

APPENDIX (1917)
TO
CLAYTON BOOK
AND
A SHORT ACCOUNT
OF
WORMINGTON PARISH
AND
CHURCH,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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1917.

AN UNAUTHORISED 'FOREWORD' TO THE CLAYTON FAMILY BOOK.

IT is our desire, as the surviving first cousins by birth or marriage on the Clayton side, of the principal author of this book, to place on record for those of later generations into whose hands the volume may come, an 'appreciation,' and a personal note.

In many respects Francis Corder Clayton ('Cousin Frank') may be regarded as a unique personality. As a bachelor, and having lost his only brother early in life, his many cousins, and perhaps especially the children of his cousins, became the recipients of his constantly exhibited generosity, and his thoughtful care and interest in no small degree. The enthusiasm with which he followed up and hunted for any detail which might throw light upon the 'Family,' is consistent with the thoroughness and pertinacity with which he undertook any service for them; qualities that he exhibited in all other work, whether in business, public service, or family affairs.

How many of his relatives have been generously made the sharers of his love for travel both at home and abroad; what family gathering whether in joy or sorrow but has had his helpful and cheering participation; what intimate or friend, can forget his unfailing gift of reminiscence and anecdote; and to how many have his wise and considerate gifts given the needed incentive, or assistance, to success in their after careers; these things are only fully known to the recipients.

But no record of them can convey the personality of the giver. Humorous, kindly, and with untiring activity, 'Cousin Frank' may well be described as the second father of many both older and younger, among his wide circle of relations and friends. We think then that it is not only due to him, but to other descendants of 'Francis Clayton of Chiswick' that his book should (without his connivance or consent) contain this simple but warmly felt appreciation.

Maria Smith
Louisa Clayton
Mary Sophia Marriage
Ellen Clayton
Mary Anna Clayton

Charles Edward Clayton
Alice Clayton
Mary Mabel Clayton
Charles Clayton
Katherine Lucy Clayton

February, 1917.

The Original "Clayton Book," brought out in 1892,
has long been out of print.

I have thought a copy of the Appendix which deals
with the grand-children of Hollis Clayton, 1766-1830, and
succeeding generations up to 1916, and the Account of
Wormington, where the family lived for almost two centuries,
might be of interest to some of the family who have not
a copy of the Original and therefore I have had a few
copies interleaved and bound up and have pleasure in sending
a copy to

S. M. Daviel

F. C. CLAYTON.

April, 1917.

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WITH ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS UP TO DECEMBER, 1916.

The references to certain pages refer to the Clayton Book and not to this Appendix, unless specially marked.

EARLY REFERENCES.

Pages 5-6.

I have not succeeded in tracing the family any further back than Gloucestershire.

The College of Heralds have also made some investigations, but without success. Amongst other places they made inquiries at were Dublin, regarding the Irish Claytons, and also in Staffordshire, and the last I heard from them was that they were trying to get access to the Court Rolls of Dumbleton Manor. Similar inquiries in another quarter are being made, and if anything results a slip will be added on the last page.

I found out one curious thing in connection with the Irish Claytons. One Katherine Clayton, a sister of Laurence Clayton, of Moyallow, Co. Cork, about the year 1650 married Thomas Daunt, of Owlepen, Gloucestershire, and Courtegrenane, Cork. (J. P. Rylands on the Claytons of Thelwall, p. 6.) [Was this Katharine the first of the family that came into Gloucestershire?]

DUMBLETON AND WORMINGTON.

Pages 7-11.

It is reasonable to assume that the family first settled at Dumbleton, for the entries in the transcripts of the Registers at Gloucester go back to 1670, and there are eleven of them in the seventeenth century, whilst the first entry at Wormington was not till 1721.

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As the long tomb of Charles and Sarah Clayton at Dumbleton (died 1815, see p. 15, 6.e.) got into a very bad condition through the growth of a maple tree within the iron railings surrounding it, I have had the railing, which was broken, and also the maple tree removed and the tomb rebuilt, and a simple inscription freshly cut put on it (p. 10).

The wording on Henry Clayton's tombstone at Wormington has entirely disappeared, though part of that on Christian's is still visible (p. 8). It is nearly opposite the Church door at Wormington.

Whilst knowing that the families at the two places were related (see Will on p. 11), yet no certain relationship further back than Laurence Clayton of Wormington (p. 13) can be traced, so I must begin with him.

A friend has very kindly prepared for me a short account of Wormington Parish and its Church, which follows on at the end of this Appendix.

LAURENCE CLAYTON.

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I can add only a few very small details to this chapter.

JAMES CLAYTON, born 1732 (No. 7, p. 14). I visited Barnet about 1892, and found that Mrs. Clayton, widow of his grandson, Benjamin Clayton, was on the point of leaving there. She informed me the family had lived there about a century, and gave me an auction sale catalogue of Anne Clayton's in 1799, who was then giving up farming. (See letter on p. 14.) Since then I have heard nothing of that branch of the family.

I visited Ridge Churchyard, near Barnet, in 1899, where there are tombstones to James Clayton and his wife, and several of his descendants.

RICHARD CLAYTON (TERTIUS), referred to on p. 15, is buried in Lower Quinton Churchyard. He has a grandson named Richard Stephen Hollis Clayton now living at Long Marston Grounds, Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon.

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FRANCIS CLAYTON.

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The information given me by William Allen, of Dorking, is supplemented by further information concerning the Allen family in a small volume

"Family Records"—by Charlotte Sturge (*née* Allen), of Bristol, a great-great-niece of Susanna Clayton's, privately printed, 1882. And by:—

"Leaves from the Past," being the Diary of John Allen, written between February and July, 1777, and edited by his great-grandson, C. Y. Sturge, M.A., 1905, both of which books Mr. Sturge kindly presented me with.

Shortly before C. Y. Sturge's death in 1913, I called on him in London, and found he was intending to place a memorial window in Thorpe Salvin Church (see p. 16) to the Allen family, where they lived for many years. This was not carried out till after his death, and the window, which is a very beautiful one, represents the Dignity of Honest Toil. A photograph of it is inserted here.

The extracts from John Allen's Diary, who was a first cousin of Hollis Clayton (1766-1830) are interesting as showing that the latter went to school at Boley Hill, Rochester.

Diary, p. 24. "Mother (and others) proceeded to Aunt's at Chiswick (S. Clayton).

- p. 49. This afternoon William Alexander came to town with Hollis.
- p. 54. Went this morning with Cousin Hollis to see him on to the Chiswick Coach in the Strand.
- p. 67. Cousin Hollis came to-night (7th day) in order to be ready for the Coach on 2nd day.
- p. 67. To Uncle's to tea with Cousin Hollis to take leave of his Uncle before he goes to School.
- p. 67. Went with Cousin Hollis to London Bridge to meet the Rochester Coach, which we did."

The School was at this time kept by William Alexander, but in John Clayton's time it was kept by his son-in-law, William Rickman, formerly of New York, who had the reputation of being a strong advocate of corporal punishment for his pupils.

The above entries are in June, 1777.

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Hollis Clayton's father, Francis Clayton, had died previously to his son leaving School and as, at this time his Uncle John Allen had been a Friend for many years (and his Aunt Elizabeth and his Uncle Job had become Friends, although the date of their joining is not known), it was not unnatural that Hollis Clayton should become one later on in life.

An interesting memorandum of Susanna Clayton's, concerning some gifts to be made after her decease, has recently been given me by M. M. Clayton, of Croydon. I think it is in the handwriting of her daughter-in-law, Mary Clayton, our grandmother. It is supposed to have been made previous to 1813, as her niece, Sarah Clayton, died in that year. [The words in brackets are mine.]

"One Silver Pint Mug for my grandson William Impey Clayton.

"One pair of Silver Table Spoons for my grandson John Clayton.

"One pr. do. for my Grandson Allen Francis Clayton. [I have one of these marked F^s_C .]

"A Silver Ladle, a Knife and Fork and a dessert Spoon marked H. C. for my grandson Hollis Clayton.

"A Silver Cream Jug and a Gold Ring and two teaspoons for my grandson Charles.

"Six Silver Tea Spoons, a pair of Tea Tongs and a Tea Strainer for my niece Sarah Clayton.

"A dark poplin Gown and Calemanca Petticoat and 2 or 3 Muslin Handkerchiefs for my sister Elizabeth Prior.

"A poplin Gown Black Silk Spencer and my best black Silk Cloak for Elizabeth Leech. [Susanna Clayton's factotum "Betty." See p. 17.]

"The rest of my wearing apparel to be given to my cousin Elizabeth Collins [I cannot trace who Elizabeth Collins was] and her daughter, to be sent to my niece Elizabeth Allen [widow of John Allen who wrote the Diary], for to be handed to them at her discretion, except such things as my Daughter may wish my neighbour Wakefield to have.

"A set of Blue and White and a set of Red and White China Cups and saucers with Slop Basons etc. 1 pair of Glass Decanters and Stands, 5 Wine Glasses, 1 tumbler, 3 Glasses with Feet and two Small waiters, 4 Blue and White Plates, and a Mahogany Tea Board and a Callico Window curtain for Abigail Joslyn."

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HOLLIS CLAYTON (1766-1830).

Pages 19-33.

The information on p. 3 of this Appendix settles the question of his education at Boley Hill, Rochester.

