 1601.

Public Office: register of alehouse keepers' and licensed victuallers' recognizances, Hormer and Ock hundreds, 1765-76; minutes, appeals and cognate papers, Commissioners for Land and Window Taxes, Abingdon Division, 1722-71; land tax assessments, Abingdon, 1773; broadsheets and posters for municipal and parliamentary elections, *c.*1850-1900.

ALDWORTH ESTATE (Monck family)

DEEDS: about 180 for Aldworth and Streatley, 1676-1878.

ARBORFIELD HALL ESTATE

DEEDS: about 150 for Arborfield, Shinfield and Hurst, 1698-1867.

MAPS: Arborfield, 1810; Arborfield Hall, 1855.

## LIEUTENANCY

Very few records of the Berkshire Lieutenancy survive in official custody; the following is a brief list of the principal classes:

LISTS AND RETURNS

Oath rolls of Berks Militia taken before the deputy lieutenants, 1715 (4 rolls), including Abingdon, Newbury, Wallingford and some unnamed companies, about 700 names; nominal rolls, 1862-92 (3 bdls.); returns of militia officers, volunteers, casualties, resignations, etc., 1852-71 (2 bdls.).

COMMISSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Deputy lieutenants' commissions and cognate records, 1758-1892 (3 bdls.); deputy lieutenants' qualification certificates, 1842-70 (1 bdl.); appointme
Act of
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ABINGDON SUBDIVISION

Clerk's 'Militia book', 1796-98 (1 vol.), containing militia lists, copies of acts, and other documents for use as precedents; class book for Supplementary Militia, 1803-04 (1 vol.), giving particulars as required under Act of 43 Geo. III, c. 52; correspondence, etc., 1801 (1 bdl.).

## MORLAND AND SON, ABINGDON

MANORIAL: court rolls, Prebend of Blewbury, 1665-1922.

DEEDS: about 1600 mainly for Abingdon, 1511-1871; Appleton, *c.*1250, 1558-1882; Harwell, 1658-1889; Kingston Bagpuize, 1651-1861; Marcham, 1595-1849; Sandford in St. Helen's Without, 1595-1866; Sutton Courtenay and Sutton Wick, 1596-1845: also small numbers for Besselsleigh (*c.*1230), Brightwalton, East Challow, Chieveley, Childrey, Chilton, Cumnor, Denchworth, Didcot, Drayton, Greenham in Thatcham, West Hagbourne, Hampstead Norris, East and West Hanney, South Hinksey, East Ilsley, Longworth, Sparsholt, Stanford in the Vale, Streatley, Uffington, Upton in Blewbury and Wantage.

MORLAND FAMILY PAPERS: correspondence of Thomas Thornhill Morland a
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BUSINESS PAPERS: probate copies of wills and cognate papers, *c.*1700-1880; correspondence, accounts and draft conveyances connected with the administration of the estate of Richard Justice of Appleford, 1792-1833; papers relating to trusteeship of the affairs of the Cleeve family of London, merchants, 1704-81; papers relating to the sale of Bablock Hythe ferry, 1855.

PUBLIC OFFICE: appointment of under-sheriff, 1785; minute book, Inclosure Commissioners for Letcombe Regis, 1801-07; correspondence relating to candidates for election to Parliament, 1830; resolutions of 'the gentlemen and tradesmen of Abingdon for internal defence', 1794.

MISCELLANEOUS: terrier, Appleton Common fields, 1590; agreement for enclosure of common at Marcham, 1714; articles of co-partnership as surgeon-apothecaries, 1789; accounts of sugar produced and sold, Estridge estates, St. Kitts (British West Indies), 1778-93.

MAPS: Abingdon, *c.*1800; Kingston Bagpuize, 1808; Sandford, Besselsleigh, Wootton and Marcham, 1821; Blewbury, Upton, Aston Upthorpe, 1842.

# ABINGDON WINDOW TAXES - 1752 & 1753

As the two lists are so very similar, they have been run into a single one for printing purposes. Asterisks at the start of each entry indicate the year in which the entry occurs, '* ' indicating 1752 only, ' *' 1753 and '**' indicates the entry appears in the lists for both years. In the latter case any minor differences are given, seperated by a solidus, the 1752 entry being printed first, e.g. 'Mrs/ Widw BRIDGES' shows that the 1752 entry was for Mrs Bridges whilst in the 1753 one she was entered as Widow Bridges. The final item is the number of windows being taxed, where a figure is not given a standard tax of 2/- was levied. Some of the entries are marked 'void', others 'excused for poverty'.

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## BURY WARD

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| ** Wm DAY | 29 |
| ** Wm PORTER | - |
| * Jarvis BURFUT | - |
| ** Wm DRY | 17 |
| ** Ricd ARNOLD | 13 |
| ** Thos PRINCE | 26 |
| * Charles STACEY (void) | - |
| * Geo HINTON | 14 |
| * Mrs HOLMES (void) | - |
| * William STEVENS | 18 |
| ** Phillipp STREET | - |
| * James DICKENSON (ex) | - |
| * Henry PAPLE | - |
| * Richd BARNARD | 26 |
| * Thos JUSTICE | 14 |
| * Jno BOWLS jnr | 14 |
| ** John WEBB | 13 |
| ** John HARPER | 14 |
| * Stephen SLATER | - |
| ** John GLEED | 14 |
| ** Edward GREEN | 24 |
| ** Mathew ANDERSON | 14 |
| ** Timothy MAYO | - |
| * Thos GREENAWAY | - |
| ** Henry COLLINS Esq | 33/32 |
| ** Thos GREENAWAY -/(void) | 19 |
| * Mrs ROSE<br>* Richd ROSE | 12 |
| ** Wido TEMPLER | 13 |
| ** Francis ETTY | 14 |
| ** Edward OLIVE | 19 |
| ** Richd SAPPIN | 14 |
| ** Mrs WATKINS | 15 |
| ** John BAKER | 14 |
| ** John WILLIAMS | - |
| ** Wm LEONARD jnr | 18/13 |
| ** Wm LEONARD snr | 12/- |
| ** John PAYNE | 11 |
| ** Robert ASHLEY | - |

