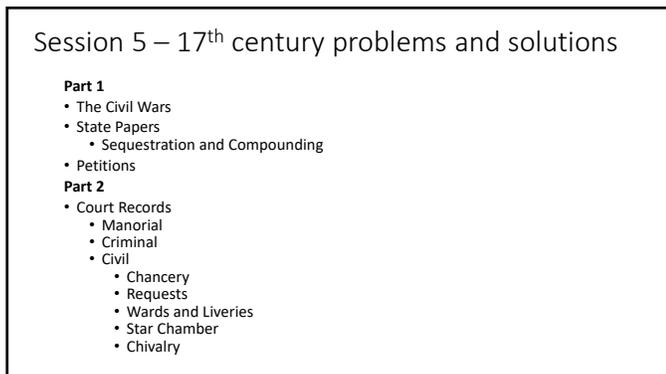


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Who governed the lives of 17th century ancestors?

- The Vestry and Parish Officials – *incumbent, overseers of the poor, churchwardens, constable*
- The Diocese and Archdeacon – *Prerogative (Archbishops), Consistory (Bishops) & Archdeaconry Church Courts, proctors, summoners, apparators*
- Quarter Session & Assize Courts – *criminal courts – justices of the peace & magistrates*
- Manorial Courts – *customary lores and laws of the manor lord of the manor, steward or reeve, jury, constable*
- Civil/Equity & Prerogative Courts – *courts of chancery, exchequer, requests, star chamber, wards & liveries, high commission*
- *The State – State Papers*

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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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BCW Regimental Wiki
Links to reference materials, books and websites useful for Regimental Histories and Army Lists

- Royalist Officers
- Parliamentarians
- Covenanters
- Scots Royalists
- New Model Army, Commonwealth and Protectorate
- Protestants in Ireland

The screenshot shows the BCW Project website interface. It includes a search bar, navigation links like 'Wiki Home Page' and 'Table of Contents', and a 'Links and Sources' section with a list of books and articles related to the Royalist Army and Regimental Histories.

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- 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 Wisdome, 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.

Warwickshire QS proceedings

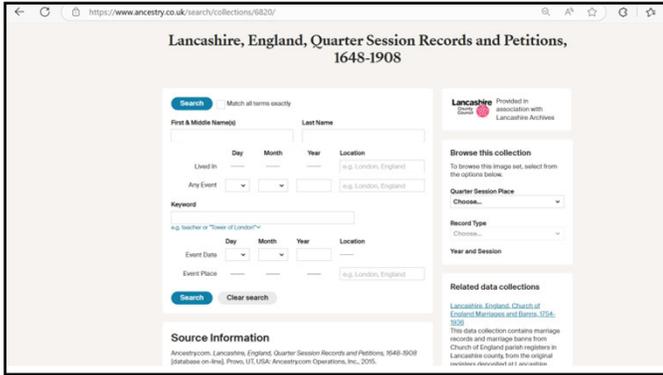
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Access to Archives on Discovery

The screenshot shows a search results page from The National Archives. The search term is 'Thomas Stansfeld'. The results list several records, including 'Aldison under Opre - relief for Thomas Stansfeld' and 'Aldison under Opre - relief for Thomas Stansfeld, a soldier who lost his hand at Preston Light'. Each record entry includes details like date, location, and reference numbers.

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- Elizabethan Statute of 1593 "for necessary relief of maimed soldiers and mariners" placed financial responsibility on each county through a weekly levy on each parish. Continued in the 17th Century as relief for soldiers and their families. Paid through Quarter Sessions
- During and after the Civil Wars, wounded soldiers, war widows and other military family members submitted petitions to the state for financial relief.
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The certificate for William Gray of Braintree, Essex, 8 April 1657

The petition of Arthur Bagshawe of Fockham, Worcestershire, 1682

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- Thomas Rumny of Chatham, ship's carpenter. SP 16/158 f. 6 (1630)
- William Romney, carpenter's mate of HM's ship the *Adventer*. SP 16/158 f. 30 (1630)
- Thomas Squire, public notary. SP 16/158 f. 31 (1630)
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- Sir Richard Graham, knight and baronet. SP 16/182 f. 1 (1630)
- Joseph Harrison and Henry Goodwin, gentlemen. SP 16/182 f. 7d (1630)
- Elin Charlton, a poor distressed widow. SP 16/182 f. 25b (1630)
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Other Petitions