With respect to the missing Marriage Settlement referred to in his Will (p. 33) it was found Endorsed on the Conveyance of the Property at Dunmow, purchased by H. C. in 1796. On his marriage in 1799, it was settled on his wife, the Trustees being his cousins William Allen (the noted philanthropist) and Atkinson Francis Gibson, of Saffron Walden.

His diary was written up to the day before his death and is now in the possession of Ellen Clayton, of Chelmsford.

DESCENDANTS.

On pages 34—48 I have dealt with his six children, so in this Appendix a generation is, as it were, omitted, and I have dealt with their descendants up to December, 1916, which includes in some cases three subsequent generations. It will be observed that each successive generation is further indented on the left hand of the page, *e.g.*, William on page 6, is father of William Alfred on page 8, and *he* is father of the four children, immediately following. To begin with, the following is a list of the principal boarding schools to which one or other were sent, and by whom kept, in order to avoid repeating details of the same information :—

Boys.

EPPING.—A school for boys up to about 11 years of age, originally kept by Rachel and Sarah Day, and later on by Sarah Day and her niece, Caroline Abbatt, who is still living.

HITCHIN.—By Benjamin Abbott.

HERTFORD.—Bayley Hall, Hertford, by Daniel Peirson.

BOOTHAM.—Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting School, at York.

SCARBOROUGH.—Oliver's Mount, Scarborough, by Thomas Walton.

LEIGHTON PARK.—Yearly Meeting School, at Reading.

LEXDEN.—Near Colchester, by Frederick Richardson.

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Girls.

BRIGHTON.—By Emilie Schnell.

SOUTHPORT.—By M. A. Wallis.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—By Eliza B. Smith and Maria Ferris.

POLAM.—By R. B. Lockwood and Helen Bayes, at Darlington.

COLCHESTER.—By F. and E. Gröne, Minden House.

KENDAL.—By H. and R. Lockwood.

I have succeeded in obtaining in seven instances letters written to their children when at school or subsequently, viz. :—

W. I. Clayton to William,

„ „ Maria,

„ „ Ellen,

Maria Clayton „ Mary Sophia,

A. F. Clayton „ Francis Corder,

„ „ Philip,

Charles Clayton „ Mary Mabel,

and which are printed under their children's respective names.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM IMPEY CLAYTON.

(1) WILLIAM, born 1835, educated at Epping and at Hitchin. On death of his father he continued the family business till his death in 1881. He was for many years a burgess of the town, and had filled the office of bailiff. He was intimately connected with the Dunmow Savings Bank, a trustee of the Literary Institution, and treasurer of the British Schools. He married in 1871, Louisa Goff, at Gorleston Church (a morning wedding, with two bridesmaids). After her husband's death she removed to Chelmsford, where she now resides. His funeral was attended by upwards of 700 persons. (An interesting account of his life is in the "Chelmsford Chronicle" for 11th March, 1881.)

Hobbies: His one recreation in life was hunting.

The following letter was written to him by his father, when at school at Hitchin :—

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Dunmow, 23/3/49.

My dear William,

I received thine of the 16th, and was very glad to hear of thy comfort and welfare ; & am thankful to inform thee that we are all pretty well.

Yesterday we *all* went and dined and took tea at thy Uncle and Aunt's at Broomfield Mill ; they are all well : William Jr. & Sampson go to Rachel Day's at Epping next third day ; they seemed to think they shall like it pretty well : the two Ponies at the Mill go on well ; but they are much less than Taffy : Wm. and Sampson hope to exercise them well at Midsummer. Thou asks about the "Harveys upset"—if he had been a Teetotaller it wd. not have happened ; the facts are these, he went with the Brown Horse and Cart to the Braintree Railway Station, for some cheese from Ipswich, and got too much beer, and when he got to the Flitch of Bacon, at the turning to Stebbing, he got some more beer ; & the Horse went on ; Harry ran after him & pulled him very sharp, so that he reared up & ran back into the ditch, and broke both shafts off ; but beyond this, I believe no mischief was done : R. & W. Randell's cart came up just afterwards, and brought the cheese home ; I drove the Horse to Broomfield yesterday, & he went exceedingly well. I enclose a letter from thy Sister Sophia, by which thou wilt see we have had John Pease and his Father here ; and they paid us a very acceptable visit. John Pease is an extraordinary Minister & I trust his visit in these parts will be profitably remembered by many of us. Thy Uncle William told us, he attended the day before yesterday, at Uxbridge, the Funeral of Henry Hull, a friend who was a Banker & Miller there ; he was not ill long, & has left a Widow & eight children : the eldest about the age of thy sister Maria—six of the children, & the Widow, followed his remains to the Grave ; & the sight was a very affecting one : he was much respected, and nearly if not all the Shops were closed at the time of the Funeral : I think he was seven years younger than myself : these repeated instances of the uncertainty of all things here, are indeed calculated to make us look well to our preparation for an everlasting state of being—where we must be for ever miserable, or enjoy Eternal happiness with the good of all ages, in the presence of God himself : O ! my dear William, let us very often cherish such reflections as these : it is highly needful for *thee*, vigorously to apply to thy studies ; & very allowable for thee to enjoy innocent recreation ; but remember I charge thee, as an affectionate Parent, all these things are nothing in comparison with a well grounded belief that thou art above all things endeavouring to *hear* & to *obey* the Saviour's heavenly power in thy own heart : remember the promise : ask & ye *shall* receive, seek & ye *shall* find, knock and it *shall* be opened unto you.

Joseph Grice's remains were interred about two o'clock last fourth day week, & such was the respect entertained for him, that during the Funeral every Shop, I believe, in the Town was closed : I do not hear what his Widow & Daughter are likely to do.

The day before yesterday thy Mother laid the first brick of the new Houses where E. Wood's shop stood, Maria laid the second, Charlotte the third, Sophia the fourth & Ellen the fifth. I mean to lay one at the side when they get to the White Bricks with my name on it & intend to leave one for thee to put one when thou comes home. I delivered thy message to Frederick & understand he wrote thee last night. I sent the Illustrated this morning but there is little in it worth looking at, therefore if I do not send it thou may always conclude it is not worth the trouble of spending time over. We received thy Temperance Publication & think it a very useful one : I have not yet taken one but intend to soon & will forward it to thee when read & hope thou wilt show it to thy companions. Arthur and Lydia Warner come very regularly to Meeting : they have enlarged the Garden

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very much. Arthur has been to Glazenwood many times & bought a great many Shrubs. The Gardens at Glazenwood are broken up & the Plants & Shrubs have been sold by Auction. I have just been to a Temperance Lecture at the Town Hall by a person named Thompson from Leeds; it was a very good one. We have lately had two Temperance Lectures from a Female named Stamp, the Widow of a dissenting Minister from Hull: they were very largely attended & gave satisfaction. I enclose thee a notice of four Lectures Coventry is about to give: he is *not* a favorite Lecturer of mine. The weather has lately been very fine—but the last few days is so cold I fear the fine Blossoms on the Peach and Nectarine Trees will be injured. James Tweed is now residing at Braintree where he took a House for a few months in consequence of his having the Small Pox in his House here: and we understand he does not intend returning here but has taken a House at Rayne—the large one opposite the Pond. Thy Uncle Hollis returned from Ben Rhydding last evening: he says he thinks himself benefitted by the change. Wm. Childs called here to-day to borrow Ten Pounds which I lent him—he has re-signed the Pledge & has just taken a contract to build a good Green-house & Hot-house for John Barnard of Olives: poor fellow I do hope this time he will be wise enough to keep close to his promise. As it is getting late I must conclude with my very dear Love in which thy dear Mother & Sisters unite & I remain thy affectionate Father W. I. CLAYTON.

Taffy is quite well: I had a person the other day who wanted to buy him, perhaps I mentioned this before.

(1) WILLIAM ALFRED, born 1872. Educated at Epping and at Saffron Walden. Apprenticed at Scarborough to John Rowntree and Sons, and afterwards at Weston-super-Mare, Sheffield and Pontefract. He started in business as a grocer at Winton, near Bournemouth, in 1908. He married, in 1902, Lilian King, at Westminster F.M.; it was an afternoon wedding without bridesmaids.

Hobbies: Work in connexion with the Society of Friends and Adult School Work.

- (1) Donald King, born 1904, at Pontefract. Now at School at Sibford.
- (2) Oliver William, born 1905, at Pontefract. Now at school at Sibford.
- (3) Aylwin Goff, born 1909, at Winton.
- (4) Basil, born 1911, at Winton.

(2) JOHN HENRY, born 1874. Accidentally drowned at Langley, near Yarmouth, in 1882.

(3) LOUISA MARIA, born 1875. Educated at Chelmsford and Colchester (Minden House), where she afterwards became a Teacher. Married Harris Smith (born 1869) at Chelmsford F.M. in 1898 (an afternoon wedding with two bridesmaids). They now reside at Pattiswick, near Braintree.

Hobbies: Temperance and Educational Work.

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- (1) Dorothy Clayton, born 1899, at Bower's Grange. Educated at Chelmsford High School and Polam, and now entering "Dairy School" (1917).
- (2) Ronald Harris, born 1902, at Bower's Grange. Educated at Braintree High School and Sidcot.
- (3) Rachel Joyce, born 1907, at Milles' Farm.

- (4) JANET, born 1878. Educated at Chelmsford and Colchester.