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| * Francis ETTY | - |
| ** Mrs/Widw BRIDGES | — |
| ** Wm WOODS | - |
| ** Revd Mr NEWCOMB | 27 |
| ** Benj STUBLE | - |
| ** John WINTERBOURNE | - |
| * Jane WESTON | 14 |
| ** Wm BASHIER | 13 |
| ** Dr POPE | 13 |
| * Mrs WESTON | 14 |
| ** Mrs SMITH | - |
| ** Simon GUTTERIGE | - |
| ** Henry GOOLUCK | - |
| ** James SAUNDERS | - |
| ** James RAWLINGS | 14 |
| ** John WITLOCK | 12 |
| ** Mrs STEVENS | - |
| * Wm BROOKS | - |
| ** Wm EUSTACE | 11 |
| ** Wm KIRBY | - |
| ** Sammuell/Saml SHORTER | 19 |
| ** Wm BUSWELL/BUSSWELL | 12 |
| ** James SMALLBONES | 15 |
| ** Wm BAKER | 12 |
| ** Mrs DREW | - |
| ** Saml LEWIS | - |
| * Thos PETTIT | - |
| ** Thos CAMM/CAM | 14 |
| * George HINTON | - |
| ** Mrs PENN (void) | - |
| * Mr NASH | 23 |
| * Thos HYDE | 13 |
| * John ELDRIGE | 23 |
| * Mr NASH | 23 |
| * Thos HYDE | 13 |
| ** Robt RIDGE | 19 |
| ** James FORD | - |
| ** Richd ELTIN/ELLTIN | 32/28 |
| ** Edwd CREW | 22 |

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B U R Y  W A R D (continued)

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|---|---|
| ** Henry MONDY/MUNDAY | - |
| ** Nathanl ROBERTS/ROBBERTS | 21 |
| ** Thos WEBB | 16 |
| ** Charles COX | 17 |
| ** Richd CLARKE | 10/18 |
| ** Berd COX | 21/20 |
| * Edwd KING | - |
| * Wm COTTRIL | - |
| ** Wm KEATS | - |
| ** John CHAPMAN | - |
| ** Thos FLIGHT | 20 |
| ** Widw JAMES | 16/13 |
| ** Joseph PENN/PEN | 14 |
| ** Wm BROWN | 10 |
| ** Jonothan MANDY | - |
| ** Widw TOMKINS | - |
| ** Wm HAWKINS Esq | 36 |
| ** Thos HOLDER | - |
| (continued) | |

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| ** John STACEY | 13 |
| ** Joseph HUGGINS/HUGINS | - |
| * Richd ROSE | 18 |
| * Jno ELDRIDGE | 18 |
| * Thos QUARINGTON | - |
| ** George GILES | - |
| ** Henry HARDING | 14 |
| ** Joseph DAY | - |
| ** Martha/ Widw GODFRY | - |
| ** Henry KEMPSTER | - |
| ** Berdard BEDWELL | 16 |
| ** Thos BUNCE | 12 |
| ** John HALL | 19 |
| ** John GRAHAM | 14 |
| ** Robt CREW | 12 |
| ** John ELTIN | - |
| ** John ROOKE/ ROOK | - |
| ** Richd BEASLEY/BASLEY | 11 |
| ** Charles MORTIMER | 13 |
| ** Mrs WILDER | 17/- |

W E S T  W A R D

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|---|---|
| * Jno SMITH | - |
| ** Mrs CLANFIELD | - |
| ** Richd CLEMENT | 40 |
| ** Richd CLEMENT (butcher) | 11 |
| ** Revd Mr BENNETT | 24 |
| ** Eliz LEADER | 13 |
| * Ed RANCE | - |
| ** Ed BADGER | - |
| ** Benj TOMKINS (empty)/(void) | 63 |
| ** Widw/Elizth CARWOOD | 14 |
| ** Richd COX | 14 |
| * Henry FLUGER | 19 |
| ** Widw/late Widw WELLS (void) | - |
| * Henry FLUDGER | 19 |
| ** Wm RAWLINGS | 16 |
| * Mr STONE (void) | - |
| * Mrs TYRELL | - |
| ** Wm COUSSINS/CUSENS | - |
| ** Jos DICKER | - |
| * Mrs WALDRON | 19 |
| * Mrs DEARIN | 19 |
| ** Mrs COX | 12 |
| ** Wm LAWRANCE | - |
| ** Thos RAWLINGS/RAWLLINGS | - |
| ** Thos NICHOLLS/NICHOLDS | - |
| * Jno CRIPS | - |
| ** JohnPAYTON | - |
| * Thos WATERS | - |
| ** Thos GIDDON/GIDEON | 12 |
| ** Wm CLARKE/CLARK | - |
| ** Thos FULLER | 14 |
| * Charles SHERWOOD | 11 |
| ** Joseph HARRISS | - |
| ** Thos WAITE | - |

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| ** Benj YEATS | 13 |
| * Jno BIRCH | - |
| * Richd KEATS | - |
| ** Wm BEDFORD | - |
| * Widw PHARRISS | - |
| ** Joseph CROFTS | 14 |
| * Thos COULDRY | - |
| ** Revd Mr TURNER | 18 |
| ** Walter WATTS | - |
| ** Wm JAMES | 11 |
| ** Joseph BUTLER | 13 |
| ** John FLUDGER/FLUGEAR | - |
| ** Asher LEADER | 11 |
| ** John KNAPP | 28 |
| ** Lawrence SPICER | 12 |
| ** Revd Mr MOOR | 19 |
| ** Charles HOBBS | - |
| ** Mrs DOE | 18 |
| * Wm GOODLUCK | - |
| ** Mr BALDWIN/BALDIN | 19 |
| ** Isaac FLECHER & Widw/Wm GREEN | 12 |
| ** Joseph FULLER | 14 |
| ** Thos BUNCE | - |
| ** late John WEST now a school belonging to Mr Spinage LLOID/LLOYD | - |
| ** John SALMONS/SAMMONS | - |
| ** Ed HARRISS/HARRIS | - |
| * John TURFERY | - |
| * Richd STRANGE | - |
| ** George KNAPP | 19 |
| * Wm WIX jnr | - |
| ** Wm RANDALL | - |

