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The English Civil Wars?

*In time of Warre, people made use of whom they could get,
without minister, clark or bell* St Mary's Reading, PRs 1641-2

*“Confused times of war occasioned some confusion
in the register”*

St Giles Reading, PRs 1646

*In the time of the Civil Wars he was, by the power
of the sword, violently kept out of his living from
1646 till Michaelmas 1660, when by Law he was
Restored and in that compass of time the register had
been kept very imperfectly*

Memorandum in PRs by Mr Antram, Vicar of Helton, Dorset





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A list of the colonels as also of the severall counties out of which they are to raise their men

Printer/Publisher: T. Paine for Thomas Walkley near the New Exchange
 Publication date: 1640
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Author: Rhodes, Simon.
 Printer/Publisher: Nath: Butter
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 Publication place: London
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The Kentish petition

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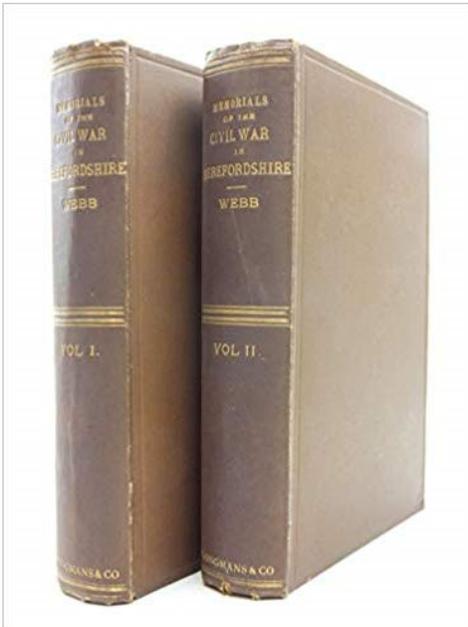
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Stroppy Herefordshire Women!!



- Jane Merricke's petition was addressed to the mayor and justices of the city of Hereford. This was a wholly separate jurisdiction to the county of Herefordshire and made its own provision for poor relief. Merricke's petition was presented to the authorities after the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 and detailed her service in his father's cause during the siege of the city which lasted from 29 July until 2 September 1645. Hereford was a key target in the west of England and had changed hands several times from the beginning of the war, although the strain of royalism was always strong there.....
- In her petition Jane Merricke described how, 'when the Scots beleaguered' the city she had been 'sorely wounded in severall parts of her bodie & limbs'. She was injured while 'casting up worke for the defence of the ... Cittie, which is not unknown to the whole Cittie'. It was clearly all hands to the pump as the royalists of Hereford scrambled to shore up their position against an impressive Scottish army

Welsh Newton.
Scot's Brook, a cottage rebuilt c. 1840. In 1646 a Scotch Parliamentary soldier was found, by a women, abstracting bread from her oven, and she killed him with a hatchet. (Mem. of the Civil War in Herefordshire, p. 396.)

Trellesdu, or Trellesdee, belonged in the 18th century to a ... of the Philpotts family. William Philpotts was in possession

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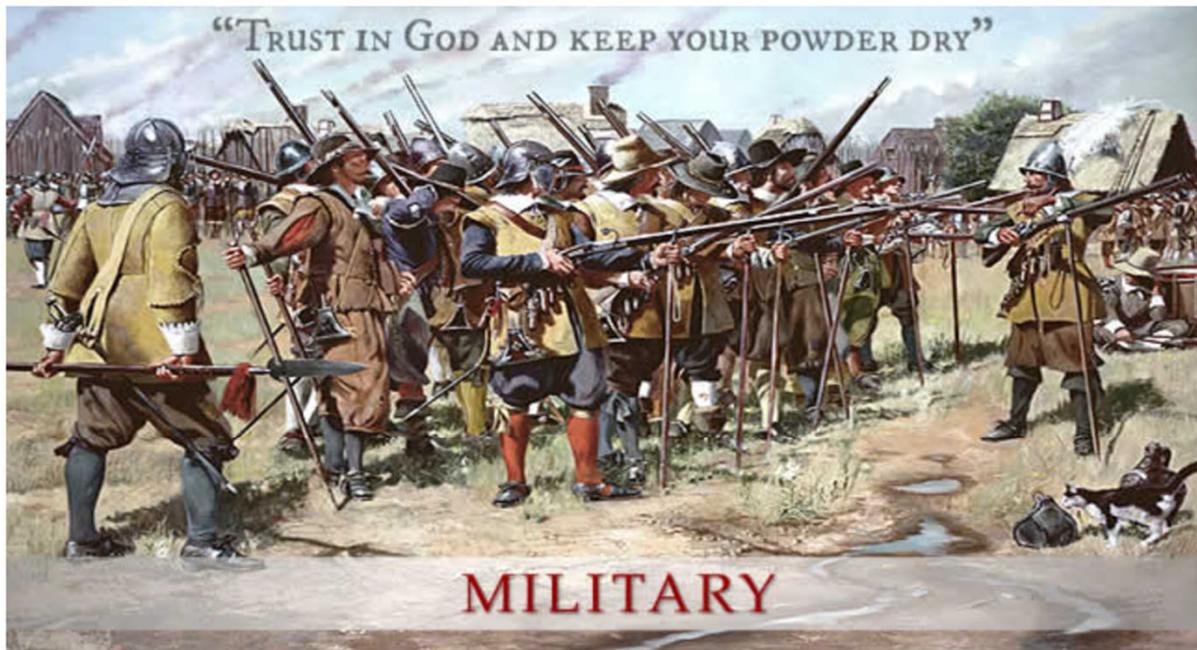


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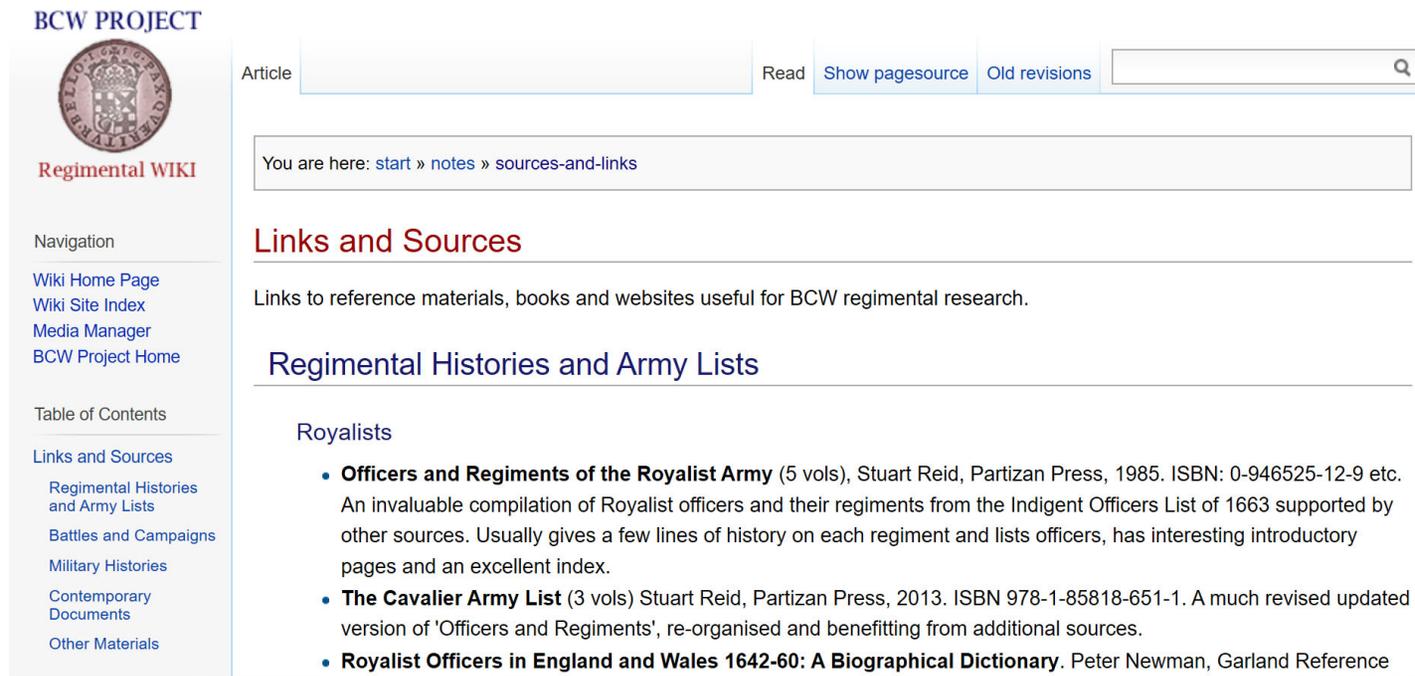
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- **Officers and Regiments of the Royalist Army** (5 vols), Stuart Reid, Partizan Press, 1985. ISBN: 0-946525-12-9 etc. An invaluable compilation of Royalist officers and their regiments from the Indigent Officers List of 1663 supported by other sources. Usually gives a few lines of history on each regiment and lists officers, has interesting introductory pages and an excellent index.
- **The Cavalier Army List** (3 vols) Stuart Reid, Partizan Press, 2013. ISBN 978-1-85818-651-1. A much revised updated version of 'Officers and Regiments', re-organised and benefitting from additional sources.
- **Royalist Officers in England and Wales 1642-60: A Biographical Dictionary**. Peter Newman, Garland Reference

- Thomas Clarke, late a trooper under lieutenant Hunt, to have 40s. paid to him by John Parsons, gentleman, one of the Treasurers etc.-Upon consideration had of the distressed estate of Thomas Clarke was a trooper under the command of lieutenant Hunt and who hath received divers wounds in the service of the Parliament, it is ordered that John Parsons, gentlemen, one of the Treasurers for the King's Bench and Marshalsey, shall upon sight hereof pay to the said Thomas Clarke the sum of 40s. for his present relief and at the next Sessions this court will faire order for the settling of a pension upon him towards his relief hereafter and the said Thomas Clarke is to subscribe the receipt of the same 40s. and leave this order with the said Mr. Chambers for his discharge herein.
- Edward Wisdoms, a foot soldier, John Greenhill, a trooper, William Mason, a foot soldier, to have 40s. a piece paid them by the Treasurers etc.--Upon consideration had of the distressed estate of Edward Wisdome who was a foot soldier under the command of major Hawford and who hath received divers wounds in the service of the Parliament, it is ordered that John Parsons, gentleman, one of the Treasurers etc., ut supra for twenty shillings and that Mr. Chambers, the other Treasurer, shall pay the other 20s.

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Ashton-under-Lyne -- relief for Thomas Stansfeild, a soldier who lost his hand at Preston fight.

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The certificate for William Gray of Braintree, Essex, 8 April 1657
8 April 1657

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The petition of Arthur Bagshawe of Feckenham, Worcestershire, 1682
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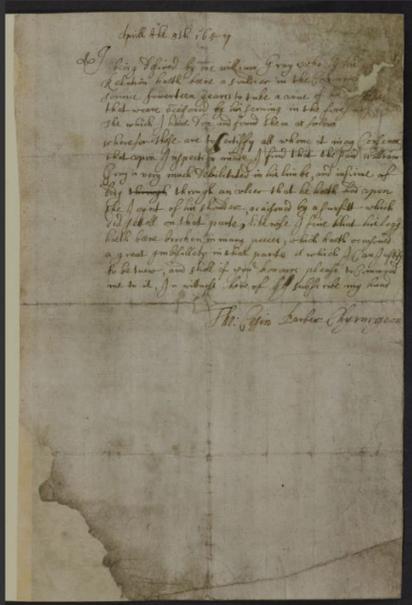
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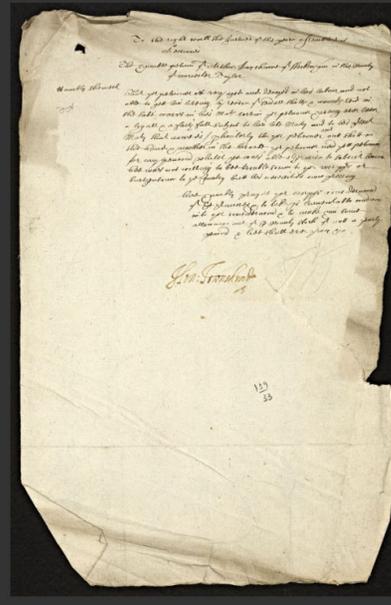
The certificate for William Gray of Braintree, Essex, 8 April 1657



Original	Modernised

<p>Aprill the 8th 1657</p> <p>I being Desired by one William Gray (who by his ow{n} Relation hath bene a souldier in the Comonwe[alths] service fowerteen years) to take a viue of his Hurtes that weare oc[c]asioned by his serving in the foresaid {?service}. The which I haue Don, and found them as folows</p> <p>Wherefor these are to Certify all whome it may Conserne that vpon Inspection made I find that the said William Gray is very much Debilitated in his limbs, and infirme of body thrōugh through an vicer that he hath vpon the Joynt of his shoulder, ocaioned by a surfit which did settell on that parte, likewise I fine that his Legge hath bene brocken in many peeces, which hath ocaioned a great p[ar]ticulerly in that parte al which hath ocaioned a great imbisilley in that parte al which I Can Justify to be trew, and shall if your honours please to Command me to it, In wittnese here of I subscribe my hand</p> <p>Tho[mas] Cosin Barber Chyrurgeon</p>	

The petition of Arthur Bagshawe of Feckenham, Worcestershire, 1682



Original	Modernised

<p>To the right wor[shipfu]ll the Justices of the peace assembled in Sessions</p> <p>The humble petic[i]on of Arthur Bagshawe of ffeckenham in the County of worcester Taylor</p> <p><Humbly sheweth></p> <p>That yo[u]r peticoner is very aged and decayed in his labour and not able to gett his living by reason of severall shotts & wounds rec[eive]d in the late warrs in his Ma[jes]t[ys] service yo[u]r peticoner has duly ever been a loyall & a faithfull subject to his late Ma[jes]ty and to his pr[e]sent Ma[jes]ty that nowe is. p[ar]ticulerly th yo[u]r peticoner rec[eive]d one shott in the hand & another in the throate, yo[u]r peticoner nev[er] yet [?petic[i]on] for any penc[i]on whilst hee was able otherwise to subsist because hee was not willing to bee troublesome to yo[u]r wor[shi]pps or burthensome to ye Country butt his necessities now pressing</p>	

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To the Worshipfull John Hawkins Esquire and to
the rest of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the
County of Middlesex in their General Session assembled.

