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An Assessment for Seal & Kemsing made 1628

Assessments to a Subsidy granted to Charles I in 1628

Taken from CKS: U1000/10

Seal

		land	goods
John Tebold, senior	#1447 ¹ }	£5	20s
John Tebold, junior, his son	#3470 }		
Richard Pelset	#178	£5	20s
William Duble	#2526 ²	£5	20s
William Olyver of Fawke	#420 ³	£3	12s

1 # indicates number in Seal database

2 could be the William Duble who had children baptised at the beginning of the century and was buried in 1648

3 see [Olyvers in Families & Transcripts](#)

		land	goods
John Porter		50s	10s
William Porter		£3 10s	14s
Richard Porter ⁴		20s	4s
William Porter of Godden		20s	4s
James Frenche	#2556	20s	4s
John Frenche	#1914?	40s	8s
Robert Frenche	#1261?	£4	12s
William Frenche	#1833	40s	8s
Pynden Frenche	#1870	£3 10s	14s
Edward Swaynsland	#3425	£5	10s
Henry Fuller	#842	20s	4s
Robert Olyver of Kettle	#3165?	30s	6s
Giles Ritch ⁵		20s	4s
Thomas Ritch		40s	8s

4 #1115 or #3246; it is not possible to identify the other Porters - see [Porters in Families & Transcripts](#)

5 no Ritch mentioned in the parish records

Francis Frenche and his mother	#2555 ⁶	£4	16s
Mistress Brumfield and Henry Buffyn, her son ⁷		£5 13s 4d	

Assessors:

Jeffrey Olyver, gent	#2760	£4	16s
William Master	#107	40s	8s
Andrew Porter	#827	£3 10s	14s
George Baker	#2118	£3	8s

⁶ Francis #2555 was another brother of the Frenches above; his mother was Agnes Pynden. Robert, her husband who was born in the late 1550s could have died before 1628 by which time Francis was twenty-seven.

⁷ names not otherwise known in Seal

Kemsing

		land	goods
Thomas Tourner, gent		£4	16s
William Smith ⁸		30s	6s
John Gransier/Gransden	k634 ⁹	20s	4s
Thomas Atwood		20s	4s
Richard Fremlyn ¹⁰		20s	4s
Thomas Hills ¹¹		20s	4s

Assessors:

James Fremlyn	k901?	40s	8s
Nicholas Miller	k486	40s	8s
William Kipps	k39?	40s	8s

8 Susanna Smith (k675), daughter of William Smith (k671) was baptised on 13th November 1626

9 k indicates a reference in the Kemsing database

10 possibly k442 but nothing is known of him other than his baptism in 1590

11 the will of Thomas Hills of Heverham written in 1638 has survived; see [Hills in Families & Transcripts](#)

Cottages Without 4 Acres

Throughout the reign of Charles I men were indicted at the Assizes for erecting or maintaining a cottage which did not have the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute. Those occurring between 1638 and 1647 are described here.

The February 1638 Assizes had eight indictments for this, three of them for cottages in Penshurst.

Entry 1633¹²:

Thomas Myles of **Penshurst** yeoman, was indicted for maintaining a cottage at Penshurst for 3 months from 1st March 1638 without 4 acres of land stipulated by statute
endorsed: True bill

Entry 1640:

Henry Willett of **Hartfield, Sussex**, yeoman, was indicted for erecting a cottage at Penshurst on 1st February 1638 without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute
endorsed: True bill

¹² these entry references are to Cockburn (Chas.I)

Prior to the Assizes, Thomas Myles and Henry Willett had each been served with a writ *venire facias* presumably instructing them to attend the Assizes (entry 1621).

Entry 1641:

Walter Weekes of **Penshurst** husbandman, was indicted for erecting a cottage at **Penshurst** on 1st February 1638 without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute endorsed: True bill

Others at same Assizes: all on 1 Feb 1638: (just the parish is given here)
entry:

1630 Rolvenden

1631 Luddesdown

1634 Westwell - converting two farmhouses into 2 cottages “without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute”

1635 Charing - converting an ancient farmhouse into a cottage “without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute”

1636 Westwell - converting an outhouse into a cottage “without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute”

Entry 1698:

At the February 1639 Assizes **Walter Weekes**, husbandman, and **Henry Willett**, yeoman of Penshurst, and **Thomas Myles** of Penshurst yeoman, were served with writs *capias* . Here Henry Willett is described as “of Penshurst”.

Over the next few years some of these men were served with writs *capias*:

date	entry	
Jul 1639	1755	HW TM
Feb 1640	1813	TM WW
Mar 1641	1896	TM WW
Mar 1642	2038	TM WW
Mar 1642	2078	Ind. - see below WWt TM WW
Jul 1646	2326	WW
Mar 1647	2411	WWt TM WW

HW - Heney Willets of Penshurst

TM - Thomas Myles

WWt - William Willets

WW - Walter Weekes

Entry 2078

At the March 1642 Assizes, **Walter Weekes** and **William Willett**, carpenters, and **Thomas Mills**¹³, labourer, of Penshurst were indicted for maintaining cottages at Penshurst for 3 months from 1st December 1641 without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute.

Entry 2285:

At the August 1645 Assizes **Gilbert Symondes of Kemsing**, yeoman, was indicted for erecting a cottage at Kemsing on 1st September 1644 without the 4 acres of land stipulated by statute.

endorsed: True bill

¹³ was this the Thomas Myles of previous entries?

The House of Correction

Those found guilty at the Assizes were occasionally sent to the House of Correction. This form of punishment was mentioned only twice in Elizabeth's reign (1559-1603) and twice in the reign of James I (1603-1625) but eighteen times in that of Charles I (1625-1648). Of those in the time of Charles I, six were in 1631 and nine in 1637.

1585 to 1612

The two references in Elizabeth's reign, in February 1585 and July 1591, were both for vagrancy, in each case involving people from Maidstone who were indicted for vagrancy and sent to the house of correction¹⁴. There were many similar cases but none of the other vagrants were punished in this way.

In March 1607 **Thomas Gibson**, a sailor from Erith, was indicted for seditious words. On 27th February 1607, at Erith, **he publicly said "That the kings majesty was no king but an ass. And he, Thomas, would make a fool and an ass of him."**

Gibson confessed and was sentenced to be pilloried and whipped at Rochester and Maidstone and then sent to the house of correction.¹⁵

In February 1612, Francis Clarke and John Netter, labourers of Lewisham, were indicted for assault. On 21st October 1611 they assaulted **Henry Wade** in the highway as **Lewisham**. They were found guilty and sent to the house of correction.¹⁶

¹⁵ Cockburn (James): 228 (spelling modernised)

¹⁶ Cockburn (James): 652

March 1631 Assizes

At the March 1631 Assizes, **Thomas Norman** (i2771), of Ightham, **labourer**, was indicted for grand larceny. On 1st September 1630, “**at Ightham, he stole a cloak (2s), a pair of breeches (2s) and 2 doublets (2s) from an unknown man**”.

The charge was endorsed as a “true bill”. Norman was found guilty but he was allowed benefit of clergy. He was, however, sent to the house of correction for one month.¹⁷

A very unusual reference is that concerning **Henry Morris of Stone**, labourer, who was found not guilty of highway robbery. Even so, he was to be “**set at work in the house of correction by the space of a month unless in the meantime some person having authority shall receive him and employ him in the wars beyond the seas**”.¹⁸

¹⁷ Cockburn (Chas.I); 660

¹⁸ Cockburn (Chas.I); 733

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Ightham - Inventory of the Parish Goods

An inventory of the Ightham Parish Goods was taken in 1552 when **William Herde**¹⁹ was rector with **John Godfrey**, curate, also being mentioned. This inventory included the item: "Stolen by one **Peryman**, one albe, 3 altar cloths, 2 laten candlesticks, 4 pewter cruetts, a holy water stoup and 3 corporas cases."

Various parishioners paid sums of money "unto **William Hyde, gent.**, surveyor to our Sovereign lord the King" in what seems to be payment for certain of the church goods. Two of these were **John Wryght**²⁰ and **John Syseley**, parishioners of Ightham, from whom William Hyde received 8s "for Canes light" (The Story of Ightham, F.J.Bennett, Homeland Association Limited, 1907, p.65)

Perhaps this was a light from the Sir Thomas tomb, the earliest one to be built in the church. Sir Thomas was the first known owner of Ightham Mote and probably built its Great Hall. He died in 1374 and the carving of the tomb is "a notable and well-preserved example of medieval craftsmanship" - see Edward V. Bowra, *Ightham*, p. 14 for a description of this.

¹⁹ The previous rector had left in 1546 and John Hooper became rector in 1569.

²⁰ also mentioned in the Court Records between 1553 and 1574.

Indentures

The following indentures and writings are just a selection from the many which have survived. The first two concern loans made to John Tebold, a wealthy gentleman from Seal using land as security for them. The third describes some land in Kemsing which was sold, in 1591, for £60 and the fourth concerns land bought by Steven Tebold, John Tebold's son.

Only the second of the three Wagborne indentures from the beginning of the seventeenth century has been transcribed. The next describes the sale of the rents of Wickhurst of Leigh to Nathaniell Studley of Grey's Inn in London whose wife came from Sevenoaks where they both spent a considerable amount of time. The rents for Wickhurst manor are then given for 1615 and 1620.

The land which John Dunmole sold to Thomas Haselden and been forfeited to John when Robert Polhill who had mortgaged it to him failed to repay the mortgage. The last indenture given here concerns the sale of 100 acres with a "message or farmhouse" in Leigh and Tonbridge.

Defeasance 1564 between John Tebold and Thomas Swaynsland of Seal

This indenture (CKS: U/1000/5) was written on 25th August 1564 by either John or Nicholas Hooper (probably the former) who, with other members of the family, wrote many wills for people in the Sevenoaks locality from about 1560 until at least 1650.

The indenture records the apparent sale for £40 of two parcels of land by Thomas Swaynsland to John Tebold. But, from the second part of the indenture, it appears that Thomas has given these two parcels to John Tebold as security for a loan of £40 which was to be repaid on 26th March 1569. If this payment is made “[at the dwelling house of John Tibold . . . the said deed or writing of confirmation . . . with their present and obligation hereupon made shall be utterly void and of none effect](#)” If Thomas does not fully repay the £40 at the said date, there seem to be further complicated arrangements.

John Tebold's will, written in 1575, has survived - see [Families & Transcripts](#) for details of his family and will. Thomas Swaynsland is described as the son and heir (while he lived) of John Swaynsland. He could have been the son of the John Swaynsland whose will of 1553 has survived.- see [Families & Transcripts](#)

- 1 **This indenture made** the five and twenty day of August An Dm 1564
And in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth, by the
grace of god queen
- 2 of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith between **John**
Tibold²¹ of Seal in the county of Kent, **clothier**, in th'one part and **Thomas**
Swaynsland of Seal aforesaid
- 3 **yeoman**, son and heir of John Swaynsland while he lived, of Seal aforesaid,
yeoman, deceased, on th'other part. Witnesses that where the said Thomas
Swaynsland,
- 4 by a certain writing or deed of confirmation of the date hereof, for the sum
of forty pounds of good and lawful money of England therein specified hath
given, granted
- 5 and confirmed unto the said John Tibold, his heirs and assigns, forever,
those two parcels of ground with th'appurtenances, th'one called
Bromefield²² and th'other called **Fuller**

21 John(3) Tebold, #1, died 1578

22 see Olyver wills of 1562 and 1581

6 **Street mead**, containing both, by estimation, sixteen acres more or less,
lying and being in the parish of Seal, aforesaid, and Kemsing in the said in
the county of
7 Kent according to the meate²³ and bound set forth in the same deed as by
the same deed of confirmation with sundry other things therein contained
at large appeareth.
8 **Nevertheless**, the said John Tibold, for him, his heirs, executors,
administrators and assigns, commendeth and granteth to and with the
said Thomas Swaynsland, his
9 heirs and assigns by their part, that, if the said Thomas Swaynsland, his
heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or any of them, do ?? pay or
cause to be paid
10 unto the said John Tibold, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, at
the now dwelling or mansion house of the said John Tibold in Seal
aforesaid, the sum of 40 pounds
11 of good and lawful money of England at one whole and entire payment
upon the six and twenty day of March which shalbe in the year of our lord
god AD
12 the five hundred and three score and nine between the hours of one and
four of the clock in the afternoon of the same day without any further delay

23 mete?

13 that then the said deed or writing of confirmation and all estate and
possession thereupon had, or to be had, by the said John Tibold together
with their present and obligation

14 hereupon made shalbe utterly void and of none effect. **And the said**
Thomas Swaynsland, for him, his heirs and assigns ?? and granteth and,
15 with the said John Tibold, his heirs and assigns, by their part, that if
default be made in payment of the said sum of forty pounds, either in part
or in all, upon the day and place

16 and between the hours as above to be paid, then the said writing and deed
or confirmation and every clause and article there specified for
th'assurance aforesaid and

17 possession thereof shall stand, remain and abide in full power and virtue.
And the said two parcels of land and appurtenances thereof above
specified as full bought and sold,

18 clear and clearly²⁴ acquired, discharged, exonerated of and from all and
every former bargain, sale, gift, grant, dower, jointure, rent, charge,
annuities, fees, entails,

19 statute, merchant and of the staple, recognisance, judgement, evictions,
trolls, tithes and encumbrance whatsoever. The rent and ?? going out
the premises to the chief

20 lord or lords of the fee only except. **And that** the said Thomas and his
heirs and all and every other person and persons and their heirs having,
21 claiming or
pretending to have or claim or that shalbe understood to have, by any
manner of ways or means any state, right, title, use, interest, possession or
demand, of in or
22 to the said two parcels of ground, or of or to any part or parcel thereof, shall
at all and every time and times from thenceforth after such said default of
payment made,
23 when and as often as he or they or any of them shalbe thereunto required
by the said John Tibold, his heirs and assigns, within the time and space of
seven years next ensuing the
24 said default of payment of the said sum of 40 pounds shall further do and
suffer or cause to be done and suffered all and every such art and art thing
and things in the laws for the
25 further better and more perfect assurance and sure making of the said two
parcels of land with th'appurtenances to be hand made and assured unto
the said John Tibold, his heirs
26 and assigns forever, be it by fine, feoffment, recanery? deed or deeds
enrolled or not enrolled, relous? or confirmation
27 with warranty against all people and that to all such ways and means as
by the said John Tibold, his heirs or assigns or his or their learned council
in the law shalbe reasonably

- 28 advised or devised at th'only cost and charge in the law of the said John
Tebold, his heirs or assigns, clear and clearly acquitted, discharged and
saved, harmless as above.
- 29 In witness whereof the parties to this indenture sundredly have put their
seals yeven the day and year above written.

Indenture: John Tebold & John Duble, 1586

This indenture of 1586 (CKS: U/1000/T28) describes how John Tebold, gentleman, was to receive £20 from John Duble of Seal, glover, in return for which Duble was to receive an annuity or yearly rent of forty shillings issuing out of a messuage and lands called Shoodes estimated at 140 acres and situated in Underriver and Shipbourne.

The text includes the word “[yeven](#)” often used by Nicholas Hooper who wrote many wills and other documents. However, the letters included with the decoration at the end could be J and L and the last witness was John Langley so that he was probably the scriptor. Since this was an indenture, two copies were made, the one which has survived is the “[present writing indented remaining with the said John Duble \(to which\) I, the said John Tebold, have set my hand and Seal](#)”. John Duble set his hand to the one which remained with John Tebold.

The John Tebold of the 1564 indenture died in 1578; the John Tebold of this indenture could have been his son (#1750²⁵) who had married in 1585 when he

was twenty-four. Described in the indenture as “gentleman”, he could have been in need of money to get himself established.

When the indenture was written John Duple (#877) was living with his father, Ralph Duple (#1726) in a mansion house in Underriver. Ralph wrote his will in 1582 but did not die until January 1587 about six weeks after the writing of the indenture.

A Loan of Twenty Pounds

The lengthy document details a complex arrangement whereby Tebold could receive a lump sum of which he was presumably in need. Initially Duple's annuity is described as “forever” but, after describing in detail the buildings and land from which the annuity is to be paid and what Duple can do if payment is not paid, there is a proviso. If in 1588, Tebold pays Duple £20 in addition to the annuity for that year, then the annuity will cease. Thus Tebold was using this arrangement to borrow £20 for which he was paying an annual interest of 10%.

Indenture: John Tebold & John Duble

1 To all christian people unto whom the present writing indented shall come,
I, John Tebold of Seal in the county of Kent, **gentleman**, send greetings in
our lord everlasting. Know
2 ye that the said John Tebold for and in consideration of the sum of twenty
pounds of good lawful money of England to me by **John Duble** of Seal,
aforesaid, **glover**, well and truly before
3 the ensealing of these present in hand paid, whereof I, the said John
Tebold, do acknowledge myself fully satisfied and paid. And thereof and of
every part and parcel thereof do acquit, exonerate and discharge
4 the said John Duble, his heirs, executors and administrators and every of
them by these present forever, have bargained and sold, given and
granted, and by this my present writing indented
5 do bargain and sell, give and grant unto the said John Duble, his heirs and
assigns, forever, one annuity or yearly rent of forty shillings of good and
lawful money of England issuing
6 and going to be taken out of an in all that my messuage or tenement and
all the barns, stables, stawles and other edifices and buildings thereto
belonging, set, lying and being at **Underriver** in Seal aforesaid.