UP WARD

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| * Richd STRANGE | - |
| ** Wm CONSTABLE | - |
| ** Jonathan CHANDLER | - |
| * Jno COPLAND | - |
| ** Walter COULING | - |
| * Brigett SMITH | - |
| ** Wm AUSTIN | - |
| ** John SPINAGE/ SPINIAGE | 14/19 |
| ** John ALLAM | - |
| ** Francis WOODHOUSE | 18 |
| ** Wm HUCKWELL | - |
| * Jno COLLINS for: | |
| * Patience COULDRY | - |
| ** Widw WEBB | 24 |
| ** John ALMOND | - |
| ** Richd BASLEY | - |
| ** Richd KIMBER | - |
| ** JohnWICKS/ WIX Snr | 14 |
| ** Wm/ Mrs PHILLIPSON | 19 |
| ** Richd COSTARD | - |
| ** John CROSSLEY | 14 |
| * John FULLER | 17 |
| * Richard FULLER | 28 |
| ** Mr MOORE | 24 |
| ** Moses JENNINGS/ JENNINS | 14 |
| * Robert POPE (void) | - |
| * John COLLINS | - |
| ** Wm BADCOCK | - |
| * Thos NASH | 12 |
| * Thos COLLINS | - |
| ** Charles ASHLEY | - |
| ** John ASHLEY | 12 |
| ** Joseph TOMKINS | 47 |
| ** John COX | 14 |
| ** John HARVEY | - |
| ** Wm SIMMONDS/ SEYMONDS | - |
| ** Thos FLETCHER | 14 |
| ** Thos CULLERNE/ CULLERN | - |
| ** Revd Mr RAWLINGS | 23/28 |
| ** John BOWLES -/Snr | 27 |
| * Widw BOSWELL (void) | - |
| * Ed LLOYD | - |
| ** John EVANS | - |
| * Wm HUBERT | - |
| * Widw HUBERT | - |
| ** Thos CHAPMAN | - |
| ** Wm BADCOCK | - |
| ** Wm BOWLES/ BOWS | - |
| ** Richd DANNIELL/ DANIEL | - |
| * Mrs PASONS | 13 |
| * Mr BROOKLAND | 15 |
| ** Dr TROW | 22 |

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| ** Wm MORRISS/MORRIS | - |
| ** Mrs HAWKINS | 11/13 |
| ** Wm YATEMAN/ Mr EATEMAN | 39 |
| ** Anthony CLAXSON/ CLAXON | - |
| ** John SHURY/ SHEWERY | - |
| * Edward KATCHASIDE | - |
| * Richd KETCHASIDE | - |
| ** John FISHER | - |
| ** John RUSSELL | - |
| ** Thos PAYNE/ PAYN | - |
| ** Wm DOE | - |
| ** Wm WALE | - |
| ** David JACKSON | - |
| ** Wm PEBSWORTH/ PEBWORTH | 14 |
| ** John PALMER/ PALMUR | - |
| ** Robt WACE | 13 |
| ** John GREEN | 13 |
| * Robt GEERING | - |
| ** Wm TYRRELL/ TIRRIL | - |
| ** Wm STEVENS | 12 |
| ** Nicholas MAYO | 10 |
| ** Revd Mr PORTALL/ PORTOL | 36 |
| ** Henry MONDY/ MUNDAY | - |
| * Widw MIDDLETON | - |
| * Widw ARISS | 12 |
| * Jno HILL | 12 |
| * John PRINCE (ex) | - |
| ** Widw EXHAM/ EXAM | 11 |
| ** Robt FLORY/ FLOREY | - |
| ** Edward HARMAN | 31 |
| ** Thos TASKER | 11 |
| ** Widw WINDSMORE | - |
| ** Eustace CRUMP | - |
| * Robt MERRY | - |
| ** Wm DAVIS | - |
| ** Robt MOORE/ MOOR | - |
| ** Eliz GUNIMAN | 13 |
| * Wm FILER | - |
| * Wm BRADFIELD | - |
| ** James POWELL | 28 |
| * Wm BRADFIELD | - |
| ** Ed CLARKE | - |
| ** & for teniment | - |
| ** Thos TWICROSS/ TWYCROFT | 10 |
| ** Mrs/ late Mrs ATHERTON (void) | - |
| ** Robt HURNIMAN/ HURNEYMAN | - |
| ** Wm SAVORY/ SAVOREY | - |
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# ACTORS IN THE FAMILY

Liz Longhurst

Great grandfather William Drewett (1834-1900) wrote a memoir on family history in the 1890s. Several pages were devoted to his wife's relations including her Uncle James Standing. He writes:

> "The result of the marriage (of James Standing) was two boys, Herbert and Alfred, and a daughter. All became more or less connected with the stage and have made quite a mark in that line. Herbert has acted with several companies, particularly Charles Wyndham's while Alfred takes the name of Celli and frequently appears at the Adelphi and music halls, while the sister is frequently at concerts as a singer, etc.

I was intrigued to learn more as William Drewett, a miller from Luton, was a very serious, worthy man and probably a little deficient in a sense of humour. Who were these witty and artistic types who went on the stage?

I didn't know where to start, but a friend suggested I should contact the Raymond Mander and Joe Mitchenson Theatre Collection.* I wrote (enclosing a s.a.e.) and they replied speedily and helpfully and referred me to various editions of 'Who's Who in the Theatre'.

Of the early editions of this work, Reading Reference Library has copies of the 5th (1925), 7th (1933), 9th (1939), 10th (1947) and the 11th (1952) editions. I found several potted biographies of Standings.

In all these editions - but not in later ones, i.e. 12th edition onwards -

In all these editions - but not in later ones, i.e. 12th edition onwards - there is a section entitled "Hereditary Theatrical Families". Working with the 1939 edition, there is an introduction to the section on pp 1596-98, the index on p 1599 and the trees themselves on pp 1600-75. There are about 100 of them.