Hobbies: Specially interested in Temperance and other Social Work; Treasurer of Benevolent Society.

(5) HOLLIS, born 1880. Educated at Chelmsford Grammar School. Apprenticed to corn and seed trade with Cramphorn, Chelmsford; learnt farming at Joseph Smith's, at Pattiswick, and is now in partnership with him. He married Mary Louise Hicks, at Copford Church, in 1911—an afternoon wedding with two bridesmaids. The "Essex County Chronicle" of that week gives some particulars of the ceremony. They now reside at Milles' Farm, Stisted, Essex.

Hobbies: Music, hunting and shooting.

- (1) Joan Mary, born 1914.
- (2) Hollis, born 1916.

(2) MARIA, born 1837. Educated at Brighton. She took an active interest in the Dunmow British School and in the work of the Bible Society in that town. She married Joseph Alfred Smith (born 1831) at Dunmow F.M. in 1864. The wedding (a morning one with six bridesmaids) was the last occasion on which members of all the older generation met. On her father's side were her two uncles, Hollis and Charles Clayton, and three aunts, Sarah Elizabeth, Emmaretta and Lydia Manley Clayton; and on her mother's side, her mother and her twin uncles, William and Henry Marriage. She

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has lived ever since at Orchard Lodge, Chelmsford, where she celebrated her 80th birthday on January 5, 1917.

Her husband, J. A. Smith, died of erysipelas in 1888.

Hobbies: Botany and Swiss rock gardening.

Dunmow,

28/2/51.

My dear Maria,

I may begin by informing thee that we are all favoured with the inestimable blessing of health, for which I desire to be truly thankful to the Author of all our Mercies. Our Monthly Meeting was held on third day last at Thaxted; it was a very interesting & long one; we did not reach home to dinner until about $\frac{1}{2}$ past four o'clock: Sarah Hicks obtained a minute to visit Norfolk & Norwich, & some meetings in Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire. Thy Uncle Charles left home that evening for Hitchin, where he expected to meet our dear friend Thomas Arnott, & accompany him through Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, & Northamptonshire.

On fourth day evening last many of the members of the Literary Society met C. L. Smith at the Town Hall, & presented him with a pair of silver candlesticks, which we purchased by subscription—& which cost about ten guineas—accompanied with a short address on parchment, expressive of our esteem and regard, & the estimation we entertained of his talented exertions on behalf of the Institution; the address was signed by most (if not all) the subscribers; the Town Hall was well filled—the presentation was ably performed by Wm. Johnson; after which Robert Taylor and myself added a few words: C. L. Smith acknowledged the present with great kindness and feeling, in a very appropriate speech; and the whole thing went off very well: he left us four of his private Sketch Books, containing scenes taken at Rome, Venice, Florence—in Switzerland, Scotland, &c.; they are beautifully executed, & should like thee to see them very much, which I hope thou mayst do at some future day.

We received thy acceptable letters this morning, & hope to hear in thy next that thy throat is quite well: it is very kind of Daniel Hack & many other Friends to take so much notice of you: I am pleased to learn that you like Charles Tylor, and your new Governess. I particularly notice thy mention of Emilie Schnell's judicious care to improve thy memory; and much hope thou wilt duly appreciate her great care, & kindness in every way; & I truly unite in thy hope that with the help of the Almighty, thou wilt succeed in overcoming a disposition to thoughtlessness; I enclose a letter from "John Newton to Hannah Moore," wh. I copied many years since; & which I wish thee to read again & again—please also to show it to Emily Schnell.

Thy dear Mother & Sisters are sitting by me, & desire their dear Love: the former desires me to say that she hopes thou wilt be particular in thy next, in letting us know exactly how thy cold &c. is.

William is writing to his Cousin Henry. Thy Uncle Hollis has just been in with a letter from thy Uncle Charles; giving a good account of Thomas Arnott & himself; Thomas Arnott has had several Public Meetings & is likely to have one at Hitchin on first day evening.

With very dear Love, I remain
thy affectionate Father,

W. I. CLAYTON.

Please return the enclosed Letter.

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(1) WILLIAM CLAYTON, born 1865. Educated at Epping, Lexden and Scarborough. Apprenticed to the drapery trade at Green's, Stanstead.

His father's business in High Street, Chelmsford, was carried on by the trustees of his will until 1896, when it was acquired by W. C. S. and his brother Bernard, by whom it is still carried on under the name of J. A. Smith and Sons, drapers and milliners.

Hobbies: Sailing and trips on his well-known boats, first the "Rover" and now the "Vera," have given many of his friends a great deal of pleasure.

(2) ALFRED BERNARD, born 1868. Educated at Lexden and Scarborough. Apprenticed to Stretch and Harlock, at Nantwich, and is in business with his brother as stated above.

He is one of the best amateur growers of sweetpeas for miles round.

Hobbies: Especially fishing and golf, and also tennis.

(3) LEWIS ALBERT, born 1869. Educated at Epping, Lexden and Scarborough. Was apprenticed to Balkwills, chemists, at Plymouth, but eventually decided to follow the medical profession, which he studied at the London Hospital. He obtained the degree of M.D. (Lond.), 1901, and F.R.C.P. in 1910, and has for many years been on the staff of that hospital; he practises as a consulting physician at his residence, 25, Queen Anne Street, W.

He married Ethel Rigby at Immanuel Church, at Streatham, in 1904 (afternoon wedding, with four bridesmaids):

Hobbies: Their joint hobbies are golf and fishing. L.'s maximum catch has been a pike weighing 23½lbs., at Burton, in January this year, and Ethel's a trout weighing 7½lbs. at Lochinver, in July last.

(4) LAWRENCE, born 1870. Educated at Epping, Lexden and Scarborough. Apprenticed to Rowntree and Sons, grocers, at York. He was for some years a traveller for Rowntrees, cocoa manufacturers, of York.

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In 1906 he joined his brother Percy in establishing the Emperor Café, at Carlisle, which they disposed of just before the outbreak of the war in 1914, and he is now in business of a similar character at Epsom.

Hobbies: Golf, and very good at gardening.

(5) RICHENDA MARIA (CHENNIE), born 1872. Educated at Kendal and Polam. At this latter school she was for some years Singing Mistress. She spent the winter of 1903 in studying singing at Wiesbaden, and in 1907 took it up as a profession, first under Johannes Messchaert for a year. Returned to England and was further trained under Raimond Von Zur Muhlen and Madame Hope Cliffe, and is now a professional singer and teacher. Her professional name is Richenda Clayton.

She, with two intimate friends, are living together in the Finchley Road, near Hampstead Heath.

Hobbies: Outdoor Games and her professional work.

(6) HOWARD, born 1873. Educated at Epping, Lexden and Scarborough. Apprenticed to Headley's, printers, at Ashford. For a year or two after his apprenticeship he travelled for them and another firm in the paper trade. Later on he travelled for Peters, the chocolate people. He finally decided to leave the road, and is now in the confectionery trade at Worthing.

Hobbies: Fishing.

(7) PERCY, born 1874. Educated at Epping, Lexden and Scarborough. He was apprenticed to Rowntrees, grocers, at Scarborough, and afterwards travelled for Rowntrees, cocoa manufacturers, of York. As stated above, he joined his brother Lawrence in business at Carlisle. On the outbreak of the War he enlisted in the 2nd London Regiment, 2nd Battalion Queen's Westminster Rifles.

After being trained in London he went first to Saffron Walden, then to Salisbury Plain. In 1916 he went to France, and is now in Salonika.

Hobbies: Fishing, and a keen student of bird life.

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(8) STANLEY, born in 1876. Died in infancy.

(9) FLORENCE MABEL (FLOSSIE), born 1878. Educated at Margate and at Polam. She resided with her mother till her marriage, and was a trained accompanist on the piano. She married Hugh Sharman (born 1874) at Brompton Parish Church in 1914 (afternoon wedding with one bridesmaid), and they have since resided at Salter, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he is farming. At the time of printing these notes F. M. S. is on a visit to her mother in England.

A daughter born 25th February, 1917, named Richenda.

(3) CHARLOTTE, born 1839. Educated at Brighton. After her mother's death, in 1875, she and her sister Ellen resided at Chelmsford till her marriage in 1882 with James Whitehead (born 1841) at Devonshire House F.M. (a morning wedding, with four bridesmaids.) J. W. bought the old family business at Dunmow from her brother's executors and continued in it till 1897, when he retired. They then lived at Worcester for some years. They made repeated visits to Switzerland, Italy and Norway, and on one occasion went to Brumana to visit Ellen. They finally settled at Clevedon, where she died in 1908.

J. W. died there in 1915.

Hobbies: They were both good linguists and botanists, and had an intimate knowledge of Alpine plants.

(4) MARY SOPHIA, born 1840. Educated at Brighton.

She married her cousin Henry Marriage (born 1835), at Dunmow in 1865 (a morning wedding with four bridesmaids), and for a few years they resided at the Parsonage Farm at Broomfield, removing soon after the death of Henry Marriage, Senr., to Ayletts, where she still resides. For over sixty years she has collected locally for the British and Foreign Bible Society, first at Dunmow and then at Broomfield. H. M. was a very large farmer and miller in partnership with his cousins as W. and H. Marriage and Sons, was a County Councillor and J.P. for Essex. He died at Westcliffe-on-Sea in 1912.

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12 Blenheim Terrace
Scarboro

2 of 8mo 1859.