7 And out of and in all those my lands, arable, meadows, pastures, feedings,
woods and underwoods to the said tenement belonging or within the same
now letten. Both the said tenement and
8 the said lands are called and known by the name of **Shoodes** or by
whatsoever other name or names they are and have been called and
known by. And contain, in the whole, by estimation,
9 seven score acres, be it more or less, severally set, lying and being in
diverse parcels in the parishes of Seal and **Shipbourne** in the said county of
Kent. And is all of it now in the tenure
10 and occupation of **Lawrence Porter**²⁶. To have and to hold, levy, ?? and
take the said annuity or yearly rent of the said places out of all and singular
the said messuage or tenement
11 and other buildings and out of all and singular the said lands arable,
meadows, pastures, feedings, woods and underwoods and every and any
of them with their appurtenances in the occupation
12 of the said Lawrence Porter, or any part or parcel thereof, unto him the said
John Duple, his heirs and assigns, in and upon the feast day of Saint
Andrew the Apostle yearly. And the

26 Lawrence Porter of Underriver (#278) also owned land including a house at Fullers Street - see [Families & Transcripts](#)

13 first term of payment of the said annuity of the said 40s to begin at the
feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle now next ensuing the day of the
date of the present writing
14 indented. **And if** and as often as it shall happen the said annuity or yearly
rent of the said 40s, or any part or parcel thereof, to be behind and unpaid
after the said feast in which the
15 same ought to be paid by the space of six days, at or in the mansion house
of **Ralph Duble, father to the said John Duble**, wherein the said John and
Ralph Duble do now together
16 inhabit and dwell, situated at Underriver aforesaid. That then and so often
it shall and may be lawful for and unto the said John Duble, his heirs and
assigns, into all and every the said
17 messuage or tenement, barns, stables, stawles and other edifices and
buildings or any of them, or into the said lands arable, meadows, pastures,
feedings, woods and underwoods and all or any of them and
18 there to bear, lead, drive and carry away, impark or impound and with him
or them to detain, withhold and keep until the said annuity of the said 40s
withall the arrears of the same. And
19 all the costs and damages of the said John Duble, his heirs or assigns, by
presence of the nonpayment thereof grown if any be, be fully satisfied,
contented and paid. And I, the said John

20 Tebold have put the said John Duple and his heirs in full possession of the
said Annuity of the said 40s by the payment of one penny of silver
delivered to the said John Duple by me, the said
21 John Tebold at the ensealing of these present and with the same. **Provided**
always, that if I, the said John Tebold, mine heir, executor, administrator or
assigns, or any of us shall and do well
22 and truly content and satisfy and pay or cause to be contented and paid to
the said John Duple, his heir, executor, administrator or assigns, or to one
of them, the full sole and entire sum of twenty pounds of good and
23 lawful money of England, together also with forty shillings of like money
which shalbe then due for one whole year's rent of the said annuity. Also
all other or every of the same, if any be in and upon
24 the third day of December which shalbe in the year of our lord god one
thousand, five hundred, four score and eight between the hours of one and
four of the clock in the afternoon of the same day
25 or in or before the fourteenth day then next and immediately ensuing the
said day of December between the said hours of one and four in the
afternoon of the said fourteenth day, at or in
26 the said mansion house of the said John and Ralph Duple situated as
aforesaid, without any fraud or any further delay, that then and from
thenceforth, this present writing shalbe and remain

27 void and of no effect to all intents and purposes. And the payment of the
said yearly rent shall ?? and cease and end ??, anything herein before
mentioned t the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

28 **But** if default shalbe made in the payment of the said £20 or the said 40s or
the every of the said annuity if any be or in any or either of them, in part or
in all, in and upon the said fourteenth

29 day next following the said third day of December between the hours and
at the place of payment before specified contrary to the tenor and effect of
these present, **that** then, and from thenceforth,

30 forever, this present writing indented grant of the said annuity or yearly
rent shalbe and continue of full power, strength and virtue, anything also
herein before mentioned to the contrary hereof

31 or in anywise notwithstanding. In witness whereof to one part of this my
present writing indented remaining with the said John Duble, I, the said
John Tebold have set my hand and seal. To the other part

32 of the same remaining with me, the said John Tebold, he the said John
Duble hath set his hand and seal yeven the thirtieth day of November in
the year of our sovereign lady

33 Elizabeth, by the grace of God England, France and Ireland, queen,
defender of the faith, the nine and twenty.

some lettering and decoration

by me John Tebold

seal

Read, signed, sealed and one penny in possession of the
yearly rent within mentioned by the within nameed
John Tebold to the within named John Duple paid
delivered in according to the tenor within written
in the presence of

Richard Collyns

William Pynden and John Langley, senior

Broughtons Farm at Heverham in Kemsing, 1591

This indenture (CKS: U/1007/T52), written on 17th August 1591, was between:

James Peckham, Esq. of Yaldham in the parish of **Wrotham**,

Reginald Peckham, son and heir of James

and

Robert Houghton, Esq. of the city of Norwich?

James and Reginald Peckham sold, for £60, to Robert Houghton

Sandhill bushes	7 acres
Bushie Cross	5 acres
meadow:	
Agnes meade	3 acres
Hollowfield meade	3 acres
the Roode with a little croft	10 acres
Hollowfield alias The Waymowes	5 acres
Upper croft alias Hollowfield croft	4 acres

Steven Tebold's Purchase of Land

The indenture recording the sale of land in Chiddingstone to **Stephen Tebold** is one of the seven documents in **CKS:U1000/3/T1**. This land has belonged to **Thomas Willoughby** but, on his death in 1594, they had been sold to **Thomas Browne** and five of the seven documents are concerned with this sale. The other document is about land called **Pollin land** but it has not been investigated. Pollin land was part of the lands conveyed to Steven Tebold.

The Steven who purchased this land was the eldest son of John(3) Tebold and a wealthy lawyer owning a considerable amount of land in the locality - see **Tebold in Families & Transcripts**.

- 1 This indenture witnesseth that I, **Thomas Browne of Chiddingstone,**
ironmaker,
- 2 for and in consideration of four hundred pounds of good, English money to
me by
- 3 Steven Theobald, Esquire, before hand satisfied and paid whereof I do
acquit

4 the said Steven, his executors and assigns, have given, granted, bargained
and sold,
5 assured and set over, and by these present do give, grant, bargain, sell,
assign
6 and set over to the said Steven all those lands and hereditaments in
Chiddingstone
7 aforesaid, called **Pollin lands, Mylbrookes meade, Stonyfield** and others
containing
8 three score acres, late the land of **Thimas Willoughby, Esquire**, and now in
9 his occupation or of his assigns. And also all my right title, estate, term,
10 interest, possession, rendition, remainder, limitation, use, resort, claim and
demand,
11 whatsoever, I, or my heirs, have or may have of, in or to the same, or any
12 part thereof. To have and to hold the same to the said Steven, his heirs
13 and assigns, forever.

The Waghorne Indentures of 1600, 1608 and 1609

Three indentures concerning the Waghornes of Speldhurst have survived (CKS: U/6000/6/T12).

- 30th June 1600 made between **John Waghorne** and **Daniel Waghorne**, his son, of **Speldhurst**.
- 26th May 1608 concerned some land called Swayland in Penshurst which **Edmond Waghorne** was granting to his father John.
- 1609 between **Edward Waghorne** of Speldhurst and **Thomas** Alfrey (alias Avery) of **Wickfield** in Sussex

Only the second, written by Nicholas Hooper, has been transcribed page 2.z.42

Robert Marchant, scriptor

The 1600 indenture was written by Robert Marchant. Two wills, written by Robert Marchant, both from Penshurst have been transcribed. The first was

written in 1623 and the second in 1635 when he was Richard Marchant, senior²⁷. Given the length of time over which some other scriptors continued to write wills, it is not impossible that these three documents were all written by the same person.

The will of **Edmond Waghorne**, yeoman, proved in 1610 was also written by Richard Marchant and the initial “I” is decorated; this could be the will of John’s son.

The Indenture Concerning Swayland

Swayland consisted of 44 acres in Penshurst, Tonbridge and Bidborough held by the Waghornes on a long lease. It belonged to the “[messuage or tenement](#)” in which John and Edward lived. It included a bean plot and a hemp plot. Amongst the list of the names of the various parcels of land are the “[father seems and the hither seems](#)”. Is “seems” name for a certain kind of land with father being “farther” and hither meaning the nearer ones?

The lease of all this land had been given to Edmond by his father and now he was giving it back to him. If the 1610 will was Edmond's, was he already ill in 1608 and were there advantages in it being owned John if Edmond was to die first? By giving it back to his father, they may have been saving payments which could have been due on the death of the person holding the lease.

John was to have it for sixty years, if he so long lived! During this time John was not to do “any manner of waste other than caring and pulling down of the houses” and was to pay Edmond, or his heirs, rent of one penny a year - if it was demanded.

The 1609 Indenture

In this indenture Thomas Alfrey was possibly a cooper whilst Edward Wagborne is described as a yeoman of Speldhurst rather than Penshurst. In it, “[quadringentis](#)” pounds of good and legal money of England were to change hands. The witnesses were:

William Moyse, Nicholas Wood, and Humphrey Waxe
with Nicholas Hooper, sen. writer.

William Moyse could be the testator of 1610 (p211²⁸) or his son (p214).

Wagborne Indenture

written 30th June 1600

- 1 This indenture made the six and twentieth day of May in the sixth year of the reign of
- 2 our sovereign lord James, by the grace of god king of England, France and Ireland,

3 defender of the faith. And of Scotland the one and fortieth. Between
Edmond
4 Waghorne, son of John Waghorne of Penshurst in the County of Kent,
yeoman, of one part
5 and the said John Waghorne of the other part. **Witnesseth** that the said
Edmond Waghorne hath
6 devised, granted and to form letter and by these present doth devise and
grant and to ferme lett
7 unto the said John Waghorne, **his father**, all that messuage or tenement
called **Swayland** where the said
8 John and Edward now dwell with the barns, stables and edifices, closes,
bean plot, hemp plot and fourteen
9 sendalls or parcels of land, meadow and wood to the said messuage
belonging called **Barliecroft, the Greatmead**,
10 now in two divided, **Barnfield, Middlefield, masscroft, little mead, long**
croft, old land, the father seems,
11 the **hither seems, hookwood** and ?? containing, in the whole, by
estimation, forty and
12 four acres of freehold land, whether more or less thereof be had, situated,
lying and being within the
13 parishes of Penshurst aforesaid and **Tonbridge** and **Bidborough** in the said
county. All which

14 premises, with th'appertenances, the said Edmond Waghorne late had of
the gift and confirmation of
15 the said John Waghorne, his father as by good conveying thereof at law
appeareth. To
16 have and to hold all the said messuage or tenement, barns, edifices and
buildings, closes,
17 bean plot, hemp plot and fourteen parcels of land, meadow and wood,
withall and singular th'appertenances,
18 unto the said John Waghorne and his assigns from the day of the date
hereof unto the full end
19 and term of three score years from thence next ensuing fully to be
completed and ended
20 without impeachment
21 of any manner of waste other than caring and pulling down of the houses
or any of them (if the said
22 John Waghorne shall so long live) yielding and paying therefore yearly
during the continuance
23 of this lease unto the said Edmond Waghorne, his heirs or assigns, only one
penny of English

24 money if the same shalbe²⁹ lawfully demanded. At the feast of Saint
Michael Th'archangel yearly
25 to be paid. And without any rent or any other thing or matter therefore to
be yielded, paid or done
26 to the said Edmond Waghorne, his heirs or assigns for the premises.
27 And the said John Waghorne,
28 for himself and his assigns, coventeth and granteth by these present to
make,
29 maintain and keep all the said messuage or tenement, buildings and
edifices and every of
30 them well and sufficiently repaired at all times needful during the
continuance of this
31 lease. And also to pay all quit rent yearly issuing out of the premises to the
chief
32 lord or lords of the fee or fees thereof during the continuance of this lease.
In
33 **witness** whereof the parties abovesaid to these present indentures
interchangeably have

29 "shalbe" and "bee" on the next line; this "ee", whilst appearing sometimes, is a characteristic of all Nicholas Hooper writings.

34 set their seals yeven³⁰ the day and year first above written.

mark ³¹ John
Waghorne

Read, sealed and delivered
in the presence of ³² **Elkana**
Moyse
William Sexton
Elkana Moyse
Nicholas Hooper writer hereof

30 another word used very often by Nicholas Hooper

31 vertical cross

32 vertical cross

The Rents of the Manor of Wickhurst sold 1610

At the end of the sixteenth century John Beecher (x45³³) was improving his mansion house at **Wickhurst in Leigh** which he left to his son John. In 1610 a sale was made of the rents of the manor of Wickhurst in Leigh so that, at some time between 1593 and 1610 the Beechers must have sold at least some of the Wickhurst property. From the reading of the indenture (CKS: U1000/6/T11), however, it seems that it was the authority to collect the rents rather than the actual property itself which was being sold. See [Families & Transcripts](#) for details of the Beechers.

Nathaniell Studley, the purchaser of the rents, is “[of Grays Inn](#)”. His wife was the daughter of John Jylbert, a gentleman of Sevenoaks and Nathaniell must have spent a considerable time in the area since he witnessed at least three Sevenoaks wills, one each in the years 1606, 1615 and 1626. The man he bought them from was Sir Percival Willoughby of Wollaton in Nottinghamshire, knight. Percival was the son of Thomas Willoughby; there had been a Thomas Willoughby prominent in Kent at the time of the Armada.

The indenture is very clear that Nathaniell Studley was to have these rents and the “**services and profits**” which went with them in total and for ever. According to the indenture the rents themselves came to £1 a year; Nathaniell was paying £16 for them. The records of the rents for 1615 and 1620, as shown below, were less than half of this so that, if Nathaniel did not pay an extortion price, the services and profits must have yielded at least £0.50 a year.

Sale of Rents of the Manor of Wickhurst

written 19th October 1610

- 1 This indenture made the nineteenth day of October in the year of the reign
of our sovereign
- 2 lord king James of England, France and Ireland, the eighth and of Scotland
the fifth and fortieth
- 3 between **Sir Percival Willoughby of Wollaton** in the county of **Nottingham,**
knight, of the one part and
- 4 **Nathaniell Studley of Grays Inn** in the county of **Middlesex, esquire,** of the
other part, witnesseth
- 5 that the said Sir Percival Willoughby for and in consideration of the sum of
sixteen pounds lawful money

6 of England to him in hand paid before the sealing and delivery of these
present by the said Nathaniell Studley
7 whereof and wherewith the said Sir Percival Willoughby doth acknowledge
himself to be fully satisfied and
8 contented and thereof doth clearly acquit and discharge the said
Nathaniell Studley, his heirs and assigns, by
9 their present hath bargained and sold, granted and confirmed and by these
present doth bargain and
10 sell, grant and confirm unto the said Nathaniell Studley, his heirs and
assigns, for ever all these several
11 yearly rents amounting in the whole to the sum of twenty shillings yearly
called Wyckhurst Rents in Leigh
12 in the county of Kent with their and every of their appurtenances issuing
out of divers lands, tenements and
13 hereditaments with their appurtenances in Leigh aforesaid or elsewhere in
the said county of Kent. And all
14 services and profits incident, appurtenant or belonging thereunto and
which have been used or enjoyed with or by reason of the
15 same rents. To have and to hold the said yearly rents and premises, with
their and every of their appurtenances,
16 unto the said Nathaniell Studley, his heirs and assigns. To the only use
and behoof of the said Nathaniell Studley,

17 his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said Sir Percival Willoughby for
himself, his heir, executor, administrators
18 and assessors doth covenant and grant to and with the said Nathaniell
Studley, his heirs and assigns, and every
19 of them, by these present, that the said Nathaniell Studley, his heirs and
assigns, shall or may from henceforth
20 forever hereafter peaceably and quietly have whole and enjoy the said
yearly rents and premises in and by these
21 present mentioned or intended to be granted with their appurtenances
without the lawful let, interruption, eviction or
22 recovery of the said Sir Percival Willoughby, his heirs and assigns, or any
other person or persons lawfully claiming
23 the same or any part thereof from by or under them or any of them. Or from
by or under **Thomas Willoughby**,
24 esquire, deceased, **father** of the said Sir Percival Willoughby. In witness
whereof the parties above named to these
25 present indentures interchanged have hereunto set their hands and seals
the day and year first above written.

The Rents of the Manor of Wickhurst 1615 & 1620

CKS: U/1000/7; M20 gives the rents of Wickhurst Manor in Leigh for the years 1615 to 1747. The rents for the years 1615 and 1620 were:

1615:

Occupancy of John Jasper	2s 1d
Reginald Holman, gent. in the occupancy of ?? Medhurst	4s 10d
Hodcells land called . . in the occupancy of Simon ??	22d
for a parcel of land and houses in the occupancy of Edward Beecher	2s 6d
for a house and lands of John Everest in the occupancy of William , his son	6d

This totals 11s 10d (£0.59)

It looks as if some of these houses, etc. were sub-let.

1620:

Thomas Haselden 4s

Edward Beecher 2s 6d

Simon Medhurst

William Everest 6d

William Barr 3d

bought of Richard Jessop

Richard Goodhew

signed by Nathaniel Studeley

This totals 7s 3d (£0.36)

Writing:

John Dunmole & Thomas Haselden, Leigh 1612

This indenture (CKS: U/1000/5/T8) between John Dunmole of Wadhurst in Sussex and Thomas Haselden of Leigh was written by John Hooper, notary public and parish clerk of Tonbridge whom John Dunmole appointed his attorney. Wadhurst is about ten miles south of Tonbridge. There were Haseldens recorded in Leigh with the wills of two yeomen having survived: that of Thomas Haselden proved in 1572 and that of Edward Haselden in 1601. Neither has been transcribed.

The Hooper family wrote a large number of wills between 1558 and 1650, many of them decorated, the decoration often including the Hooper mark as does this indenture. Two originals have survived. One has a number of minor crossings out and this was probably the one written first. Then a copy would be made on the same piece of paper so that each could have a writing, the two copies matching by the way they had been divided: an indenture.

The writing concerns some land in Tonbridge and Leigh which had been mortgaged by Richard Polhill, gent. twelve years previously and, because of “the non payment of the sum of one hundred and ten pounds (due) at a certain day now long past” had been forfeited to John Dunmole who was now selling it to Thomas Haselden,

Hooper mark

1 To³⁴ all christian people to whom this present writing shall come, I,
John Dunmole of Wadhurst in the County of Sussex
2 gent., do send greeting in our Lord God everlasting. **Know** ye that I, the
said John Dunmole, for and in consideration of a certain
3 sum of good and lawful money of England to me, by **Thomas Haselden**³⁵ of
Leigh next Tonbridge in the county of Kent, **yeoman**, well and
4 truly at the ensealing of these present in hand paid, whereof and
wherewith I do acknowledge my self to be well and truly contented and

34 decorated "T"

35 spelt "Hasteden" here

5 satisfied and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof, do acquit and
discharge³⁶ the said Thomas Haselden, his heirs, executors
6 and administrators, and every of them, for ever by these present **have**
granted, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed. And by this my
7 present writing do grant, alien, enfeoffe and confirm unto the said Thomas
Haselden, his heirs and assigns. **All**
8 those seneralls or parcels of land, meadow and pasture and woodland with
th'appurtenances called by the names of **Collens, Balden**
9 **ton, Williams and Conges** or by what other name or names they or any of
them are, or have been, called or known, containing in the
10 whole, by estimation, thirty and nine acres, whether more or less thereof be
add together, lying and being in Leigh aforesaid and
11 **Tonbridge** in the said county of Kent. That is to say lying to the
watercourse and to the lands of those of **Andrew Firminger** against
12 the southeast, to the **Ridgeway** there leading from Tonbridge to Leigh
against the northwest, to the land sometimes **John Wallers**
13 Esquire, deceased, against the west and to the lands of **John Children, the**
younger, called **Hedgeland**, to the land of the heirs of **John**

36 spelt "discharge"

14 **Carpenter** and to the land of ³⁷ **Lowtnor**, gent. against the southeast. All
which premises with th'appurtenances, one **Richard**
15 **Polhill, gent.**, by his writing indented of the nature of a mortgage, bearing
date the first day of January in the two and fortieth year
16 of the reign of the late queen Elizabeth³⁸, for the non payment of the sum of
one hundred and ten pounds at a certain day now long past
17 according to the condition specified in the said writing indented, hath
forfeited to me, the said John Dunmole, mine heirs and assigns, for
18 ever. **And** also for the consideration aforesaid, I have granted, assigned
and ?? unto the said Thomas Haselden, his heirs and assigns
19 by these present, the said ?? writing, indented and all other collateral and
mean, conveyance³⁹ and assurance to me made and declared
20 touching and concerning the premises only, or only any of them, **together**
with all and every my reversion, remainder, right, estate, demand
21 and interest of, in and to the said land and premises with th'appurtenances
and of, in and to every part and parcel thereof, **To have and to**

37 space left her, presumably for a first name

38 1600 (twelve years before the date of this writing)

39 "conveyance"

22 **hold all the said seneralls or parcels of land, pasture** and woodland with
th'appurtenances. And all other the premises by these present granted,
23 withall and singular th'appurtenances, unto the said Thomas Haselden, his
heirs and assigns, to the only use and behoof of the said Thomas Haselden,
his heirs
24 and assigns for ever (of the chief lord or lords of the fee or fees thereof by
serving thereof to them first due and of right accustomed). **And I the**
25 said John Dunmole and mine heirs, all the said seneralls or parcels of land,
meadow, pasture and woodlands and all other the premises with
th'appurtenances unto
26 the said Thomas Haselden, his heirs and assigns, to the only use and
behoof of the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns for ever against me the
said
27 John Dunmole and mine heirs only and against all other persons coming in
or claiming by, from or under me or mine heirs shall and will warrant and
enmore? de-
28 fend by these present. **Furthermore** know ye, that the said John Dunmole
have by these present made and constituted **John Hooper** of Tonbridge
29 aforesaid, notary public, my true and lawful attorney for me in my name
and place to enter and upon all and only the said seneralls or parcels of
land,

30 meadow, pasture and woodland with th'appurtenances, or into or upon any
of them, in the name of all of all the rest and, after such entrance, to take
thereof for me and
31 in my name full possession and seizure. And, after such possession and
seizure so had and taken, then to deliver lyverie and seizure for me and in
my name and place of
32 rest unto the said Thomas Haselden, his heirs and assigns, for ever
according to the tenor and true meaning of these present. Ratifying and by
these
33 present allowing whatsoever my said attorney shall do touching the
premises for me and in my name by virtue of the same. **In witness**
whereof I have
34 to this my present writing set my hand and seal yeven the fourth day of
December in the year of reign of our sovereign lord James, by the
35 grace of god king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the
faith, etc. viz. of England France and Ireland the tenth and of Scotland the
36 six and fortieth.