I discovered from the Grossmith Tree that the brothers who wrote "The Diary of a Nobody" were born in Reading as was their father. Well known acting families represented include Kemble, MacReady, Terry and Thorndyke. Less well known families include Barnett, Bishop, Dark, Farren - and Standing. The Standings are distantly related to me, although the details given by William Drewett do not quite tally with the details in Who's Who in the Theatre. Francis is the name given for Alfred and there is no daughter listed (though Frank Celli's sister-in-law was a singer. Another son of James Standing was William, a singer who took the name "William Carleton".

Descendants living now include Kay Hammond (married to Sir John Clements) whose maiden name was Standing, and John Standing. He is her son by her first marriage and he has taken his mother's maiden name for professional purposes.

We can feel that the compiler of these trees, J.M. Bulloch, had his difficulties when he wrote in the 5th edition of Who's Who in the Theatre, "Theatrical biography is exceedingly difficult to trace because of the players' fundamental disinclination to deal in anything so concrete as facts and dates."

However, thanks to William Drewett and J.M. Bulloch, I have clinched one relationship - the acting Standings to a definitely non-acting branch of the family.

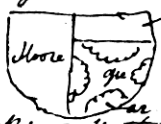
* The Raymond Mander and Joe Mitchenson Theatre Collection,
5 Venner Road, Sydenham, London, SE26

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Tuesday 19 Nov. Lord B- Ve at Little Fawley the neate and faire habitation of the Lady Moore wife to Sir Henry

Painted over the Porch at Lady Moore's house the Arms

of Moore with this Motto Regi et Legi.




Twittye Sum cuig pulchr

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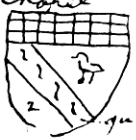
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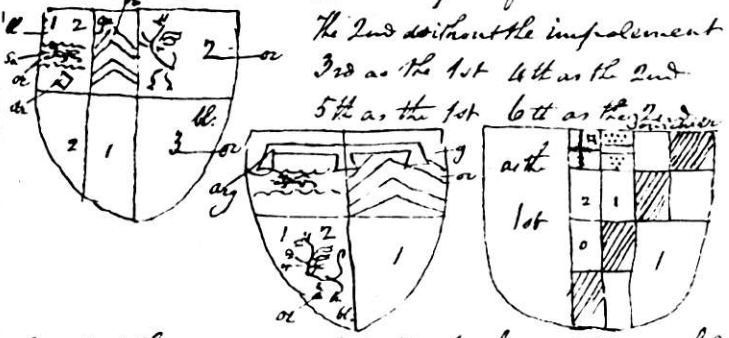
Hic jacet Tobias Playdell, Ar. et Elianora ux ejus ob: 18 Octr 1587 -

This in pictures & Escutcheon cut upon the Stone embossing a blew Stone —

A north Chapel north side of the Church is adorned with 4 Monuments — 1 an Altar Tomb ajoining to the North wall the South side both these Coloured & carved - upon the top lies the Statues of a Man & a Woman - he on the right side, he in complete Armour - the fashion of the Lord Hungerford in Salisbury Cathedral - upon his Breast his Quarterings are carved under his Head lyes this Crest upon a helme namely

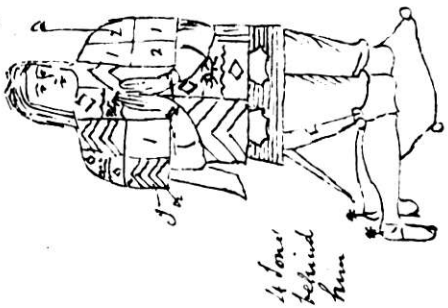
a dogs head sable his fore legs erected — Round about the verge of this — Here lyeth Sir Thomas Unton Knt and dame Eliz: his wife the wych Sr Thomas departed ye IIIJ day of august in ye Yeare of our Lord God MCCCCCXXIIJ whose soules God pardon Amen — Hic Ictu plangere morte meam quia solum Corpus obijt —

These 8 Escutcheons adorne the Sides of this fair Monument



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3rd as the 1st 4th as the 2nd
5th as the 1st 6th as the 2nd

Against the same North wall stands an Altar arched Monument of blue marble the side is inlaid with Brasses and fairly painted the picture of a Knight & 7 Sons behind him between 2 Women and 4 Escutcheons The Inscription in Pept Here under lyeth Sir Alexander Unton Knight Mary and Lady Cecyll his wifes wiche Alex deceased ye XVI day of Decemb Anno MVᶜXLVIJ in the first Yeare of our Soueraigne Lord King Edward the VI on whose soules & all Christians Jh. m: a



4 Sons behind him

Two pages from the Daniel Benham manuscript in Reading's Reference Library.

# PROJECT - MIS AT SINDLESHAM

Alice Bamford

"It would mean moving the gravestones," said my son-in-law, the Lay-Pastor of Sindlesham Baptist Church. Adjusting my hearing-aid, I dived head first into the discussion. "Not before our Family History Society has recorded them all - I'll put it before the next meeting." The family fell about laughing. As I started to give a pep-talk on the importance of memorial inscriptions my daughter interupted me to say, "Don't worry Mum, there are only about seven, and they have all been recorded by Mr. Jacob in his book 'Sindlesham Witness'. So here, by the courtesy of Mr. Jacob, are the names and dates from the memorial inscriptions and tablets from the Sindlesham Baptist Church.