My dear Sophia

I am obliged for thy nice letter recd last evening, it was pleasant to hear from thee, altho' containing sorrowful intelligence of dear Jane C. and I find by a letter from thy Uncle Wm. that Harry has been and is very ill at Lowestoff and the Doctor there seemed hardly to know what character the fever would assume, and dear Charlotte is very sadly again there, that it is sad account of them altogether. I feel much for them under it. Did we tell you that Charlotte and Ellen have had a pressing invitation from Guli Burgess to spend a few days at Leicester on their return home to meet A. M. Cooke who is staying with them at Wigston Grange, and I think if all be well I might leave them there, on our way home; ask William what he thinks of it? They would of course forfeit the use of their ticket at Leicester (it would take them as far as there), and they could come home from Leicester in the usual way. We have just had a call from the 4 Forster's of Tottenham they are staying at Whitby, and are come over here for the day, they intend going on to Scotland next week when they expect their brother R. down to go on with them, they told us that Emilie Schnell is going on to the Continent next week with Lucy Fowler—so we shall not be likely to see her at present. Esther Priestman has been calling on us to-day, and invites us to go to Malton on 7th day and spend first day with her on our way to Helmsley on 2nd. We have fixed to leave here on 7th day afternoon Ellen has been writing to Maria and I expect has given her an account of our pleasant excursion yesterday to Hackness and Forge Valley where they found plenty of Ferns, it is about 15 miles there and back, our little postillion drove us admirably. We have had two or three letters from A. M. Gilks inviting us to Darlington to her home in *Harewood Grove*, but we decline it this year, and Joseph and Elisa Stickney invited us to come & see them at Hull which of course we decline also, they said that George and Elizth. Reckitt were to make their appearance at meeting last 1st day.

With much love to William, Maria and thyself, hoping you are favoured to get on well I am thy affecte Mother

MARIA CLAYTON.

Charlotte has enclosed a frond to know if it is *Oreopteris*.

(1) HENRY, born 1866. Educated at Epping and Scarborough. He learnt milling with J. and E. P. Wooler, millers, at Batley, Yorks., and in due course became a partner in the family business. He has for some years past lived at Bishop's Hall Mill, and was more especially attached to the milling department of the firm's business, but for the last few years has given a good deal of time to farming.

Hobbies: Hunting and cricket.

(2) WILFRED, born 1868. Educated at Epping, Lexden, and Scarborough. He was apprenticed to J. R. Neave and Co., millers, at Fording-

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bridge, but after his apprenticeship was up took to farming and lived at Springfield Hall. Later on in life he went out to Nelson, New Zealand, where he is now engaged in fruit farming.

Hobbies: Gardening.

(3) HELENA SOPHIA, born 1870. Died an infant.

(4) MARY ELLEN (NELLIE), born 1870. Educated at Weston-super-Mare and Southport. She is a member of several Education Committees in connection with the Essex County Council, and to which she gives up a large amount of time. Has been a considerable traveller, including Jerusalem and Brumana, on the Nile 200 miles above Khartoum, and seven times on the Continent of Europe, including Sicily.

Hobbies: A great reader and botanist.

(5) SUSANNA MARIA (MAY), born 1872. Educated at Weston-super-Mare and Southport. Has travelled in Switzerland and Norway; also to Brumana, visiting the Cedars of Lebanon and Cairo. She has been on the board of management of the Erinvile Hospital since 1910, and secretary since 1914. She is a member of the Red Cross Society V.A.D., and is also chairman of St. John's Ambulance Association.

She married Charles Ernest Beale, of Cork, at Chelmsford F.M. It was an afternoon wedding, and there were five bridesmaids.

(1) Charles Kenneth, born 1901. At Sidcot and Felstead Schools.

(2) George Henry, born 1905. At Manor School, Fermoy.

(3) Maxwell Goff, born 1907.

(4) Philip Clayton, born 1908.

(6) CONSTANCE (CONNIE), born 1874. Educated at Weston-super-Mare and Southport. Has travelled in the West Indies and to Panama; also several times on the Continent of Europe.

Married Ernest Smallwood Savage, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., of Birmingham, at Little Waltham Church, in 1911. A morning wedding; her sister was bridesmaid and two of her nephews acted as pages.

Hobbies: A good gardener and hockey player.

(1) Thomas Raymond, born 1912.

(2) Christopher Smallwood, born 1915.

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(7) EUSTACE, born 1875. Educated at Epping, Lexden and Scarborough. Apprenticed to Marriage and Pinnock, cotton spinners, Chorley, Lancs. For some years he was in business as a cotton manufacturer, at Blackburn, under the name of Marriages, Lim. He is now in New Zealand near his brother Wilfred as a fruit farmer.

Hobbies: Cricket and shooting.

(8) MONTAGUE WILLIAM, born 1876. Educated at Colchester and Leighton Park. Apprenticed to Midwinter, ironfounder, Birmingham, and afterwards at Brighouse and Crompton's electric light works at Chelmsford.

At the time of the Boer War he joined the Electrical Engineers and worked at searchlight work at Vryburg.

He has been for some years in business as an ironfounder at Dunedin, N.Z. In 1914 made a tour with his wife round the world, which included visits to England and the States.

He married Margaret Wilson at the Presbyterian Church at Dunedin, in 1910.

(9) LLEWELLYN, born 1879. Educated at Colchester and Leighton Park. He learnt farming under his father and in due course became a partner in the family business; he continued in this occupation until the outbreak of the War, when he obtained a commission in the Eastern Mounted Brigade A.S.C., was first stationed at Peterborough, then at Epsom and in the Eastern Counties, and in December, 1916, arrived in Salonika.

Hobbies: Cricket and hunting.

(5) ELLEN, born 1842. Educated at home and at Brighton. She lived with her sister Charlotte after her mother's death at Dunmow.

She paid a first visit to the Friends' Mission at Brumana in 1880, in company with Maria Feltham. On her sister's marriage in 1882, she entered St. Mary's Hospital for training as a nurse, and from there went as head of the Brumana Hospital until 1900, when she finally retired. She made several visits

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to Europe during this period, and since then has been on two visits to Syria. She visited the United States in 1901 with her friends S. and E. Cadbury.

So long as J. and C. Whitehead resided at Worcester, that was her home, but on their removing to Clevedon in 1904 she went to live at Chelmsford, where she now resides.

Her great interest for many years has been in Friends' Medical Mission work, and she is a member of the Board, also a regular attender of the Meeting for Sufferings. The following letter was written by her father *before* she went to Boarding School.

Dunmow, 1/5 mo: 1851.

My dear Ellen,

As this is thy birthday, and thou hast now entered thy tenth year, I feel inclined to write thee a few lines, as a fresh proof of my love for thee, and the interest I feel in thy comfort and welfare: it seems to me, that it may be well for us on these occasions, to look back, and recount the many blessings we have enjoyed during the past year—and surely we have a long list to recur to; we have been favored by our Father in Heaven with kind friends—good health—every comfort and necessary of life—in short with an abundance of everything a reasonable being can desire: and we are favored also to belong to a religious society, which is very solicitous that its members may be brought up in the fear of the Lord, and not exposed to many pastimes and associations, which persons of other societies do not consider inconsistent with their christian profession; well then dear Ellen—now that thou art entering upon years of greater responsibility—my earnest desire, & prayer for thee, & for thy dear Brother, & Sisters is: that with increasing days, you may double your diligence in seeking a more intimate acquaintance with the Holy Spirit of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, a manifestation of which is placed in every human heart; & which if patiently sought after, & faithfully obeyed, will lead us safely along in this world, & enable us to look forward with a joyful hope of everlasting peace, & happiness, in the world to come.

With very dear love I remain,

dear Ellen, thy affectionate father,

W. I. CLAYTON.

DESCENDANTS OF HOLLIS CLAYTON.

(1) MARY ANNA, born 1851, at Dunmow, Essex. Educated at Lewes School, kept by R. Speciall and M. and C. Trusted.

From her father's first serious illness, about 1870, until her mother's death in 1895, they were her constant charge, though there were a few years after her father's death in 1876 in which her mother enjoyed fairly good health.

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She subsequently joined a friend in building a house at Reigate, where she now resides, and, having more leisure, participates freely in the interests of local musical and literary circles.

Hobbies: Her hobby through life has been painting in oil and watercolour, both flowers and landscapes.

(2) CHARLES EDWARD, born 1854, at Brighton. Educated at Brighton (F. Taylor's), Uckfield (S. Evershed's), and at Bootham. Articled to Thomas Simpson, architect and surveyor, in Brighton, and started in the same profession on its termination.

At first he was in partnership with G. Holford and after the latter's death took Ernest Black into partnership; the firm's name is Clayton and Black. They have an excellent professional connexion.

Member of Brighton Education Committee, Chairman for five years of Brighton Municipal Technical College, Governor of Grammar School, Member of Council of Sussex Archaeological Society. [See also Bootham Register, p. 66.] Appointed a Magistrate for Brighton, 1914.

He married in 1878 Alice Glaisyer (born 1851), at Brighton F.M. (morning wedding). All their children were born at Brighton. They have resided for over twenty years at Holmbush Lodge, near Henfield, Sussex.

Hobbies: Old furniture and domestic antiquities; poetry.