Magistrates at QS
Civil Dignitaries (mayors, aldermen etc)
Parish Overseers
The Crown
Parliament (Houses of Commons and Lords)

See *Petitions in Early Modern England: A Very Short Introduction* by Brodie Waddell and Brodie Waddell, "Petitioning in Early Modern England: An Annotated Bibliography" <https://petitioning.history.ac.uk/>

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Publications and Events

As part of this project, we are seeking to share our research findings with both academic and public audiences through publications and events. Many more of the direct results of this project can be found on our [Resources](#) page.

Publications

Brodie Waddell and Jason Peacey, eds, *The Power of Petitioning in Early Modern Britain* (UCL Press, 2024), 286pp.

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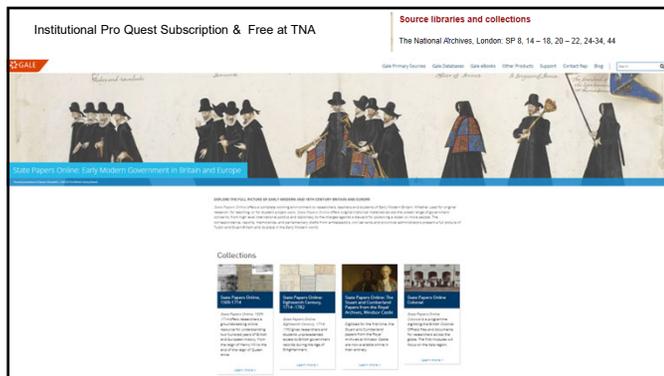
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The Commonwealth Gap & State Papers

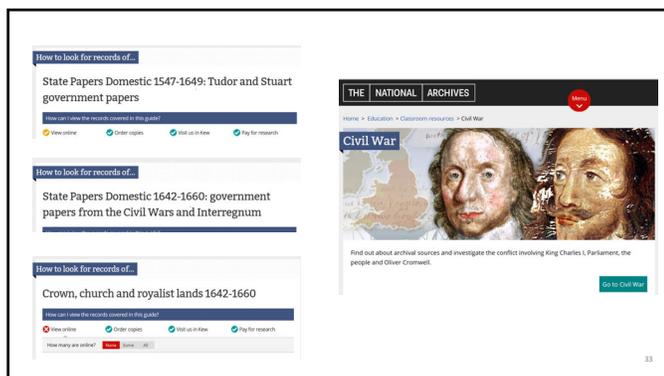
Parish registers of Sholden Kent reconstructed from 1630s

"This book was lost five yeares being carried away (ut dicit) by Mr Nicols when he was sequestrated and came nott to our hands till Anno 1662 after my sequestration and restoration. Witness my hand Jam^s Buville Vicar ibid. Divers who were baptized at Sholden about these years were at Northborn in the register books there as you may see"

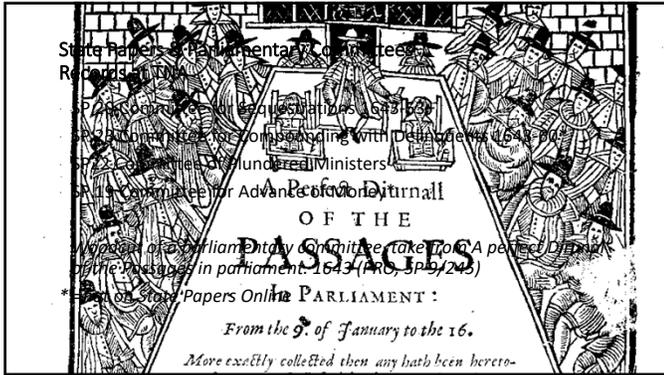
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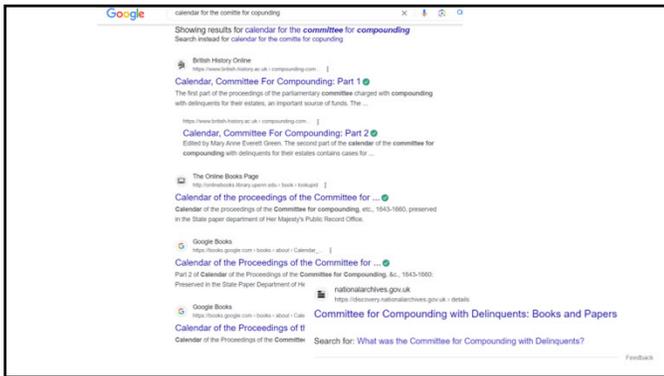