## TABLETS

ELIZABETH ALLRIGHT
dau. of JOHN & ELIZABETH TARGETT
died 2 Oct. 1834 aged 15 years

also ELEANOR
second wife of JOHN TARGETT

also JOHN
died 1 Dec. 1837, aged 10 months

also SUSAN, third wife of JOHN TARGETT
died 8 August 1845 aged 57 years

also JOHN TARGETT
died 8 March 1866 aged 78 yrs.

also MARY ANN
second dau. of JOHN & ELEANOR TARGETT
died 19 May 1868 aged 35 years

also JANE MARIA,
relict of JOHN TARGETT
died 10 July 1877

(all the above probably in grave under shed)

LYDIA, dau. of JOHN & LYDIA ENGLEFIELD
died 16 May 1848 aged 6 yrs.

also GEORGE their son
diedied 4 August 1864 aged 13 years

also LYDIA wife of JOHN ENGLEFIELD
died 1 June 1867 aged 57 yrs.

also JOHN ENGLEFIELD
died 17 April 1883 in his 72nd year

LOUISA JANE, wife of J.C. ENGLEFIELD
died 30 June 1891 *

also J.C. ENGLEFIELD
died 9 March 1899 in his 60th year

also MARY ANN, sister of the above
died 30 July 1905 in her 61st Year

JABEZ MEDCALF died 14 March 1885
at Bearwood Berks in his 57th year
Interred in Reading Cemetery

## GRAVES

JOHN ENGLEFIELD died 17 April 1883
in his 72nd year
also LOUISA JANE
wife of J.C. ENGLEFIELD
died 25 June 1891 *

JOHN C. ENGLEFIELD died at Brixton
9 March in his 60th year
also MARY JANE sister of the above
and wife of GEORGE GLASS
died at Wokingham 30 July 1905
in her 61st year

ANN MUNDAY died 28 February 1885
aged 83 years

THOMAS MUNDAY 18-- (indecipherable)

JOSEPH COX died 26 July 1926 aged 80
SARAH COX died 13 Nov 1931 aged 83 yrs

unknown (probably Mr. & Mrs. TURNER)

HARRIET BROWN died 16 Oct 1918
aged 84 yrs.

* There is a discrepancy between the dates on the tablet and the grave.

In the book is a history of the TARGETT family from 1788 to 1897 and of the ENGLEFIELD family from 1812 to 1905. Mr. Jacob also mentions graves at Ashampstead with TARGETT connections.

HENRY FULLER died 3 Dec 1876
aged 68 years
also HENRY FULLER TARGETT,
his grandson aged 3 months
also HARRIET MARIA,
wife of HENRY FULLER,
died 1 Dec 1873 aged 63 years
also their son-in-law
EDWARD CLEARE TARGETT
died 13 March 1882 aged 61 yrs

JOHN THOMAS FULLER died 31 Dec. 1863
aged 6 yrs. 3 months

MARY TARGETT late of London Rd Reading

EMMIE TARGETT born 22 Jan 1865
died 28 March 1897

JOHN HENRY FULLER died 25 Oct 1902
in his 65th year

In Bear Wood Churchyard is a grave with ENGLEFIELD connections

MARY GLASS died 1897, aged 49 years
GEORGE GLASS husband of above died 1920 aged 74 years

Mr. Jacob, who has kindly donated a copy of his book to our library, would like to hear from anyone who has family links with the Targetts.

So ends the project that never really was . . .

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* POWNEY *

Wanted - any POWNEY entries in the Berkshire area, especially the marriage entry for SOLOMON POWNEY to SARAH, 1730.

information please to:
C.Powney 17 Charborough Road
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## BERKSHIRE MILITIA

## BURIALS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF HAILSHAM IN SUSSEX

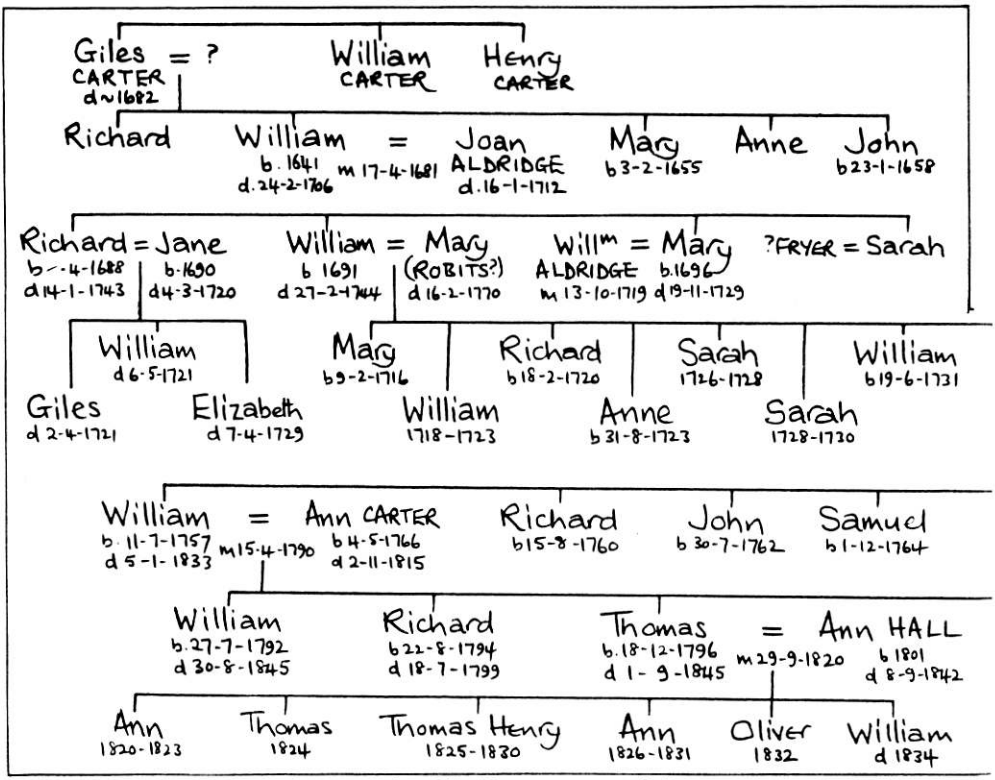
| 1808 | |
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| 13 Mar | Charles, son of Tho. SAMUEL (pte. B.M.) |
| 16 Mar | Samuel TUSON, a child of John TUSON (B.M.) |
| 16 Mar | Charles, a child of John JONES (B.M.) |
| 17 Mar | Caroline, dau, of Thomas SAMUEL (B.M.) |
| 19 Mar | William KNIGHT (pte. B.M.) |
| 20 Mar | Richard WARMER (pte. B.M.) |
| 24 Mar | John HALLOWAY (pte. B.M.) |
| 19 Apr | Jonathan OWEN (pte. B.M.) |

| 1808 (continued) | |
|---|---|
| 30 Apr | JOHN BARTLETT (pte. B.M.) |
| 1 May | Joseph ALLEN (pte. B.M.) |
| ? May | William MAY (pte. B.M.) |
| 17 May | George BATH (sgt. B.M.) |
| 18 June | John SHARMION(?) (pte. B.M.) |
| 21 June | William DREW (pte. B.M.) |
| 24 June | William WILLIAMS (pte.B.M.) |
| 22 Aug | David WEST (pte.B.M.) |
| **1809** | |
| 8 Jan | Richard MILLS, a child of John MILLS (B.M.) |

# THE CARTERS OF ARLINGHAM

Sawood Ogden

For some time it has been my intention to write up a few notes on the Carter family. I had thought that it would be best to collate all the information available, as far back as possible, then construct trees and if the editor was interested he could have copies for our journal.