(1) ALICE MARY (MOLLIE), born 1879. Educated at home. Married Guy Mallam, M.R.C.S., at Edburton Church, in 1901 (morning wedding), and lived at Brighton, where her husband was in practice. Recently she has been living at Holmbush with her parents. Dr. Mallam has a commission in the R.A.M.C.

She has written several children's books, which her sister Margaret has illustrated.

Hobbies: Horses and hunting; cookery.

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(2) SARAH MARGARET, born 1880. Educated at home. From a small child she has been great at drawing and painting, and was trained at the Brighton and Birmingham Schools of Art, and has also taken lessons in London in painting animals from life. She has published several children's books.

She married Leon Daviel (a French artist who has lived in England for 25 years), at Chelsea Registry Office in 1912 (morning wedding). L. D. has on several occasions exhibited at the R.A.; his spécialité is portrait painting. He has recently designed and painted some decorative furniture for the Queen. They now live in Albert Bridge Road, near Battersea Park.

(1) René Francis, born 1913. *at Battersea*
(2) Sara June, born 1915. *at 30 Albert-Hausman S. 10*

John Hollis Daviel born 16 of April 1919. Princes Gate.

(3) PHOEBE JANET, born 1882. Educated partly at home and at East Grinstead. She is an accomplished photographer and some very beautiful work of hers on tree-felling in Sussex is to be found in "The Country Home" and "Country Life"; also frequently in "The Animal World." She knows all there is to be known about a motor car and she has driven me many miles, but her real enjoyment in life is hunting, for which she has had many opportunities during the last three years.

Hobbies: Photography and horses.

(4) PHYLLIS ANNE, born 1884. Educated at home, at Horsham, and at East Grinstead. She was trained as a nurse at Sussex County Hospital, and then went to Lady Chichester's Hospital for Women, both of which are in Brighton.

On the commencement of the War, she, having previously volunteered, was appointed a sister to a hospital near Rouen. She was invalided home in 1916 owing to blood poisoning in one of her fingers, from which she has now practically recovered. On her return to France last autumn, she was assigned to the 30th General Hospital of the B.E.F., which is in the neighbourhood of Calais.

Hobbies: Nursing and Gardening. (She is a born actress.)

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(5) JOYCE ELEANOR, born 1887. Educated at home and at Horsham and Croydon. She entered as a student at Studley Horticultural College on its opening in 1903, and was there two years, intending to take up gardening as her profession. But this was frustrated by the event recorded below, and she combines "nursery" work with flower gardening at home (C.E.C.)

In 1909 married Edgar Hackforth, M.A., at Edburton Parish Church (morning wedding). At that time he was Secretary to the Brighton Education Committee; *then* a Senior Clerk in the National Health Insurance Commission (England), and has been very recently appointed Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Hobbies: Nursery gardening.

- (1) Richard Edgar, born 1910, at Brighton.
- (2) John Laurence, born 1911, at Brighton.
- (3) Charles Anthony Philip, born 1915, at Ashted.

(6) CHARLES LAWRENCE, born 1892, at Brighton. Educated at Brighton College. On leaving school he entered his father's profession, specialising on electric work, such as is required by an architect.

He joined the Territorial Force, and on being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Home Counties R.F.A. was presented to the King at a Levée in 1911. On the outbreak of the War he was senior subaltern, and was appointed horse-purchasing officer to the Brigade. Transferred to No. 4 Artillery Training School as Staff Captain and Instructor.

In 1915 he married Olive Wellington Westbrook at Shoreham Registry Office (morning wedding), and is now stationed at High Wycombe Artillery School.

Gerald Lawrence, born 1916.

An interesting document compiled by the late P. D. Lucas, and issued in January, 1916, shows that over a hundred persons descended from John Gray, of Southwark, born 1680, and Mary, his wife, members of the Society of Friends, are engaged in the present War. Many are well-known names amongst the Society of Friends, and some of them are members. Amongst others are Captain Charles Lawrence Clayton, and his sister Phyllis Anne as an Army nurse.

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DESCENDANTS OF ALLEN FRANCIS CLAYTON.

(1) FRANCIS CORDER, born 1843, at Kelvedon, Essex. Educated at Epping, at Hertford (four months only) and Bootham.

I served a five years' apprenticeship to Harvey and Reynolds, chemists, at Leeds. Was then for a year in London, passing the Pharmaceutical Society's major examination, followed by a year at a wholesale drug warehouse.

I came to Birmingham in 1867 as chemist to John and Edmund Sturge, manufacturing chemists, and two years later became a partner in the firm, from which I retired in 1887.

Details of my engagements in the public life of the City are to be found in the Bootham School Register, published in 1915. I am a J.P. for the City and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Hobbies: Compiling the Family Histories; travelling (450,000 miles by rail, 85,000 by water).

Kelvedon 4th mo. 26th, '55.

My dear Francis

After parting with you at Peterborough I got safe to London and returned to Kelvedon per mail in the evening but owing to the engine I believe of the Luggage train which was ahead of us breaking down which detained us—I did not get home till late—which made thy Mamma uneasy as thee may suppose. We were pleased to receive thy letter and are glad thee are getting on comfortably. Thy Uncle Charles was here on Seventh day and staid till second day. I believe he has not finished at Leighton yet. Thy Uncle Wm. came to breakfast yesterday on his way to Colchester and returned to dinner. I went with him. Thy Mamma intends sending thy Shirts &c. first opportunity. I have enclosed thee 12 stamps which I think will last thee some time. The garden is dry and wants rain badly. Aunt J. Impey continues about the same. Uncle Corder's cold is nicely. We had a letter from Philip the same day as thine came. The weather here is cold and we do not intend to leave off fires yet.

With our united love to thee & Aunt

Thy affectionate Father

A. F. CLAYTON.

P.S.—We should like to be remembered to J. & R. Ford. Dash is well.

(2) PHILIP, born at Kelvedon, Essex, 1845. Educated at Epping, Hertford and Bootham.

Was apprenticed to Thomas Worsdell, engineer, of Birmingham (now R. C. Gibbins and Co.'s) for four years.

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He then studied in London under a civil engineer, and in 1868 joined H. Harrison, of Northampton, in an engineering business, of which he became sole proprietor in 1872. More politician than business man. He died at Kelvedon in 1874 at our mother's house.

Kelvedon 2nd mo. 26th, '55.

My Dear Philip

I thought thee would be expecting to hear from us and may say that we were pleased to have a few lines from thee saying thee got safe to school the boxes all right. I may inform thee that Anne is gone from thy Uncle W. S. Corder's not being well and is not likely to come back again. Our Susan is stopping with him for a while—there has been some skating and sliding on the river here. The snow is melting away fast although there is some left yet—I intend to send thy ciphering and copy book &c. the beginning of next week perhaps I may be in London on second day next. I got home comfortably on sixth day after taking a night in London.—We have good accounts from Frank—he is staying with his Aunt altogether for a while, upon a visit. Uncle Corder is pretty well, he dined with us last week. Aunt Jane Impey is nicely. Thee must write to Francis—we understand he has been writing to thee.

With our united dear love thy affectionate Father

A. F. CLAYTON.

DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES CLAYTON.

(1) MARY MABEL (MAY), born 1858, at Aspley Guise. Educated at home. For some years her principal work was private teaching, and she was then trained by Madame Michaelis, and in 1888 opened a preparatory morning school in Croydon for little girls and boys, and has now about 30 in the school. She received a certificate of the Teachers' Registration Council in 1914.

Tottenham,
10 m. 23, 1877.

My Darling May,

It is such a comfort to have thy bright interesting letter this evening & to hear thou art so much enjoying thyself & already feeling better for the Essex air & thy cousins care. I am thankful to be able to send a good report of our circle. Miss C. went to meet her Sister yesterday & has not yet returned from London expects to to-morrow. We have nothing fresh from Miss Ridley yet. Am so pleased to hear of thy various engagements.

I well know dr Minnie will take every care of thee & that dr Sophy will do the same. Be sure to write us frequently if only a short letter or even a card. Yesterday Mother had a nice letter from Susan T. to say the Wedding is fixt for the 14th 11 m. & she so earnestly asks her to attend both as Mother & Aunt which I quite hope she will do, it is to be at Croydon & from Thomas Hanbury's House. I think it is a good arrangement; it is probable I shall also be invited & one of the Girls. Mary S. S. was taken quite poorly yesterday but is much better to-day. Dr. Watson has seen her & thinks she will soon

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be well. It has been very wet here to-day but it is now fine & moon bright. Cherry is well & is a good Girl & sends her love to thee. Minnie takes care of her & gets on very well. I have a letter from Aunt S. to-day but a poor a/c of Mary & Cousin not quite so well. We have not yet heard as to the Kitchen Garden.

24th 3.30 p.m.—

Miss C. has just ret^d from London & seems quite well. I send this to H. M.'s as suppose thou wilt be there to-day.

Dear love to H. & S.

& the children,

ever thine most

affectionately

CHAS. CLAYTON.

(2) CHARLES, born 1859, at Aspley Guise. Educated at Epping and Lindow Grove School, Alderley Edge.

Articled to R. Eaton James and Co., afterwards Tribe Clarke and Eaton James. Passed final examination of Chartered Accountants, and admitted 1884. Was for a year at the Coalbrookdale Ironworks. Commenced practice in London in 1885, and is still in practice and on register for Croydon.

Married in 1888 Katharine L. Black at Brighton Parish Church (afternoon wedding), and they have resided at Croydon since 1891.