On the back:

This Inde. being first sealed and delivered
by the within named John Dunmole to his
said Attorney in the presence of

Richard Morhead

William Polhill

Sealed and ?? of seizin of the
premises within mentioned by the within
named Attorney to the within named
Thomas Haselden according to the tenor
within written, delivered in the presence of

Henry Crittenden

Richard **R** Haselden

Writing: James Godden, gent. of Sevenoaks, 1619

There are two writings, both written on 10th April 1619, concerning a “[messuage or tenement, backside or yard](#)” in Sevenoaks, adjoining the Schoolhouse lands. It seems that, in May 1618, James Godden, gent. of Sevenoaks, bought the messuage from Dennis Bull of Fennex Pellam in Essex, widow, for £24. When this “writing” was made in April 1619, Francis Harris was living in the messuage and time Godden had sold it to William Foster, a carpenter. This sale, for £12, was recorded in the second writing.

But there were some complications which are difficult to determine from the writings. It may be that Dennys Bull was challenging the sale in some way. The first writing is concerned with these.

Both writings (**CKS: U1000/2 T1**) were made by **John Hooper**, notary public and parish clerk of Tonbridge. The initial “T” of the first one is decorated with a face, as are a number of wills written by Hooper, and above “all christian” is a complex version of the Hooper “mark”. The initial “T” of the second writing is slightly decorated and there are two Hooper marks side by side, at the top.

The First Writing

1 **To all christian people** to whom this writing shall come, I, **James Godden** of
2 Sevenoaks in the county of Kent, **gent.** do send greeting in our Lord God
 everlasting. Whereas
3 **Dennis Bull** of **Fennex Pellam** in the county of **Essex**, **widow**, in and by her
 obligation bearing date the five
4 and twentieth day of May in the sixteenth year of the king's majesty's reign
 that now is of England, etc. stands
5 bound to me, the said James, in the sum of twenty and four pounds with
 condition endorsed to this effect,
6 namely, for the warranty of a certain messuage or tenement, backside or
 yard, lying in Sevenoaks, aforesaid, now in
7 the occupation of **Frances Harris**. And by the said Dennys sold and
 assured to me, the said James, mine heirs and assigns.
8 And touching some other points mentioned in the conditions of the said
 obligations by the same at large may appear. The
9 which messuage and premisses, I, the said Edward, have since that time
 passed and conveyed to **William Foster** of Sevenoaks
10 aforesaid, **carpenter**, his heirs and assigns, as by my deed poll thereof
 made bearing equal date herewith may appear.

11 **Now** know yee that I, the said Edward Godden, for the better security of
the said William Foster, in the premisses
12 have granted and assigned over unto the said William Foster, his executors
and assigns, the said ??ited obligation or bond
13 made by the said Dennys Bull, giving and granting hereby unto the said
William Foster his executors and administrators,
14 full power and authority for him, and them in the name or named of me the
said James, and of mine executors and
15 administrators, at all time and times to them seeming fit to sue and
implead⁴⁰ the said Dennys Bull, her heirs, executors
16 or administrators, upon the said bond in that court, or in what court soever,
he or they shall think convenient. And such
17 suit or suits at all times to present to judgement and full execution. And to
name for that purpose attorney or
18 attorneys for me and in my name and in the name of mine executors and
administrators and them again to repeal
19 and of new to ordain. And all other art and arts, thing and things
whatsoever necessary in and about the
20 said suit or suits , judgement and full execution upon the same, for and in
the name and names of me, the said

40 "ymplead"

21 James Godden, mine executors and administrators, to do and execute as
22 amply and fully as I, the said James,
23 or mine executors and administrators, any way might or may do the same.
24 And that it shall and may be⁴¹
25 lawful for the said William Foster, his executors and administrators, to have
26 and take to his and their own use
27 all sum and sums of money, profit and commodity to be had or received by
28 reason of the said suit or
29 suits, without any account or other reckoning thereof or therefore to be
30 demanded by me, the said James,
31 mine heirs, executors or administrators, at any time or times hereafter.
32 **And I**, the said James Godden,
33 for myself, mine heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant and
34 grant to and with the said William Foster,
35 his executors and administrators, and to and whichever of them by these?
36 present? that neither I, the said James, nor
37 mine executors or administrators, or any of them, shall or will at any time
38 hereafter, release or discharge⁴² the

41 "bee" throughout

42 "discharge" and on line 31; the usual Hooper spelling

30 said obligation or bond, or do or suffer any act or acts to be done, whereby
any suit upon the same to be
31 commenced shall or may be discharged, let or stayed, or the said William
Foster, his executors or administrators
32 any way hindered or endamaged thereby. **In witness** whereof I, the said
James Godden, have to this,
33 my present writing set my hand and seal yeven the tenth day of April in
the seventeenth year of
34 the reign of our sovereign lord James, by the grace of God, king of England,
France and Ireland, defender
35 of the faith, etc. And of Scotland the two and fiftieth, Ao dm 1619.

The Second Writing

1 **To all christian people to whom** the present
2 writing shall come, I, **James Godden** of Sevenoaks in the county of Kent,
3 **gent.**, do send greetings
4 in our Lord God everlasting. **Know** yee that I, the said James, for and in
5 consideration of the sum
6 of twelve pounds of lawful english money to me by **William Foster** of
7 Sevenoaks, aforesaid,
8 **carpenter**, well and truly at the ensealing of these present in hand paid
9 whereof and wherewith I do acknowledge
10 myself to be fully and truly contented and paid and thereof and of every
11 part and parcel thereof do acquit and
12 discharge⁴³ the said William Foster, his heirs, executors and administrators,
13 and every of them for ever by these present. I
14 **have** bargained, sold, granted, enfeoffed and confirmed. And by this my
15 present writing, do bargain and sell
16 grant, enfeoff and confirm unto the said William Foster, his heirs and
17 assigns. **All** that messuage or tenement

43 "discharge"

wherein **Frances Harris** now dwelleth with the yard or backside with
th'appurtenances thereunto adjoining and
belonging, situated and being in Sevenoaks aforesaid and adjoining to the
Schoolhouse lands there, together with
all easements, profits and commodities to the said messuage belonging.
All which messuage and premises with
th'appurtenances, I, the said James Godden, late bought and purchased to
me and mine heirs of **Dennys Bull**
aforesaid, deceased. As by her deed poll thereof to me made bearing date
the five and twentieth day of May
last past before the date hereeof may appear. **And also** for the
consideration aforesaid I do hereby
bargain, grant, assign and setover to him, the said William Foster, heirs
and assigns, the said deed
poll and all other writings touching the premises to me made or delivered.
Together with the renton and
rentons of the premises. And all my right estate title demand, use, interest
and possession of, in or to the same
and every part thereof. **To have and to hold** all the said messuage or
tenement and all other
the premises before granted by these present with th'appurtenances unto
the said William Foster, his heirs

21 and assigns, to the only use and behoof of the said William Foster, his heirs
and assigns forever.

22 To be holden of the Chief Lord of Lords of the fee or fees, thereof by the
rents and secuith? thereof to the

23 first due and of right accustomed. **And I, the said** James Godden and mine
heirs, all the said

24 messuage or tenement and all other the premises before granted, with
th'appurtenances, unto the said

25 William Foster, his heirs and assigns, to th'only use and behoof to the said
William Foster, his

26 heirs and assigns forever, against me, the said James Godden, and mine
heirs, and against all other

27 coming on or claiming by, from, or under me, the said James, or by my
right means or procurement.

28 shall and will warrant and ?? more defend by these present. **In witness**
whereof I, the said

29 James Godden have, to this my present writing, set my hand and seal
yeven the tenth day of

30 April in the seventeenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James, by
the grace of

31 God, king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc .And of
Scotland

32 the two and fiftieth, Ao dm 1619.

Indenture: Thomas Lambard & William Dixon, 1640

This indenture (**CKS: U/1000/T8**) concerns about 100 acres of land in Leigh and Tonbridge with a messuage or “farm house” - an unusual description for this time.

1 This indenture made the eighteenth day of November in the sixteenth year
of
2 the reign of our sovereign lord Charles, by the grace of god, of England,
Scotland, France and
3 Ireland, king, defender of the faith, etc. between **Thomas Lambard of East
Greenwich** in the
4 county of Kent, Esquire, of the one part and **William Dixon of Greys Inn** in
the county of **Middlesex**,
5 Esquire, of the other part, witnesseth that the said Thomas Lambard for
and in consider-
6 ation of the sum of eleven hundred pounds of lawful money of England to
him in hand
7 paid by the said William Dixon at and before the ensealing of those ??, the
receipt
8 whereof the said Thomas Lambard doth hereby acknowledge thereof and
of every

9 part thereof, doth freely acquit, exonerate and discharge the said William
Dixon, his
10 heirs, executors, administrators and every of them, forever by these
writings
11 hath granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these rents
doth grant, bargain, sell,
12 enfeoffe and confirm unto the said William Dixon, his heirs and assigns, all
that his messuage or
13 farmhouse with all edifices, buildings, barns stables, gardens, orchards,
yards, closes thereunto belonging
14 commonly called or known by the name of **Clerkes farm** and all those
eighteen several acres
15 or parcels of arable meadow, pasture and woodlands with the
appurtenances to the said messuage
16 belonging or there with all uses occupied or enjoyed as part parcel or
member thereof, containing
17 in the whole, by estimation, one hundred acres more or less, whereof some
parcels are called by the name or names
18 of **Highlands, Buddingales, Bromes, Bromeshope, Hemestates** and
Dirremeads, or by what other
19 name or names forever the same or any part thereof are called or known,
situated, lying and

20 being in the parishes of **Leigh** next Tunbridge and **Tunbridge**⁴⁴ in the said
county of Kent and now
21 are in the tenure or occupation of **Richard Farrant**, his assignee or assigns.
And the reversion
22 and reversions, remainder and remainders, thereof and of every part
thereof. And all ways,
23 waters, watercourses, easements, profits, commodities and appurtenances
whatsoever, to the said
24 messuage or premises, or any part thereof, belonging or appertaining. And
all deeds, evidence,
25 writings, ?? and ?? touching or concerning the said messuage and
premises, or any part thereof, To have
26 and to hold all and singular the said messuage, land, tenement, house and
premises,
27 withall and singular their appurtenances, to the said William Dixon, his
heirs and assigns, to
28 the only and proper use and behoof of the said William Dixon, his heirs and
assigns, forever.
29 And to no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever. And the said Thomas
Lambard for himself,

44 spelled "Tunbridge" not the usual "Tonbridge"

30 his heirs and assigns, the said messuage, land and premises, to the said
William Dixon, his heirs
31 and assigns, ?? himself, his heirs and assigns, shall and will warrant
and for ever
32 defend by these ??. In witness whereof the parties first above named
have to these
33 indentures interchangeably set to their hands and seals the day and year
first above
34 written Anno. Dm. 1640

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Geo. Corry

Cha. Rugg

name not readable, in a circle

John King

Edmond Smith

Nurse Children

Wet-nursing, the breast feeding of babies by someone other than their mother, when used by the wealthy yeomen or country gentlemen was usually carried out by bringing a woman into the family home. In this case both the wet-nurse and the baby could be watched over by the parents. This type of wet-nursing was often employed by the wealthier families who can often be identified by the short interval between births of successive children. Breast-feeding is a natural contraceptive which was more effective in Tudor times because not only were babies fed on demand, other foods were not introduced until much later than is common at the present time.

This contraceptive effect is also noticeable in that when a baby died soon after baptism the next child was often born less than eighteen months later whereas, if the first child lived for a year the interval was well over two years. Thus John(3) Tebold and his wife Clemence, with fourteen children in just over twenty years, can be assumed to have employed a wet nurse who would have been a local woman who lived in as part of the Tebold family.

The alternative to bringing the wet nurse to the child was to send the baby to a wet-nurse, a much more dangerous method from the child's point of view. Most

parish records include the occasional burial of a “nurse child” who often came from London. The difficulty is, however, that the danger could be exaggerated in that whilst the burials of those that died were recorded the return to their parents of those who survived was not. Thus the following details record the children whose burial was recorded in the parish register, that is, the ones who did not survive.

Given the number of nurse children from London was there an intermediary who organised wet-nursing in places such as Seal, Sevenoaks and Shipbourne for parents in London? Dorothy McLaren⁴⁵ describes wet-nursing in Chesham in Buckinghamshire at the end of the sixteenth century. Chesham is about the same distance from London as Seal and for both villages about 6% of the recorded burials at this period were those of nurse children.

Between 1565 and 1608, twenty-seven burials of nurse children were recorded in Seal with only one later, in 1638. In Sevenoaks, between 1561 and 1646, forty-two such burials were recorded and in Shipbourne, eleven between 1575 and 1614.

The Nurse Children of Seal

The deaths of the following twenty-eight children, nursed in Seal, are recorded, nearly two-thirds of them coming from London. In some cases where they were nursed is given. Whilst there were nine in the 1570s, four in the 1580s and nine in the 1590s, there were none recorded from London after 1608. Is it that the recording was not so accurate after the beginning of the 1600s when the minister and churchwardens changed much more frequently than in the sixteenth century? Did Seal lose its contacts with London or could it even be that nursing in Seal was so successful that there were no deaths to record? Although the latter is unlikely, even when deaths are recorded we have no way of knowing what proportion of the infants being nursed survived.

The burials of nurse children are given in date order but the entries in the register of burials show a number of families providing a wet-nursing service on a continuous basis - see Bramptons page 2.z.77, Brodes page 2.z.78, Hills page 2.z.79. The Christophers seem to have carried out this service for two generations.

Wet-nursing at the Christophers of Stonestreet

The Christophers were a large Seal family - see [Families & Transcripts](#). In 1591, William Christopher (#251) was recorded as "of Stonestreet". He and his wife Agnes (#252) had had nine children in the twenty years 1567 to 1587. On 8th November 1575 a nurse child from London, nursed at Stonestreet was buried; no name, not even its sex, was given.

On 25th April 1594, Thomas (#1969), nursed at Stonestreet, was buried and, four years later, Thomas (#1995) the "son of **Thomas Gylmyn of Shoreham, gent.**", also a nurse child, was buried on 4th July 1598. Shoreham is only a few miles from Seal; was the first Thomas from the same family? Another Thomas Gylmyn, son of Thomas Gylmyn, gent. of Shoreham, was buried in Seal on 28th June 1599 but there is no mention of the him being a nurse child. Were all three sons of the gentleman from Shoreham? Were there other Gylmyn children not so unfortunate?

Agnes Christopher, suggested as the wetnurse for the 1575 nurse child, had a son, another William (#471) whose wife was Thomasina Swaynland (#1798). William and Thomasina had at least ten children between 1591 and 1614. Were the nurse children of the 1590s all nursed by Thomasina?