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Sequestration and Compounding

<p>Sequestration Committee: Books & Papers 1643-1653 TNA SP 20</p> <p>Papers of the committee for Sequestration 1643-9 which administered the seized estates of those accused of having voluntarily helped the royalist cause or of being Catholics and whose lands were thereby confiscated to the service of the state. Moveable goods were to be inventoried and sold, the landed property leased for the profit of the state. Based on an informant's information rather than detection, if delinquency was proven the owner was permanently deprived of his estates and property but allowed back a fifth for the maintenance of his children while another fifth went to the informant. In cases of recusancy the offender was allowed one third of his estate back. When it was merged with the Committee for Compounding its working papers were absorbed by the new committee (SP23). The 13 volumes are largely the order books and are an important and neglected source.</p>	<p>Committee for Compounding with Delinquents: Books & Papers 1643-1660 TNA SP 23</p> <p>Papers of the Committee for Compounding with Delinquents 1643-59 responsible for negotiating the conditions upon which the delinquents regained their estates. Sat in Goldsmiths' Hall, London. Initially Catholics and the Kings political advisors were not permitted to compound although some certainly did. From 1644, after sequestration of their estates, most royalists and non-combatant catholic delinquents who were prepared to sacrifice part of their estate to safeguard the rest and protect themselves could/were permitted to pay compensation and were allowed to "compound or appeal to have their lands restored in return for a fine expressed as a fraction of the capital value of the property". Can contain "vast amounts of information about marriage contracts, dower rights, Annuities to younger sons, etc. which were deductible from the pre-composition assessment in certain circumstances. Contains most of the papers of the Committee for Sequestration. 266 volumes (once known as Royalist Composition Papers. W P W. Phillimore Royalist Composition Papers Index Nominum</p>
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Deposition signed by Edward Farnham Committee for Compounding with Delinquents SP 23/86 p 169

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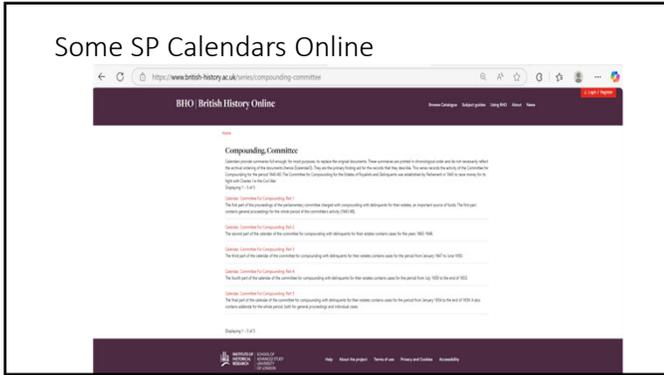
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Charges on the Estate
"the records of the delinquent royalists and the fortunes lost in encumbered debt-ridden estates seized by Parliament"

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Some SP Calendars Online



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Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, America and West Indies	40 volumes
Calendar of State Papers, Colonial, East Indies, China and Japan	5 volumes
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - Anne	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - Charles I	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - Charles II	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - Interregnum	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - James I	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - James II	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Domestic - William and Mary	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Foreign	26 volumes
Calendar of State Papers, France	Single volume
Calendar of State Papers, Ireland	Single volume

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State Papers, Domestic Series, of the Reign of Charles I, ed J Bruce, W D Hamilton, S C Lomas (London, 1858-1897) 23 volumes