Two things have changed my mind, firstly we are told the magazine is marking time for lack of contributionsand secondly I now have reliable information that the Carter family appear in the Domesday Book. If this article is to wait until I reach that period in history I doubt if you will ever see it in print, come to think of it perhaps you don't particularly wish to but if appeals to members for contributions fall on stoney ground, then you will have to put up with ramblings of the secretary, or do without a magazine.

For some long time I have known that a little Gloucestershire blood diluted my Yorkshire ancestry. My grandmother died when I was aged seven and for the next five or six years I was detailed, almost nightly, to go round and play draughts with my grandfather, you didn't argue in those days, at that age and in any case I enjoyed winning the odd game and always assumed, in my innocence, that my victories were due to my superior talents.

During the course of such evenings grandfather would talk much of the family,

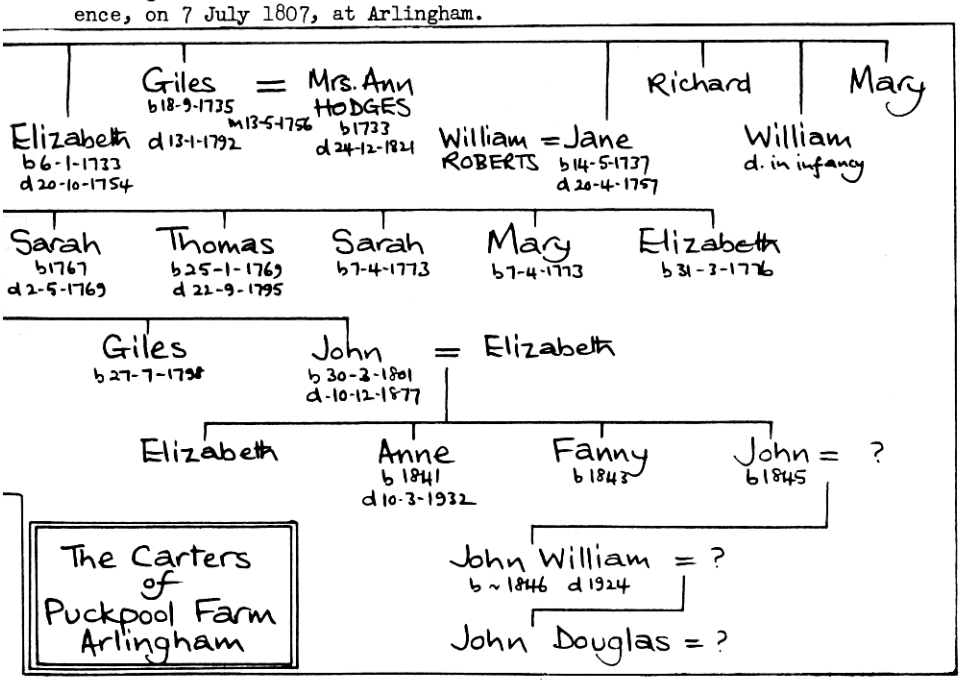
of his grandfather, farmer and handloom weaver, Sawood Ogden, but always known locally as Sowood (as, I have since found, it often used to be spelled) of the seven generations of John Ogdens, all of whom, according to grandfather were bachelors, of Colonel John Ogden who fought on the side of the royalists during the civil war, of his mother, the daughter of a Gloucestershire yeoman farmer. At the time everything he told me was absorbed as being from the gospels. How dearly now I would like to be a spiritualist with the ability to pin him down for interrogation.

Anyway, during the latter part of 1976, having come, temporarily I hope, to a halt with the Ogdens, I decided to do a little delving into my gt-grandmother's family.

Step 1 Obtain the marriage certificate of James Ogden and Anne Hawkins which gave me her age at the time and thence yesr of birth, together with the name of her father - Nathaniel Hawkins.

Step 2 Obtain census returns for Parkinson Lane, Halifax for 1851, this gave the place of her birth - Cherry Tree Farm, Newland, Gloucestershire.