Hobbies: As a young man, photography.

(1) DOUGLAS IMPEY, born 1889, in London. Educated at M. M. C.'s School, and afterwards at boarding schools at Sandgate and Heacham.

A severe accident at boarding school without medical treatment at the time seriously affected his subsequent health. This, with defective eyesight, has limited his choice of work. He has been trained as a typist; started for himself in 1907, and principally engaged in typing literary work.

(2) PATRICK ANDREW, born 1896, at Croydon. Educated at M. M. C.'s School, and then at University College Preparatory School, and at U.C. School, where he gained a Scholarship and matriculated in 1912. In 1913-14 worked at G. Scammell and Nephew on steam motor wagons and military lorries; gained an Open Scholarship for City and Guilds College, London University. In latter year took on work of instructor at O.T.C. In 1915 received a commission and left England for Egypt, and is now at Salonika; gazetted full Lieutenant 1916 (121st Co. A.S.C., 28th Divisional Train).

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(3) EDWARD ALLEN, born 1860; died 1864 of tubercular meningitis.

(4) SARAH MILDRED, born 1862, at Stoke Newington. Educated at home. She was an invalid a great part of her life, but did excellent work in connection with Marlborough School Mission at Tottenham. She died in 1902 and was buried in the grounds of Rosslyn Chapel.

In conclusion I may state that original papers and many other documents referred to in this book, are bound up in one large volume, measuring 22 in. by 16 in., with this inscription on the cover—

FRANCIS CLAYTON

(1739—1774)

AND HIS DESCENDANTS,

With the original Documents and memoranda in the possession of

FRANCIS C. CLAYTON,

1889.

and it is my intention that they shall eventually be handed over to the Friends' Reference Library at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, London.

F. C. CLAYTON.

Birmingham,
February, 1917.

A SHORT ACCOUNT
OF
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AND
CHURCH,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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1917.



WORMINGTON CHURCH
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Wormington is a small village in the Vale of Evesham, in the lower division of Kiftsgate Hundred, situated midway between Evesham and Winchcombe, distant about five miles from either town.

A small stream, the Isborne, which rises in the Cotswolds at the back of Winchcombe, flows through the parish and joins the Avon at Hampton near Evesham.

The parish is about five miles in compass, the acreage being 512 acres; a quarter is now arable. Wormington originally consisted of two places known as Great and Little Wormington, with one church between the two, at the latter village. The living is a rectory in the deanery of Winchcombe, and at present is held by the Rev. Collins Ashwin, M.A. Oxon., who is also Rector of Dumbleton.

Bigland states that "Great Wormington was a small village, formerly a grange farm of the adjacent Abbey of Hales. According to monastic usage, it was claimed and in time reputed to be a manor of itself;* its tithes were appropriated to that abbey."† He also mentions that the villages were at one time more populous than in later times. Even the memory of Great Wormington is now lost, and both villages are represented by the present Wormington.

Wormington played no part in the national history, and has furnished no men of eminence, nor any who have distinguished themselves even in local history; apparently its career throughout the centuries has been unchequered, calm, and even, undisturbed by the march of great events outside.

There is no object of archæological importance except the church, and there is little of interest to record in its natural history.

The principal authorities consulted are Rudder, who published a "New History of Gloucestershire" in 1779, and Bigland, who left interesting notes of the parish compiled about 1790, and the following notes are largely extracts from their works.

* No information is obtainable as to the Rolls of either the Manors of Wormington or Dumbleton.

† Bigland's Gloucestershire Collections.

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

In the Domesday Survey Wormington is thus described:—

“In Gretestan Hundred Wurmetune contained 5 Hides taxed. Culture 2 carucates in demesne and 2 in Villenage, two serfs, a Mill, worth 8s. 10 acres of meadow.”

“It was worth 100s., but then (at the Survey) 4*℥* Roger de Laci held, and Watler Ercoldson of him, and Edwy had held (in Saxon times).”

In the reign of Henry III. it passed from the de Laci's to the Knights Templars, by a gift from the King, who granted “court leet, waifs, and felons goods in Wormington to the Masters of the Knights Templars.”*

On the suppression of the order it was granted to Westbury College near Bristol, and when the religious houses were dissolved by Henry VIII. it came into the possession of Sir Rafe Sadler, 35 H.5. by a Crown grant.*

The Subsidy Roll of Edward III., 1327, records the following contributions from:—

“Wormyngtone Parva cum Lullyntone.

De Robt. de Bodenham	...	...	ij ^s j ^d
Rico atte Mulle	...	...	ij ^s vij ^d
Edytha Rowes	...	...	xiiij ^d
Johne le Kinge	...	...	iiij ^s ij ^d
Matilda Jones	...	...	ij ^s j ^d
Robto Wylkines	...	...	vij ^d
Agnete Wyke	...	...	xv ^d
Willms Beaufiz	...	...	vij ^d
Nich Grant	...	...	xij ^d
De Walto de Colne	...	...	vj ^d
Alicia de Colne	...	...	vj ^d
Robt. Dastyn	...	...	vj ^s j ^d
Willmo Horsnayl	...	...	vij ^d
Nico le Wise	...	...	vj ^d
Marg la Carpenter	...	...	vj ^d
Isabella Aleyn	...	...	vj ^d
Willmo Molendinario	...	...	vj ^d
pro sum	...	xxvij ^s	*

* Bigland's Collections of Gloucestershire.



TAPESTRY MAP

MADE BY WILLIAM SHELDON'S WEAVERS

16TH CENTURY

WOVEN IN COLOURED WOOLS AND SILKS ON WOOLLEN WARPS

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

In the musters for part of the county of Gloucester 1543, Little Wormington is reported to have been ordered "to have in redynez, a horse, harnez, and a bill for the King's service and

John Whyhill Const(able) was co(mmanded) to a bill.

John Freman co(mmanded) to harnez for a bill man.

Richard Hayley co(mmanded) to harnez an archer.

Henry Cottrell co(mmanded) to a salet."

The Dastyn or Daston family owned land here for many centuries, insomuch that the village was formerly known as Dastyn's Wormington.

The name is first recorded in the Subsidy Roll, 1 Ed. III. 1327, when Robert Dastyn appears as the largest contributor of taxes, paying six shillings and ten pence to the King's Commissioners.*

The large incised slab let into the south wall of the Chancel in memory of John Daston who died in 1532, and the unique brass adjoining to the memory of Anne Savage daughter of Richard Daston, show that the Dastons were the big people of the village until the middle of the seventeenth century.

Anthony Daston died seized of lands in Wormington 12 C.1., and left Richard his son and heir twelve years old.†

Rudder states that "John Newton, Esq., was lord of this manor in the year 1608, out of which name it passed by marriage of a daughter of the Newtons to Mr. Gwinneth, who sold it to Mr. Dobbins, and it was by him conveyed to Mr. George Townsend, whose Will, dated the 14th December 1682, conveyed a great part of the manor of Wormington to charitable purposes.†

"He devised a capital messuage and scite of Manor of Wormington, and 159 acres of land to his cousin Robert Kenrick, but the bulk of his estate was given to Trustees to provide exhibitions, at Pembroke College, Oxford, for scholars from the Grammar Schools of Campden, Cheltenham, Northleach and Winchcombe." (See statements of the Will in the 72nd Report of the Charity Inquiry Co., Cheltenham Charities.)

He further declared that "a portion of Tithes and of the Rest and Residue of the Lands and Tenements of the Said Manor of Wormington be employed for the teaching of poor Children to Read and for buying of them books, in each of the Towns of Winchcomb, Northleach, Campden and Cheltenham, to be taught

* Bigland's Gloucestershire Collections.

† Rudder's New History of Gloucestershire,

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both forenoons and afternoons, to avoid their being offensive at home or elsewhere. And I will and appoint that Twenty and Five Pounds yearly be laid forth for the binding and putting forth of five poor boys able to read to be apprentices, whereof I appoint one to be of each of the towns Winchcomb, Northleach, Campden, Cheltenham and Nether Guyting or Blockley." *

The population in 1801 is noted as 91; in 1831, 96; in 1861, 79; in 1871, 86; in 1911, 82.

In 1815 the annual value of real property was £707

In 1882 the rateable value of real property was £612

In 1915 the rateable value of real property was £465

The Act for the enclosure of the open fields and meadows commonable and intermixed lands of the parish of Wormington 52 Geo. III. states that Samuel Gist was Lord of the Manor and patron of the Church, and John Duddell, Clerk, was Rector, and entitled to the glebe land and tithes.

The award and the map thereof show that the place to be enclosed was Church Wormington. The total area of old Closes and Allotments was 510 acres.

The Allottees were Mr. Gist, Townsend's Trustees, and the Rector.

The Tithe Allotments were to be one-ninth of the pasture, and one-third of the arable land to be enclosed.

The award sets out two new roads; one to Aston Somerville, and the other to Laverton, and makes provision for improving certain water-courses. The award is at Gloucester.†

The Church.

The Church is a small building dedicated to the Holy Trinity, or St. Catherine. The figure of St. Catherine with the wheel appears in the fourteenth century painted glass in a window in the south aisle,† and a figure representative of the Holy Ghost is seen in a similar window in the north aisle.

The Church consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles and vestry, and at the west end over the doorway is a wooden bell-turret containing one bell. In Bigland's time there were three bells.