The Burials of Nurse Children

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
#581 ⁴⁶	Brenchwicke	London		11 Jul 1565
#614	Agnes Drinker			19 May 1568
#616	Rose	London		19 Jun 1568
#650	Barbara	London		13 Jul 1571
#671	William	London		20 Dec 1571
#659	Edward	London		23 Feb 1572

#950	Susan	London	John Lyntons	8 Aug 1573
	daughter of Walter Fitchett of London			

Sara Lynton was born to Alice and John Lynton (#313) at the beginning of April 1573 (see [Lynton in More Families & Transcripts](#))

⁴⁶ # indicates a reference in the Seal database

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
#952	John Morley	London	James Barres	15 Apr 1574
	Mary Barre was born to Elizabeth and James Barre (#506) in December 1573 and died in May 1574 (see Barre in Families & Transcripts). Agnes Morley, daughter of Robert Morley of London was buried 17 February 1579 but was not described as a nurse child. Was she John Morley's sister and were the Barres providing a wet-nursing service to the Morley family?			
#955	William	London		10 Jun 1574
#965	--	London	Stonestreet	8 Nov 1575
	see page 2.z.75			
#979	Ann		Bramptons	24 Aug 1577
#981	-- Fletcher		Bramptons	31 Oct 1577
	"daughter of Fletcher of Kingsdown " - a few miles from Seal Keelynge Brampton was born to Elizabeth and William Brampton (#334) in January 1577; perhaps the second infant came to Bramptons after Ann died (see Brampton in More Families & Transcripts)			

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
#1169	Johane	London		10 May 1580
#1170	John Price	London	Peter Brodes	3 Jun 1580
#1457	Savell Stocker		Broades	26 Apr 1581
<p>The two youngest children of Peter Broade (#895) and his wife were baptised in Seal on 26 January 1579 and 12 November 1581 (see Broade in More Families & Transcripts)</p>				
#1731	John	London	Coates	14 Jun 1587
<p>Christopher Coates (#1017) married Agnes Walter on the 31st January 1580. Christopher's will, written in 1595, has survived by which time his wife was Margaret (see Families & Transcripts). It is not possible to tell whether John was nursed by Agnes or Margaret but presumably Christopher had a child born late 1586/early 1587 whose baptism was not recorded, at least in Seal.</p>				

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
#1939	Emily Horton		Setons	28 Oct 1590
	Abraham Seton { #1422) and his wife had a child in December 1589 (see More Families & Transcripts)			
#1947	Matthew	London		13 Aug 1591
#1948	Edward	London	William Hills	28 Aug 1591
#1981	Christian	London	William Hills	18 Jan 1596
	Alice and William Hills (#1052) had a son, William, in March 1589 and another, John, in August 1593 (see Families & Transcripts).			
#1954	Margaret	London	Robert Barnabys	5 Apr 1592
	Two children were recorded for Alice and Robert Barnaby (#1032), Johane born in February 1582 and Elizabeth in July 1588 (see More Families & Transcripts)			

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
#1960	Elizabeth Yonge	London		22 Nov 1592
#1965	Thomas	London		26 Jun 1593
#1969	Thomas		Stonestreet	25 Apr 1594
#1995	Thomas		Stonestreet	4 Jul 1598
	see page 2.z.75			
#3088	Nun, Anthony	London		7 Feb 1604
	son of Robert Nun of London (#4361) but not described as a nurse child			
#3089	Tomson, -	London		21 Apr 1608
	son of Thomas Tomson of London (#4362) but not described as a nurse child			
#3092	Kenningstone, George			17 Jul 1638
	"a nurse child, son of George and Jane Kenningstone"			

The Nurse Children of Sevenoaks

Name	son/daughter of	Buried
Barbara Chesfeld	Richard of London	1 Mar 1561
John	a nurse child of London	1 Feb 1562
John	George Wyndessor of London	27 Jul 1570
Charles	Thomas Middleton of London	3 Dec 1572
Katherine	John Stepney of London	23 Dec 1575
Ann Kelay	William Kelay of London	5 May 1577
Jane	Davy Cronke of London	19 Sep 1578
Caesar	Claudius of London	5 May 1580
Mary	Alice Sherry, a Londoner	16 May 1580
Richard	Thomas Davy of London	4 Aug 1580
William	Richard Pamer of London	16 Jan 1586
Robert	Richard Tomson of London	27 Nov 1586

William	Mr.Chayny of London	18 Nov 1595
Judith Petit	George of London	19 Jan 1596
John	George Pettit of London	20 Mar 1597 ⁴⁷
John	Martin Lumby of London	22 Mar 1597
John Foxwell	a nurseling	26 Jul 1599
Ann	– Eaton of London	28 Oct 1599
Mary	– Simon of London	2 Nov 1601
John Richman of London		27 Jul 1603
William Winter	William of London	13 Nov 1603
Joan	John Archer of London	26 Nov 1604
Edward	John Winiard of London	13 Jan 1606
John	Allen Renny of London	20 Jan 1606
Sephell (son)	Robert Woodwell of London	6 Aug 1606
Ann Red	Christopher of London	17 Oct 1607
William	William Buckmall of London	22 Nov 1607
Henry Hewson	Henry of London	7 May 1611

⁴⁷ brother dying 14 months after his sister

a child nursed by Joan Pain		7 Apr 1616
a Londoner's child nursed at Thomas Merik's		5 Jun 1616
Franc Sharp, a child from Mr. Zutche's		10 Jul 1616
Richard, a nursling from Richard Longe's ⁴⁸		18 Dec 1619
child born at Mr. Zouche's		20 Aug 1622
Edward Gummer	a nursling	17 Jun 1624
nursling	of William Montague of Riverhead	25 Sep 1627
James Baker	James, a Londoner	2 Jun 1629
Elizabeth	Edward Gammyn of London	11 Sep 1630
Anty	child of Mr. Bruer of London	23 Jan 1631
Ann	Edmond Hyliard of London	7 May 1636
Jane ⁴⁹	Edmond Hilyard of London	14 Jun 1636
Michael	Edward Faller of London	27 Dec 1645
John	Mr. William Jullian of London	21 Dec 1646

⁴⁸ there were Longes in Sevevoaks at this time (see [Families & Transcripts](#)) but Richard cannot be identified

⁴⁹ were Ann and Jane twins?

The Nurse Children of Shipbourne

The burials of eleven nurse children were recorded in Shipbourne with none after 1614.

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
\$117	Rachel Bryar	London	William Martens	26 Jan 1575
	daughter of George Bryar, citizen			
	two children		William Martens	24 April 1580
Rachel was buried before the birth of John, the first recorded child of William (\$115) and his wife Margaret's son John in March 1576. Thus, if Rachel was nursed at this William Marten's, they must have had a child before John.				

On 24th April 1580, two children "[nursed at William Martens](#)" were buried. There was a gap of six years between the births of John and their next recorded child and it looks as if Margaret was acting as a wet-nurse during this time. In 1580 was Margaret wet-nursing two children at the same time or did such families sometimes continue to look after a nursed child after it was weaned? See [More Families & Transcripts](#) for details of the Martens of Shipbourne.

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
\$370	Christia Crouch		Thomas Burgeis	2 Dec 1586
	<p>“a child at nurse with Thomas Burgeis’s wife”; Thomas (\$339) and his wife had at least six children between about 1580 and 1600 with their third child being baptised in November 1585 and a gap of nearly four years before the birth of their fourth. - see Burgeis in More Families & Transcripts</p>			
\$559	Thomas Battrie	London	Simpsons	26 Apr 1592
	<p>son of – Battrie, Londoner, nursed with the wife of Edward Simpson (\$498); Edward could have been the father of William Simpson baptised 12th October 1589 - see page 2.z.212</p>			
\$428	Elizabeth Colte	Gravesend	John Dunks	8 Oct 1599
	<p>“daughter of Mr. Colte of Gravesend nourished at John Dunks” Two children of John Dunks (\$422) were baptised in 1604 and 1606 - see Dunks in More Families & Transcripts</p>			

Num	Name	From	Where Nursed	Buried
\$652	Martyn Rolfe	London	Richard Coxes	24 Nov 1599
	son of John Rolfe of St. Margarets, London			
	Dorothy (\$439), daughter of Richard Cox (\$437), was baptised on			
	27th November 1598 but nothing else is recorded for Richard Cox			
\$640	Abigail Marshe	London		8 Jun 1600
	daughter of Walter Marshe, citizen of London			
\$727	Joane Bates		Simon Waymans	14 Jul 1602
	see Waymans in More Families & Transcripts for details of Simon			
	Wayman (\$393).			
\$1100	William	London		8 Mar 1613
	“a child of London nourished with the widow Huggens” - see Mary			
	Steere (\$789), widow of William Huggens (\$788) in More Families & Transcripts			
\$532	John Winckfield	London		18 Mar 1614
	son of John Winckfield of London			

Patrons & Vicars of Seal & Kemsing & Bequests to the Church

Unless otherwise stated, the details given are from **Frampton: Incumbents of Kemsing with Seal, A.C. Vol. 20 (1893), pp.258-269**, supplemented from the will where this has been transcribed. There could be other bequests to the church not included here.

If the will is included in Families & Transcripts or More Families & Transcripts, the reader is referred to the appropriate section where details will be found under the name given. If the bequest is short, however, it is also included here. Not all wills which include bequests to the church are included here.

A few wills mentioned by Frampton are not in the database of wills included on this CD; such wills are marked with an *. The article in A.C. includes a note that the transcripts of all the wills mentioned without a reference are to be found in the Registers of Rochester Wills at Somerset House; these have not been investigated. Since they were proved at Rochester they should be in the index of such wills held at CKS; it was from this index that the database on the CD was assembled.

Patrons

The first known incumbent of “Kemsing with Seal” is Richard de Kemsing in 1265. He was a trusted friend and adviser to Countess Eleanor, lord of the manor from 1231 to 1265. With the commencement of the Episcopal Registers in 1319, there begins a fairly connected chain of Patrons.

The **Grandisons** were the Patrons of the church from at least 1326 until the 1390s with **Adam de Motterum** the patron of Thomas Ridlyngton who was installed in 1396. The patron of the last rector of Kemsing and Seal, Adam Usk, was the Archbishop.

A rector's income came from the **tithes** paid by his parishioners. These were usually one tenth of a landowner's or tenant's yearly proceeds and, at least until well into the sixteenth century, they were often paid in kind.

At the beginning of the fifteenth century, the Priory and Convent of St. Saviour's, Bermondsey became the patron and, soon after, the Priory became an Abbey and the Prior an Abbot. Henceforth, the Abbot received the tithes and appointed a vicar to whom he paid a stipend. Until the Reformation, the Abbot and Convent of St. Saviour's, Bermondsey were patrons of the parish except for the incumbency of William Lincoln. Lincoln was installed on 27th August 1508 his patron being

Robert Reade, gent. . No patron is given after Thomas Tebold in 1525 until Thomas Taylor in 1554 whose patron was Queen Mary⁵⁰.

There are difficulties in interpreting the surviving references partly because of the use of “rectory”, “parsonage” and “vicarage”.

In 1555 Queen Mary granted the rectory of Kemsing and Seal, valued at £9 13s 4d (£9.67) per year, to **Cardinal Pole** but on his death, it reverted to the Crown. The Queen was also the patron of Thomas Dale in 1558 but when Richard Tebold died in 1570 he was possessed, for a term of years to come, of the parsonage of Kemsing and Seal. His wife, Katherine, was to have this, taking the yearly profit "to her own behoof and sole fee" until their son James was twenty-one upon condition that she "shall yearly continue and pay the rent . . due to our sovereign Lady, the Queen . . and she shall not do, permit, cause or suffer to be done . . anything or things whereby the said lease and term of years shall be forfeit, determined, made void or cease".

Later, presumably after Richard's "term of years" had ended, Queen Elizabeth granted the patronage to **Sir Peter Manwood**, the son of Dorothy Tebold, and Richard's nephew. She granted the advowson of the vicarage with the manor to **Henry Carey, Lord Hunsdon**.

No further patrons are given except for:

Richard Buckley 1603

“**Roger Dodd** and Nich. Felton for this
turn”

Robert Baker 1608

Lord Hunsdon

Rectors & Vicars

Up until 1402, the incumbents were rectors and received the tithes themselves. On 12th October 1402 an endowment was made for a perpetual vicar⁵¹ which meant that the patron received the tithes and paid the vicar an agreed stipend. The details of each incumbent are taken from Frampton with additional comments, etc. being either acknowledged or shown in orange.

Rectors

Richard de Kemsing ?? - 1288

rector in 1265

He was evidently the trusted friend and adviser of the Countess Eleanor (sister of Henry III and lord of the manor of Kemsing with Seal) at the time when political troubles were thickening round her husband **Simon de Montfort** which were only terminated by his death in August 1265. The Countess's Household Roll, recording the daily expenditure of her establishment from 19th February to 29th August 1265 makes frequent mention of Richard "persona of Kemesinge". He stayed with her for two or three days at Odiham, at Porchester and at Dover Castle

⁵¹ Frampton, p.263

from where she went to France and the Dominican Convent of Montargis. The Household Roll mentions fodder for forty-five horses on 4th June, four of which belonged to the “parson of Kemsing”.

Henry III, whose quarrel had been with de Montfort rather than Eleanor, accepted Richard as rector; there is an entry in the Patent Rolls dated 1st November 1265 recording that Richard “persona ecclesie de Kemesing” obtained the king’s “protection”⁵². He remained rector until his death in 1288⁵³.

Jacobus Sinobaldi

rector in 1294

His name appears in a list of rectors who obtained “protection” of the King (Edward I) in 1294 in return for granting half the value of their benefices to enable him to prosecute his war with France. In connection with this impost laid on the clergy, the Annals of England notes “As the clergy did not meet his demands so readily as he expected, the king sent one of his knights to their assembly in the refectory at Westminster, September 21, who in a loud and menacing voice delivered this very intelligible message: ‘Holy fathers, this is the demand of the King - one half of all the annual revenues of your churches. If anyone objects to

52 Pat. 50, Henry III, m.46 (quoted by Frampton)

53 Bowden, p.23

this let him stand forth that he may be taken note of as unworthy of the King's peace'. When they heard this, all the prelates were disturbed in mind and immediately they granted the King's demand."

John de Dittone

rector in 1316-7

He was a canon of St.Paul's in the years 1310 to 1326. Thomas de Wouldham, Bishop of Rochester, appointed him one of the executors of his will dated Sunday, 27th February 1316/7 and, in recognition of his services in that capacity, left him a bequest of 40s.

Richard de Theukesbury

installed 5 Feb 1326/7

Presented by William Grandison.

Richard Duraunt

Gilbert de Keleshill 1339-1341

installed 28 Feb 1338/9

exchanged with the last

Previously rector of Merstham. On 18th September 1339 he obtained the royal licence to accept from Robert Fremlyn of Kemsing a rod of land lying adjacent to the rectory house and to annex it thereto for the purpose of enlargement⁵⁴.

Thomas de Hope 1341-1348

installed 27 Mar 1341

on death of the last

He came from the Hereford diocese. His name is mentioned in a dispute about tithes with Richard Waston of Seal on 17th December 1347. He must have died a few days after as probate of his will was granted on Tuesday, 8th January 1347/8⁵⁵.

William de Penebrugge 1348-1354

installed 8 Feb 1347/8

on death of the last

⁵⁴ Pat. 13 Edward III, pt.2, m.21 (quoted by Frampton, p.260)

⁵⁵ Reg. Hamo de Hethe, f.272a (Frampton, p.261)

John de Shippedham 1354-

installed 14 Mar 1353/4 exchanged with the last
Previously rector of Kingestone in the diocese of Hereford

Richard Mowys

rector in 1370

On 25th July 1370, Mowys “leased the church of Kemsing, with the parsonage, tithes, oblations, etc. for two years to **John Digges, clerk, and Robert de la Beche, clerk**, for £30 per annum. The lessees were bound to provide, at their own expense, two parish chaplains who were to serve” Kemsing church and the chapel at Seal for the agreed term. Robert was probably the “Robert atte Beche” who, in 1368, was rector of the adjoining parish of Ightham.

Did Robert , with the assistance of John Digges, intend to carry out the duties of the two chaplains mentioned in the agreement. Presumably they expected to make more than £30 a year from this arrangement. Did Mowys have other interests from which he could make more money if he did not have the commitment to serve Kemsing and Seal?

A further point is raised by this agreement. The agreement specifies that Digges and Robert de la Beeche were to provide **two** parish chaplains. Does this mean

that a rector had to employ an assistant in order to be able to carry out his duties to both Seal and Kemsing?

Richard Meany 1370

According to an entry in Bishop's Trillock's Register, under 30 August 1370, this cleric, who asserted he was Rector, made an appeal to the Chancellor's Court against the presentation to the living by the patron, Sir Thomas Grandison, of Thomas Perd, a Presbyter of the Exeter diocese. Perhaps "Meany" was a badly written version of "Mowys". This presentation might have been made by Grandison because he was not agreeable to the terms of the lease.

Thomas Perd

presented 30 Aug 1370

Richard Hankerton, alias Launston 1383

Thomas Ridlyngton 1396 -

installed 15 Oct 1396

on death of the last

Adam Usk, LL.D. 1399-

installed 17 Nov 1309

He was the last rector of Kemsing and Seal. About two months before being collated to this living by the Archbishop he had been instituted to the rectory of West Haningfield in the London diocese. He also held, at different times, considerable preferment elsewhere and “twice he narrowly escaped a bishopric but his enemies were strong enough to keep him out of both Hereford and St. David’s”. He is well known as the writer of one of the early Chronicles, 1377-1404. See Bowden for more details of Adam Usk’s life which included him being exiled to Rome after he had stolen a horse and a bag containing a hundred shillings in Westminster⁵⁶.

Rodelandus Kerbroke 1402-1417

installed 27 Oct 1402

On 12th October 1402 an endowment was made for a perpetual vicar and a few days later Mr. Kerbroke was instituted the first vicar of “Kemsing cum capella de Sele”.

John Jordan 1417-

exchanged with the last 14th December 1417

previously chaplain of the chantry of Tenham

William Mathew -1422

Thomas Stowe 1422-

exchanged with the last 14th November 1422

was previously the rector of “fframyngham” in the diocese of Norwich. He is also mentioned as being vicar in 1426.

Stephen Porchet 1426-

installed 6th November 1426

He appears also to have held the vicarage of Halling. Mentioned as being vicar in 1431.

John Gorsich 1438-

installed 23 Oct 1438

on resignation of the last

He was vicar of **Wrotham** from 1428 to 1435 and then rector of Norton, near **Faversham** until 1438. On his resignation in 1445 **Roger Blendon** was presented on 16th July but, for some reason not stated, he was not installed.

Henry Esthaw 1445-1456

installed 28 Jul 1445

on resignation of the last

Prior to 1436 he was perpetual vicar of East Peckham but, on 10th September 1436 he exchanged it for the rectory of **Offham**. He was domestic chaplain to William Wells, Bishop of Rochester and one of the witnesses to his will dated 7th February 1444. On 21st October 1448 he was constituted Dean of Malling.

John Willaston 1456-1458

installed 2 Oct 1456

on resignation of the last

Richard Cutler 1458-1460

installed 25 Apr 1458

on resignation of the last

William English 1460*

installed 3 Dec 1460

Probate of his will which was written on 20th July 1463, was granted 9th January 1463-4; in this he was described as “[chaplain of the church of Sele](#)”. He body was to be buried in the graveyard of Seal and he left 6d to the high altar and 12d to the repair of the church.

Richard Cutler 1464-

installed 29 Jan 1464

on death of the last

Robert Snowe 1477/8

First mentioned in two wills written in February 1478:

- John Blakchorle (Blatcher) } **Families & Transcripts**
- Thomas Marche }

On 9th October 1480 he was constituted Dean of Malling.

William Yanson 1492-1508

William Lincoln 1508-1509

For this appointment only, the patron was “[Rob. Reede, gent., for this turn](#)”
installed 27 Aug 1508 on death of the last

Nicholas Metcalf 1509-1517

installed 31 Oct 1509 on death of the last

He was a native of Yorkshire and was educated at Cambridge where he graduated B.A. in 1494, S.T.B. 1504 and S.T.P. 1507. He was domestic chaplain to John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester and was constituted Archdeacon of Rochester about 1515. On 13th July 1517 he was instituted to the rectory of Woodham Ferrers in Essex and the following year was elected of St. John's College, Cambridge.

Richard Sharpe 1517-1525

installed 27 Oct 1517 on resignation of the last

Thomas Tebold 1525-

installed 24 Feb 1525

see [Families & Transcripts](#) for details of Thomas Tebold (#675)

The witnesses to the wills of Marion Olyver and John Porter included “**Sir William Dampport, cur.**” (curate). Since Tebold travelled on the continent for many of the years he was vicar, the curate must have been kept busy ministering to both Seal and Kemsing.

During the time that Tebold was vicar, the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* was drawn up. This states that the vicarage of Kemsing with the chapel of Seal was valued at £26 6s 8d from which was to be deducted £6 13s 4d, the stipend of the “Capellanus” who served Seal.

John Sennocke 1542-

In 1542, “[John Sennocke, Vicar of Seal](#)” was assessed as a contributor to the loan made to Henry VIII for £6. The highest assessment for Seal was for John Tebold (#1), Thomas’s younger brother whose contribution was set at at £6 13s 4d.

John Denman 1545-

See [Denman in Families & Transcripts](#) for a discussion of the two John Denmans. It was probably the prebend, (#3933), who was the vicar of Seal.