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Calendars of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies from 1574-1739

- The calendar is printed in a number of volumes. The first covers the period 1574-1660 and subsequent volumes cover between one and seven years.
- Each volume has a comprehensive index which lists people, places and events relevant to the years the calendar covers.
- For example, Volumes 5 lists 'Maryland' in the index and then shows various subheadings to do with people, events and subjects related to Maryland. Each subheading is followed by page numbers where you can find transcripts or abstracts of documents that relate to that subject. Some examples of the subheadings under 'Maryland' are shown below:
 - planters and traders to, 597
 - petitions of, 406, 1321
 - 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
 - directions for ships sailing from, 1084, 1321
 - prisoners sent to, 1114



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Calendar of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies: Volume 1, 1574-1660.

- 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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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 1540, 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	archdioceses	dioceses (22 in England)		
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)	archdioceses	dioceses	moral and spiritual offences, poor relief	minister (clergymen) and vestry (the middling sort, e.g. yeomen, substantial farmers)
petty sessions and individual JPs	sub-county	minor crimes and administration	amateur magistrates/JPs (upper gentry)	parishes	village or neighbourhood (to 10,000)		
manor courts	village or neighbourhood (to 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 (to 10,000)	poor relief	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.

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What is a Manor?

- residence
- a single administrative unit of estate
- manor distinguished by court
- various size

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The image shows two book covers side-by-side. The left cover is titled 'THE ENGLISH MANOR c. 1200-c. 1500' and features a medieval illustration of a man on a horse. The right cover is titled 'MANORS AND MANORIAL DOCUMENTS AFTER 1500' and features a medieval illustration of a manorial court scene. Both books are published by the British Association for Local History.

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The image is a screenshot of the TNA's Manorial Documents Register website. It shows a search interface with a map of England on the right side. The text on the page reads: 'Identify the manor where your ancestor lived and worked and locate surviving manorial records via TNA's Manorial Documents Register'. Below the map, there is a section for 'COLLECTIONS' with a table listing various records.

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Search results for Kent ickham

Kent ickham

Start new search Browse

Filter results

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Record creators 3

Names of individuals, families or organisations who created records

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No records known to survive
Place: **ickham, Kent**, South East, England

BRAMBLING_OTHERWISE_LEE MANOR Manor

Date: Dates unknown
3 collection(s) held by 1 archive(s)
Place: **ickham, Kent**, South East, England

ICKHAM MANOR Manor

Date: Dates unknown
157 collection(s) held by 5 archive(s)
Place: **ickham, Kent**, South East, England

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Matlock Manor

MATLOCK MANOR Browse by Records Creators

This page summarises records created by this Manor

The summary includes a brief description of the collection(s) (usually including the covering dates of the collection), the name of the archive where they are held, and reference information to help you find the collection.

[View details of this record creator](#)

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55	1609-1625: survey	The National Archives	DL 431/32
56	1619-1627: court rolls, with other manors	The National Archives	DL 3054664-666, 668
57	1655-1924: court books (19)	Derbyshire Record Office	D2253/1/1-15 NRA 14934 Matlock manor
58	1655-1910: index volume to court books	Derbyshire Record Office	D2253/1/16 NRA 14934 Matlock manor
59	1666-1666: customary	British Library, Manuscript Collections	Add MS 6669 #.273-274
60	1666-1666: rental	British Library, Manuscript Collections	Add MS 6669 #.273-274
61	1701-1701: appointment of steward	British Library, Manuscript	Add MS 6689 F.264

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Manorial Records

Court roll showing Free tenants and jury & electing manorial officials

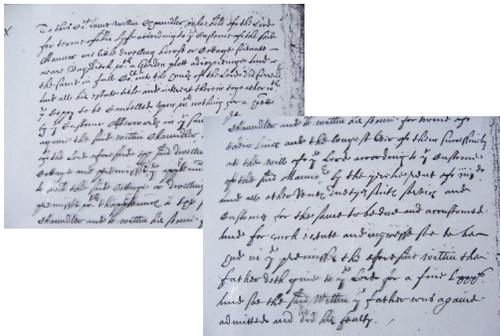
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Manorial Courts 1600+