The Humble Petition and appeal of Diedrick
Peckerson of the Parish of Saint George Middlesex an
Inhabitant paying to the Relief of the Poor within the said
Parish.

Sheweth.

That in an appointment on the nineteenth day of August last
a Rate was made for the relief of the Poor of
the said Parish by John Horsford and Lancelot Bowler Churchwardens
and William Ray, William Gunmiss and John Hopkins Overseers of the
Poor of the said Parish and all owed by Roberts Pill and Christopher Scott
Esquires two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, which
Rate was commenced on Lady Day now last past. That your
Petitioner conceives himself aggrieved by the said Rate because he
the other Inhabitants of the said Parish are thereby Rated or Assessed
by an annual Assessment by the Pound, whereas the Custom and Usage
of the said Parish hath constantly for great numbers of Years last
past been to make a Monthly Rate or Assessment, which being
discretionary was much better Calculated to answer immediate
Occasions without bringing a perpetual burthen on the Inhabitants.

That the said Rate is in many Instances partial and
unequal and in particular that your said Petitioner is charged much
higher in proportion to the Annual Value of the Premises Occupied
by him than other Persons within the said Parish and therefore and
for other Defects in the said Rate your Petitioner Appeals therefrom.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your
Worships would be pleased to order the benefit of the
said Appeal to be saved to your Petitioner, and that your
Worships would be pleased to appoint a Day in the next
General Quarter Session of the Peace to hear and determine
the said Appeal; And at the same time that the Church-
wardens and Overseers of the said Parish may produce
the Books of the Old Rates for the Relief of the Poor of
the said Parish, as also the Books of the present Rate ...

Petition to JPs Against the Poor Rate by Rate Payers

To the Worshipfull John Hawkins Esquire and to the rest of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex in their General Session Assembled.

The Humble Petition and Appeal of Diedrick Peckerson of the Parish of Saint George Middlesex, an Inhabitant paying to the Relief of the Poor within the said Parish, SHEWETH
That a Rate or Assessment was [...] on the nineteenth day of August last made for the relief of the Poor of the said Parish by John Horsford and Lancelot Bowler, Churchwardens, and William Ray, William Gunmiss and John Hopkins, overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, and all owed by Roberts Pill and Christopher Scott Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, which Rate was made for three Months Commenceing [*sic*] at Lady Day now last past. That your Petitioner conceives himself aggrieved by the said Rate because [...] heard the other Inhabitants of the said Parish are thereby Rated or Assessed by an Annual Assessment by the Pound, Whereas the Custom and Usage of the said Parish hath constantly for great numbers of Years last past been to make a Monthly Rate or Assessment, which being discretionary was much better Calculated to Answer immediate Occasions without bringing a perpetual burthen on the Inhabitants.
That the said Rate is in many Instances partial and unequal, and in particular that your said Petitioner is charged much higher in proportion to the Annual Value of the Premises Occupied by him than other Persons within the said Parish, and therefore and for other Defects in the said Rate your Petitioner Appeals therefrom.
Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Worships would be pleased to order the benefit of the said Appeal to be saved to your Petitioner, and that your Worships would be pleased to appoint a Day in the next General Quarter Session of the Peace to hear and determine the said Appeal; And at the same time that the Church-wardens and Overseers of the said Parish may produce the Books of the Old Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, as also the Books of the present Rate ...

John Renford of London petitions against neighbour's harrassment

- John Wrenford of Longdon, gentleman. Ref.110 BA1/1/48/182 (1625)
- The petition of John Wrenford of Longdon in the county of Worcester gentleman to the worshipful his majesties justices of the peace of the same county desiring the good behaviour against David Powell servant unto Nicholas Terrett clarke for the causes following:
- First for that the said David Powell doth beare an inveterat hate and mallice against the said John Wrenford and most of his family: the said John doth verily thinke and feare that he the said David will doo unto him the John his people goodes or cattell some hurte or mischiefe for he the said Powell did once lay voyolent handes made an assault and would have fought with him the said John Wrenford when he was his servant.
- Secondly ther have died of late some 7 or 8 swine of the said John Wrenford or there about and for as much when some of the said swine were fleaed their flesh did appeare blacke and brused and maimed and the said Powell hath beene seene with staves and stackes to beate and stricke the swine of the said John Wrenford and to throwe them in a most violent manner from an uper grounde into a lower ground over the hedges of the said Nicholas Terrett the said John Wrenford with most of his family doo verily thinke and belive: that he the said Powell hath beene the occasion of most of their deaths
- Thirdly about a yeare and halfe since the said Powell did with a picke hurte two of your petioners carte horses soe that they were not well able to worke in the time of harvest.
- Fourthly upon Sunday last past beeing the 16 of this instant October by reason that the mound of the said Nicholas Terrett did lye broken downe unto the ground the horses of your said petitioner when as the [carter?] followed them to water did goe over into the [gro...?] of the said Nicholas Terrett: where upon your [petitioners?] said carter going in fresh pursuit to fetch [illegible] back againe into the fould of your petitioner the said Powell beeing in the same ground did presently runne after the said horses in a most furious manner with a picke in his handes: to have beaten or maymed the said horses and with all sware to your petitioner carter by God his woundes that yf thou didst bring them back that way (as they did come in) I will panch some of you: meaning eyther him the said carter or the horses: and soe forced the said carter to bring the said horses a great way round about an other way.
- Fiftly likewise upon the day aforesaid being Sunday last past ther being two swine of your petitioner in the same ground of the said Nicholas Terrett: the said Powell with stackes did soe beate one of the said swine, that he was scarce able to goe out there hence: and sithens ther hath died one of the swine of your said petitioner: and as most of the servantes of your said petitioner doo verily thinke and beleve it was the very same swine that was by him the said Powell soe beaten
- Sixthly beeing asked at the same time by one other of the servantes of your said petitioner which did see him the said Powell soe beate the swine upon Sunday last past being the 16 of this instant October as [...fore?] said why doest thou beate my masters swine when as your hedges lye soe open as they doo: the [said?] Powell replied with a dreadfull oath Godes woundes thou rogue doo thou come over the hedg and I will give thee as much more.
- For these and many more opprobrious and threatning speches [illegible] misdemeanors committed by the said David Powell being of lewd live and conversation and meane condition not able to make satisfaction for his wronges allreddy doone as aforesaid and that the saftie of your said petitioner his family goodes and cattell may be the better secured and provided for your petitioner doth leave all to your worshipfull consideration to be therin dealt with all as you in justice shall thinke most fitting
- To the 1 and 2 article

Humfrie James a poor day labourer

- Humfrie James, a poor day labourer. Ref.110 BA1/1/83/43 (1621)
- To the right worshipfull the Kinges majesties justices of the peace of the county aforesayd
- The humble petition of Humfrie James a poore day laborer
- Shewing that he [was?] borne and berdd upp in Norton juxta Kemsey and there hath dwelled and kept howse being a married man for the spece of viii yeres last past in the rent of one Daniell Gyles of Norton aforesayd and for a bare howse without any profytes thereunto belonging hath yerely for the tyme aforesayd payd unto him xiiii shillings yerely and within the sayd tyme hath had and yet hath 3 children which were borne in the [sayd howse?] and one 2 other children at his coming to the [sayd howse?] to dwell so that this poore petitioner ys now [charged?] with a wyfe and 4 5 children and noe [mayntaynaunce?] but his hard laboure and now in most [distressed?] estate for that the sayd Daniell Gyles hath [unt...?] [illegible] the parte of the petitioners sayd howse and [int...eth?] and voweth within this 3 wekes to throw the petitioner [his?] wyfe and children out of dores which hee will suerly doe wherby the petitioner his wyfe and poore children shalbe constrayned to lye in the streetes without your worships ayd in justice be speedely shewen and some order taken according to the forme of the statute for the [illegible] harbor of the petitioner his wyfe and poore children
- The petitioner most humbly desiereth your worships that in some convenient place amongst the rest of the almeshouses erected in the sayd parish that some smalle cottage or dwelling place may be sett upp and appoynted for the releefe and sucker of him selfe wyfe and small children and the petitioner will ever pray for your worships
- paratextin regard that Daniell Giles did receave him at first to suffer him to contynue or to fynde hym a howse

William Marshall of Oddingley, clerk

- William Marshall of Oddingley, clerk. Ref.110 BA1/1/45/73 (1620)
- To the right worshipfull his majesties justices of the peace for the county of Wigorn
- The humble peticion of William Marshall of Oddingley in the said county clerke.
- Whereas your petitioner in November last was twelve monethes by the entreaty of friendes did pay and undertake to pay the some of tenne poundes for and towardes the mainetenance of twoe of the children of John Brooke deceased begotten on the bodie of Issabell the petitioners daughter and borne att Oddinley abovesaid and alsoe was from tyme to tyme after the entermarriage of the said John and Issabell burthened aswell in succoringe them their children and family with provision of howse keepeinge as in undergoeinge of the payement of his debtes to his the petitioners chardge of a hundred poundes att the least and whereas your petitioner his meanes was not att any tyme heretofore nor nowe is aboue xx pounds per annum and himselffe hath a wieffe and three small children and his wieffe great of the fowrth besydes a familye to keepe and maineteine therewith; and neverthelesse, yt pleased this worshipfull court att the last sessions of the peace to order the petitioner to paye viii shillings monethly [to...?] the mainetenance of the said Issabell and her children, one of which [is?] since dead which payement the petitioner unto this presente [hath?] [illegible] [...rfor...?]
- Humbly prayeth that your good worships [wo...?] [illegible] into your grave consideracion the [illegible] in comiseracion thereof and of his [do...?] [illegible] and the great chardge and losse the [p...?] [illegible] att from tyme to tyme in succoringe of [illegible] her husband and their children and [p...?] [illegible] the said order of the last [sessions?] [illegible] petitioner is ordered to pay the [said?] [illegible] aforesaid may be reversed [A...?] [illegible]
- ordered to contynue the payment etc