Thomas Hickling 1550-1554

installed 26 Nov 1550

exchanged with the last

He was one of the clergy who was deprived of his benefice on the accession of Queen Mary, the date of his deprivation being 26th April 1554

Thomas Taylor 1554-1558

installed 18 Nov 1554

on deprivation of the last

Thomas Dale 1558-

installed 22 Dec 1558

on death of the last

Gilbert Jenyns 1561-1603 (#15)

installed 31 Oct 1561

[More Families & Transcripts](#)

Richard Buckley 1603-1608 (#2344)

installed 20 Apr 1608

[More Families & Transcripts](#)

on death of the last

Robert Baker 1608- (#1293)

[Families & Transcripts](#)

mentioned as the vicar on 27th September 1620 in the Bishop's Visitation Book .
In 1609, the old fifth bell was cast by **Stephen Swan** (#4342), **William Coxe** and **John Raven**⁵⁷ being the churchwardens.

John Baker 1644-

"Master Marten" 1649-1650:

⁵⁷ probably #1235 and #3600 - see [Cox in Families & Transcripts](#) and [Raven in More Families & Transcripts](#)

Bequests to the Church

Vicar: Henry Esthaw 1445-1456

1449 Sir James Fines

1455 John Partrich

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[Families & Transcripts](#)

Vicar: Richard Cutler 1464-1478

1466 William Phylpotts

[More Families & Transcripts](#)

1468 Richard Genkyn* 7th July 1468

bequeathed to: the high altar 12d

the light of St. Peter, a taper of value 4d

the light of St. John the Baptist a similar taper

Vicar: Robert Snowe 1477--

1478 John Blatcher/Blakcherle (#3995⁵⁸) **Families & Transcripts**
appointed the vicar, Robert Snowe, his supervisor, paying him 20d.

1478 Thomas Marche will (CKS: Drb/Pwr 3.207) dated 15th February 1478
appointed the vicar as his overseer and left to the clerk of Sele 4d for "[his labour to me coming in my sickness](#)". He also left 12d to the light before the image of St. Mary, 12d to the high altar and 12d to the "fabric" of the church.

see also **Families & Transcripts**

1487 John Snosmer **More Families & Transcripts**

Vicar: William Yanson 1492-1508

1501 John(1) Tebold (#3774) **Families & Transcripts**

1501 Walter Fremlyn (k945) **More Families & Transcripts**
["to be buried in the churchyard of Kensing"](#)
["to the high altar in the said church 6d"](#)

Vicar: **Nicholas Metcalf 1509-1517**

1516 William Olyver (#85)

[Families & Transcripts](#)

Vicar: **Richard Sharpe 1517-1525**

1521 Alice Olyver (#3914)

[Families & Transcripts](#)

included amongst Alice's bequests was one to the "Trendle light" which was a length of small wax taper formed into a round or coil for greater convenience; it was often used in connection with shrines.

Vicar: **Thomas Tebold 1525-**

see [Families & Transcripts](#) for details of Thomas Tebold (#675)

1527 William Olyver of Fawke (#3910) [Families & Transcripts](#)

1527 Thomas Hadlow [Families & Transcripts](#)

1532 Marion Olyver (#86) [Families & Transcripts](#)

1533 John Porter (#3216) [Families & Transcripts](#)

Vicar: **John Denman 1545-**

See [Denman in Families & Transcripts](#) for a discussion of the two John Denmans. The John Denman whose will was written in 1556 left "[10s to buy some necessary ornament to the maintenance of God's service at the discretion of my executor](#)". It is probably he (#3933) who was the vicar of Seal.

Vicar: Thomas Taylor 1554-1558

1555 John Patriche (#4257)

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constituted and ordained his “trusty and loving friends . . . and the **vicar of Kemsing and Seal**, my ghostly⁵⁹ father, mine overseers whom I beseech and require, as he will answer at the day of doom, to bring me home as they think convenient and afterwards see this, my last will and testament, performed”

1559 **John Pelset*** This will is not in the database.

“by his will, 27 February 1558/9, bequeathed an annuity of 6s 8d issuing from a certain tenement and lands in Leigh parish and also another annuity of the same value issuing out of a certain property in Seal, to the Minister and Churchwardens of the latter, for the use of the poor. In addition to this parish and that of Leigh, those of Penshurst, Chiddingstone, Cowden and Town Malling benefited by the will of John Pelset who is spoken of as ‘servant & bailey to the right Honorable the Lord Sydney’.”

Vicar: Thomas Dale 1558-

1559 Thomas Mogier

Families & Transcripts

bequeathed 3s 4d to the “**amending of the glass windows of the church of Seal**”.

Kemsing & Seal 1649-50

It was about this time that Kemsing and Seal became separate parishes.

In 1649/50, Parliament ordered a Survey to be taken of all ecclesiastical benefices. The Commissioners drew up the following report of Seal:

“We answer that the parish of Seal is divided into three parsonages and one vicarage whereof one parsonage and the vicarage belongs to the parish church of Seal and is worth £35 per annum and one little house worth 20s per annum. That the cure is supplied with an able minister and that Master Goodwyn is the patron thereof and Master Marten the present incumbent who receives this £36 per annum for his salary. We find one other parsonage being impropriate belonging to one **Mr. Bunce** in the occupation of **William Kipps** and is worth £20 per annum. And the third parsonage we find also to be impropriate and belonging to **Mistress Mary Nicolson** in the occupation of **Mr. George Nicolson**, her father, and is worth £30 per annum. We find the church conveniently situated without any union. That there is no⁶⁰ chapel. And that this church is sufficient for this parish.”⁶¹

60 “noe” - no or one?

61 Incumbents of Kemsing with Seal, p.269; spelling modernised

The Kipps were a large Kemsing family (see [More Families & Transcripts](#)) but it has not been possible to identify the above William.

George Nicolson had six children between 1622 and 1639, four of whom died young. Marie/Mary was born in 1628 and would thus have just come of age when this survey was made. See [Nicolson in More Families & Transcripts](#)

Penshurst

At Christmas 1643, jewellery valued at £1246 and £306 in money was stolen from Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester who was presumably staying at Penshurst place. Details of this indictment are given below followed by a number of short indictments of people connected with Penshurst about whom nothing further is known.

Jewellery & Gold Stolen from the Earl of Leicester

At the September 1644 Assizes **Mary Sandford** , wife of **Charles Sandford of Sevenoaks**, gent, was indicted for grand larceny and escape. She was accused of stealing jewellery and money from **Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester** on 27th December 1643 at Penshurst. The items taken were a great diamond mounted in gold (£1,200), 77 pearls on two strings and a necklace of 38 pearls (£40), 2 gold medals (£6), a purse (1s) and £306 in money.

The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by Elizabeth Woodgate, John Gates, Elizabeth Williams, Elizabeth Beecher, John Gay, gent., Thomas Dimblebie,

James Kirkham, [*blank*] Kirkham, John Hooper, Richard Hammes, Dorothy Hammes, Robert Whitinges.

On 30th January 1644 Mary Sandford was committed to Maidstone gaol by Sir Thomas Rivers and Sir Edward Gilbourne, JPs, for stealing jewels and gold from Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, but, on 25th July 1644, she escaped.

John Whitehouse [*crossed out*] of Maidstone, yeoman, is indicted as an accessory.

endorsed: Richard Burton, Anne Chowne, George Warde, Elizabeth Stretesford.

The indictment was endorsed as a “[true bill for Sandford; Ignoramus for Whitehouse](#)”.⁶²

Entry 2249

Memorandum recording that at Maidstone assizes, 21st September 1644, Mary Sandford, wife of Charles Sandford of Sevenoaks, gent., was found not guilty of grand larceny.

Penshurst Indictments

Elizabethan Assizes 1571 - 1602

July 1571 Assizes

Agnes Tikner, of Penshurst, spinster, was indicted for grand larceny. On 26th June 1571 she bewitched **Robert Nicholas**, the infant son of John Nicholas of Hoo All Hallows, labourer, so that he languished until 13th April and then died. She was found guilty and sentenced to hang⁶³

March 1576 Assizes

William Lucas of **Leigh**, husbandman, and **Robert Jones**, of Penshurst, sawyer, were indicted for grand larceny. On 8th December 1575 at East Malling, they stole 2 oxen and 3 heifers (£12) from **Sir Thomas Palmer**, senior.

John Turnor, sen. of Leigh, husbandman, was indicted as an accessory. Jones was found not guilty. Lucas and Turnor found guilty; sentence unknown.⁶⁴

⁶³ Cockburn (Eliz.); 582

⁶⁴ Cockburn (Eliz.) 808

February 1592 Assizes

Thomas Wood, of Penshurst, tailor, was indicted for grand larceny. On 24th August 1591, he broke into the house of **Thomas Carter** at Penshurst and stole 4s in money and a Spanish sixpence.

Wood was found guilty but allowed benefit of clergy.⁶⁵

July 1592 Assizes

John Williams, of Penshurst, labourer, was indicted for grand larceny. On 23rd June 1592, at Penshurst, he stole 2s 11d in money from **Henry Swan**. Williams was found guilty but allowed benefit of clergy.⁶⁶

February 1595 Assizes

John Downwell (or Downvyll), of Penshurst, labourer, was indicted for grand larceny. On 30th December 1594, at Penshurst, he stole a silver spoon (3s) from **Thomas James**, gent. Downwell was found not guilty.⁶⁷

⁶⁵ Cockburn (Eliz.); 1990

⁶⁶ Cockburn (Eliz.); 2041

⁶⁷ Cockburn (Eliz.); 2205

February 1598 Assizes

Anthony Morion, labourer, **Joan Morion**, his wife and **Frances Reynolds**, spinster. of Penshurst were indicted for burglary. On 26th October 1597 they burgled the house of **Edward Yonge** at Penshurst and stole a gown (30s), a petticoat (10s) and £2 in money.

Reynolds and Anthony Morion were found not guilty, Joan Morion was at large.⁶⁸

February 1600 Assizes

2749 **Alice Jones**, wife of William Jones, and **Joan Lake**, spinster, of Penshurst were indicted for grand larceny. On 30th September 1599, at Penshurst, they stole 3 pairs of sheets (31), a petticoat (10s) and 2 smocks (2s) from **Joan Ashen**, widow. They were found guilty and sentenced to hang.⁶⁹

68 Cockburn (Eliz.) 2484

69 Cockburn (Eliz.) 2749

March 1601 Assizes

John Josham, of Penshurst, weaver, was indicted for grand larceny. On 18th November 1600, at Penshurst, he stole a sorrel mare (£5) from **John Ecter**. Josham was found guilty and sentenced to hang.⁷⁰

July 1601 Assizes

Henry Bassett, of Leigh, husbandman, was indicted for petty larceny. On 15th June 1601, at Penshurst, he stole 2 spoons (3d) and 2 neckerchiefs (6d) from **Edward Dartnowll**. Bassett confessed and was whipped⁷¹

⁷⁰ Cockburn (Eliz.); 2841

⁷¹ Cockburn (Eliz); 2915

July 1602 Assizes

Christopher White of Goudhurst, blacksmith, was indicted for grand larceny and burglary with a gap of fifteen months between the two crimes; the burglary was from a house in Penshurst.

Six months prior to the first of these, on 1st September 1600, at Goudhurst, he stole a pillowbar (2d), a neckerchief (6d), an apron (6d) and a basket (2d) from **Lawrence Anokes**

The first two charges were that

- on 28th February 1601, at Goudhurst, he stole 6 pairs of sheets (5s), 24 napkins (2s) and a pewter pot (12d) from **Edward Bradborne**.
- on 30th Apr 1602 he burgled the house of **Kellam Wylloughbye. esq.** at Penshurst and stole a cloak (30s) belonging to **Robert Fulman**.

He was found guilty on these two counts and sentenced to hang but seems to have been pardoned by general pardon.⁷²

The eldest son of Christopher Willoughby whose will was written in 1630 was Keneline (see **Willoughby in More Families & Transcripts**) and, by 1630, he had an

72 Cockburn (Eliz.); 2978

underage son. Was Keneline old enough in 1602 to be the Kellam Wylloughbye, esq. whose house was burgled in that year? Or was Kellam Christopher's brother?

James I Assizes: 1609 & 1623

July 1609 Assizes

William Andrewes of Penshurst, butcher, was indicted for grand larceny. On 24th March 1609 at Penshurst he stole a bright-bay mare (£3) from **Nicholas Wood**. Andrewes was found not guilty.⁷³

July 1623 Assizes

Richard Treape of Penshurst, labourer, was indicted for grand larceny. On 1st April 1623 at Penshurst, he stole a black horse (£5) from **Thomas Squyer**.(stet). Treape was found guilty and sentenced to hang.⁷⁴

⁷³ Cockburn (James); 422

⁷⁴ Cockburn (James); 888

Charles I Assizes 1626 - 1647

Many of the references to Penshurst in the Assizes held during the reign of Charles I were to the erection and maintenance of cottages which did not have the required amount of land (4 acres) and to unlicensed tippling-houses (see pages 2.z.12 and 2.z.?).

July 1626 Assizes

James Bettes of Penshurst, labourer, was indicted for grand larceny On 10th April 1626, at Penshurst he stole 6 ells of hempen cloth (7s) and 0.75 ell of hempen cloth (1s) from **Walter Woodgate**

The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by Walter Woodgate.

James Bettes was found guilty and sentenced to hang but he was allowed benefit of clergy at the next assizes⁷⁵

March 1629 Assizes

Thomas Rootes, labourer, and **John Stanton**, butcher, of Penshurst were indicted for grand larceny On 16th October 1628, at Penshurst, they stole 3 oxen (£15), 5 cows (£20) and a sorrel gelding (£6) from **Fortune**⁷⁶ **Woodgate**, gent. The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by Fortune Woodgate. Rootes found not guilty; Stanton at large

At the July 1629 and March 1630 Assizes a writ capias was served on John Stanton of Penshurst, butcher.⁷⁷

February 1635 Assizes

Hester Trendle of Chiddingstone, spinster, was indicted for grand larceny On 18th December 1634, at Penshurst she stole a brown loaf (4d), 4 shred pies (1s), a cheese (10d), 2 lbs pork (4d), ½ lb bacon (2d), 5 eggs (1d) and ½ lb suet (2d) from **Nathaniel Symmonds**

The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by Nathaniel Symmonds. Trendle was found guilty to the value of 10d and sentenced to be whipped.⁷⁸

⁷⁶ in the parish records this name is given as “Fortunatus”

⁷⁷ Cockburn (Chas I); 378, 493, 559

⁷⁸ Cockburn (Chas.I); 1176

July 1635 Assizes

John Pusy of Maidstone, shoemaker, was indicted for **bigamy**. On 14th January 1634 at Steyning, Sussex, he married **Jane King** of Steyning, spinster, while **Ruth Asheid** of Penshurst whom he had married on 10 Nov 1625, was still alive. The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by William Asheid and Thomas Plant(?) Pusy was found guilty but allowed benefit of clergy.⁷⁹

July 1635 Assizes

James Browne of Penshurst and **James Norris** of Sevenoaks, shoemakers, were indicted for **assault**. On the night of 16 June 1635 they assaulted **Edward Harris** in the highway at Tonbridge.

The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by Edward Harris and William Lunham Browne and Norris were found not guilty.⁸⁰

July 1638 Assizes

Two members of the grand jury were **George Cotton of Hadlow**, gent. and **Fortune Woodgate of Penshurst**, gent.

79 Cockburn (Chas I); 1242

80 Cockburn (Chas.I); 1252

August 1647 Assizes

John Gurham of **Leigh** and **Richard Latter** of Penshurst, millers, were indicted for poaching. On 31st March 1647 they broke into Penshurst or Northland Park at Penshurst and hunted and killed a buck (£2) belonging to Robert, earl of Leicester. The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by **Thomas Beare**, gent.⁸¹

August 1647 Assizes

Edmund Bottinge, yeoman, **George Underhill**, tanner, and **Robert Turner**, yeoman, of Penshurst, were indicted for poaching. On 24th May 1648 they broke into Chafford Park and hunted deer belonging to **Sir John Rivers**.

The indictment was endorsed as a true bill by **Thomas Panell**, **Richard Barnes**, Ignoramus.⁸²

⁸¹ Cockburn (Chas.I); 2500; no details of verdict given

⁸² Cockburn (Chas.I); 2715; again no details of verdict given

Seal - Some Fines 1500-1573

These Fines were recorded by Stagg and the references are as given by him. These have now been superceded; to update them it will be necessary to go to the National Archives (Ruskin Ave, Kew, Richmond TW9 4DU; 020 8876 3444) and search their lists. National Archives will help anyone going to Kew but do not undertake such investigations themselves. The type of conversion required is, for example, File 69, No. 331 becomes Nat.Arch. C1/69/331 where it was necessary to find the "C" number but some are more complicated than this.