- Court Baron.....3 weeks
- Court Leet with view of Frankpledge...twice a year
- Regulation of the common fields
- Copyhold admissions and surrenders

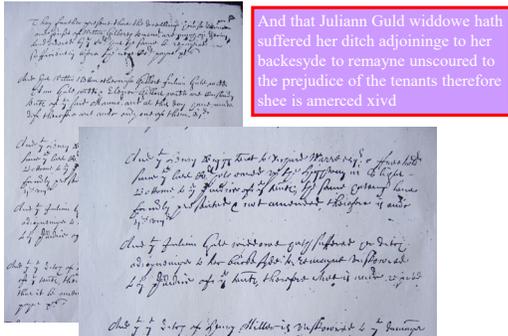
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The Court Baron – transfer of the use of land



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The Court Leet – the police court



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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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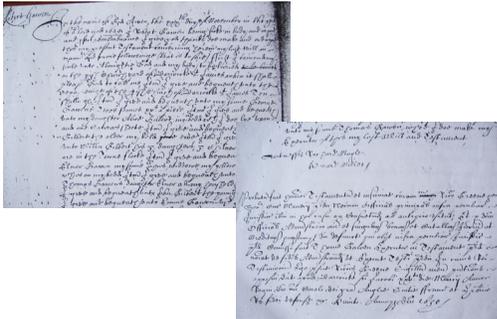
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Court Roll 28th March 1676 West Wycombe Manor

- Item it is ordered that every person that shall henceforth putt any cattle upon any common within this Mannor except such as have lawful right to common shall for every default therein 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

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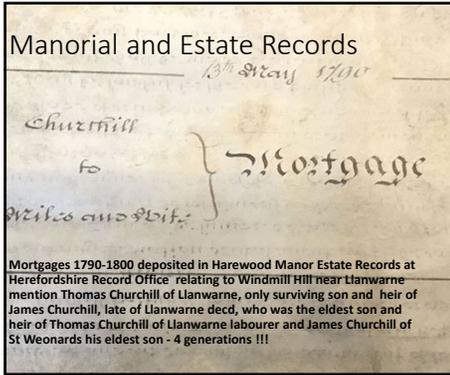
Manorial wills – peculiar courts



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Manorial and Estate Records



13th May 1700

Churchill

Mortgage

Articles and Wit.

Mortgage 1500 parcel 13 May 1700

(1) Thomas Churchill of par. of Llanwarne, Herefordshire, surviving son and heir of James Churchill late of Lanwarne, labourer, widow and was the son and heir of Thomas Churchill of Lanwarne, labourer.

(2) Philip Miles of par. of Penroyd, cornweaver, & Margaret his wife.

Consideration: £10

Witnesses and adjoining lands (viz.) at Windmill Hill Lanwarne, County of Hereford, viz. benefactors (1), and also James Churchill, father of (1).

Assignment of mortgage, 22 September 1700.

(1) Thomas Churchill of par. of Lanwarne, labourer and James Churchill of par. of St. Leonards, & eldest son.

(2) Daniel Morris of par. of Weonards, carpenter & Daniel Morris of the town of Here, carpenter.

Articles mortgage 13 May 1700

Consideration: £10 From (1) to (2) and £10 From (1) to James Churchill and Son. From (2) to James Churchill.