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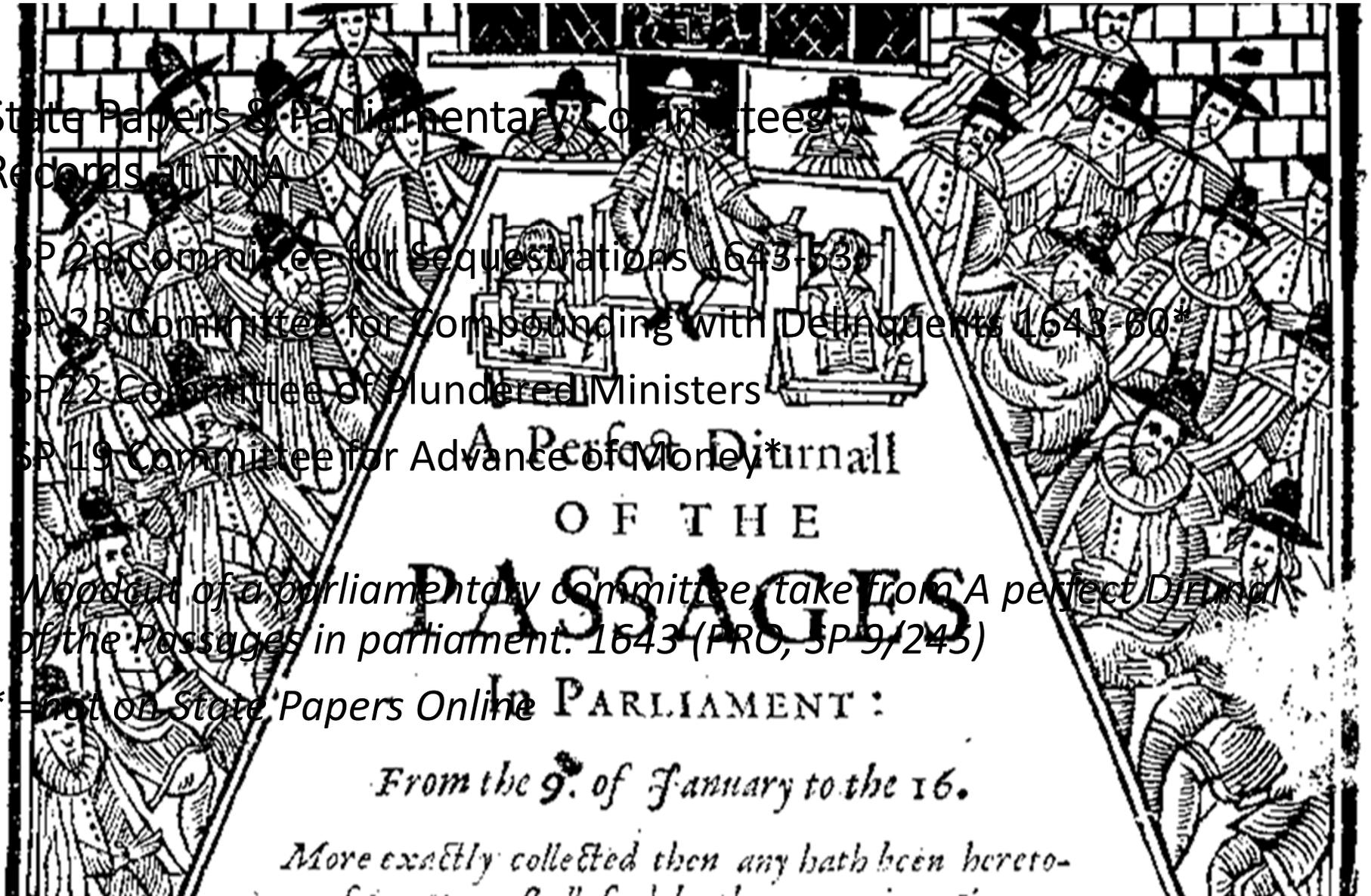
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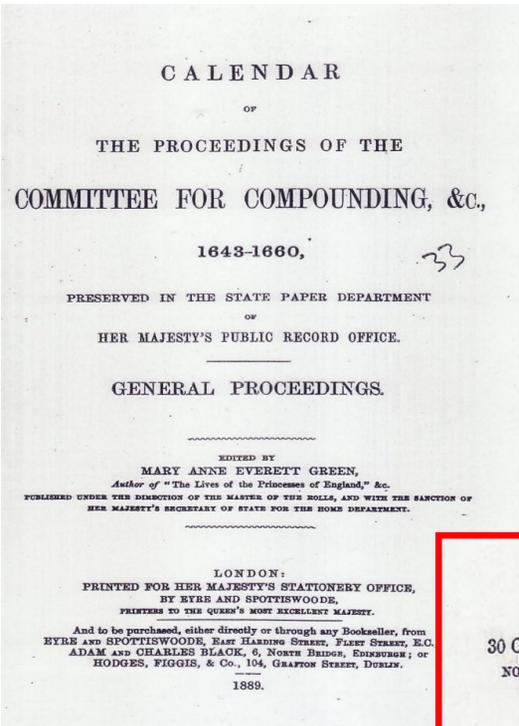
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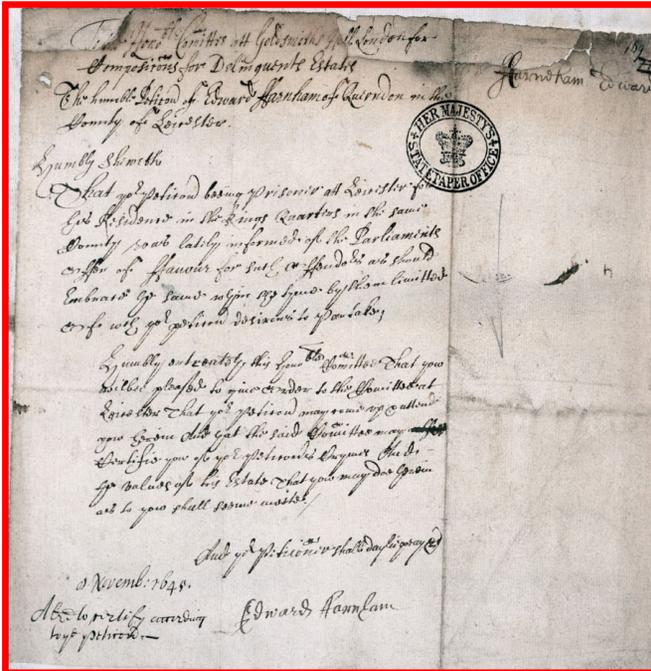
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	Being prisoner at Leicester for residing in the King's quarters, and wishing to partake of Parliament's favour to those who embrace it in time, begs an order to the County Committee to allow him to come up and attend, and to certify his crimes and the value of his estate. Granted.	86 169
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Deposition signed by Edward Farnham Committee for Compounding with Delinquents SP 23/86 p 169

6 THE SEQUESTRATION PAPERS OF EDWARD FARNHAM.

Captain Henry Farnham of the Nether Hall. The Arms of Farnham are: Quarterly or and azure, in the two first quarters a crescent counterchanged.

The family have been seated at Quorndon for eighteen generations, a longer period than any other existing Leicestershire family.

Transcripts from the Royalist Composition Papers relating to the Sequestration of the Estates of Edward Farnham, of Quorndon, co. Leicester, Esquire, during the Civil Wars. (Fined £480.)

(From the original papers of the Committee for Compounding now in the Public Record Office.)

I.

EDWARD FARNHAM BEGS LEAVE TO COMPOUND, 8 NOVEMBER, 1645.

To the honorable Committee att Goldsmiths Hall London for Compositions for Delinquents Estates.

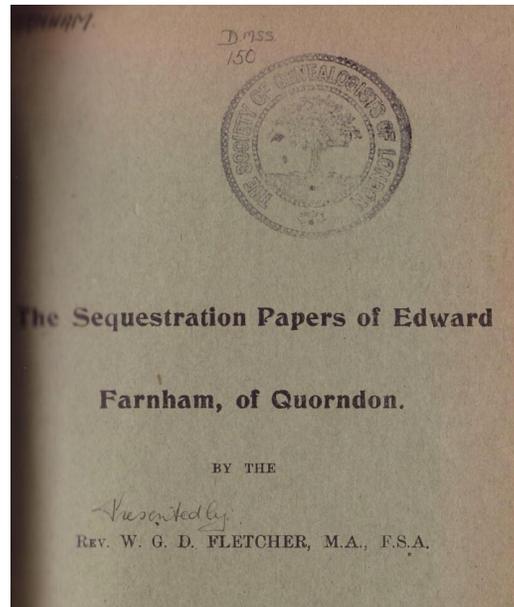
The humble Petition of Edward farnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester.

Sheweth

That in february 1642 your Petitioner went from his house in Querndon aforesaid to Ashby de la Zouche in the said County 9 miles distant from his said house and afterwards his wife went thither alsoe. And there both resided till about August last past when they both returned to Querndon aforesaid to reside there again. That aboute 2 months after their returne your Petitioner was by a partie of horse from Leicester fetch thither and brought before the Committee and by them Committed to Prison for delinquency against the Parliament in residing at Ashby aforesaid for which cause alsoe his estate hath beene sequestred aboute 2 yeares and an halfe last past his rents received and his goods sold by the said Committee without any Allowance to his wife and children.

That your Petitioner being nowe prisoner at Leicester and being informed of the Parliaments offer of favour to such persons as before the first day of December next shall come in and accept thereof to compound according to their Delinquencie.

Your Petitioner humbly prayeth he may have liberty to attend this honorable Committee and bee discharged from his



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And your Petitioner shall dailie pray, etc.

8 Nov. 1645.

Edward farnham

18 feb. 1645 Tooke ye Oath

II.

CHARGES ON HIS ESTATE.

Rents and Charges issueinge out of the before mentioned estate of the said Edward farnham and chardgeable thereupon.

Impris.

fower small Annuities of Twentie pounds per an. a peice due to his fower Brothers viz: Thomas Robert Adrian and francis duringe their severall and respective naturall lives given by the last will of Adryan farnham their father deceased;

Of which fower brothers the said Adryan dyed in the moneth of June 1642 in the Parliament service in Ireland in the fort of Kings Sale and his Annuitie is by the said will continued to Elizabeth his wife duringe her naturall life.

And the said Thomas farnham dyed about a year since att Querndon aforesaid. Item one Lease made by the said Edward farnham to the said francis farnham dated the 22nd of May 1637 of all his howses and lands in Mountsorrell with certaine meadow ground in Querndon aforesaid to the value of about £60 per ann. to commence the next day after the death of the said Edward farnham and to continue for 99 yeares thence next ensueinge and fully to be compleate and ended.

Md. all the before mentioned estate lyes still under the power of the Kings Garrison at Ashby de la Zouch and the tenants are forced to pay great taxes to the said Garrison Monethly and they doe pay to the Garrison of Leicester alsoe and little or noe stock is kept upon the said grounds.

That he hath sold parte of the estate his father left him.

The Condition of the said Edward farnhams Estate.

About twelve yeares since Adrian farnham his father dyed leavinge him aboute £1000 in debts to pay parte thereof yet unpaid and £100 per ann. of his Estate in joynture to

Charges on the Estate

“the records of the delinquent royalists and the fortunes lost in encumbered debt-ridden estates seized by Parliament”

8 THE SEQUESTRATION PAPERS OF EDWARD FARNHAM.

his mother whoe died aboute sixe yeares since; and his Estate hath bene sequestred and his rents received by the Parliaments Officers for almost three whole yeares last past his goods evidences and writings taken away and destroyed and himself imprisoned; only for his removinge from his house in Querndon aforesaid (beinge att the tyme of his removall under the command of the Kings Garrison att Ashby de la Zouche), and goinge and resideinge with his wiewe in Ashby aforesaid in the said countie aboute 9 miles distant from his said house in Querndon And that long before the ordinance of sequestration came forth.

Alsoe his wief never received penny of the fifth part allowed by ordinance of Parliament shée haveing petitioned the Committee att Leicester for the same to mainteyne her and her children.

Whereby he is much indebted for his and his wife and childrens maintenance during the said sequestration.

EDWARD FFARNHAM.

III.

HE IS FINED £480. HIS SUSPENSION IS ORDERED ON HIS PAYING HALF HIS FINE, 5 MARCH, 1645-6.

5 March 1645.

Edward Farnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester Esqr. fined £480.

A letter to the Committee of Leicester to let them know that Mr. Farnham affirms that he hath sould 80 acres of his land, and to knowe whether they tooke notice of it and whether the land which now he holds seaven yeares since were worth besides that £300 per an.

paying the Moyety to have a letter to suspend

4 November 1645.

Edw. Farnham of Querndon in Com. Leicester letter to ye Committee.

18 August 1646.

Fines past in the House

Edward Farnham £480.

IV.

A PARTICULAR OF HIS ESTATE.

A true Particular of all the Messuages houses Lands Tenements and hereditaments of Edward farnham of Querndon in the County of Leicester and of the full yearly values thereof accordinge to the profitts and rents by him made and received about sixe yeares since or att any tyme (Communiibus Annis) since the said estate fell to him.

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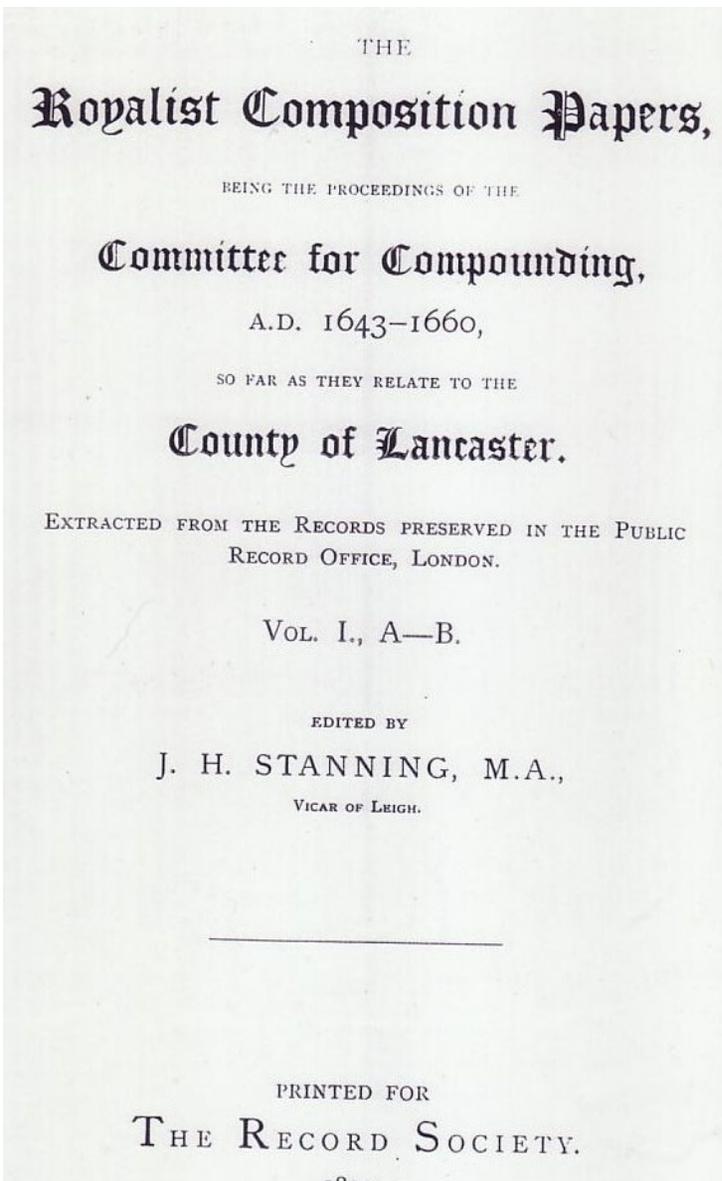
In Querndon		£	s	d.
Impris. his dwellinge house with the outhouses yard orchards and garden thereto. Three enclosed grounds viz., to the Ley Close the wood ground. Alsoe Three acres called the Carr with meadow and arable land thereto belonginge	50	0	0	
One ferme called Griffins farme	20	0	0	
One Tenements in the possession of Adrian Stables	8	0	0	
One Tenement in the occupation of John Sareson	3	0	0	
One Cottage in the tenure of Rich. Greesley	1	10	0	
One Cottage in the tenure of Henry ffukes	1	0	0	
One Cottage in the tenure of Thomas Myers	1	0	0	
One Cottage in the tenure of Isabell Sherman	0	6	8	
Summe	84	16	8	

In Mountsorrell.