Abbreviations:

Mich.	- Michaelmas	September
Mo.of Ac.	- Morrow of Accession	
Mo.of Pur	- Morrow of Purification	February
Mo. of SM	- Morrow of St. Martin	November
Oct.of SH	- Octave of St. Hilary	January

Pltfs	- Plaintiffs	Defts	- Defendants
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1507 Fines 117a-368 Mich. 23 Henry VII Stagg.8
 Pltfs: John Tebold (*John(2)* #673⁸³)
 John Nisell
 Wm. Fremlyn, sen.
 Thos. Holloway, jnr
 Defts. John Leverock and Alice
 Moiety of 1 messuage, 2 gardens, 14 acres land, 10 acres mead, 2 acres wood
 in Seal, Shipbourne and Ightham
 John Tebold buys; Pl. gives 100 marks

1511 Fines 19-102-37 Mo.of Pur. 2 Henry VIII Stagg.8
 Pltfs: John Potter
 John Tebold (#673)
 Defts. Wm. Goodwyn and Mildred
 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 58 acres of land, 12 acres mead, 1 acre wood in Seal and Kemsing
 right of Potter who gives 100 marks

1513 Fines 19-106-16 Mo.of Ac. 5 Henry VIII Stagg.9
 Pltfs. Reginald Pekham, Esq.
 Thos.Pekham, Esq.
 Edward Asshe
 Defts. John Frenche⁸⁴ and Joan
 1 messuage, 20 acres land, 1 ac. mead. 10 ac. pasture
 in Tinbrygge, Speldhurst and Seell (Tonbridge, Speldhurst & Seal)
 Pltfs give £20 right of Edward Asshe

1515} *concerning John Duble - see* Stagg.9
1516} **More Families & Transcripts**

84 could be John Frenche who wrote his will July 1513 and died before Dec 1516 (#4220); does not give his wife's name in will

1516 Fines 19-109-22 Mo.of SM 8 Henry VIII Stagg.10
 Pltfs John Lamporte (#3989) will see [Families & Transcripts](#)
 William Denman
 John Olyver
 Defts. Wm. Sawyer & Margaret
 12 acres pasture in Seal & Kemsing
 rt of Lamporte; Plt. gives 20 marks

1517 Fines 19-109-33 St. Hilary 8 Henry VIII Stagg.9
 Pltfs John Lamporte (#3989) will see [Families & Transcripts](#)
 John Tebold (#673)
 John Olyver
 William Denman⁸⁵
 Defts. Robert Childemell and Alice
 Richard Wellar and Margaret
 1 messuage, 1 toft, one orchard, 2 gardens, 4 acres land, 2 acres mead, 2
 acres wood
 in Seal & Kemsing
 Warrants against John Abbot of St. Peters Westminster
 Plt. give 40 marks

85 from 1503 onwards William Denman witnessed some wills

1517 Fines 19-110-5 Easter 9 Henry VIII Stagg.10
 Pltfs. Robert Ware
 John Olyver
 John Lampard
 Defts. Laurence Carkerage & Margaret, his wife, who was the sister
 and one of the heirs of Edward Crameforth
 a moiety of 1 messuage called The Cheker, 40 acres land, 3 acres mead,
 6 acres pasture, 16 acres wood in Seal
 Right of Robert Pltfs. give 40 marks

It was probably the same John Olyver who was plaintiff for both this and the previous fine but he has not been identified

1518 Fines 19-110-31 Oct.of SH 9 Henry VIII Stagg.10
 Pltfs John Tebold #673
 Wm. Fremlyn, sen.
 Thomas Holloway
 Defts. Richard Knight of Aldington & Roberia
 a moiety of 1 messuage, 2 gardens, 144 acres of land, 10 acres mead, 2
 acres wood
 in Seal, Shipbourne and Ightham
 right of John Plt. pay 100 marks

1518 Fines 19-111-16 Mich. 10 Henry VIII Stagg.10
 Pltfs. Wm. Hyllys
 Defts. Thomas Idley and Alice
 3 messuages, 8 gardens, 20 acres of land, 5 acres of mead and 20 acres of
 pasture
 in Seal and Kemsing
 Plt. pays 100 marks (£66.67)

1521 Fines 19-113-36 Mo.of Pur. 12 Henry VIII Stagg.10
 Pltfs. John Wyllard of Dartford
 Walter Pelsoth
 Simon Goldsmith
 Defts Wm. Burton and Agnes
 2 parts of one messuage, 70 ac. land in Lye & Sele (Leigh & Seal)
 right of John pltfs pay £10

1523 Fines 20-116-23 Oct.of SH 15 Henry VIII Stagg.10
 Pltfs John Stace
 John Chyldren, jnr
 Wm. Chyldren
 John Basset
 Defts John Thorton & Eliz.
 third of one messuage, 3 gardens, 60 ac.pasture in Selse & Lygh by
 Tonbridge (Seal & Leigh)
 right of John Stace pltfs pay £40

1528 Fines 20-120-31 St.Michael 19 Henry VIII Stagg.11
 Pltfs John Swaynsland
 Thos. Pynden
 Defts Robert Fuller & Alice
 Stephen Raufe & Sibyl
 Robt. Lambe & Mathea
 2 messuages, one garden, 9 ac.land, 1 ac. mead, 2 ac. wood in Sele
 right of John pltfs pay £40

1529	Fines 21-122-2	Oct.of Pur.	20 Henry VIII	Stagg.11
	Pltfs	John Wykys		
		Wm. Asshenden		
		Wm. Wykys		
	Defts	Wm. Wadley and Petronilla		
		John Carter		
	1 messuage, 1 garden, 22 ac. land, 12 ac.mead, 5s 5d rent in Seale			
	right of John Wykys		pltfs pay 100 marks (£66.67)	

1529 Fines 21-121-9 Oct. of Pur. 20 Henry VIII Staggs. 11
Pltf George Olyver⁸⁶
Defts Wm. Waddeley & Petronilla
 John Carter
43½ ac. & 1 virgate⁸⁷ of land, 5 ac. mead, 3s rent in Seale
Geo. gives 100 marks (£66.67)

86 could have been #3915, the son of John Olyver of Kettles whose will of 1512 has survived. but little is known of this George

87 an old land measure; usually 30 acres

1535	Fines 56	Trinity	27 Henry VIII	Stagg.11
	Pltfs	John Selyard ⁸⁸		
		John Hever		
		Geo. Selyard		
	Defts	John Tebold (#673) and Sylvester, his wife (#674), who was the daughter and heir of Richard Carter, late of Kemsing, son of Richard Carter, formerly of Tonbridge		
	1 messuage, 1 garden, 200 ac. land, 20 ac. mead, 100 ac. pasture, 20 ac. wood, 50 ac. heath & furze and 2s rent in Seal and Tonbridge			
	right of John Selyard		Pltfs pay £20	

⁸⁸ there were Selyard/Seyliard families in the area but it has not been possible to identify John and George

1544 Fines 23-145-57 Trinity 36 Henry VIII Stagg.11
Pltfs Thomas Quinton alias Olyver (?#233, will 1562)
William Quinton alias Olyver (?#3920, will 1547)
see [Families & Transcripts](#)

Defts John Quinton alias Olyver & Joan
5 parts of 6 messuages; 100 ac. land, 20 ac. mead, 20 ac.pasture, 30 ac.
wood, 40 ac. heath and furze in Seal, Sevenoaks and Otford and Wrotham
right of Thomas Pltfs pay 100 marks (£66.67)

No mention of a John Quinton alias Olyver has been found but there was
a William Olyver, alias Quinton - see [William Olyver of Cranbrook in
Families & Transcripts](#)

1555 Fines bundle 72 Easter 1 & 2 Philip & Mary Stagg.12
Pltf William Olyver
Defts Thomas Olyver & Agnes (the elder of Kettles #265 & #266)
1 messuage; 12 ac. mead in Sele
Wm gives £40 *See below*

William could have been Thomas's brother (#253)

1555 *Knole MSS*

Stagg.12

Exemplification dated 27 May 1 & 2 Philip and Mary of a plea enrolled (roll 119) in the Kings Bench in the same year - Easter Term
William Olyver claimed against Thomas Olyver & Agnes a messuage and 12 ac. mead in Sele as his right. Thomas & Agnes defend and call Henry Selyard to warranty
The Sheriff granted Wm. full seisin of same.

1556 Fines bundle 72 St. Hilary 2 & 3 Philip & Mary

Stagg.11

Pltfs Robert Blatcher #333
John Goodhews #4080

Defts John Tebold (#1) and Clemence (#2)

54 ac. land, 4 ac. mead, 40 ac. pasture, 16 ac. wood in Seale
right of Robert Pltfs give £140

1556 Fines bundle 72 St. Michael 2 & 4 Philip & Mary Stagg.12
 Pltf John Waller, gent
 Defts Humfrey Dixon & Elizabeth.
 1 messuage, 1 garden, 30 ac. land, 6 ac. mead, 20 ac. pasture, 3 ac. wood
 in Lighe (Leigh) by Tonbridge and Seal John
 give 120 marks (£80)
 There is no other record of Dixon in Seal - perhaps they lived in Leigh. The
 only Wallers mentioned were in the 1580s - see [Vanes in More Families &
 Transcripts](#)

1558 Fines bundle 143 St. Michael 5 & 6 Philip & Mary Stagg.12
 Hilary 1 Elizabeth
 Pltf Richard Tebold, gent. (#352)
 Deft Thomas Loveles (Lovelace), Esq .
 Richard Bayle & Thomasine
 1 messuage, 1 barn, 2 gardens, 6 ac. land in Seal
 Tebold gives £40
 In his will of 1569, Richard Tebold refers to Lovelace (listed as “of the
 gentry” by William Lambard in 1570) as Master Thomas Lovelace and left
 him “[for a remembrance](#)” his “[best doublet of crimson satin](#)” - see [Tebold
 in Families & Transcripts](#).
 The Bayles are not mentioned in Seal

1559 Fines bundle 143 Trinity 1 Elizabeth Stagg.12
 Pltf John Goodhews #4080
 Defts Thomas Swaynsland and Macia
 4 ac. mead, 4 ac. pasture in Seal and Kemsing
 John gives £40
 There are a number of Swaynslands (or Swaynland) in Seal but no Thomas
 at this time - see [Swaynland in More Families & Transcripts](#)

1559 Fines bundle 143 St. Martin/Hilary 2 Elizabeth Stagg.12
 Pltfs Wm Cowdrey
 Thos Mascall
 Defts John Smalham & Alice (#159, #317)
 1 messuage, 1 garden, 40 ac. land, 6 ac. mead, 60 ac. pasture, 6 ac. wood in
 Sele, Tonbridge and Lygh (Leigh)
 right of Wm. Pltfs give £80
 Only the Smalhams are otherwise mentioned; John Smalham wrote his will
 in 1565 - see [Families & Transcripts](#)

1560 Fines bundle 143 Easter 2 Elizabeth Stagg.12
Pltfs John Wright & Joan
Defts William Cocks (*Coxe*) & Agnes
1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 garden, 8 ac. land, 1 ac. wood in Seale
Pltfs give £40
There were a large number of William Coxes in Seal but none with a wife called Agnes - see **Families & Transcripts**. The John Wrayght (#28) who had a son James baptised 1561 could have been the plaintiff.

1561 Fines bundle 143 St Hilary 3 Elizabeth Stagg.13
Pltfs John Tebold (#1)
Defts Thomas Swaynsland and Macia (*see 1558 above*)
1 messuage, 1 garden, 12 ac land in Seal
Tebold gives £40

1561 Fines bundle 143 Trinity 3 Elizabeth Stagg.13
 Pltf Robert Pelsott
 Defts John Goslyn & Eliz.
 the moiety of 1 barn, 6 ac land, 2 ac. mead, 2 ac. pasture, 2 ac. wood in
 Seal & Shipbourne
 Robert gives £40
 Although the Pelsetts were a large Seal family (see **Families & Transcripts**),
 there is no Robert in the records who could have been this plaintiff. No
 Goslyns were recorded in the village - perhaps they lived in Shipbourne.

1563 Fines bundle 144 Trinity 5 Elizabeth Stagg.6
1564 Hilary 6 Elizabeth

Pltfs Anthony Stringer
 Roland Browne
 Defts Wm Wynter, gent., & Mary
 Richard Judde, gent.

the Manor of Downe and 6 messuages, 20 cottages, 2 watermills, 4
 dovecotes, 20 gardens, 600 ac. land, 100 ac. mead, 200 ac. pasture, 200 ac.
 wood, 300 ac. heath & furse. 10s rent in Downe, in Cowdham (Cowden?),

Farneboroughe, Seale, Greatness, Sevenoaks, Penshurst, Speldhurst,
Bydborough, Barden and Tonbridge

None of these people were mentioned in the Seal records but the land
(totalling 1400 acres) was in a large number of parishes.

1564 Fines bundle 144 St Hilary 6 Elizabeth Stagg.13
Pltf Wm Master (#105)
Defts Richard Denman, citizen & grocer of London & Clementine
1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 6 ac. land, 6ac. mead, 8 ac.
pasture, 1 ac. wood, in Seale
Wm gives £80
The plaintiff was probably #105 who had children between 1563 and 1587
- see **Families & Transcripts**
See **Denman in Families & Transcripts** for the little that is known of
Richard Denman.

1564 Notes of Fines Easter 6 Elizabeth Stagg.13
 Pltfs John Lane (#249)
 Joan Rudland, widow
 Defts Thos Sone & Joan
 moiety of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 10 ac. land in Seal
 right of plaintiffs who give £40
 John Lane (#249) married Johane Rudland (#250) on 2nd May 1564 a few
 weeks after this case was heard. Thomas Rudland (#332), her first
 husband, had been buried a year previously, on 7th May 1563, and she was
 his executor (see [Families & Transcripts](#))

1567 Fines bundle 145 St Martin 10 Elizabeth Stagg.13
 Pltff Richard Tebold, gent. (#352)
 Deft Thos Swaynlande & Joan (#377 & #378)
 1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 50 ac. land, 10 ac. mead. 40 ac.
 pasture, 3 ac. wood in Seale & Kemsing, and of common pasture for all
 beasts there
 Richard gives £100
 Thomas Swaynland married Joan Fremlyn, in Kemsing, on 25 Aug 1562 -
 see [Swaynslands in Families & Transcripts](#)

1570 Fines bundle 145 Mich. 12 Elizabeth Stagg.13
 Pltf William Porter (of Hall?) #58
 Defts Thos. Stace & Dionisia
 Thos Ware
 8 ac. land, 2 ac. pasture, 1 ac. wood in Seale
 Wm gives £40

1572 Fines bundle 145 Mich. 14 Elizabeth Stagg.13
 Pltf Wm Master (#105)
 Defts Wm Swaynesland (Swaynland) & Joan alias Maud
 1 messuage, 1 barn, 2 gardens, 1 orchard, 20 ac. land, 3 ac. mead, 10 ac.
 pasture in Seale & Kemsing
 Wm Master give £100

Shipbourne

The Highway Between Seal and Shipbourne

At the March 1629 Assizes the **inhabitants of Shipbourne** were indicted for not repairing a highway leading from the estate of **Richard Porter of Seal** to Shipbourne. The inhabitants were presented to the Grand Jury in July 1629 since “a highway in Shipbourne running beside land occupied by Richard Porter of Seal which has been presented before” had not been repaired. Yet again, in March 1630, they were once more indicted “for not repairing a highway in Shipbourne”.

In addition to these indictments, they were issued with a writ *venire facias* and a writ *distringas* at each of the half yearly Assizes from March 1630 until February 1640.⁸⁹

89 Cockburn (Chas.I); 414, 490, 544, 491, 560, 622, 802, 851, 915, 986, 1069, 1112, 1200, 1261, 1322, 1399, 1441, 1483, 1561, 1624, 1699, 1756, 1814

The import of these writs is not known but a writ *distringas* could be issued to an individual or a group of people:

“writs, *distringas*, for the inhabitants of Ulcombe, Capel and Tudeley, Anthony Roper of Eltham, Esq., the inhabitants of the county of Kent, Eyborne hundred, Barclay hundred, Gravesend, Lewisham, Cranbrook and Sutton Valence, Henry Gibbs, . . . of Ashford, . . . Henry Lee, gent. and William Tirrell of Hadlow, and the inhabitants of Shipbourne”⁹⁰

Since these were all places in Kent could this not have been reduced to:

“writs, *distringas*, for the inhabitants of the county of Kent”?

Perhaps the individuals needed to be named. What effect did the issuing of this writ from 1630 to 1640 have on the inhabitants of Shipbourne?

The Richard Porter was probably #1155 who married Ellen Kips with children born between 1610 and 1625. The road was probably the one that runs through Stone Street. See [Porters in Families & Transcripts](#)

Forced Marriage at Shipbourne

There is a most unusual entry for the July 1622 Assizes:

Robert Hilles of Brook, **tilemaker**, was indicted for abduction.

“On 20th April 1622, in the highway at Saltwood, he abducted **Margaret Foxe**, daughter and heir of **John Foxe** of Selling and, on 16th April at Shipbourne, he forcibly married her.” He was remanded on bail.⁹¹

How did Hilles manage to persuade the clergyman to carry out the marriage?

91 Cockburn (James I); 835

Single Register Entries - Kemsing, Ightham, Seal & Shipbourne

Listed here are those entries in the parish registers of the above parishes and other documents which do not warrant a page of their own. The registers and Assize Records have been examined for all four parishes.

Since there is very little duplication of surname from village to village, they are given separately for each parish in alphabetical order of surname. # indicates a reference in the Seal database, "k" in that for Kemsing, "i" for Ightham and \$ for Shipbourne.

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Shipbourne	page 2.z.190

When just a woman's name is given at her burial, it is not possible to tell whether she was a single woman, a married woman or a widow.

Where a man and his son have the same first name, usually only the father has been indexed.

Kemsing

Clemence (k627), daughter of **Francis Austen** (father, k625), was baptised on 12th April 1577.

Thomas Barteman (k575) and his wife, **Alice** (k576) had two children baptised in Kemsing:

-	Joan	k577	27 Jan 1642
-	Elizabeth	k578	21 Jan 1644

Dorothy (k630), daughter of **Martin Batts** (k678) was baptised on 29th July 1593.

At the March 1642 Assizes, **Thomas Beverlyn** (k1014) of **Woodlands**, yeoman, was indicted for digging a ditch in the highway in Woodlands leading from Kingsdown to Kemsing. The original record was endorsed Ignoramus.⁹²

Margaret (k712), daughter of **Robert Charlwood** (k710) was baptised on 11th April 1652.

92 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2063

Nicholas Charte (k718) married **Sara Tapner** (k719) on 14th February 1631.

Susanna (k659), daughter of **Thomas** (k657) and **Alice Codwell** (k658), was baptised on 19th November 1643.

see **Cadwell of Shipburne**

Richard Cronke (k720) married “**widow**” **Lawrence** on 29th September 1645. No children were recorded; he could have been #2113 in Seal whose first wife, whom he married Feb 1628, was Elizabeth Atherfold.

Anne (k878), the daughter of **William** (k876) and **Joan Crower** (k877), was baptised on 12th July 1562. Joan was buried on 3rd February 1566. William possibly married again since **Elizabeth** (k800), daughter of William Crower, was baptised on 2nd November 1567.

Nicholas Darman (k724) married **Margaret Dallet** (k726) on 21st May 1585.

Robert Deablle (k725) married **Sylvester Williams** (k727) on 30th September 1587.

Henry Ellis (k730) married **Ann Elvey** (k731) 10th May 1624.

At the July 1564 Assizes **Agnes Hadlow** of Kemsing, spinster, was indicted for infanticide. On 24th March 1564 she gave birth to a female child in the house of **Thomas Fylder** at Kemsing and that night drowned it in a pond there. She was found not guilty.⁹³

John (k747), son of **Richard Hayt** (k745), was buried on 26th February 1569.
Anne (k746), wife of Richard Hayt, was buried on 22nd March 1570.

Anne (k653), daughter of **William Henry** (k648) was baptised on 17th January 1612.

John (k694), son of **Carester Hodson** (k692), was baptised on 5th May 1650

Ralph (k752), son of **Ralph Hoge** (k752), was buried on 14th March 1579.

Sylvester (k594), daughter of **John** (k592) and **Allis/Alice Knight** (k593) was baptised on 9th July 1570. Alice, wife of John Knight, was buried on 28th February 1602.

John Lay (k734) married **Elizabeth Sawyer** (k735) on 19th July 1602.

Margaret (k697), daughter of **Usher Love** (k695) was baptised on 23rd March 1651.

Mary (k597), daughter of **Edward Lusted** (k595) was baptised on 18th October 1571.

Thomas Matthew (k553) married **Joan Pound** (k554) o 25th April 1625. Their son, **Richard** (k555), was baptised on 12th February 1626.

Thomas Moure (k736) married **Mary Clemence** (k737) on 27th September 1583. Their son, **John** (k744) was buried on 14th January 1592.

James (k662), son of **James Pellenger** (k660), was baptised on 23rd December 1645.

Thomas Petman (k706) had two daughters baptised in Kemsing:

- | | | | |
|---|------|------|-------------|
| - | Mary | k708 | 17 Mar 1649 |
| - | Ann | k709 | 15 Jun 1651 |

Dorothy (k668), daughter of **George** (k666) and **Elizabeth Raynsford** (k667), was baptised on 4th October 1646.

Robert Rose of Chatham (k742) married **Joan Wells** (k743) on 19th August 1632.