Laid as in A922/59

Witness to date of Assignment of mortgage. 2 May 1800

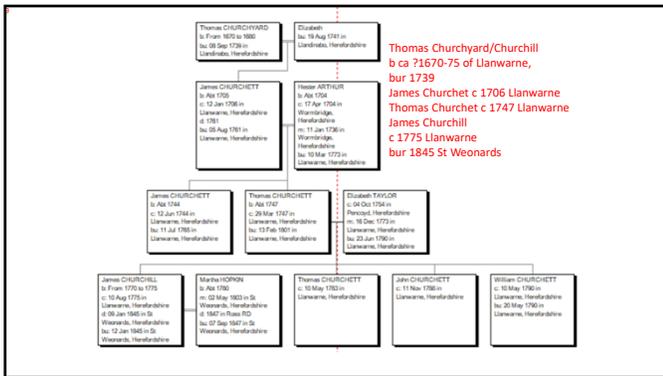
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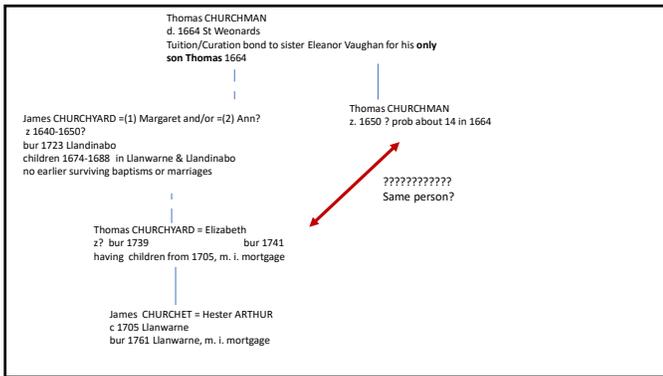
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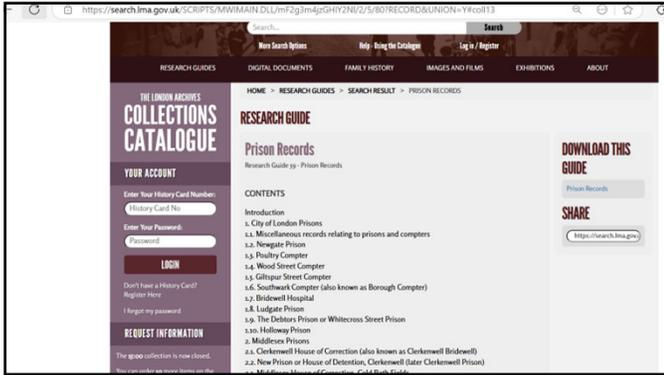


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Civil Courts/Kings Prerogative Courts

- Chancery
- Exchequer
- Common Pleas
- Kings Bench
- High Commission (abolished 1641)
- Requests (1492-1642)
- Star Chamber (abolished 1641)
- Palatines – Chester, Durham, Lancashire
- Duchy – Lancashire
- Wards and Liveries (abolished 1660)
- Local Civil Courts – e.g. London Mayor's Court, Hustings, Sheriff's Court, Orphans, Court of Chivalry

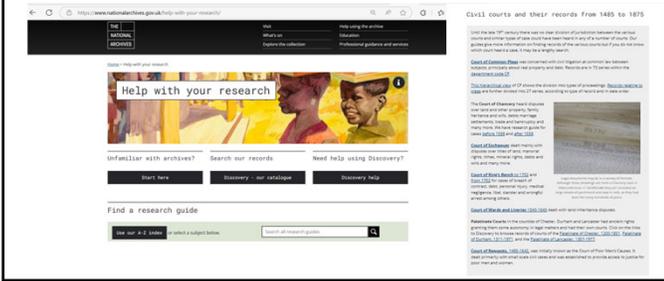
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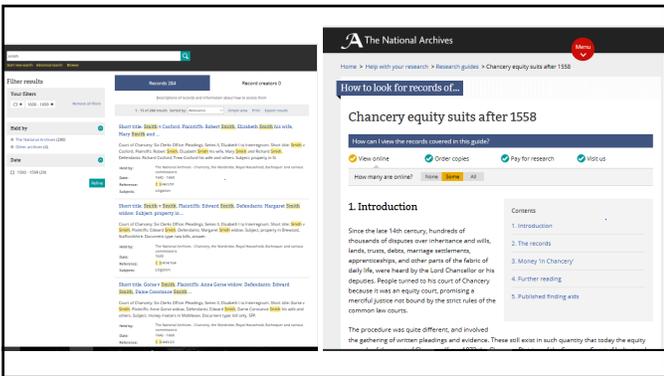
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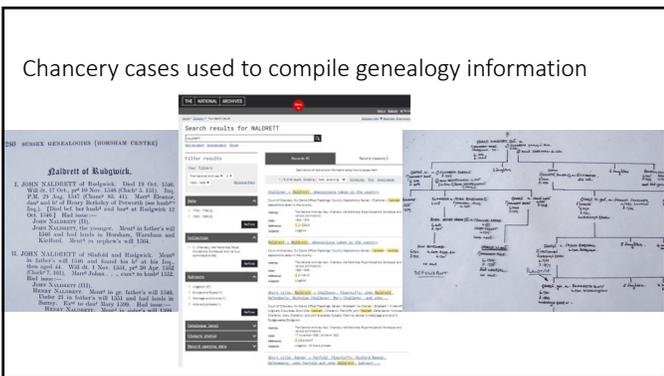
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17th Century Chancery Indexes on Findmypast