One fferme in George Thornton's possession	32	0	0	
One Cottage in Edward Marriott's possession	3	0	0	
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One Cottage in ye widdow Normans possession	0	16	0	
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One Cottage in George Hodons possession	2	0	0	
One Cottage in William Peakes possession	0	10	0	
One Cottage in the widdow Peakes possession	1	10	0	
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The sixe acres Close	5	0	0	
Brand Close	6	0	0	
Mr. Smyth for Calvercroft and Hungerhill	8	0	0	
Robert Tufton one Tenement	4	0	0	
John fisher one Cottage late Hudsons	0	6	8	
John Smaley one Tenement	8	0	0	
John fouldes one Cottage	1	10	0	
Henry Bush one Cottage	4	0	0	
Robert Honeye one Cottage	2	0	0	
Clement Tallam one Cottage	2	0	0	
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Many Local Composition Records Published

- **Robert Barlow of Urmston.**
- Letter dated at Wigan, 22, May, 1650, signed by Peter Holt, Robert Cunliffe, and George Pigot, mentioning that they had received the information enclosed touching the delinquent, Robert Barlow, of Urmston, ...
- The information of Richard Starkey, of Urmston, gentleman, taken at Wigan, the 22nd of May, 1650, who informed and said that he had by relation from James. Heys, of Urmston, and John Shawcrosse, of Flixton, that Robert Barlowe, of Urmston, gentleman, at such time as Prince Rupert with his forces marched through that county joined in arms with those forces and marched along with them to the battle at York, and was there at the battle, and continued a long time after in arms with the said forces.

...
The Gentry are sequestred all:¹
A study of English Civil War sequestration.
 ...

The Roundhead, and the Cavalier
 Have fought it out almost seven yeare,
 And yet (me thinks) they are never the neere,
 Oh God a mercy Parliament.

The Gentry are sequestred all,
 Our Wives you find at Goldsmiths Hall,
 For there they meet with the Divell and all,
 Still God a mercy Parliament.

The Parliament are grown to that heighth,
 They care not a pin what his Majesty saith,
 And they pay all their debts with the publique faith,
 Oh God a mercy Parliament.

...
 We must forsake our Father and Mother,
 And for the state, undoe our own brother,
 And never leave murdering of one another,
 Oh God a mercy Parliament.¹

...
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degree of Doctor of Philosophy in History
December 2018



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¹ Anonymous, *I thank you twice, or, The city courting their owne ruine, Thank the Parliament twice, for their treble undoing* (1647); EEBO Thomason / 669.f.11[65^v], p. 1.



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Politics, Sequestration and Loyalty

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1626
July 29. 78. The Council to Buckingham. Capt. George Cross having, by virtue of letters of reprisal, taken a Spanish ship called the Good Jesus, and desiring to buy ordnance for the same, the Council pray the Duke to give the necessary licence.

Whitehall.

July 29. 79. The Council to the same. Request him to give licence for ordnance for the Margaret and John of Topslau, Flemish built, but now belonging to the King's subjects.

Whitehall.

July 29. 80. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Conway. Certifies by command various particulars in which moderation has been used in the execution of the laws against recusants. [Copy.]

[July 29.] 81. Translation of the principal part of the preceding letter into French.

July 30. Grant to Wm. Laud, late Bishop of St. Davids and then of Both and Wells, to hold a prebend of Westminster, in commendam, with his Bishoprick. "Done by order of the Lord Duke of Buckingham." [Coll. Sign Man., Car. I., Vol. ii, No. 12.]

Westminster.

July 30. 82. Privy Seal [without direction] for the loan of 100*l*. for 18 months, to be paid to Alderman Cambell or Alderman Ducey. [Printed. This is the form of Privy Seal issued in 1625, the date being altered in ink.]

Westminster.

July 30. 83. Mayor and others of Dartmouth to the Council. Thanks for permission to fortify their town. Pray for a gift of further ordnance. If an enemy were to land at Blackpool or Torlay, he might take the hills, and beat them out of the town.

Dartmouth.

July 30. 84. The Council to Buckingham. Inclose a remonstrance of the Ambassador of the United Provinces, respecting a ship of Rotterdam, bound for Rochelle, but seized by an English ship for a Dunkirker, and brought into a port near Exeter. The master was imprisoned, although he produced a commission from the Prince of Orange and a letter from the town of Rotterdam. The Duke is to give order for the examination of the business.

Whitehall.

July 30. 85. Petition of Capt. Wm. Dutton to the Council:—Was employed in May 1625, in conducting 200 soldiers from Macclesfield to Hull, for the voyage of Count Mansfeldt, for which service there remains due to him 6*8*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*.; prays for an order for payment.*

July 31. 86. Sir George Hay, Lord Chancellor of Scotland, to Sec. Coke. Sir James Leslie has received the money for his levy, and has given bond to return 30*s*. for every man under 400. Sir Donald Mackay had the fairest regiment that country had seen, but the writer fears it is now much lessened.

Holyrood House.

July 31. Holyrood House.

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 - papists in, 404
 - about improvement of flax, hemp, silk in, 301, 332, 862, 863, 865
 - to be custom free (for five years), 863, 865, 1585
 - about planting tobacco in, 301, 307, 308, 311, 312, 332, 358, 368, 406, 454, 781, 855, 856, 862
 - frauds in HM customs in, 644
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- 1625, Oct 19

Mayor and Aldermen of Southampton to the Privy Council. Their Lordships letters for setting forth a vessel of great burden for relief of Virginia have been received. Are informed that a ship of 120 tons, Capt. Whitaker, with Grindall, and one Coe, master, is now setting forth from London for that colony, and that Abrah. Jennens is doing the like at Plymouth, besides another undertaken by Mr. Pescod and company. Pray that they may be spared, or receive jointly in adventure with Mr. Pescod in two ships, either for profit or loss.

- 1622-28,

List of twenty patents for plantations in New England, granted to Sir Ferd. Gorges, Capt. W. Mason, and others, in 1622 and 1628, entitled "Catalogue of such patents as I know granted."

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1. Why use this guide

This guide supplements our guide on [American and West Indian colonies before 1782](#) and helps you to find records of the British administration in colonial North America and the West Indies.

The Calendar of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies is a key resource for finding these records.

The calendar is available online and in printed form at academic institutions and specialist libraries as well as at The National Archives in Kew. This guide is written to help you if you are using a printed, rather than online, copy of the calendar.

The calendar contains summaries of the original colonial-era documents, arranged by date. The indexes to the calendar make it easy to find out which original documents mention a specific person, place or event.

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4.2 Early emigration from Britain, 1636-1815

Search [a variety of early emigration records](#), largely of emigrants to North America and the West Indies, covering intermittent year ranges between the 17th and early 19th centuries. These are records brought together from the Treasury, the Exchequer, the Colonial Office and the Audit Office, on [findmypast.co.uk](#) (charges apply) including details of emigrants from Britain to:

- Canada 1815 and 1818-1822 (AO 3/144)
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- North America and the West Indies, 1773-1775 (T 47/9-12)

4.3 Registers of travel to Europe, New England, Barbados and other colonies, 1573-1677

Search the [Registers Of Licences To Pass Beyond The Seas 1573-1677](#) (E 157) on [findmypast.co.uk](#) (charges apply) for records of soldiers leaving for the Low Countries (1613-1633), individuals travelling to Europe (1573-1677) and to Barbados, New England and other colonies (1634-1639 and 1677).

4.4 Emigration to Barbados, 1678-1680 and 1715

Search for details of [emigrants from England, and later Britain, who settled in Barbados](#) on [findmypast.co.uk](#) (charges apply) within Colonial Office papers and correspondence (CO 1/44 and CO 28/16), which include a census of the white population in Barbados from 1715.

4.5 Immigrant Ancestors Project

[The Immigrant Ancestors Project](#) – sponsored by the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University – uses emigration records, including sources at The National Archives, to locate information about the birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries. Volunteers working with scholars and researchers at Brigham Young University are creating a database of millions of immigrants based on these emigration sources.

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A highly simplified scheme of the key courts and institutions of government in England, c.1550-1750

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monarch (and counsellors): national jurisdiction							
parliament: national jurisdiction, comprising nobility (Lords) and upper gentry (Commons)							
Royal Courts	Jurisdiction	Business	Personnel	Church Courts	Jurisdiction	Business	Personnel
central courts at Westminster (King's Bench, Star Chamber to 1640, etc.)	national	essentially unlimited	professional judges and royal counsellors	archbishops' courts	archdioceses (Canterbury and York)	moral and spiritual offences	clergymen
assize courts	regional (6 circuits)	serious/capital crime and some administration	professional judges				
quarter sessions	county (40, plus 12+ cities with QS)	non-capital crime and much administration (e.g. poor law, infrastructure)	amateur magistrates/JPs (upper gentry)	bishops' courts	diocese (22 in England)		
petty sessions and individual JPs	sub-county	minor crimes and administration	amateur magistrates/JPs (upper gentry)	archdeacons' courts	archdeaconry		
manor courts	village or neighbourhood (c.10,000)	minor crimes, nuisances and administration	lord of the manor (gentry) and manorial jury ('the middling sort', e.g. yeomen, substantial farmers)	parishes	village or neighbourhood (c.10,000)	moral and spiritual offences; poor relief	
petty officers: constables (amateur; annually rotated)				petty officers: churchwardens and overseers of the poor (amateur; annually rotated)			

NOTE: There were many exceptions to this scheme. Most importantly, **London** operated outside the standard 'royal courts' hierarchy. Instead, the Old Bailey served as the central criminal court for the City of London and the County of Middlesex, which mean that it handled all serious crime (and many minor offences) in the London area north of the Thames. Many other towns and cities had 'borough sessions' which were roughly equivalent to a combination of county petty sessions and manor courts.

What is a Manor?