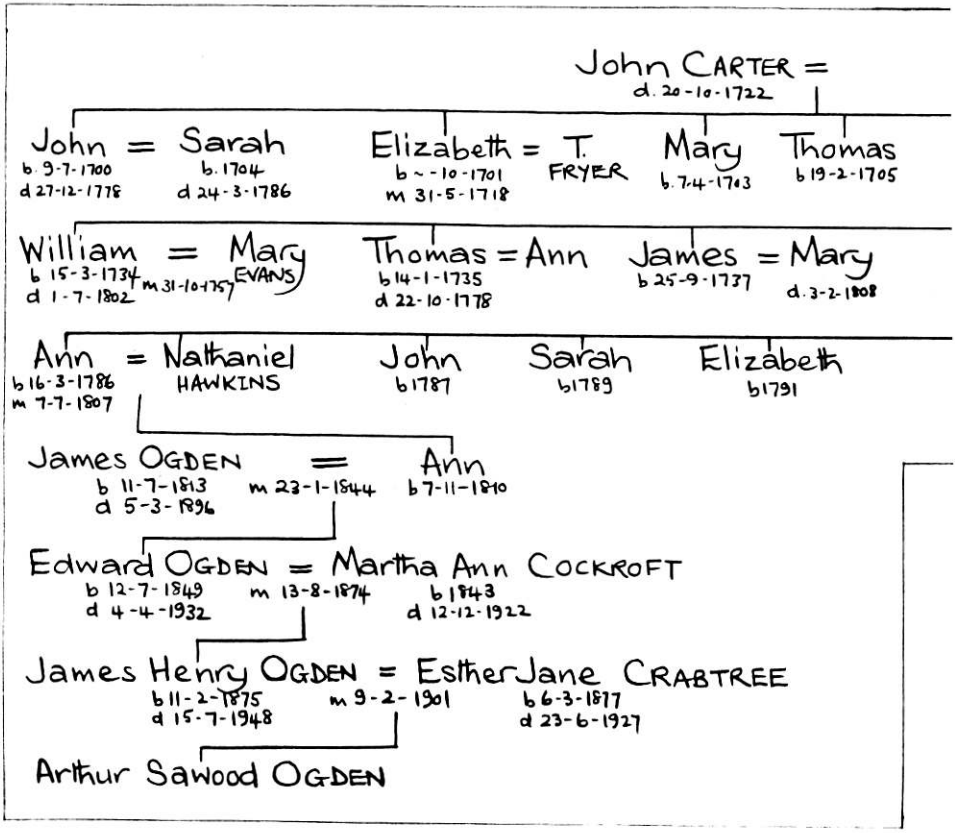
Step 3 Look through Boyd's Marriage Index, on the off-chance, and find the marriage of Nathaniel Hawkins of Newland to Anne Carter of Arlingham, by licence, on 7 July 1807, at Arlingham.




Step 4 A letter to the Record Office in Gloucester showed that all the necessary parish records were held in the Shire Hall, together with a lot of other material.

So, on 19th March 1977 I loaded up the car, with the Hawkins and Carter files lots of notepaper, and my faithful personal secretary, Marion Frances. On the

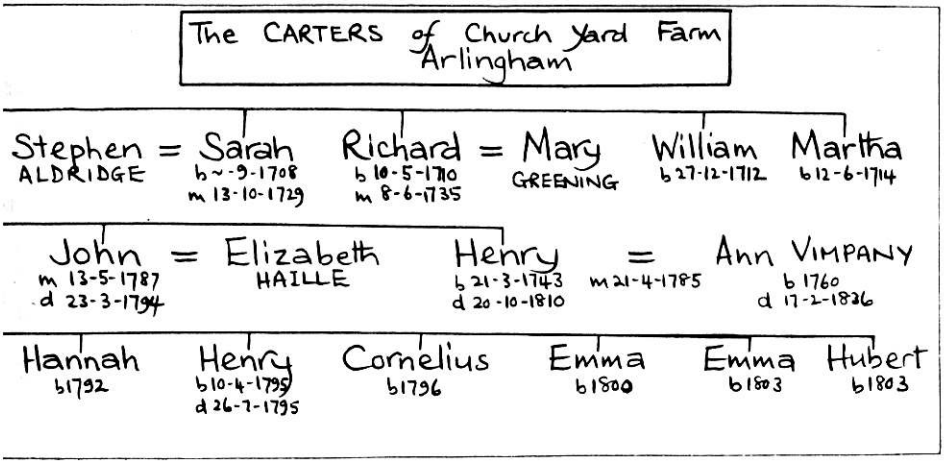
So, on 19th March 1977 I loaded up the car with the Hawkins and Carter files, lots of notepaper, and my faithful peraonal secretary, Marion Frances. On the 20th, from our Gloucester base, we descended on the village of Arlingham, lying in a sweeping bend of the river Severn, surrounded on three sides by water. It is small - one pub, one general store and one traffic-free cross-roads. To one side lies what used to be the Manor House, the home at one time of the Hodges family who were Lords of the Manor there since the mid-16th century who who held the advowson for the parish. On the other side lies the parish church,




the original was there prior to 1146, the present church dates from 1372, made from the local blue bias stone, withthe exception of the tower which was added later and is made from Cotswold stone. The church remains unaltered from that date.

The next three days of the visit were spent in the County Record Office and have been followed by a still further visit. Perhaps at this point I might pay

my tribute to the County Archivist and his staff, they are the most kind and helpful people one could wish to meet. The parish records and the Bishop's transcripts for Arlingham and adjacent parishes were made available and in addition a copy of gt-gt-grandmother's marriage allegation and also, to date, 30 sheets of Carter wills. What has emerged so far shows the Carters to have been a prolific family, the main branch being at Puckpoole Farm, later spreading to




Church Yard Farm and mine host at the village inn, these are definitely interrelated, there is also a Carter branch of doctors, not yet tied in with the others. Later, with the 1851 census, there are a number of village tradesman of the same name, likewise not yet tied in.

With regard to gt-grandmother, she was of the Church Yard Farm **Carters** and, lo and behold, we find from the registers that her grandfather married Ann Vimpany. We couldn't find any Carters or Vimpanys still living in the village but a letter to Australia elicited the information that one of the family lives in Salisbury, Wiltshire and contact there has given me the information that the Vimpanys moved up from Somerset in the 1600s and also that a Carter was now living in the nearby village of Coaley. We have since paid him a visit, he is a retired farmer and is from the Puckpoole Farm branch. Now I have the Vimpanys to add to my list for future inveatigation and I did so look forward to getting moving on the Sawood family. I can only mutter to myself "Oh what a tangled web of mystery, when one gets involved in family history!"

I do not impute 100% accuracy to the following trees, there is a lot of work to be done on them and as I wrote earlier, they were not yet meant for publication.

We also had a cock-shy at the Hawkins family but so far gt-gt-grandfather is reluctant to emerge. There is a vast amount of work remaining but with the consolation that one could hardly find a more pleasant part of our country in which to do it, we are off again at half term!