John Slittur (k868) married **Joan Taylor** (k869) on 25th June 1564; their son, **John** (k870), was baptised on 14th July 1566.

John (k781, son of **John Small** (k698), was baptised on 1st June 1651.

John (k633), son of **John Sybley** (k631) was baptised on 18th May 1600.

William Tunstall (k476) married **Joan Hills** (k477) on 24th June 1562. Their son, **Thomas** (k478) was baptised on 7th March 1563.

William (k586), son of **Thomas Woodland** (k584) was baptised on 18th March 1578. Thomas died before March 1605 since his widow was buried on 28th March 1605. On 4th March 1603, William Woodland, who could have been Thomas's son, was buried.

Ightham

Ightham - A

Margaret Abraham (i1361) was buried on 21st January 1574; nothing other than her name given at burial

Melchisedech Abraham (i1362) married **Anne Linsdale** (i1363) on 20th September 1635.

James Adroll (i1831) married **Dionice Cowland** (i1832) on 14th July 1594.

Elizabeth (i1652), daughter of **Margaret Andrew** (i1651), was baptised on 18th April 1593; no indication that she was a base child.

William Atkins (i2442) was buried on 20th April 1631.

Thomas (i1795), "son of - - **Austyne**", was baptised on 6th March 1600.

John Bathurst (i1843) married **Mildred Herne** (i1844) on 7th February 1597.

John Bedell (i2432) married **Alice Wharten**, widow (i2433) on 17th June 1633.

William Betch (i1421) married **Margaret Brandfield** (i1424) on 12th July 1585.

John Bishop (i2772) was constable of Ightham in 1631⁹⁴

Christopher Bond (i2211) was buried on 30th June 1618.

William Boreman (i2589) married **Anne Sales** (i2590) on 14 September 1635.

Lettice Bower (i1162) was buried on 16th August 1567.

John (i2660), son of **Robert Brauch** (i2658) was baptised on 27th April 1651.

Rebecca (i1859), daughter of **John Breeder** (i1857) was buried on 1st August 1587.

William Brooke (i956) was baptised on 14th September 1578; no first name given for father.

Nicholas Brooker, alias **Heathe**, was mentioned in the Court Records 1586-1618.

Joan Browne (i51) was baptised on 11th November 1563; no father given.

Margery Bucke, widow (i1379) was buried on 8th August 1578.

The children of **John Bumner** (i1388) were buried on 7th April 1583 without any names being given.

Anne (i1604), daughter of **Calebb Burdett** (i1602) was baptised on 9th July 1642.

Robert Burster (i2670) was buried on 23rd September 1638

Stephen (i461), son of **William Carter** (i459) was baptised on 24th September 1626.

William Carter married **Margaret Rootes** (i462) on 13th July 1629.

John (i1430), son of **Thomas Caverly** (i1428) was baptised on 4th May 1589

James (i2056), son of **Thomas Clayborn** (i2054) was baptised on 2nd July 1607.

Sir Richard Clement, knight, of Ightham, in his will of 1538 (PCC: **Dyngeley 23**) asked to be buried in the chancel in the parish church of Ightham beside his first wife⁹⁵.

Maria (i650), daughter of **Henry Cocks** (i648), was baptised on 4th June 1570 and buried the next day. A Henry Cocks, who could have been her grandfather, father (the least likely) or another Henry, had been buried on 13th March 1570. Bridget Cocks (i2358) was buried on 18th February 1625.

William Cole (i2466) married **Elizabeth Curd** (i2467) on 28th October 1633; their son, **John** (i2468), was baptised on 18th September 1636.

Thomas Collyn (i939) married **Joan Relfe** (i940) on 24th October 1574.

Edward Cooke (i1864) was buried on 9th March 1591.

Sara (i2499), the daughter of **Edward** (i2497) and **Sara Court** (i2498) was baptised on 30th July 1637.

John (i2546) and **Bennett Covill** (i2547) had two sons baptised in Ightham:

- | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|-------------|
| - | Robert | i2548 | 5 Nov 1647 |
| - | Henry | i2661 | 19 May 1651 |

Elizabeth (i1335), daughter of **Roger Cox** (i1333) was baptised on 28th March 1588 and buried on 7th May 1588. **John** (i1688), "[son of – Cox](#)", was baptised on 19th January 1595.

Rafe Cupper was fined 3s 4d at the Court held on 14th April 1586 because his wife had been "[spoiling, breaking down and carrying away the lord's wood](#)". (CRI 1938, p.17)

Ightham - D

Robert Dan (i1718) was baptised on 18th January 1596; no first name was given for his father.

Isabella Dickinson (i1568) was baptised on 1st August 1591; no first name was given for her father.

Thomas Dine (i1982) married **Joane Seggas** (i1983) on 15th August 1602. Their daughter, **Marie** (i1984), was baptised on 27th November 1603.

Thomas (i801), son of **Thomas Dorman** (i799) was baptised on 1st June 1575.

Francis (i252), daughter of **Stephen Drinker** (i250) was baptised on 26th December 1561.

Henry (i2302), son of **Henry Dunmoll** (i2300) was buried on 26th February 1628.

William Dunstone (i2604) married **Margaret Robinson** (i2605) on 8th June 1640.

Mabille (i1936), daughter of **Edward Engeham** (i1934), was baptised on 19th May 1602. Edward was mentioned in the Court Records 1586-1618.

John Farmer (i2573) was buried on 22nd February 1636.

Margery Fethergill (i1884) was buried on 14th September 1600.

Thomas (i486), son of **John Fletcher** (i404) was baptised on 6th October 1594 and buried, six weeks later, on 23rd November 1594. It is possible that the wife of i404 died and that it was Thomas's father who married **Joan Hawkes** (i407) on 17th January 1600.

Katherine (i658), daughter of **Gregory Fulwood** (i656) was baptised on 21st January 1571.

John (i1396), son of **William Garratt** (i1394) was buried on 9th July 1585.

Arthur Gates (i2037) married **Anne Lynne** (i2389) on 13th April 1607.

William (i366), son of **Roger Gray** (i366) was baptised on 9th August 1567.

John Greene (i2397) married **Marie Goreley** (i2398) on 17th October 1630.

William (i570), son of **William Greves** (i568), was baptised on 24th February 1566.
A William Greeves was buried on 6th February 1566; this was more likely to be i570's grandfather rather than father.

Joane Gull (i1192) was buried on 14th April 1572.

George Gunn (i968) had two daughters baptised in Ightham:

-	Jane	i970	12 Jun 1579	
-	Jane	i971	6 Jul 1581	buried 6 Jul 1581.

Since both were called "Jane" it is likely that i970 died before i971 was born.

Samuel Gylbert (i2036) married **Bridgett Pelsett** (i2038) on 8th September 1605; Bridgett was buried eighteen months later, on 28th March 1607.
Marie Gylbert (i2682 - a man) married **Anne Godfrey** (i2603) on 8th October 1639. "Marie" could have been Samuel's son and perhaps Bridgett died at his birth

Ightham - H

Jane Habberam (i1874) was buried on 30th April 1597

Jane (i804) daughter of **Gamalielli Hadman** (i802) was baptised on 3rd February 1576.

Agatha (i2635), daughter of **John** (i2633) and **Joyce Hally** (i2634) was baptised on 16th April 1650; she was born on 14th March 1650.

Good (i2112), daughter of **John Hancocke** (i2110) was baptised and buried on the same day - 19th May 1616.

Joseph (i2654), son of **John** (i2652) and **Alice Hardfield** (i2653) was baptised on 10th November 1650.

Richard (i1269), son of **Richard Hatch** (i1267) was baptised on 7th June 1584.
Edward (i2137), son of **Edward Hatch** (i2135) was baptised on 10th September 1617

Margaret (i2563), daughter of **Elizabeth** (i2562) and **John Hayes of Plaxtol** (i2561) was baptised on 7th June 1648.

Sara (i2639), daughter of **William** (i2637) and **Anna Hayes** (i2638) was baptised on 28th May 1650; she was born on 28th April 1650.

John Heal (i2356) was buried on 10th April 1623.

William Hedger (i137) married **Elizabeth Syflet** (i138) in February 1616. Elizabeth could have been a daughter of **John Siflet (#134)** and his wife Elizabeth - see [Siflet in Families & Transcripts](#).

Anthony Hobbs (i2311) had two children baptised in Ightham:

- Dorothy i2313 24 Nov 1628
- Anthony i2314 9 Mar 1630

Susan Holditch, widow (i2673) was buried on 15th September 1646

Fortune (i1617), daughter? of **Henry Holyday** (i1615), was buried on 20th March 1586.

Thomas (i2503) and **Elizabeth Honey** (i2504) had three children:

- Thomas i2505 baptised 17 Jan 1638
- Marie i2507 buried 18 Sep 1640
- William i2506 baptised 5 Dec 1648

George (i1830), son of **John Horseley** (i1828) was buried on 13th February 1587.

William Howell (i1254) married **Joane Coll** (i1255) on 7th July 1580.

Nicholas Hudson (i1193) was buried on 5th May 1572.

Peter Jackett (i914) had two daughters baptised in Ightham:

- Jane i916 26 Jan 1578
- Isabell i917 12 Apr 1578

Thomas Jones (i425) was baptised on 4th October 1562; no father's name was given at his baptism.

Zacharie Jordan (i1382) was buried on 8th August 1580.

Ightham - K

Anthony Kempe (i2296) married **Elizabeth Seffell** (i2297) on 21st June 1625.

Joan (i2675), wife of **Nicholas Knell** (i2674), was buried on 13th April 1648.

Margaret (i116), daughter of **Henry Knowles** (i114) was baptised on 5th May 1560. Were the **Henry and Jane Knowles** mentioned in the Court Records 1553-74 Margaret's parents? **Henry Knowles** and a **John Knowler** were mentioned between 1586 and 1618.

Simon Knowles (i117) married **Alice Bownde** (i118) on 24th May 1573.

Alice could have been a daughter of John Bownde (i188) - see [More Families & Transcripts](#)

Simon Knowles married **Elizabeth Bailey** (i119) on 8th May 1574.

If i117 was also Elizabeth's husband, Alice must have died less than a year after marrying.

Henry Kylverd (i335) married **Anne Hadlow** (i336) on 16th October 1565. Their daughter, **Jane** (i571), was baptised on 5th May 1566.

William (i953), son of **Joseph Leedes** (i951) was baptised on 31st August 1578. A Joseph Leedes, who could have been William's father or grandfather (or someone else) was buried on 16th April 1580.

Anne Lighe (i1163) was buried on 7th May 1568.

William Lightfoot (i1368) was buried on 30th July 1575

Richard Lillie (i1605) married **Elizabeth Sterie** (i1606) on 16th July 1587.

John Linnmore (i2106) had two sons baptised in Ightham:

- | | | | |
|---|----------|-------|-------------|
| - | John | i2108 | 26 Dec 1615 |
| - | Nicholas | i2109 | 22 Mar 1618 |

Bennett Loc (i1879) was buried on 19th August 1598

The wife of **John Loc** (i1881) was buried on 1st March 1600

Thomas Loc (i1885) was buried 17th December 1600.

Henry Lucas (i2420) had two children baptised in Ightham:

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|-------------|
| - | William | i2422 | 21 Oct 1632 |
| - | Elizabeth | i2423 | 29 Jun 1634 |

Thomas (i1827), son of **William Lye** (i1826) was buried on 27th December 1586

Robert Lyleston (i1854) was buried on 21st May 1587

James Lynch (i949) married **Margerie Best** (i958) on 24th July 1575.

Joane (i1893), wife of **Thomas Maisters** (i1892) was buried 31st August 1601.
A Thomas Masters was mentioned in the Court Records 1586-1618

Sisley (i1722), daughter of **Henry Makepeace** (i1720), was baptised on 4th July 1596
A Henry Makepeace was mentioned in the Court Records for 1586-1618

Richard Marshall (i2578) was buried on 2nd November 1636
A Richard Marshall was mentioned in the Court Records for 1586-1618

Judith (i2310), daughter of **John** (i2308) and **Judith Melaine** (i2309), was baptised
on 1st May 1628.

Margaret (i2186), daughter of **Thomas Monior** (i2184), was baptised on 28th
October 1618.

John Mott of Hoo, in his will of 1534 (**CKS: Drb/Pwr 9.142**) left 6 silver spoons to make a pax for the church of Ightham⁹⁶.

Ightham - O

Joane (i813), daughter of **Steven Ongley** (i811) was baptised on 19th February 1576 and buried on 3rd March 1576.

Henry Osmer (i1265) married **Elizabeth Eaton** (i1266) on 16th November 1583.

Thomas Overden (i2593) married **Katherine Seaton** (i2592) on 23rd October 1635. Thomas Overden was buried on 28th May 1649.

Richard Oxton (i929) married **Margaret Greves** (i930) on 21st September 1567.

James Page (i1883) was buried on 4th August 1600

Richard (i2244), son of **William Peckenden** (i2242), was baptised on 9th January 1625.

Engeram (i1655), son of **Thomas Percy** (i1653), was baptised on 8th July 1593.
Thomas Piersie, borsholder, was mentioned in the Court Records for 1586 to 1618.

John (i591), son of **Richard Pickering** (i589) was baptised on 19th June 1569

Thomas Prowle (i2292) married **Elizabeth Care** (i2293) on 28th October 1624.

Bartholomew Preston (i2361) was buried on 11th January 1626.
Bartholomew, who was mentioned in the Court Records for 1586 to 1618, was a "householder" when buried but no other Prestons were recorded in the parish registers.

Salve Price (i1894) was buried on 23rd April 1607 - a man or a woman?
A Price was mentioned in the Court Records for 1586 to 1618.

Edward Pywell (i2781) served on a trial jury at the **August 1647 Assizes**⁹⁷

Mary (i2664), daughter of **George Rich of Wrotham** (i2662) and his wife, **Mary** (i2663), was baptised on 17th April 1651.

Elizabeth (i269), daughter of **John Richmond** (i267), was baptised on 3rd May 1562.

Elizabeth Royes (i1853) was buried on 1st May 1587

Thomas Ruttard (i2940) married **Margaret Coxe** (i2041) on 27th September 1607.

Ightham - S

John (i1142), son of **William Sacarie** (i1140), was baptised on 15th July 1582.

Katherine Scott (i1367) was buried on 29th April 1574.

Elizabeth (i2445), wife of **John Sharpe** (i2444), was buried on 4th June 1632.

At the February 1620 Assizes John Sharpe was indicted, with Timothy Berry, both labourers, of burgling the house of Sir William Selby. They were found guilty but allowed benefit of clergy⁹⁸. See **Selby in Families & Transcripts** for more details.

John Short (i2780) served on a trial jury at the **March 1647 Assizes**⁹⁹

Jane Skye (i1880) was buried on 20th December 1599.

Henry Sprevor (i2373) married **Jane Hartrop** (i2379) on 16th November 1630. Their son, **John** (i2380), was baptised on 9th September 1631.

James Stacie (i1638) was baptised on 3rd September 1592 and buried on 4th September 1592. No first name was given for his father at either baptism or burial

John (i2231), son of **William Stander** (i2229) was baptised on 14th April 1623.

⁹⁸ Cockburn (James I) 826

⁹⁹ Cockburn (Chas.I) 2384

William Stroude (i1419) married **Margaret Curtes** (i1420) on 25th October 1584.

Henry Topsell (i1691) was baptised on 2nd March 1595; no first name was given for his father.

On 14th April 1586, **Reignold Tresse** was fined 20d for "[breaking the peace within the View of the Frank-pledge](#)"

Marie (i961), daughter of **Robert True** (i959) was baptised on 5th October 1578.

Gilbert Ustonson (i933) married **Margaret Pope** (i934) on 29th July 1570.

John Vane (i1581) was baptised on 21st November 1591; no first name was given for his father.

Ightham - W

James Wales (i1856) was buried on 4th July 1587; no first name was given for his father.

Anne (i371), daughter of **John Walter** (i369) was baptised on 4th October 1562.

Bridget (i1693), daughter of **William Waseres** (i1707) was baptised on 5th October 1595.

Katherine (i438), daughter of **John Whitefield** (i436) was baptised on 24th October 1563. A **John Whytefeld** was mentioned in the Court Records 1553 to 1574

Richard (i2014), son of **John Wilcock** (i2012), was baptised on 29th Marh 1607.

Thomas Winpadg (i2437) was baptised on 18th May 1627.

William Woodward, gent. (i2187) was buried on 20th December 1610.

Richard Wootton (i2042) married **Alice Motkyn** (i2043) on 17th October 1611.

Nicholas Wootton (i2104) was baptised on 10th July 1614; no father was given but he could have been Richard's son.

John Wotten (i2305) was buried on 1st February 1621.

Ralph Wotten (i2583) was buried on 2nd January 1638.

?? **Wreyth** (i1381) was buried on 3rd May 1580. He was recorded as "**householder**" which is unusual in the Ightham register particularly since his first name is not given.

Elizabeth (i982), daughter of **Mr. Wylkin** (i980), was baptised on 18th October 1579.

Henry Wylman (i602) married **Alice Johnson** (i603) on 16th September 1565.

Edward (i604, son of Henry Wylman, was baptised on 11th September 1569 and buried on 17th September 1569. He could have been the son of Henry and Alice.

John (i2159), son of **William** (i2517) and **Anne Wynser** (i2518) was baptised on 29th November 1640.

On 24th April 1595, **William Yonge**, mercer, was fined 2s for selling his wares by unlawful weights (CRI 1938, p.10). **Richard Younge** and **Thomas Yonge** were also mentioned in the Court Records for 1586 to 1618.

Seal

Seal - A

Elizabeth (#406), daughter of **John Adams** (#119), was baptised on 6th March 1589 in Seal.

Thomas Atkins (#1357) married **Jane Chrale gymgan** (#1358) on 6th March 1589.

Edward Bartholomew (#331) was buried on 5th May 1563.

Elizabeth Bartholomew, widow (#966), was buried on 11th November 1575.

Sybil (#1333), daughter of **Robert Beckley** (#1331) was baptised on 7th February 1586.

John Berry (#3704) and his wife **Sussanah** (#3705) had two daughters baptised:

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|-------------|
| - | Elizabeth | #3706 | 16 Apr 1639 |
| - | Ann | #3707 | 31 Jan 1641 |

Elizabeth (#1113), the base daughter of **Margaret Beverley** (#866) was baptised on 20th February 1581.

Johane (#1490), the daughter of **Edward Blage**, gent. (#1729) was baptised on 4th May 1587. Edward witnessed the will of William Pynden in March 1590.

George (#1497), the son of **George Blentbill** (#1495) was buried on 3rd February 1586.