residence

a single administrative unit of estate

manor distinguished by court

various size



THE ENGLISH MANOR

c. 1200—c. 1500



*Selected sources translated and annotated
by Mark Bailey*

MANORS AND MANORIAL DOCUMENTS AFTER 1500



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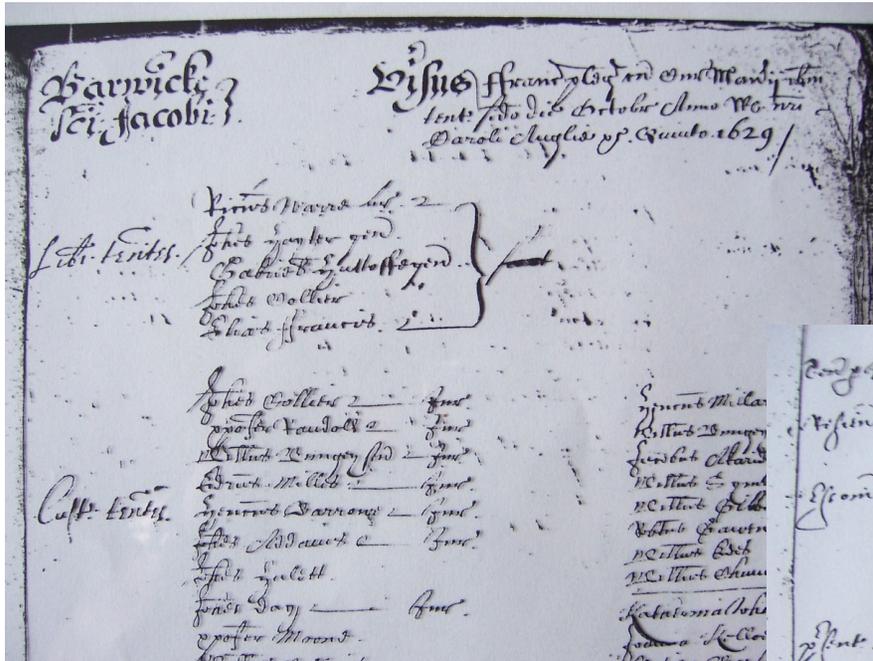
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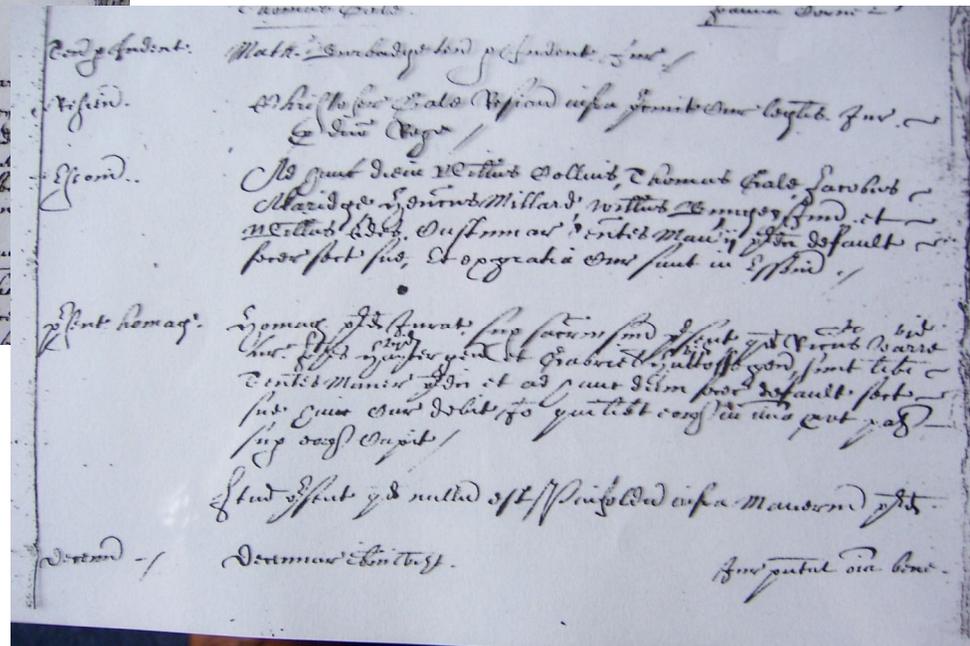
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Manorial Records



Court roll showing
Free tenants and jury
& electing
manorial officials



Manorial Courts 1600+

Court Baron.....3 weeks

Court Leet with view of Frankpledge...twice a year

Regulation of the common fields

Copyhold admissions and surrenders

The Court Baron – transfer of the use of land

X
To this Court Baron written by the said John
for term of the life according to the custom of the said
Manor one little dwelling house or cottage situate
near Bagditon 10th a Garden plot adjoining the same
the said in full Co. m. the said of the Lord did surrender
but all his estate title and interest therein together
with the said to be and to be held by the said
by the custom afterwards in the said
against the said written by the said
of the Lord of the said the said dwelling
cottage and garden plot the said
to and the said cottage or dwelling
premises the said the said to be
Shawdler and to wit the said

Shawdler and to wit the said for term of
the said and the longest term of their lives
at the will of the Lord according to the custom
of the said Manor by the jurisdiction of the
and all other Courts Justices Shire, Berke and
Customs for the said to be done and accustomed
here for small estate and may be to be
give me of premises the said written the
father doth give to the Lord for a fine of
here for the said written of father was agreed
admitted and did he grant.

The Court Leet – the police court

They further present that the dwelling house
and garden of William Gilbert tenant and young of the
land and estate by the said lease by same to be conveyed
separately upon the lease to be paid of
And the said William Gilbert Gilbert Julian Gale with
Edna Gale with & Elzior Gilbert with are husband
wife of the said Thomas, and at this day came made
def. Thomas and and out of them is

And that Juliann Guld widdowe hath suffered her ditch adjoininge to her backesyde to remayne unscoured to the prejudice of the tenants therefore shee is amerced xivd

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Court Leet, Conisbrough, Yorkshire, 1605

- **Cuthbert Reyney** 6d because he kept illicit sheep.
- **Person Leadbetter** 12d because he did not constrain six pigs.
- **Widow Lewes** 4d because she carried away a faggot of wood from the hedges.
- **Roger Belgh** 2s 6d because he held illegal games in his house at night.
- **Thomas Whitehead de le Elme** 12d because he held illegal games, namely globands.
- **Matthew Sampson** 6s 8d because he made an affray and drew blood from **John Barley**.
- **John Hurst** 3s 4d because he gave a box on the ear to **Godfrey Roebuck**, constable, in the execution of his office to keep the lord king's peace.

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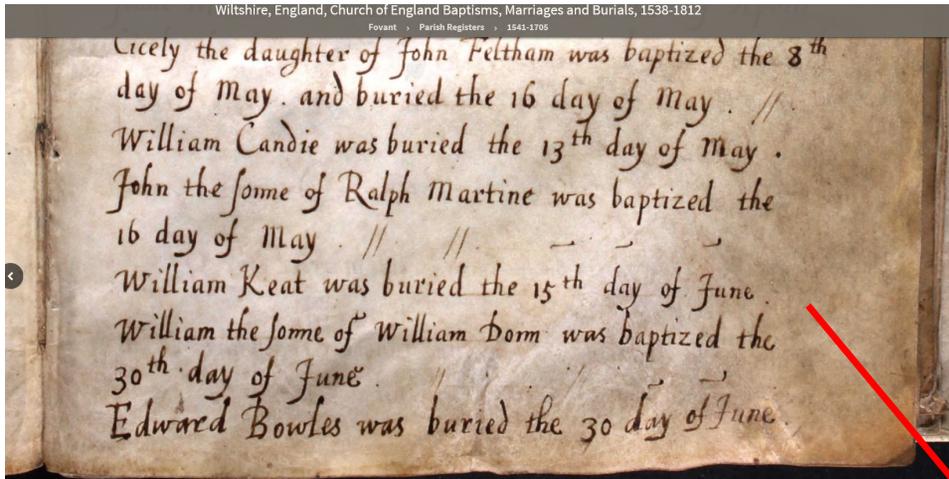
Court Roll 28th March 1676

West Wycombe Manor

- Item it is ordered that every person that shall henceforth putt any cattle upon any common within this Mannor except such as have lawfull right to common shall for every default therin every weeke so offending forfeit x s
- Item it is ordered that every copieholder that shall at any time from henceforth take any surrender of any cottage or tenement sett or erected on the common within this Mannor shall forfeite and pay unto the poore people of the parish of West Wycombe aforesaid the sume of v L of lawfull English money for every offence
- Item it is ordered that noe person whatsoever shall att any time hereafter plough, breake or digg upp and carry away the waste or commons within this Mannor upon paine or forfeiting for every pole.....of ground soe ploughed or digged up and carried away x s
- Item it is ordered that every person that shall keepe any geese on the commons shall for every month? soe offending forfeite and pay for every goose soe kept vi d

An Inventory of all the goods and Chattells of Robert
Gamon Esquire of Warwick & James late deceased
taken by the officers named and endorsed underwritten the
vij. Day of December 1629.

And in money	ix. xij.
And Twenty six shillings Harmon floure	vij.
And xxij shillings more	ix.
And two shillings more	x.
And two shillings more	xij.
And one egg in the chamber	xij.
And one old egg and one Barre & one pewter and one Trencher	xij.
And two Barres one Trencher and Bowls and one Pewter	xij.



William Keate buried 15 June 1653
Fovant, Wiltshire PRs on Ancestry (neighbouring parish to Compton Chamberlain)

mend the said ways and shall refuse to come for forfeit xiid.
They present that Susan Noatts, widdowe, who held for her widdowhood a cottage with the appurtinances in this manor died since the last court, whereupon there happened to the Lord ten shillings for his herriott, and that John Webb, her sonne, is the next Tennant who came into the Court and desired to be admitted Tennant and was admitted and hath don his fealty.
Item, they present that no tennant shall keepe any sheepe in the droves but such as goe with the flocke upon payne of iis iiiid for every one offending.
Memorandum, that John Penruddock, Esq. Lord of this Mannor hath for the fine of xxx graunted to John Armoney th'elder, the smith's shoppe and forge att the Townsend and Fifteene foote of ground at the Southe end of the said shoppe to build upon and he is to have a lease for 99 years if the said John Armoney the father, John Armoney his son, and Jane Armoney his daughter, or any of them shall so longe live att the Rent of xiid a year.

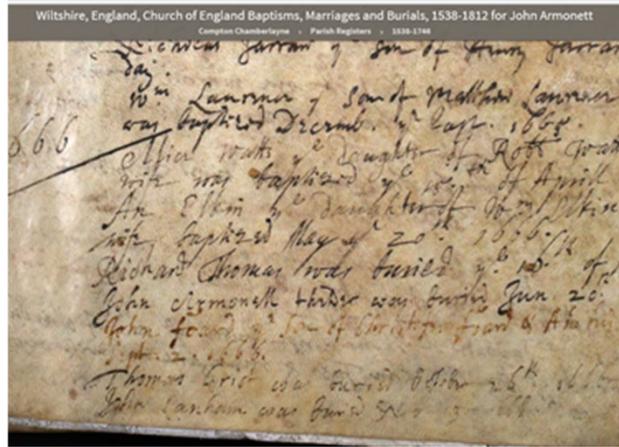
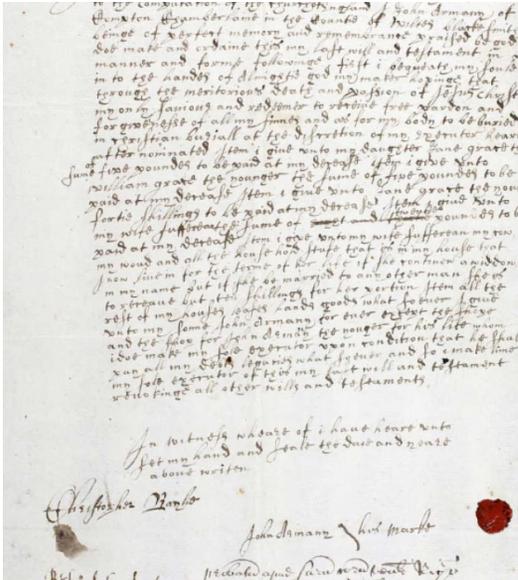
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24 October 1653

The Jury aforesaid doe present that all the highways within the precincts of the Leete and likewise the Church ways are in decaye, and it is ordered att this Court that James Elliott and Francis Miller the younger, Surveyors of the highways, shall see the same sufficiently repayed and amended before Midsomer next upon payne of xxx.
They present likewise that all the Inhabitants in generall within this Mannor have made soyle in the streets and highways within this Mannor, And it is now ordered that no person or persons whatsoever shall hereafter make or laye any soyle in the streets or highways within this Mannor upon payne of ten shillings for everyone thereon.
They present that Richard Oake did reseive and take away his sheepe from the hayward in the East drove as he was drivinge them to the pound, for which he is amerced iis vjd and likewise he is presented for takinge his sheepe out of the pound after they weare impounded for which he is amerced vid.
They present that one William Keate, the sonne of Nicholas Keate of Fovent, was unfortunately killed in a pasture ground belonging to Henry Martyn and lyinge within this Mannor of Compton Chamberlen by a horse of his father's which dragged him upp and downe until he died, and that the horse is due to the Lord of this Mannor.

Presentments of the Jury or Homage at the Manorial Court of Compton Chamberlayne 1651-1660 in *Wiltshire Farming of the 17th Century*. Wiltshire Record Society vol 57