Charles I Chancery Index

This unique resource, created by Peter Wilson Coldham makes available for the first time an index to all 82,000 Chancery Cases launched during the reign of Charles I (1625-49). Chancery records are a particularly important source of information for descendants of early migrants to North America.

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.

Bills of Complaint and Answers are often not filed together under the same reference, which explains, at least partly, why many of the cases have multiple references.

TNA Reference

If you wish to search the source documents yourself at TNA, Kew, they are held in Class C2, subclass Chas1. The references here give only the piece and folio numbers (eg H77/40), since the Class & subclass is always the same. The full references would be, for example, C2/Chas1/H77/40.

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Sample C2 Chas 1 Abstract

Abstract of Chancery Case Documents
Provided by Helen Osborn Research Ltd
This is an abstract of original documents held in Class C2 at The National Archives, Kew, England

Origins References
Bannister v. Somerscales
B110/27
B110/27
94384_4093101.rtf

Date Abstract Made 7/7/06

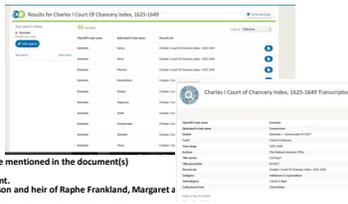
Condition & Size of Document(s)
2 membranes parchment, A1 size and A2 size
very good condition

Document Type (bill of complaint, etc)
Bill of complaint
Joint and several answers

Short Extract of Names and Places together with any date mentioned in the document(s)
29 May 1628

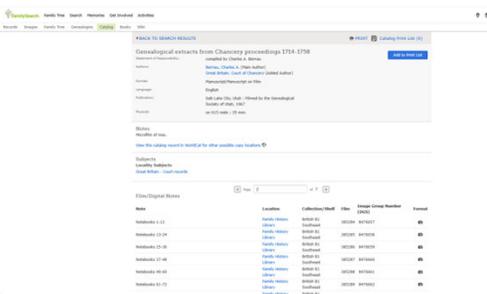
Richard Bannister of Barnoldswicke in the Co. of York, gent.
Richard Frankland of Fisehowse in the Co of York, gent, son and heir of Raphe Frankland, Margaret a Frankland
Thomas Somerscales of Gisborne, York, uncle to Margaret and Joan, brother to Bridgett their mother John Bannister

Opinion on Reproduction of Document
These documents give a wealth of detail about the Bannister and Frankland families.



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Chancery – Bernau Index



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The screenshot shows the National Archives website page for 'Court of Requests records 1485-1642'. The page includes a search bar at the top, navigation links, and a main heading. Below the heading, there are options to 'View Online', 'Order copies', 'Visit us in New', and 'Pay for research'. A 'How many are online?' section shows 'None', 'Some', and 'All'. The main content area is titled '1. Why use this guide?' and provides information about the court's records. A 'Contents' sidebar lists sections like 'Why use this guide?' and 'What was the Court of Requests?'. On the right, there are links for 'Contact us for advice', 'Still need help?', 'Live chat', and 'Email'.