Sir John Atkyns, writing in 1768, states that an aisle was added on each side of the Church about 70 years ago, about the beginning of the 18th century.‡

* Copy of Will of George Townsend, Esq., in possession of Rev. C. Ashwin.

† Bigland's Gloucestershire Collections.

‡ Atkyns' State of Gloucestershire.



EAST WINDOW
 WORMINGTON CHURCH
 GLOUCESTERSHIRE

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Much of the masonry suggests that the Church was rebuilt in the 14th century, but it has undergone extensive restorations at different periods, the final restoration having taken place in 1885 at a cost of £500 from the designs of Henry Kennedy, of Bangor. It was at this time the Stone Tower with three bells was removed as being unsafe. At this period the Nave was re-seated with modern pitchpine seats, and the fine old oak carved ones were removed; there is now seating for 90 persons.

The entrance doorway is at the west end underneath the wooden bell-cote, and in the wall above are built in, three grotesque corbel heads with human faces; one has two faces, evidently the remains of the Norman corbel table of a still earlier 12th century church, of which they are the only remaining fragments.

Norman
Corbel
Heads.

The east window is filled with beautiful stained glass by Morris, and is very similar to a much larger one erected a few years previously in Oxford Cathedral by the same designer. The figure of St. Catherine occupies the central light, and on either side are figures representing attending angels. The one to the left shows a portion of the wheel, and the right figure holds the rope by which the saint is carried to Heaven.

Chancel,
East
Window.

Above are attendant angels playing on musical instruments; underneath the window is an inscription, "To the glory of God, and in memory of Francis Clayton, of this parish, born 1739, erected by his great-grandson, Francis Corder Clayton, of Birmingham, 1912."* It was dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester in November, 1912.

In the Chancel stands a handsome brass lectern, presented by the Misses Du Pré, 1900, in memory of their father, a former Rector.

Lectern.

There are also several 15th century carved oak benches which are immensely thick.

15th century
Carved
Benches.

The Communion plate includes a very massive pewter flagon with a heavy lid; the flagon is about 12 in. high, and is quite plain; near the top is written "Donum 1662. E.W." There is also a pewter paten about 9 in. in diameter; it also has "Donum 1662. E.W." The set which is generally used is neither old nor interesting; it consists of a flagon, salver and chalice, all of silver, and all inscribed

Communion
Plate.

* Francis Clayton was the youngest son of Lawrence and Ann Clayton of Wormington. He married Susanna Allen of Chiswick in 1764, and died there in 1774. An elder brother, Richard Clayton, is buried in Dumbleton Churchyard, and there are two Mural Tablets in the Church in memory of his son Richard and his wife.

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in large letters, "Given by Samuel Gist Gist, Esq., the Impropiator, to the Parish Church of Wormington, 1839." There are also two patens of Sheffield plate, quite modern.

Incised
Alabaster
Slab.

In the south wall of the Chancel is an incised slab of alabaster of early Tudor date, which has been moved from the floor at some time, and built into its present position for preservation. It is considerably worn in places, but the figures of a man between his two wives are visible with an inscription in old Church text around the margin, which Bigland gives as follows:—

"Hic jacent corpora Johannis Daston Armigeri, et Catherinæ et Eleonoræ uxorum ejus dem qui quidem Johannis obiit XXIII. die mensis Augusti Anno Dom MoCCCCCXXXII. et Catherinæ obiit XIII. Octobr Anno Dom MoCCCCCXVII. et Eleonoræ obiit XX die Febr. Anno Dom MoCCCCCXXXII. Animabus proprietur Deus. Amen."

Which translated, reads:—

"Here lie the bodies of John Daston gentleman and Catherine and Eleanor his wives, which John died the 23rd of August Anno Domini 1532, and Catherine died the 13th day of October 1517, and Eleanor died the 20th day of February 1532. Their souls are with God. Amen."

John Daston is dressed as the country gentleman of the period, and the two ladies in graceful gowns closely fitting the figures, with the Tudor hoods for head-dresses; the collars are large and flat, the garments offering such a contrast to the hooped voluminous skirts, and starched ruffs associated with the dress of Elizabeth's reign.

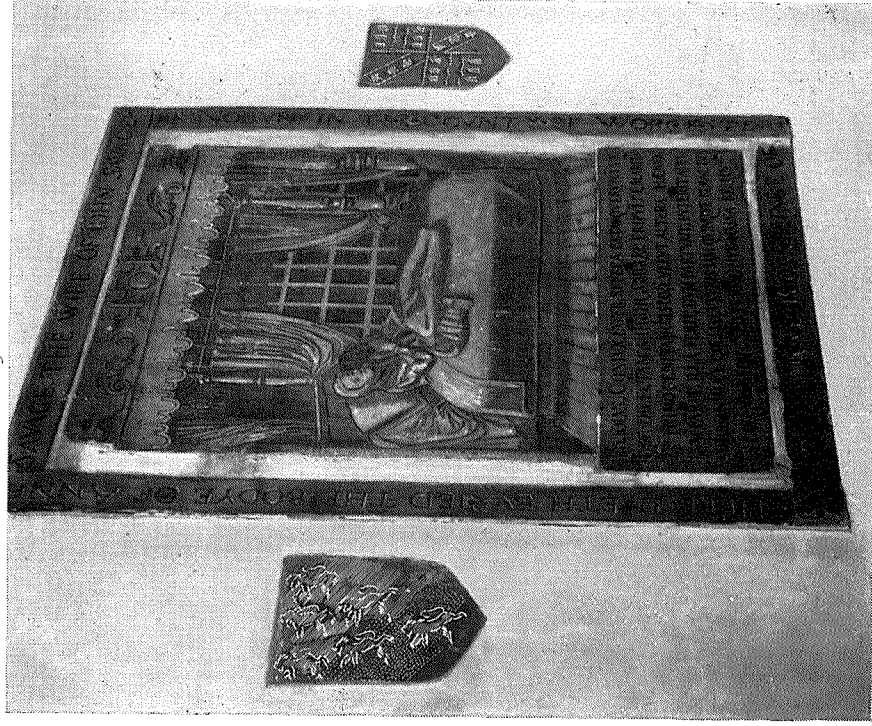
Incised slabs are not common; only three occur in the neighbouring county of Worcester, and they only remained in fashion for about a century; this slab measures 6 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. 6 in.

The Savage
Brass.

On the same wall adjoining is a singular and very interesting Brass to:—

"Anne eldest daughter of Richard Daston and wife of John Savage of Nobury,* Worcestershire, 1605, Æ 25, in childbed with infant," and with a marginal inscription, which is figured and described in the Monumental Brasses of Gloucestershire by Cecil S. Davis.

* Nobury Manor House is situated between Inkberrow and Feckenham.



Savage Brass
SOUTH WALL OF CHANCEL

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

It represents a young lady lying in a massive four-post bed, her head propped up and resting on a large square pillow. Her close-fitting nightgown is richly embroidered with lace, and she wears a cap; her hands are closed in an attitude of prayer. At her right hand on the coverlet, is seen the swathed figure of her babe. The four-poster is elaborately carved, furnished with hangings and curtains, the latter looped back showing the panelled walls of the bedroom. The floor is bare, the boards being without carpets or rugs.

The brass forms an interesting representation of the interior of a lady's bed chamber at the beginning of the 17th century.

The brass measures 2 ft. 9 in. by 2 ft. 4 in. Beneath is this inscription:—

"Filiolvs, Conivx, pater effera fata qvervtvr
Qvæ dilectam Annam Sauage eripvere marito
Et primogenitam Daston velvt altera Phænix
Dvm parit illa perit, dvm partvrit, interit
Anna Anna anima e cœlo lvstris iam
Qvinque peractis in cœlvm redijt sed
Terra huic ossa reliqvrit."

This is rendered by Mr. Cecil Davis as:—

"Child, spouse, and sire the cruel fate lament
Which tore their Anna from their husband's love,
Her father's firstborn offspring, but she went
E'en as a Phoenix seeks to rise above,
Dying, new life she gave, she passed away,
Leaving the promise of a longer day,
Five lustres from heaven's court her soul had strayed,
Now thither mounts—in earth her bones are laid."

"On either side are fixed two shields Argent, six lions rampant Sable—Savage and Quarterly one and four, Gules on a bend or three Mulletts Sable—Daston two and three or a fess wavy between six billets sable Dumbleton."

"The arms also appear on the Brass to Anthony Daston 1572, in Broadway Church.* The date of her birth is recorded in the parish registers of

* Brasses of Gloucestershire. Cecil S. Davis.

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Broadway in the entry, 'Baptisms 1580, May 22. Anne, daughter of Mr. Richard Daston.'"

"Her father was one of the Judges of South Wales; her marriage settlement is dated 3rd June, 1601. John Savage her husband was the son of Thomas Savage of Nobury in the parish of Inkberrow by Anna daughter of Robert Dison, of Nobury."*

Partridge
Mural Slabs.

In the Chancel are fixed slabs to the memory of five incumbents of the Partridge family, who held the benefice for nearly 200 years.

Gist Slabs.

On the north wall is a marble slab to the memory of Samuel Gist, Patron of the Church and Lord of the Manor, who died January 15th, 1810, aged 92 years.

On the south wall one to Josiah Gist and Ann his wife. He died March 25th, 1834; she died November 18th, 1825.