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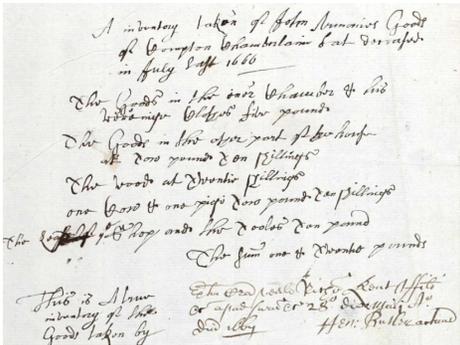
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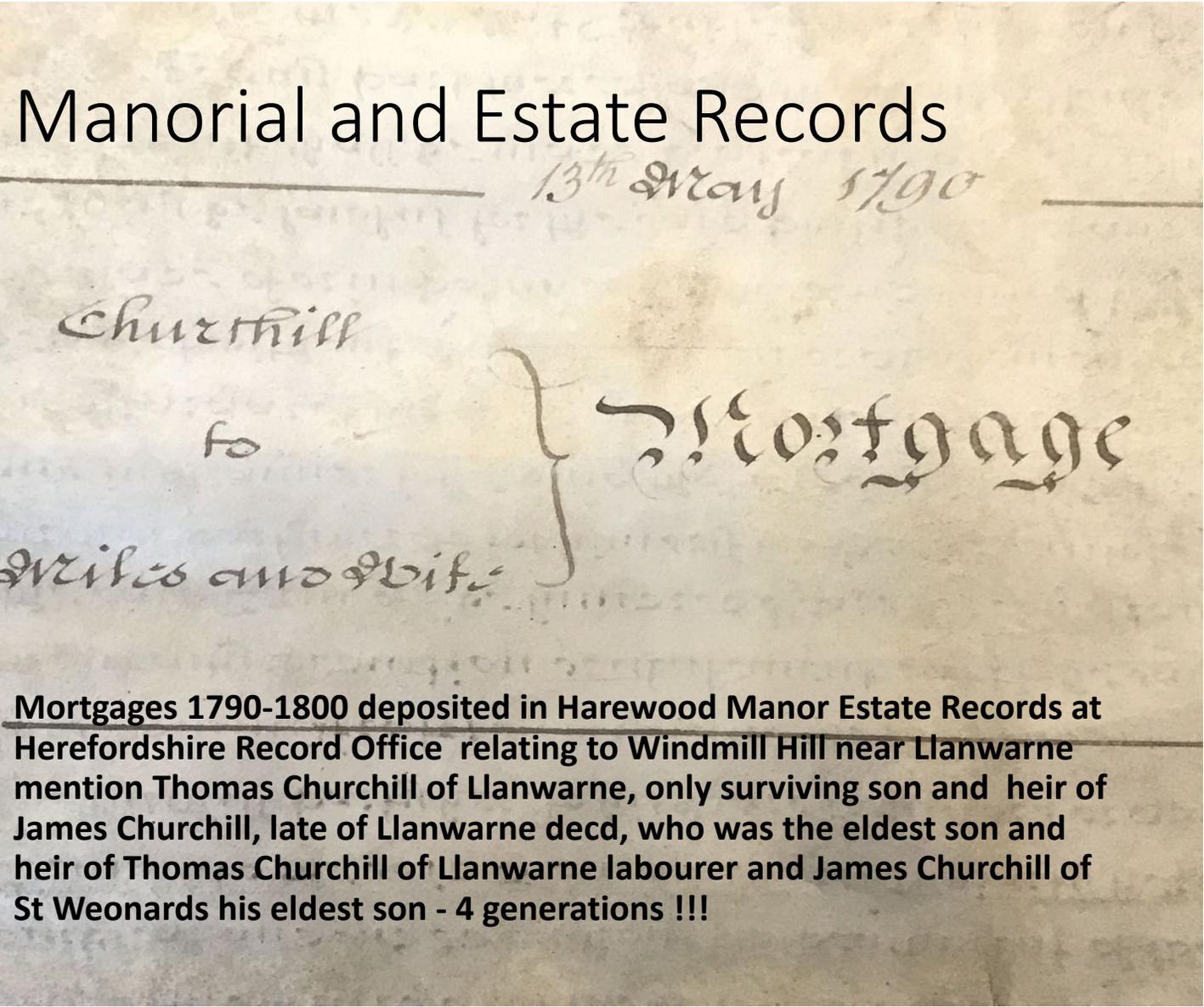
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John Armoney the elder takes 99 year lease of shop and forge in Compton Chamberlain, 1653. John Armonet the elder buried 20 June 1666 Compton Chamberlain, . Will and inventory proved 1667, blacksmith



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Manorial and Estate Records



Mortgages 1790-1800 deposited in Harewood Manor Estate Records at Herefordshire Record Office relating to Windmill Hill near Llanwarne mention Thomas Churchill of Llanwarne, only surviving son and heir of James Churchill, late of Llanwarne decd, who was the eldest son and heir of Thomas Churchill of Llanwarne labourer and James Churchill of St Weonards his eldest son - 4 generations !!!

WINDMILL HILL, LLANWARNE

AW22/5

Mortgage (500 years) 13 May 1790

- (1) Thomas Churchill of pa. of Lanwarne, labourer (only surviving son and heir of James Churchill late of Lanwarne, labourer, decd., who was the son and heir of Thomas Churchill of Lanwarne, labourer)
- (2) Philip Miles of pa. of Pencoyd, cordwainer, and Margaret his wife.

Consideration: £10

Message and adjoining lands (ia.) at Windmill Hill, Lanwarne, formerly of Thomas Churchill, grandfather (1), and then James Churchill, father of (1).

Assignment of mortgage, 22 September 1798. AW22

- (1) Margaret Miles of pa. of Pencoyd, widw (exor. of Philip Miles, late of Pencoyd, cordwainer, her late husband).
- (2) Thomas Churchill of pa. of Lanwarne, labourer and James Churchill of pa. of Saint Weonard, his eldest son.
- (3) Samuel Morris of pa. of Bridstow, carpenter and Daniel Morris of the town of Ross, carpenter

Recites mortgage 13 May 1790

Consideration; £10 from (3) to (1) and £40 from (3) to Thomas Churchill and 10s. from (3) to James Churchill.

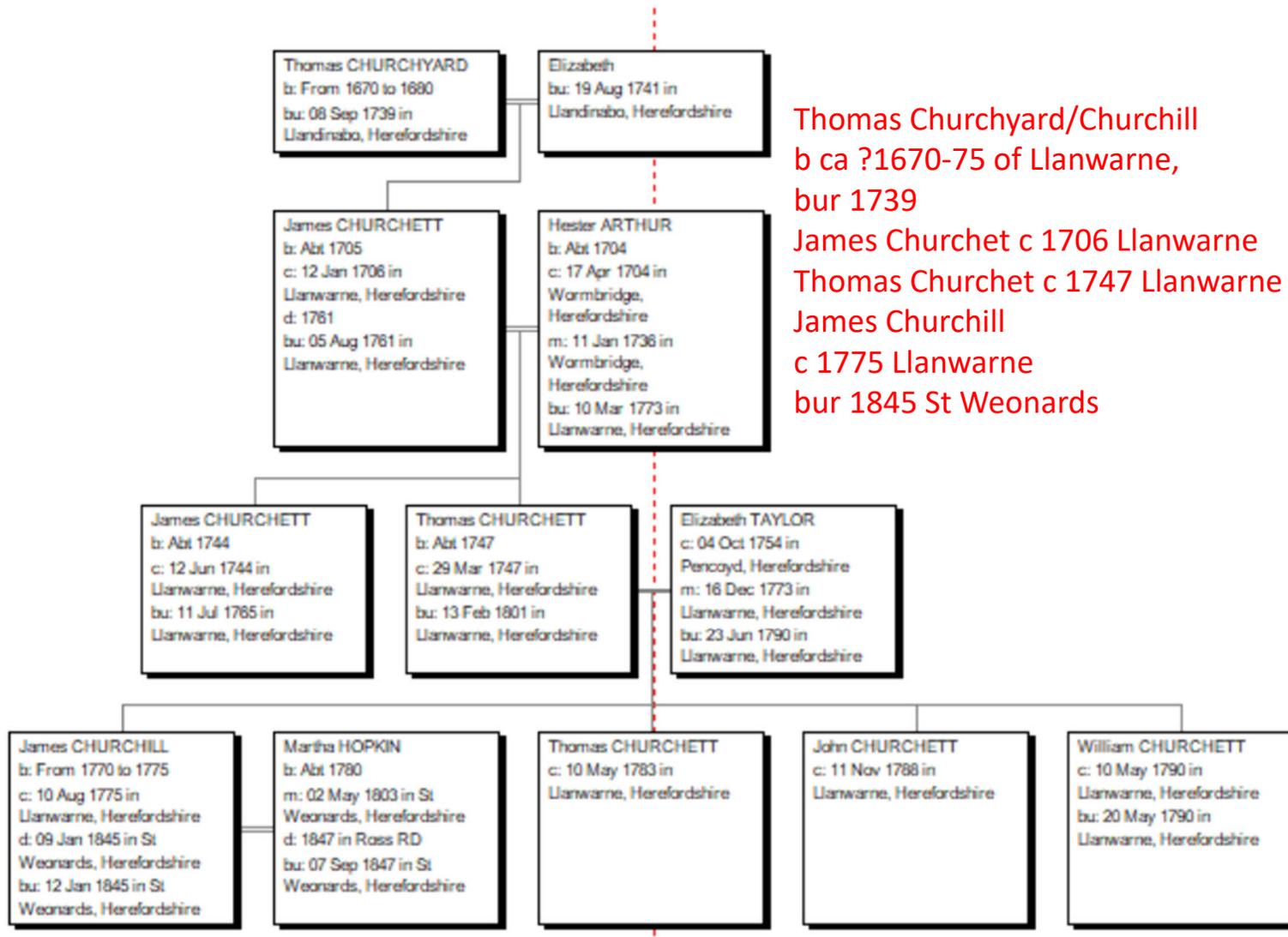
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Feoffment to uses / Assignment of mortgage. AW22, 1 May 1800

- (1) Thomas Churchill of pa. of Lanwarne, labourer
- (2) Samuel Morris of pa. of Bridstow, carpenter and Daniel Morris of the town of Ross, carpenter
- (3) John Fisher of pa. of Pencoid, gent
- (4) Thomas Spillar of the town of Ross, baker

Recites mortgage 13 May 1790 and assignment of mortgage 22 September 1798

Consideration; £54 from (3) to (2) and £30 from (3) to (1) (for feoffment) and 10s. from (4) to (2) (assi



Thomas Churchyard/Churchill
b ca ?1670-75 of Llanwarne,
bur 1739
James Churchet c 1706 Llanwarne
Thomas Churchet c 1747 Llanwarne
James Churchill
c 1775 Llanwarne
bur 1845 St Weonards

Thomas CHURCHMAN
d. 1664 St Weonards
Tuition/Curation bond to sister Eleanor Vaughan for his **only son Thomas** 1664

James CHURCHYARD =(1) Margaret and/or =(2) Ann?
z 1640-1650?
bur 1723 Llandinabo
children 1674-1688 in Llanwarne & Llandinabo
no earlier surviving baptisms or marriages

Thomas CHURCHMAN
z. 1650 ? prob about 14 in 1664

Thomas CHURCHYARD = Elizabeth
z? bur 1739 bur 1741
having children from 1705, m. i. mortgage

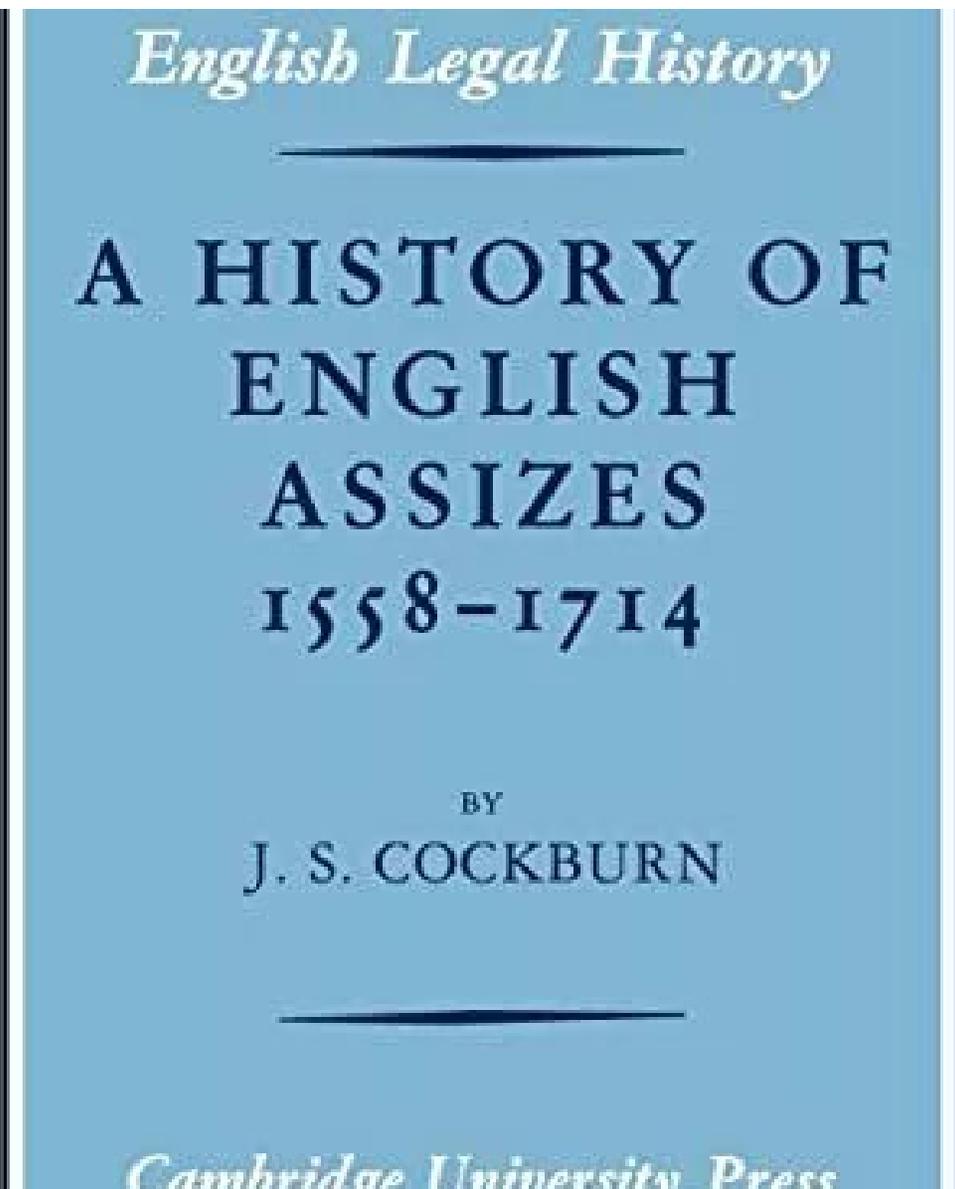
James CHURCHET = Hester ARTHUR
c 1705 Llanwarne
bur 1761 Llanwarne, m. i. mortgage

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Same person?