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

59 Summit, Medford,
Oregon 97501, USA

Dear Sir,

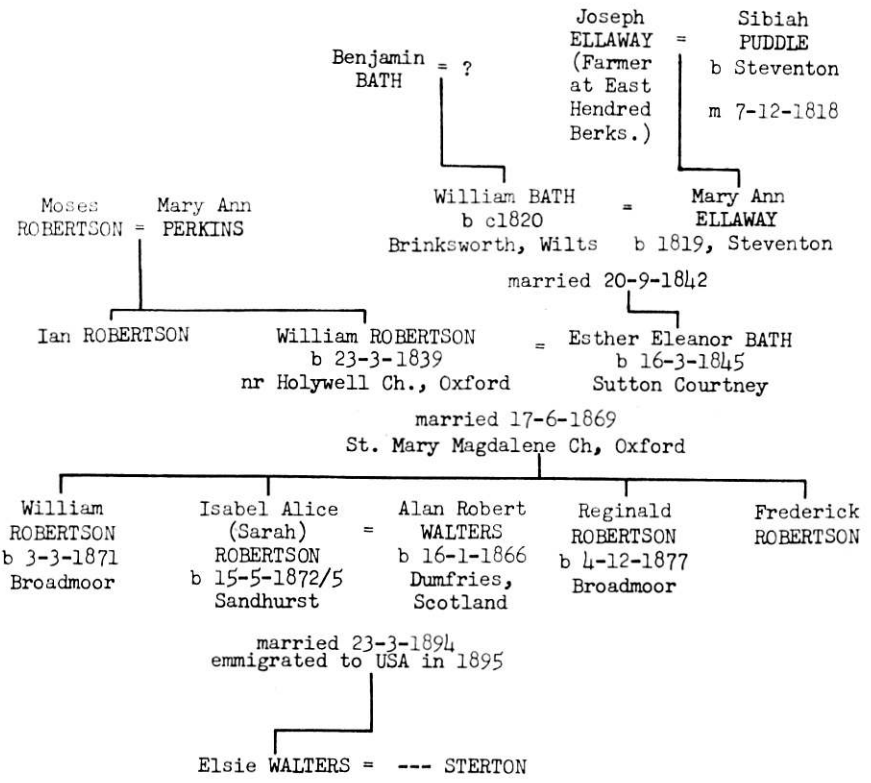
I am one of your members from the Pacific Northwest. For years I have been tracing my Mother's family, the ROBERTSONs, who lived in Berkshire, and I hope that some of them still live there. The distance between here and there is great, but I am hoping that through these pages I will be able to locate, or find out about, some of my kin.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows, or has any information of, any of the following families:

| | |
|---|---|
| Alice & George SPENCER | Family of SUTTONs related to |
| Nell & Percy ROBERTSON | the Spencers or Robertsons |

or any of the persons, or their relations, shown on the chart below. Postage will be gladly refunded.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Elsie Sterton



## SITREP FROM THE SECRETARY

### Opening Gambit

Our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century; without coal fires until the 14th century; without buttered bread until the 16th; without coffee, tea and soap, until the 17th; without gas, matches and electricity until the 19th; without canned or frozen food and cars until the 20th century. Now, what was it you were complaining about?

### Begging Letter

If you are writing to me, kindly consider enclosing a stamp. Those who write seeking a reward usually do, I am thinking of those who write and would just like an acknowlegement. Those writing from exotic and far away places please remember that two International Reply Coupons are required for Air Mail. However poor you may be your finances are superior to ours.

### May Meeting

Alf Ison gave us a most instructive evening on Palaeography, with a present to all members attending of an old document together with its translation. Sooner or later, as one's efforts bear fruit, everyone is going to become involved in Palaeography. Some, like me; will be unlucky and find that the Elizabethan scribe concerned was not a member of the union, so none of his letters conform to any available samples.

### June A.G.M.

The business side was adequately covered in the Chairman's Report of the last issue. The only point that I would wish to make is that I also need volunteers prepared to function on a 'summat for nowt' basis as well as the other, astound me by your overwhelming support. After the close of business we all enjoyed a feast of meaty morsals supplied by our ladies catering department, washed down with Chateau de la Courage '77.

### Judd & Randall

Mr. J.D. Pidgeon, PO Box 618, Jakarta, Indonesia, has sent a copy of his notes on the Judd and Randall families of Wilts., Hants. and Newbury in Berkshire. Please contact me if you have an interest in either of these families. Mr. Pidgeon would very much like to hear from anyone researching either family.

### Browne

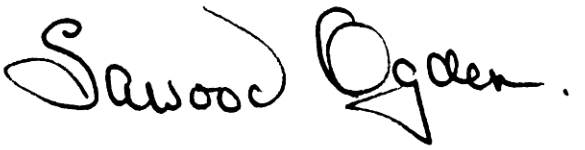
Mr. Heygate-Browne of Ormonde House, 51 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, Bucks., the Buckinghamshire Family History Society's Editor, has done considerable research into the family of the Rev. Moses Browne, Vicar of Olney, Rector of Sutton and Chaplain of Morden College, Blackheath. A descendant of this cleric Bartholomew Browne, died in Wokingham on 13 October 1843, at which time he had estate in Wiltshire.* Any Brownes interested are welcome to view the dossier on this Browne family.

### Closing Gambit

"There are some friendly people in this country of ours", on Sunday 24th July

* Parts of Wokingham, and an area roughly to its north, used to be a part of Wiltshire, as old county maps show.

Marion and I visited the village of Denchworth, now in Oxfordshire, late in Berks. I wanted photographs and some impressions of the village for a lady in New Zealand. On leaving the church we knocked on a door; we were welcomed by the man of the house, he invited us in, showed us round his house, offered us a cup of tea, gave me a rough history of the village over the past 50 years and 'If you should ever pass this way again, please stop for a chat and a drink'.



## YOUR HELP NEEDED

Members' help is needed desperately to work on the indexing of records held in the Berkshire Record Office. At the moment some of our members are doing lots of valuable work indexing removal and settlement orders of Berkshire. Eventually we would like to make a complete index of all Berkshire parish records.

As a help to beginners, a member of the committee will be present at the Record Office each Thursday evening until Christmas, as the office is open until 7.30 pm on Thursday evenings.

Please come along - with your pencil and paper - it is a fascinating and a very rewarding task.

A future project for the society is the indexing of the 1851 census returns. We can only accomplish such tasks with your help. The sooner they are done the easier your researching could be!

If you have any queries about this project please contact any member of the committee.

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