Another to the Hon. Mary Ann Gist, died February 14th, 1844, wife of Samuel Gist Gist, of Wormington Grange, only daughter of Lord Rossmore, of Monaghan, Ireland.

Another to Mary Gist, daughter of Josiah and Ann Gist, died January 31st, 1834.

There is also a memorial slab in the south wall to William Anderson, who died 1st January, 1796, aged 54 years.

Nave.
Arcading.

The Nave has an arcading of three bays, in north and south aisles, the latter being of 17th century date.

Painted
14th century
Glass.

In the north-west and south-west windows of the aisle the beautiful old 14th century painted glass has been lately re-inserted.

The north window contains two lights; the one on the right has a representation of the Holy Ghost, bearded, and with curled hair, from whose open mouth a dove has just emerged. On the left is a musician playing on a stringed instrument like a violin; the borders of the window are filled with the 14th century oak-leaf design. The faces are not conventional, the village folk might have stood for models, and the colouring of purple and gold, of ruby and blue of various shades, is very beautiful.

The two lights on the south represent pieces of glass of the same date, the western containing a representation of St. Catherine and her wheel.

* Richard Savage.



STONE CRUCIFIX

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The most striking object in the Church is a rude stone carving of the Crucifixion, which has recently been fixed into the east end of the south wall, presented by the late R. E. S. Thomas, Esq., from Wormington Grange, supposed to have been brought from Winchcombe Abbey when the ruins were excavated at the beginning of last century.

The Norman
Carving of
Crucifixion.

This Crucifixion is a rude archaic piece of work measuring 20 in. by 36 in. of Oolite stone; the cross expands at the extremities. The head falls forward on the chest, the face has a forked beard, and the features are expressive of agony and exhaustion, the arms are attenuated and straight. The body has a loin cloth extending below the knees, the feet are nailed separately, the legs not crossed as in the usual conventional form. On the cross-head is carved a large hand in the act of blessing with the two forefingers bent, suggesting God the Father blessing the Son. The character of the work and design suggests a pre-Norman date.

Many other objects discovered in the ruins of Winchcombe Abbey were conveyed at the same time to Wormington Grange.

The Font is a fine octagonal specimen of perpendicular work of the 15th century.

The Vestry contains a funeral hatchment of the Gist family measuring 4 ft. 6 in. square with Coat of Arms and quarterings. First H. Quarterly 1 and 4 party per pale gules and Sable Or a Chevron engrailed Or, three fleur de Lys azure, between three Swans' necks erased argent. Gist impaling quarterly 1 and 4 per bend Or and Vert in chief a tree Vert, in base a Sea horse regardant argent, 2 and 3 Or three martlets closed gules within a bordure Westenra; Or 2 and 3 per Saltire argent and Or, two Leopards' heads countercharged in chief and base, on sides Or, two roses, gules barbed and seeded proper, Westenra.

Gist Hatch-
ment.

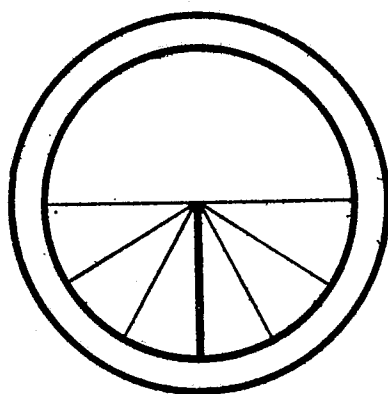
Motto: "Resurgam."

Crest double—a Swan's neck erased Argent, collared and labelled gules. A demi Savage proper, labelled gules holding in dexter hand a wreath vert, in sinister hand a cross cross-let gules.

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Scratch
Dials or
Mass Clocks.

Two Scratch Dials or Mass Clocks exist on the corner stone about five feet above the ground at the south of the entrance at the west end of the nave; both have double circles, and in the lower specimen may be seen radiating lines at the base of the dial. They are both eight inches in diameter and are supposed to be of 14th century origin, scratched to indicate the Mass hour before the introduction of clocks; an iron gnomon for casting a shadow was fixed in the centre of each.



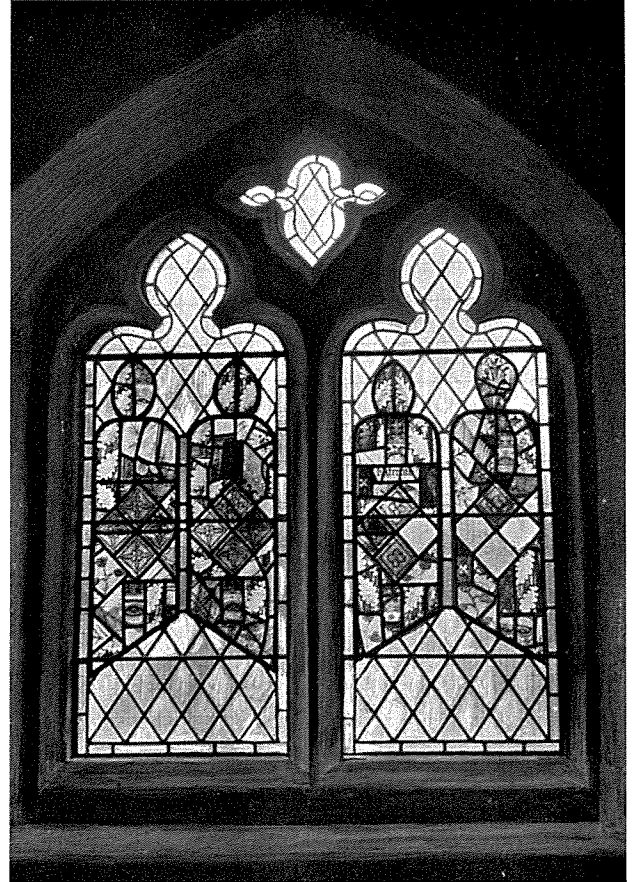
Thick line for Mass hour, noon.

There is a fine old yew tree on the south side of the churchyard.

Bigland gives a list of inscriptions on flat stones in the Nave, but they have been removed during the recent restoration; and he also added another list of head stones in the churchyard, but many are lying flat in front of the western entrance, where they have been considerably eroded, but some of the names can still be made out, including the one of the Claytons and the Phipps'.

The following is Bigland's list at the end of the 18th century :—

Died.					Aged.
George Horniblow, 3rd March, 1757	...	...	...	...	64
Mary his wife, 30th October, 1762	...	...	...	...	77
Edward Aly, 18th September, 1737	...	...	...	...	71
Joan his wife, 20th January, 1737	...	...	...	...	54



14TH CENTURY WINDOWS
IN
NORTH AND SOUTH AISLES

WORMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Died.	Aged.
Sarah, daughter of John Phillips, 17th January, 1766	17
Charles Toney, 15th May, 1752	76
Mary, daughter of Charles and Mary Toney, 28th April, 1732	33
Richard Salis, 15th April, 1751	56
Mary, wife of Rich. Salis, 15th September, 1740	60
Ann, wife of John Phipps, 10th November, 1773	52
John Phipps, 6th December, 1787	68
Henry Clayton, 23rd August, 1783	57
Christian, wife of Henry Clayton, 9th October, 1793	76
James Clark, 5th September, 1786	62
Tapling Wheeler, 15th January, 1791	84
Ann, his wife, 18th September, 1768	66
Elizabeth, their daughter, 22nd July, 1743	7
Joseph, their son, 20th January, 1749	13
Benjamin, son of John and Mary Alcocks, 15th November, 1787... ..	17
William Bayliss, 5th December, 1789	65
George, son of William and Sarah Bayliss, 21st January, 1793... ..	29

LIST OF PATRONS AND RECTORS RECORDED BY BIGLAND.

	Rectors.	Patrons.
1348.	Robert Shardlow	
1373.	Roger Jones	
1375.	Richard Bancks	Richard Bancks.
1387.	John Partridge	
1546.	Robert Sherlow	
1623.	John Partridge	Hy. Partridge.
*1662.	John Partridge	Margaret Partridge.
1690.	Robert Morse	
*1694.	James Partridge	Mary Partridge.
*1734.	John Partridge	Augustin Meadows.

* Monumental Slabs in south wall of Chancel, 1916.

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	Rectors.		Patrons.
1775.	Thomas Stedman		Nathl. Jefferies.
1791.	John Partridge		Samuel Gist Gist.
1794.	J. Duddell	}	The Gist Family.
1831.	Thos. Allies		
1838.	J. T. R. Billingsley		
1882.	Alfred Ludgater		
1886.	Samuel Du Pré		
1898.	E. T. Hull		
1899.	E. J. C. Whittington Ince		
1912.	Collins Ashwin		Mrs. Eyres Monsell.

Thus five incumbents of the Partridge family held the living for nearly two centuries.

In 1546 R. Sherlow was Rector, and it is recorded that as the result of Bishop Hooper's Examination it was found that—

Commandments : “ He knew the number of the Commandments and where they were written, but could not repeat them.

Creed : He knew and could repeat the Creed, but could not prove the Articles.

Lord's Prayer : He answered well. The communicants were 40.”

The Registers are complete from 1615.

This pamphlet has been very kindly compiled for Mr. Clayton by John Humphreys, F.S.A., of Birmingham, and our thanks are due to the Rector, the Rev. Collins Ashwin, for much kindly help and advice.

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