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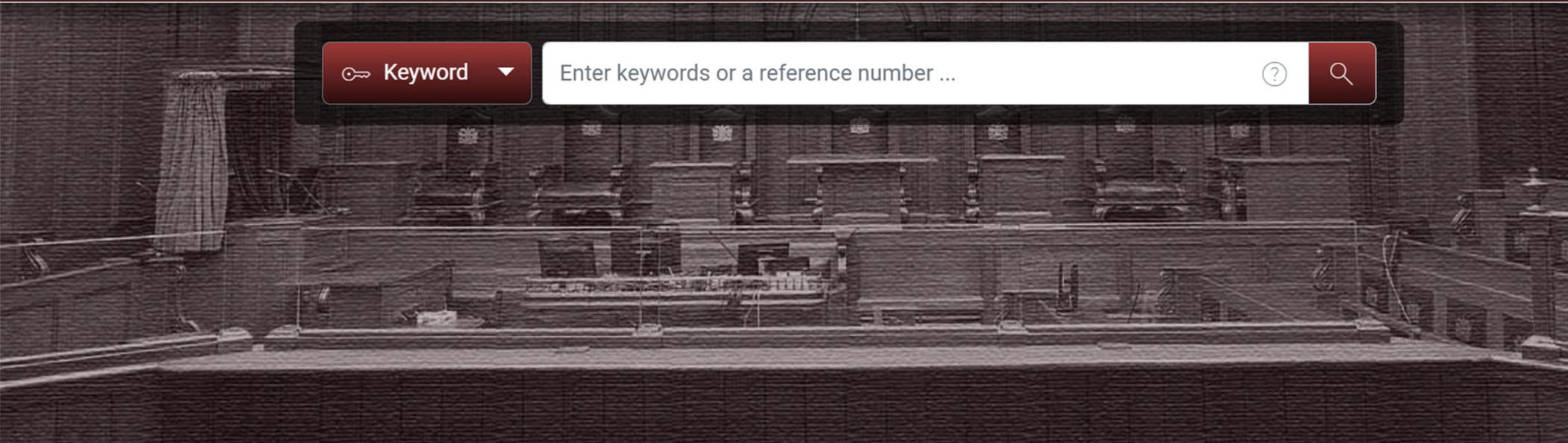
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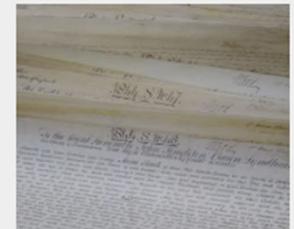
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The **Court of Chancery** heard disputes over land and other property, family heritage and wills, debts marriage settlements, trade and bankruptcy and many more. We have research guide for cases [before 1558](#) and [after 1558](#).



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1. Introduction

Since the late 14th century, hundreds of thousands of disputes over inheritance and wills, lands, trusts, debts, marriage settlements, apprenticeships, and other parts of the fabric of daily life, were heard by the Lord Chancellor or his deputies. People turned to his court of Chancery because it was an equity court, promising a merciful justice not bound by the strict rules of the common law courts.

The procedure was quite different, and involved the gathering of written pleadings and evidence. These still exist in such quantity that today the equity

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Proceedings in Chancery were instituted mainly, though not exclusively, by those with money and property. The aggrieved party (the Plaintiff) would have his lawyer draw up a Bill of Complaint setting out in stiff, formal language, and always at great length, the substance of his complaint. This document always begins with the plaintiff's name, title or occupation, and place of residence, names the offending parties (the Defendants), and seeks the Court's authority to require the Defendants to provide written Answers to a series of specific questions. So the next document which would appear would be the Answer(s), and the wheels of law would begin to grind. The Plaintiff might submit objections to the Answers, called a Replication, which would be followed by further Answers. The Defendants might enter a Demurrer to the Bill of Complaint, saying that the case was defective in law and required no Answer.

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Condition & Size of Document(s)

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Bill of complaint

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Short Extract of Names and Places together with any date mentioned in the document(s)

29 May 1628

Richard Bannister of Barnoldswicke in the Co. of York, gent.

Richard Frankland of Pasehowse in the Co of York, gent, son and heir of Raphe Frankland, Margaret a Frankland

**Thomas Somerscales of Gisborne, York, uncle to Margaret and Joan, brother to Bridget their mother
John Bannister**

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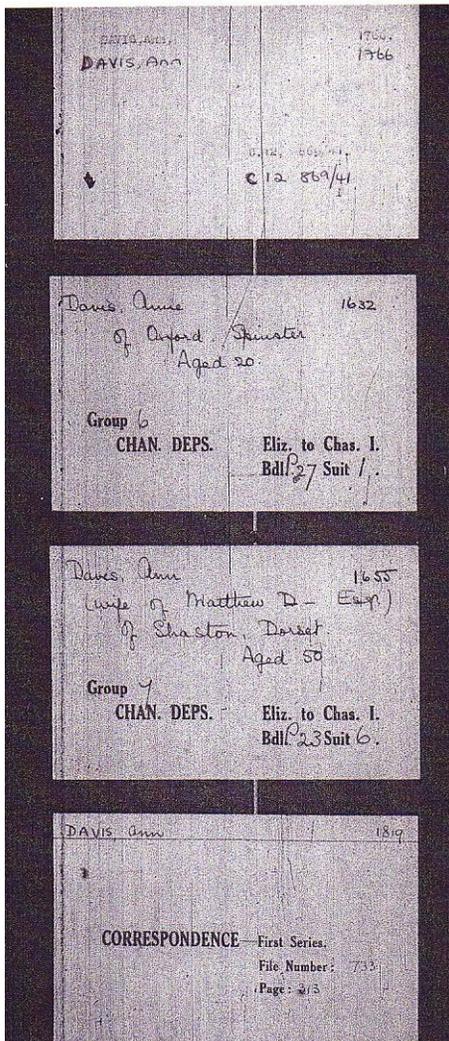
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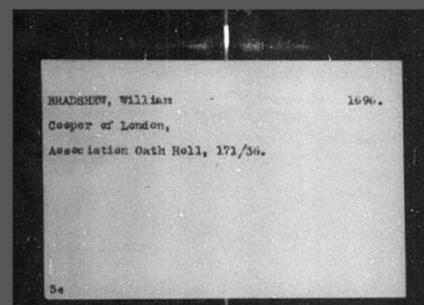
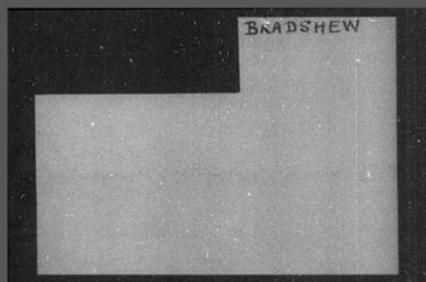
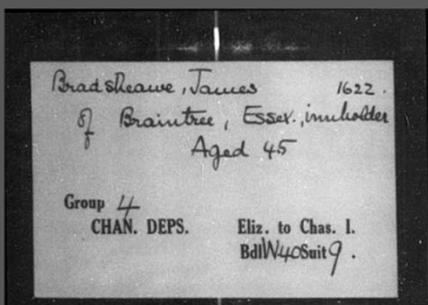
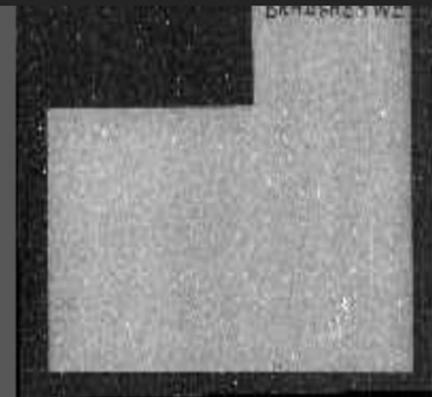
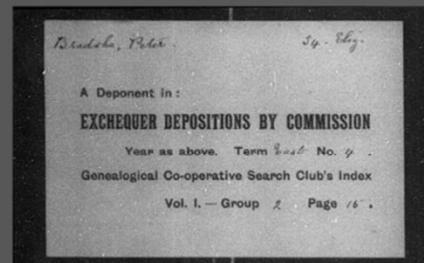
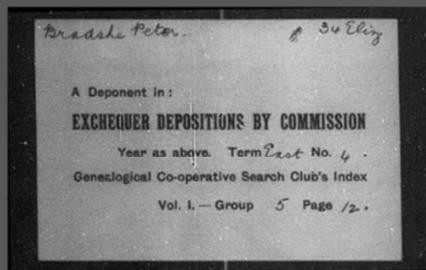
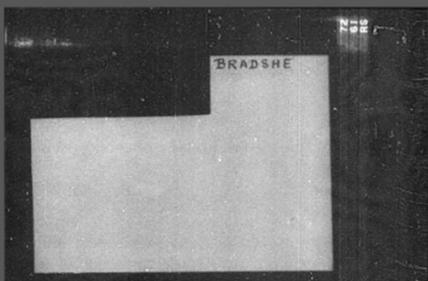
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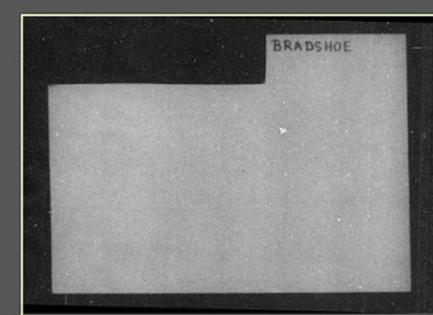
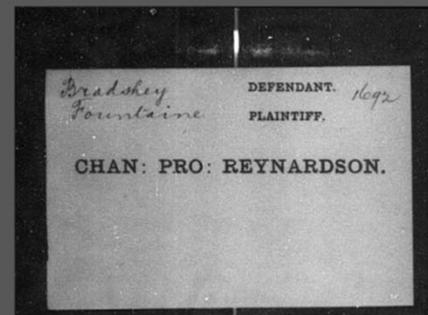
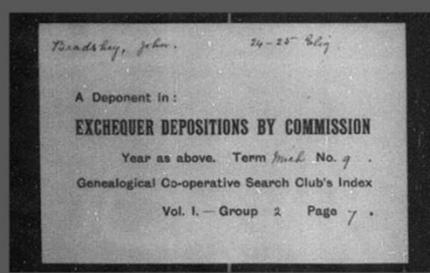
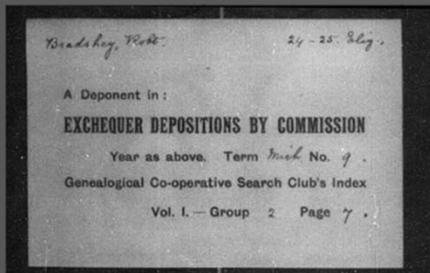
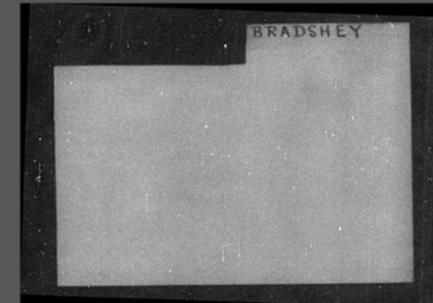
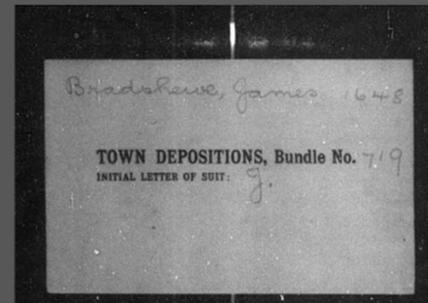
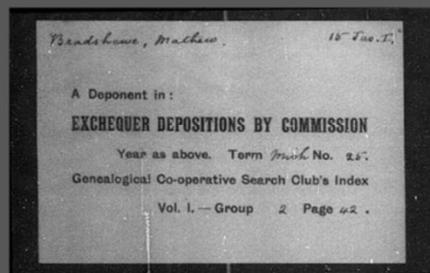
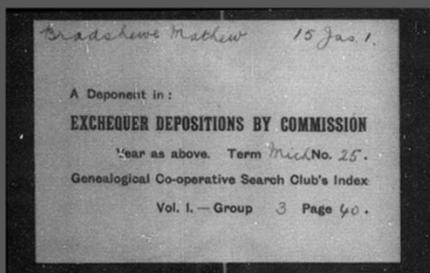
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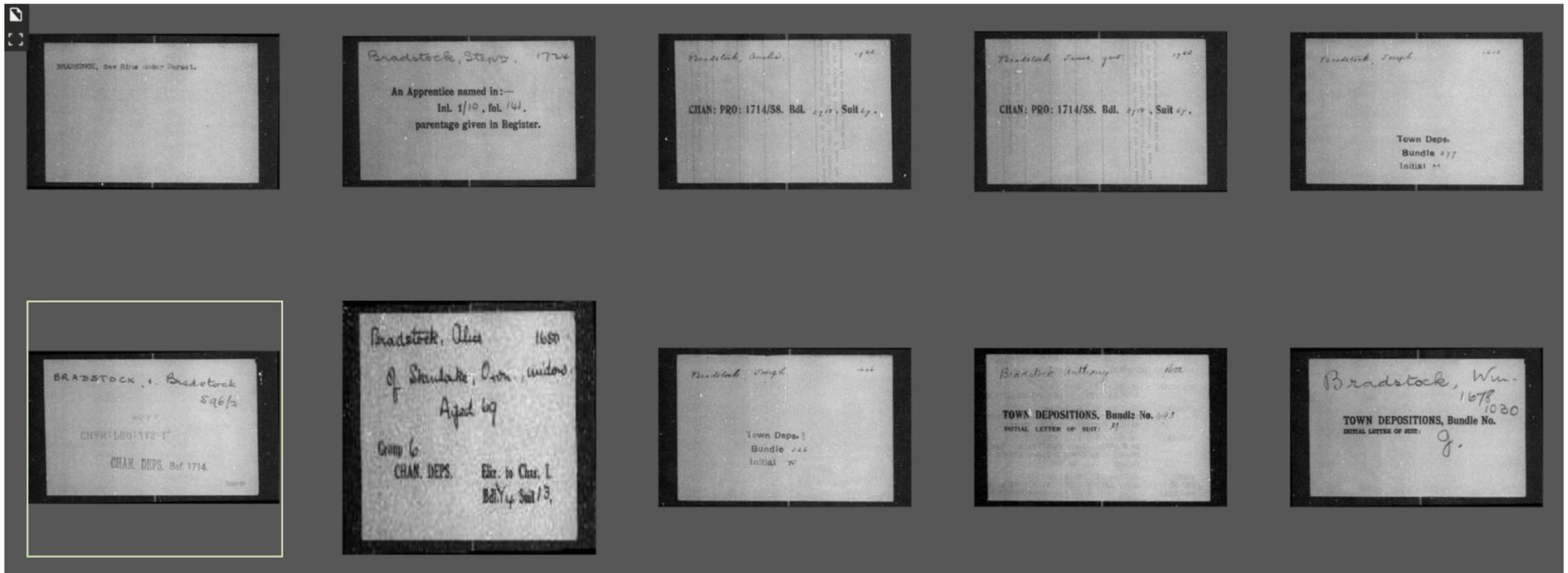
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In 1540 the office of Master of the King's Wards was replaced by the Court of Wards, which assumed complete control of wards and the administration of their lands. The office of Surveyor of the King's Liveries (1514 to 1542) was joined to the Court of Wards in 1542, becoming the King's Court of Wards and