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The screenshot shows the National Archives website page for 'Court of Star Chamber records 1485-1642'. The layout is similar to the previous page, with a search bar and navigation. The main heading is 'Court of Star Chamber records 1485-1642'. The 'How many are online?' section shows 'None', 'Some', and 'All'. The main content area is titled '1. Why use this guide?' and describes the court's records. A 'Contents' sidebar lists sections like 'Why use this guide?' and 'What was the Court of Star Chamber?'. On the right, there are links for 'Contact us for advice', 'Still need help?', 'Live chat', and 'Email'.

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The screenshot shows the National Archives website page for 'Court of Wards and Liveries 1540-1645: land inheritance and disputes'. The layout is consistent with the other pages, featuring a search bar and navigation. The main heading is 'Court of Wards and Liveries 1540-1645: land inheritance and disputes'. The 'How many are online?' section shows 'None', 'Some', and 'All'. The main content area is titled '1. Why use this guide?' and details the court's role in land inheritance. A 'Contents' sidebar lists sections like 'Why use this guide?' and 'What was the Court of Wards and Liveries?'. On the right, there are links for 'Contact us for advice', 'Still need help?', 'Live chat', and 'Email'.

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- 5 ANDREWS V MORRIS
- 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.

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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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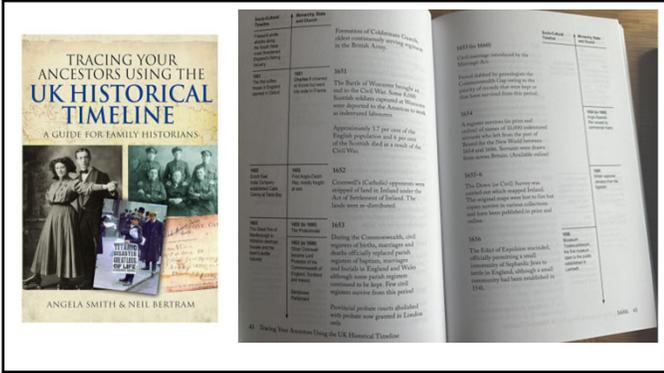
- Who?
 - name, status, FAN, Family Reconstructions
- Where?
 - place is paramount, records dispersed, not everything online
 - Jurisdictions - parish, town, county, diocese, province, circuit, sessions, hundred,
 - can you try to localize a name to a place or area?
 - know the local county history, record society publications, etc
- When?
 - Commonwealth Gap
- What?
 - occupations, religious persuasion,
 - what's been done before?
- Why?
 - manage expectations

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Who governed the lives of 17th century ancestors?

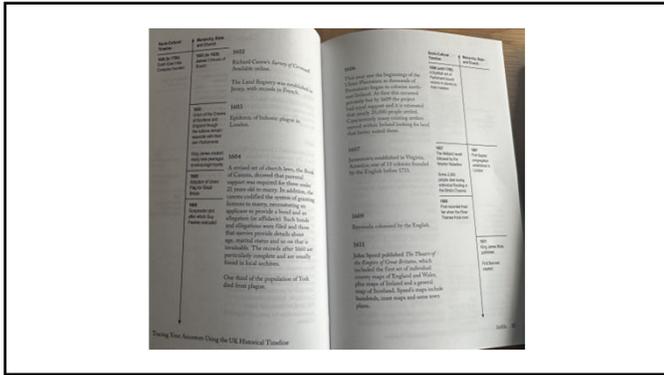
- The Vestry and Parish Officials – *incumbent, overseers of the poor, churchwardens, constable*
- The Diocese and Archdeacon – *Prerogative (Archbishops), Consistory (Bishops) & Archdeaconry Church Courts, proctors, summoners, apparators*
- Quarter Session & Assize Courts – *criminal courts – justices of the peace & magistrates*
- Manorial Courts – *customary lores and laws of the manor lord of the manor, steward or reeve, jury, constable*
- Civil/Equity & Prerogative Courts – *courts of chancery, exchequer, requests, star chamber, wards & liveries, high commision*
- The State – *State Papers*

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Websites

- FamilySearch
 - Wiki Catalogue, Labs, Maps Jurisdictions
- Commercial genealogy websites
- American Ancestors
- Collaborative websites
 - WikiTree (early colonist genealogical profiles and discussions)
- National Archives Discovery Catalogue
- Early English Books Online
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

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