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- Michael Andrews, esq, Surgeon to the King v Richard Morris of St Dunstan-in-the-East, London, barber-surgeon
December 1637 - February 1639

Abstract

- Andrews, one of the surgeons to the king, accused Morris of having used insulting language against him at a meeting of the Court of Assistants in the hall of the Company of Barber Surgeons in London in September - November 1637. His libel alleged that Morris had given him the lie and claimed he was 'a better man than I... and had spent more money in the company and had done more good', and that 'he did no more care for me than the shoestrings of his shoes'. Morris countered that nothing in the libel was true and that Andrews had first provoked him by calling him an 'old viper' before the Company of which Morris had been three times governor. Morris also pointed out that the Company's Court of Assistants that had met to resolve the matter voted that Andrews was in the wrong, although the verdict had not been entered in the court's register because the clerk, Richard Turner, had sided with Andrews. [For further details of the quarrel, see Morris's counter suit, cause 449]. Arundel held a preliminary hearing on the complaint of Andrews and John Woodhall against Morris, in the Court of Chivalry on 12 December 1637 and, having decided that there was a case to answer, committed Morris to the custody of the messenger until he could find sureties. [For Woodhall's cause against Morris, see 727]. Morris lost the case, and on 28 November 1638, Andrews was awarded £30 damages and 20 marks expenses. Morris was ordered to perform his submission in the parlour of Barber Surgeons' Hall on Mogwell [Monkwell] Street, in the city of London, before the master and wardens on 1 February 1639.

Duck v Hanslopp

Arthur Duck, LL.D., King's Advocate v Thomas Hanslopp of Aynho, co. Northampton
September 1638 - February 1639

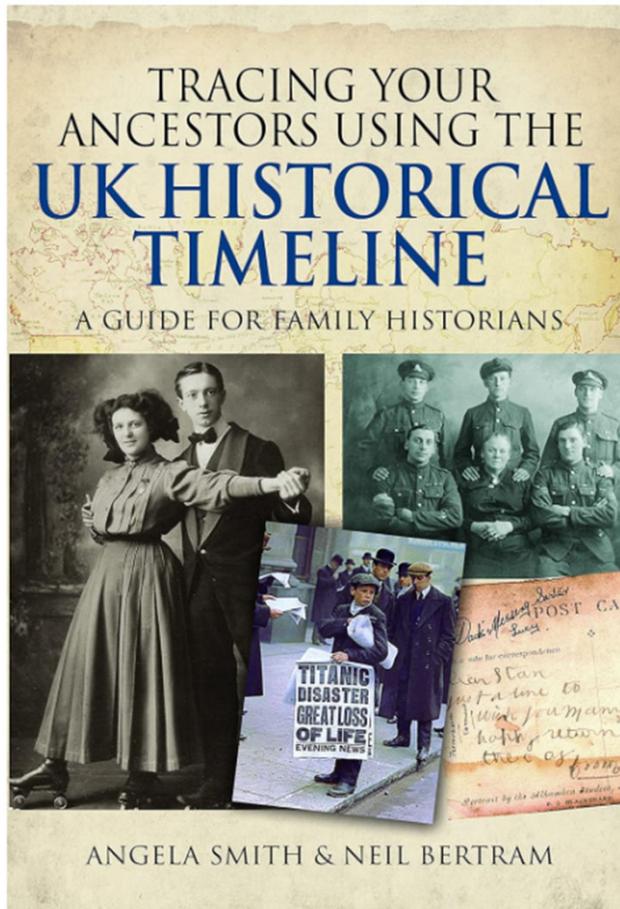
- against Thomas Hanslopp of Aynho in September 1638 for wrongfully assuming the title and arms of a gentleman
- On 20 November 1638 Dr Duck delivered the articles against Hanslopp, and on 5 December Dr Sweit (defence) while acknowledging that Hanslopp described himself as a gentleman refused to accept that he was a plebeian.
- On 28 January 1639 the prosecution alleged that Hanslopp had lived in Aynho, co. Northampton, and his father before him, and that the family were plebeians, despite Hanslopp having been an overseer of the poor in Aynho in 1638. Sentence was appointed to be heard in February 1639.

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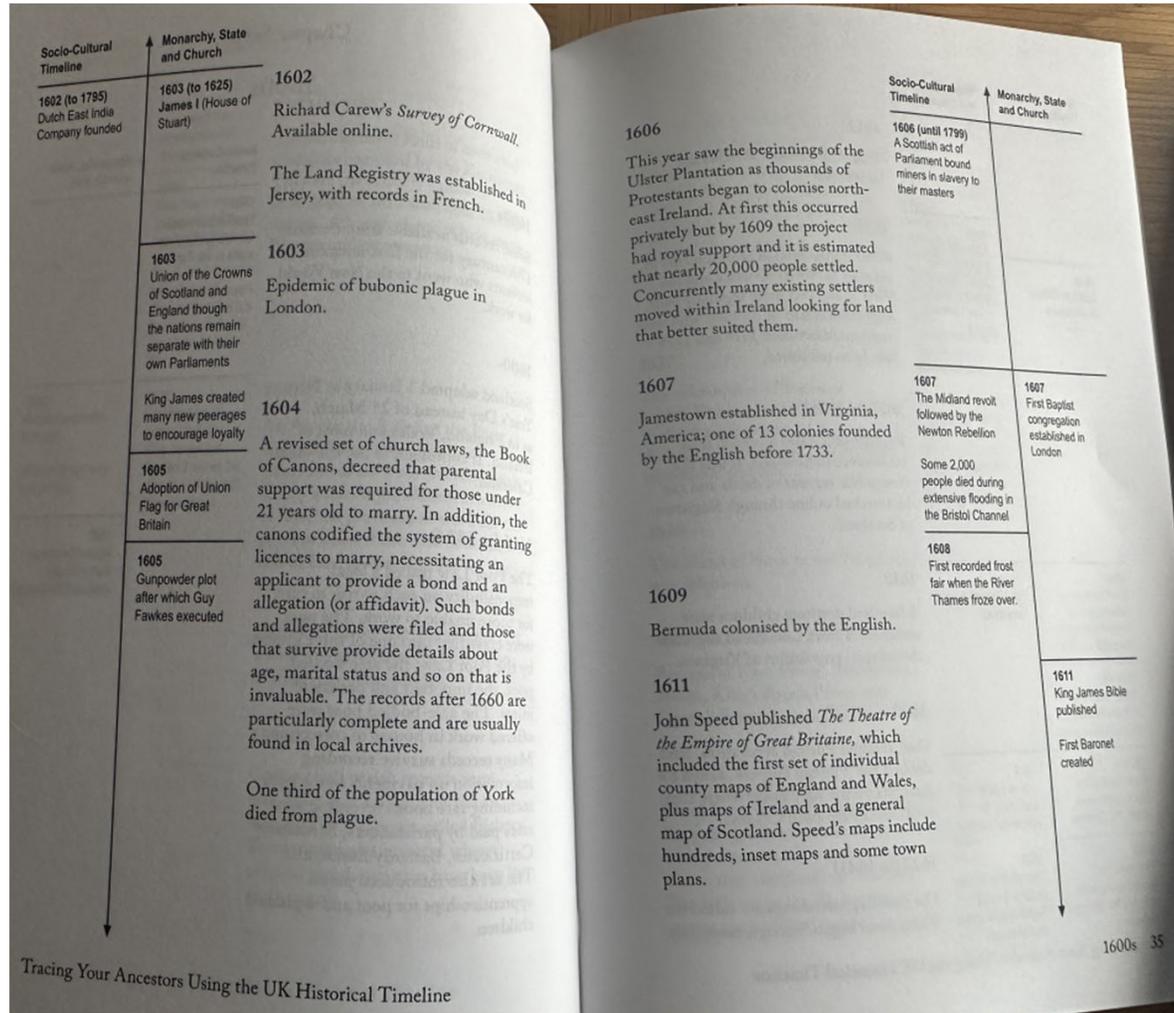
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 - Jurisdictions - parish, town, county, diocese, province, circuit, sessions, hundred,
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 - know the local county history, record society publications, etc
- When?
 - Commonwealth Gap
- What?
 - occupations, religious persuasion,
 - what's been done before?
- Why?
 - manage expectations

Who governed the lives of 17th century ancestors?

- The Vestry and Parish Officials – *incumbent, overseers of the poor, churchwardens, constable*
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Socio-Cultural Timeline	Monarchy, State and Church
<p>Frequent pirate attacks along the South West coast threatened England's fishing industry</p> <p>1651 The first coffee house in England opened in Oxford</p>	<p>Formation of Coldstream Guards, oldest continuously serving regiment in the British Army.</p> <p>1651 Charles II crowned at Scone but went into exile in France</p> <p>1651 The Battle of Worcester brought an end to the Civil War. Some 8,000 Scottish soldiers captured at Worcester were deported to the Americas to work as indentured labourers.</p> <p>Approximately 3.7 per cent of the English population and 6 per cent of the Scottish died as a result of the Civil War.</p>
<p>1652 Dutch East India Company established Cape Colony at Table Bay</p>	<p>1652 First Anglo-Dutch War, mostly fought at sea</p> <p>1652 Cromwell's (Catholic) opponents were stripped of land in Ireland under the Act of Settlement of Ireland. The lands were re-distributed.</p>
<p>1653 The Great Fire of Marlborough in Wiltshire destroys houses and the town's textile industry</p>	<p>1653 (to 1660) The Protectorate</p> <p>1653 (to 1658) Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland</p> <p>Barebones Parliament</p> <p>1653 During the Commonwealth, civil registers of births, marriages and deaths officially replaced parish registers of baptism, marriages and burials in England and Wales although some parish registers continued to be kept. Few civil registers survive from this period</p> <p>Provincial probate courts abolished with probate now granted in London only.</p>
	<p>1653 (to 1660) Civil marriage introduced by the Marriage Act.</p> <p>Period dubbed by genealogists the Commonwealth Gap owing to the paucity of records that were kept or that have survived from this period.</p> <p>1654 A register survives (in print and online) of names of 10,000 indentured servants who left from the port of Bristol for the New World between 1654 and 1686. Servants were drawn from across Britain. (Available online)</p> <p>1655-6 The Down (or Civil) Survey was carried out which mapped Ireland. The original maps were lost to fire but copies survive in various collections and have been published in print and online.</p> <p>1656 The Edict of Expulsion rescinded, officially permitting a small community of Sephardic Jews to settle in England, although a small community had been established in 1541.</p>
	<p>1654 (to 1660) Anglo-Spanish War caused by commercial rivalry</p> <p>1655 British captured Jamaica from the Spanish</p> <p>1656 Musæum Tradescantianum, the first museum open to the public established in Lambeth</p>



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