Oswald Blunt (#1374) married **Elizabeth Pretter** of **London** (#1375) on 8th January 1590

John Bourne (#1346) married **Warborough Rygnold** of **Kemsing** (#1347) on 17th February 1588 by a licence

Lawrence Boyle (#980) was buried on 23rd August 1577

Robert (#576), son of **William Branfield** (#574) was buried on 15th March 1572

Thomas Brewerton (#3659) had two sons baptised in Seal:

- | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|-------------|
| - | Thomas | #3661 | 2 Sep 1604 |
| - | John | #3662 | 14 Dec 1606 |

John Brooker (#3675) had two children baptised in Seal

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|-------------|
| - | Mary | #3782 | 1 Jun 1626 |
| - | Elizabeth | #3783 | 28 Feb 1628 |

John Brooker witnessed the will of Thomas Harman in 1628

Thomas Bunnings (#1378) married **Jane Ware**, widow (#1371), on 6th December 1589

Phebe (#962), daughter of **Robert Bushell** (#980), was buried on 30th June 1575

Dorothy (#1502), daughter of **Thomas Bushop** (#1500) was buried on 21st January 1508.

Mother Byre (#1964) was buried on 15th April 1593

Mary Campernell, widow (#330), was buried on 4th May 1563

Elizabeth (#1482), daughter of **William Causter** (#1480) was buried on 21st October 1584.

At the July 1627 Assizes, **William Chambers** (#4353), **labourer**, was indicted for shooting doves with a handgun at Tonbridge between 20th Apr 1626 and March 1627, "**although he does nor possess an estate worth £100 per annum**".¹⁰⁰

100 Cockburn (Chas.I); 270

Thomas (#920), son of **Edward Chamberlyne** (#918) was baptised on 5th July 1579

Elizabeth (#150), daughter of **Robert Close** (#359), was baptised on 1st November 1564. On 12th July 1565, Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert Close's wife, was buried. Was the Elizabeth who died in 1565 #150? Or had Robert's wife been married before and had a daughter also called Elizabeth?

On 1st June 1572, Robert Close married **Ellen Buttress** (#360). If this was the same Robert Close, the mother of Elizabeth must have died between 1565 and 1572. Ellen remarried in September 1574 so that Robert must have died within two years of marrying her.

William Cole (#645) was buried on 23rd January 1571

Nicholas Cope (#1378), gent., of the **Middle Temple (London)** married in Seal on 19th January 1590. The surname of the woman he married was erased from the register, only "Ann" remaining. This is the only mention of the name Cope in Seal. What was Nicholas's connection with the village from which he chose his bride? After the marriage they probably lived in London.

Richard Corvell (#1366) married **Thomasine Grave of Ightham** (#1367) on 29th August 1589. Nothing further was recorded of them in either in Seal or Ightham.

Alexander Cowell (#1958) was buried on 24th October 1592

Seal - D

Arthur Darker of Sevenoaks (#1061) married **Katherine Eliot of Tonbridge** (#3797) on 19th October 1583. What was their connection with Seal?

Dorothy (#3798), daughter of **Thomas** (#3767) and **Elizabeth Dawson** (#3797) was baptised on 10th October 1648. On 6th June 1652, **Marie** (#3798), daughter of **Thomas Dawson of Sevenoaks**, was baptised.

John (#78), son of **John Delton** (#76) was baptised on 7th February 1563

Thomas (#1951), son of **Thomas Dixon of London**, was buried on 21st December 1591. There was no mention of him being a nurse child.

Ralfe Dribble (#1037) married **Mary Pollard** (#1038) "[daughter of Pollard of Charing](#)" on 9th February 1582

John (#1415), son of **William Driver** (#1413) was baptised on 26th December 1586.

Henry Dye (#2917) married **Jane Hubble** (#2915) on 24th June 1622

John Eden of **Kemsing** (#1543) married **Johane Foster** of Stanstead (#1544) on 23rd January 1591.

Robert Egerton (#1225) of **Ightham** married **Elizabeth Jesopp** (#1226) on 14th November 1585. Elizabeth was buried on 15th April 1611; no children were recorded.

Johane Elboroughe (#954), **servant** of **Andrew Porter** (#303) was buried on 4th May 1574

John Emerson (#1456) was buried on 25th March 1581

Walter Fletcher (#1046) married **Alice Haming** (#1047) on 17th September 1582

Agnes (#573), wife of **Nicholas Fryer** (#572), was buried on 19th November 1564;
Nicholas was buried six months later on 2nd May 1565.

Seal - G

Richard Garland (#1692) married **Marian Brown** (#1693) on 18th August 1595

Elizabeth (#1818), daughter of **Nicholas Garret** (#1816), was baptised on 24th
March 1594.

John Gele (#1336) had two daughters baptised in Seal:

- | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|------------|
| - | Elizabeth | #1342 | 1 May 1586 |
| - | Agnes | #1563 | 9 Feb 1589 |

John Gibbes of **Ridley** (#261) married **Ellen Catte** (#262) on 21st May 1565

John Gibson (#297) was buried on 27th January 1562

Alice (#1188), daughter of **Edward Giles** (#1186) was baptised on 18th March 1583

At the July 1637 Assizes, **Edward Girlinge**, (#4355) baker, was indicted for rape. On 29th April 1637 “**in a wood at West Malling he raped Mary Chambers, aged 22 years**”. The indictment was endorsed by Mary Chambers, **Philip Broadwater** and **Moses Helvy**.¹⁰¹

John Golding of **Brasted** (#1383) married **Johane Chelly** (#1384) on 17th June 1590 by a licence from the Faculties of Canterbury

Matthew Goldwell of **Farningham** (#1548) married **Julian Weekes** (#1549) on 19th April 1591 by a Certificate the parson of Farningham

101 Cockburn (Char.I); 1462

William Goldwell (#4365) of Seal, labourer, was issued with a writ *capias* at the **July 1633 Assizes**¹⁰²

Robert Goodgame (#2014) was buried on 6th June 1599

Richard Gravener (#291) was buried on 26th August 1562

Widow Graves (#1990) was buried on 18th December 1597

Roger Greenwood (#998) married **Johane Hills** on 21st September 1578. They had a daughter, **Sylvester** (#1809), baptised on 10th April 1580. Johane could have been the eldest daughter of **John Hills** (#46) and his wife Johane whose eldest recorded child was baptised in July 1562 - see **Hills in Families & Transcripts**

Margaret (#990), wife of **John Gyllet of Erith**, was buried on 8th March 1579

102 Cockburn (Chas.I); 984

Hester (#1764), daughter of **John Hackwood** (#1762), was baptised on 3rd June 1592.

Robert Harrison (#1527) of **Tonbridge** married **Elizabeth Edwards** (#1528) on 25th July 1590

Ralph Hartwell (#3903) married **Elizabeth Taylor**, widow (#3904), on 14th June 1649. A Ralph Hartwell was listed in the Knole MS of 1648; was this his second marriage?

Hastrical/Hastrich, a child of a poor woman which travelled with child coming through this parish was baptised on 26th October 1591 and buried, less than a week later, on 1st November 1591.

John Hayte (#365) of **Brenchley** married **Agnes Geffry** (#366) on 1st July 1574
John Hayte married **Alice Coe**, widow (#1377) on 10th January 1590. Was this the second marriage of John of Brenchley?

Alice Hedger (#957) was buried on 12th November 1574

John (#1737), son of **John Higham** of **St. Katherine's London**; was buried on 22nd January 1588. A woman from Seal probably married John Higham of London and came "home" for the birth of her child

Robert Holmes (#235) married **Mercy Crowder** (#236) on 7th July 1563.

Richard Holmes (#1404) (who could have been the son of Robert and Mercy) had two daughters baptised in Seal:

-	Elizabeth	#1585	23 Nov 1589
-	Susan	#1626	26 Sep 1591

Ann (#850), daughter of **Thomas Holstock** (#848) was baptised on 16th June 1577

William (#1895), son of **Simon Homeden** (#1893), was baptised on 12th January 1598

Thomas Hood (#1672) married **Margery Matthews, widow** (#807) on 27th May 1594. Margery could have been the widow of John Matthews although no burial was recorded for him - see page 2.z.182..

John Hudson (#1483) was buried on 15th January 1585.

John Jones (#1944) was buried on 4th March 1591

Margaret Kenington (#1299) was baptised on 4th April 1585; her father's name was not given.

William Kestar (#3882) married **Margaret Bristow** (#3883) on 16th April 1648 daughter, **Jane** (#3884), was baptised on 11th March 1649

Steven Knestubb (#1315) was baptised on 22nd August 1585; his father's name was not given.

Andrew Knevett (#563) married **Elizabeth Collier** (#544) on 10th October 1622

Seal - L

William (#1758). son of **George Lawe** (#1756) was baptised on 12th March 1592. A George Lawe was buried on 23rd September 1596; He could have been William's father or grandfather.

John Leare was “**minister pro tempore**” - 10th March 1647

John (#1486), son of **Samson Lennard, Esquire** (#1484) was buried on 30th January 1585

Alice (#1074), daughter of **Henry Lever** (#1072) was baptised on 6th March 1580 and buried a week later on 13th March.

John (#1974), son of **Jeffrey Lodge of London** was buried on 25th February 1595; there is no record of him being a nurse child.

Johane Loferon, widow (#610), was buried on 29th March 1568.

Symon Lovelace (#268) married **Katherine Story** (#269) on 11th October 1568.

John Mann of Westerham (#243) married **Johane Abraham (#244)** on 11th October 1563

Ann Markham (#3091), "[a beggar's child kept by the parish](#)" was buried on 5th March 1623.

William (#808), son of **John Matthews** (#806) was baptised on 7th August 1575

Sara Medcaulfe, (#1518), daughter of "**Roger Med., a stranger**" was buried on 1st November 1588.

Johane Middleton, widow (#1738) was buried on 11th September 1587

William (#1864), son of **Richard Moreland** (#1862), was baptised on 1st June 1596.

Alice Mower, widow (#1172) was buried on 26th October 1580

Robert Musgrave (#970) was buried on 15th January 1576

Alice Musgrave (#971) was buried on 13th April 1576

Nitingale, widow (#647) was buried on 24th February 1571

Ellynor Ottes (#959), "**an old maid**" was buried on 10th May 1575

Seal - P

Bennet (#571), wife of **William Pater** (#569), was buried on 25th July 1564.

Richard Payly (#633) was buried on 17th September 1570

-- **Peereless** (#623), "[son of a stranger](#)", was buried on 13th February 1569

John Perche of **Otford** (#1050) married **Agnes Haselwood** (#1851) on 7th April 1583

John Phillips (#636) was buried on 2nd January 1571 He could have been the father or brother of:

Thomasine Phillips (#372) who married **William Carter** in 1574; see the William Carters in [Families & Transcripts](#)

Johane Phillips (#337) who married **Stephen Atherfold** (#336) in 1567

Robert Plummer (#1531) married **Margaret Parker** (#1532) on 22nd August 1590

William Polley of **Great Peckham** (#237) married **Johanne Blacher, widow** (#238) on 9th August 1563.

Thomas Pope (#1059) married **Joyce Swafford** (#1060) from Sevenoaks on 14th October 1583

Elizabeth (#481), daughter of **John Poule** (#479) was baptised on 26th March 1570

John Poulter (#3639) had two daughters baptised in Seal:

Jane #3666 12 May 1605

Anne #3667 6 Mar 1608

– **Rafe, blacksmith** (#1468) was buried on 8th April 1583

Richard Roche (#1699) married **Katherine Geeseman** (#1700) on 12th April 1596 by a Licence from the Faculties

John Roming (#1464) was buried on 3rd August 1582

Henry Rous (#3718) had three children baptised in Seal:

Robert	#3720	26 May 1615
Leonard	#3721	15 May 1616
Sydney daughter	#3722	26 May 1617

With only a year between each of these baptisms, did the first two die soon after birth? - see Birth Intervals in Seal, Kemsing, Ightham.

John Rowet (#812) had three children baptised in Seal:

Rebecca	#814	25 Sep 1575
Agnes	#870	30 Mar 1578
Jane	#923	21 Oct 1579

Giles Sadlow (#995) of **Hadlow** was buried, in Seal, on 19th October 1579.

Richard Salmon of **Wrotham** (#1552) married **Elizabeth Turner** (#1553) on 27th April 1591.

Nicholas Saxby (#1385) married **Rachel Presseth** (#1386) on 26th June 1590

Thomas Scott (#1681) married **Ann Crab** (#1682) on 13th March 1595

John Shepter (#1989) was buried on 11th December 1597.

old Sight (#1639) was buried on 18th May 1586

Susan (#1283), daughter of **Thomas Snell** (#1281), was baptised on 20th December 1584.

Ellen Speed (#3391) had two illegitimate sons, both recorded as "base":

Richard	#3392	4 Oct 1635
Ralph	#3393	6 Aug 1637

Dorothy (#662), "**the wife of Staple**" was buried on 7th July 1572.

John Stapleton (#1687) married **Agnes Cockerell** (#1688) on 14th July 1595

Margaret (#188), daughter of **Thomas Surby** (#186), was baptised on 4th November 1565

Johane Storyer (#1654) married **John Denman of Wrotham** (#1653) on 5th February 1593.

Seal - T

John Tabot (#1003) married **Joane Farrant, widow** (#108) on 30th April 1579

Thomas Thetcher (#891) had two daughters baptised in Seal:

Jane	\$893	2 Nov 1578
Johane	\$1136	24 Dec 1581

Sara (#1460), daughter of ? "**Thorpe of London, pcher.**" was baptised on 3rd Oct 1581. Was "pchr" an abbreviation for preacher?. If so was he an itinerant preacher passing through Seal?

John (#502), son of **Fauseyn Tilley** (#500) was baptised on 7th March 1571.

Helen Trusse (#1465) was buried on 11th October 1582.

Richard Tye (#1697) married **Johane Gainsford** (#1698) on 11th February 1596 by a Licence from -- .

Elizabeth Ultred (#1733) was buried on 13th July 1587 having been "[found dead about Diggins](#)".

Thomas Ward (#1372) married **Elizabeth Sander** (#1373) on 24th December 1589.

Richard Waston (#4366), on **17th December 1347**, had a dispute about tithes with **Thomas de Hope**, rector of Kemsing and Seal.

John (#3673), son of **Robert Weryre** (#3671), was baptised on 10th May 1610.

At the Assizes of February 1617, **Thomas Williams** (#4299) of Seal, **husbandman**, was indicted for grand larceny. On 4th November 1616, at Seal, he stole 8 oxen (worth £32) from **Edward Atherfold** (#520). He was found guilty but allowed benefit of clergy¹⁰³.

Alice (#1940), wife of **William Winchester** (#1938) was buried on 30th November 1590.

Thomas (#1477), son of **Samuel Woodstock** (#1475) of Redriff beside London, was baptised on 15th May 1584.

James (#30), son of **John Wrayght** (#28), was baptised on 20th December 1561.

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Shipbourne

Shipbourne - A

William Allyson (\$627), "a poor vagrant, taken at Bobby, from there conveyed toward **Edenbridge**¹⁰⁴, died at **Plaxtol**, by the way, buried 9th May 1600".

Thomas Ashdown (\$1841) married **Mary Godfrey** (\$1850) on 2nd October 1642.

John Atkins (\$1935) married **Avis Huton** (\$1956) on 1st September 1644.

Stephen (\$272), the son of **Stephen Atterbury** (\$272) was baptised on 7th July 1583.

John Bacheller (\$1906) married **Margaret Brooker** (\$1920) on 14th February 1644. This marriage, which took place in Shipbourne, was also recorded in the Seal register.

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Robert Ballard (\$399) married **Ursula Hubbard** (\$400) on 25th September 1597.

Alexander Bawden (\$1146) married **Bridget Daniell** (\$1150) on 31st July 1615.

Richard (\$2171), son of **Thomas Becke** (\$2169) of **Plaxtol**, was baptised on 15th February 1649.

An infant of **John Bellingham** (\$1886) was buried on 1st August 1643. A week later, on 8th August 1643, his wife was buried.

Edward Best (\$1733) married **Dorothy Kipps** (\$1738) on 9th July 1638.
There is no known connection between Dorothy and the Kipps from Kemsing.

John Blanke (\$1828) married **Margaret Gower** (\$1846) on 25th September 1948.

John (\$793), son of **Walter Blythe** (\$791), was baptised on 8th March 1604

Jane (\$347), daughter of **John Boomer** (\$345), was baptised on 20th December 1585.

Baptist (\$259), son of **Thomas Bowerman** (\$257) was baptised on 21st February 1583 and buried on 25th February 1583.

Thomas Bowrage (\$919) had two sons baptised in Shipbourne:

- | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| - | Abraham | \$921 | 26 Dec 1608 | |
| - | Robert | \$974 | 4 Mar 1610 | buried 2 Jun 1611 |

Mother Bredger, widow (\$265), was buried in March 1583

Edward Bredger (\$522) was buried 17th July 1590 having died on 16th July.

Sara (\$331), daughter of **Nicholas Bristow** (\$329) was baptised on 1st November 1585.

John Bristow (\$655) of **Mereworth** married **Ursula Snode** (\$656) on 14th April 1600 “[at the request of Mr. Cooke, parson, there](#)” (that is, at Mereworth). Their son, **Jeames** (\$1102), was baptised a month after the marriage, on 2nd May 1613 and buried a year later, on 10th May 1614.

Benjamin Brooke (\$1826) married **Judith Brooke**¹⁰⁵ (\$1834) on 21st July 1642.

Thomas Burgesse (\$1778) married **Elizabeth Clemence** (\$1779) on 26th March 1640. Thomas could have belonged to the Burgeis family described in [More Families & Transcripts](#).

105 presumably her married name

Beatrice Burnel, widow, (\$1614) was buried 22nd November 1639.

Ann (\$864), daughter of **John Burnett** (\$862), was baptised on 7th December 1606.

Richard Burton (\$2053) was buried on 14th June 1646.

John Busse (\$2083) had three children baptised in Shipbourne:

-	Thomas	\$2085	4 Apr 1647
-	Elizabeth	\$2086	24 Oct 1648
-	William	\$2192	5 May 1650

Susan (\$431), daughter of **Thomas Butcher** (\$429) was baptised on 24th September 1598.

John (\$1488), the “**bastard child**” of **Susan Butley** (\$1487) was baptised on 13th July 1628 and buried a year later on 5th July 1629.

Thomas Butt (\$621) married **Clemence Standen** (\$622) on 8th October 1595; their daughter, **Elizabeth** (\$633) was baptised on 15th August 1596.

Christopher Byrche (\$830) was buried on 20th June 1605.

Mother Byrche (\$1137) was buried on 13th May 1616.

Love Byshop (\$1769) was buried on 30th April 1640.

John Byshop (\$833) married **Anne Byshop**¹⁰⁶ (\$1913) on 16th October 1643

Shipbourne - C

Jeames Cadwell (\$1076) had three children baptised in Shipbourne:

- | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| - | Waller | \$1078 baptised | 17 Sep 1612 | buried 20 Oct 1612 |
| - | Mary | \$ 1079 | 20 Dec 1613 | 3 Sep 1616 |
| - | Jeames | \$1237 | 4 Oct 1617 | |

see **Codwell of Kemsing**

Thomas (\$883), son of **John Castle** (\$881) was baptised on 1st February 1607.

Johane (\$578), daughter of **Mr.Chapman** (\$576) of **Farleigh**, was baptised on 8th November 1592.

John Chay (\$872) married **Ann Hawkins** (\$878) on 15th November 1607.

¹⁰⁶ again, presumably her married name

Thomas Clearken (\$953) had two children recorded in Shipbourne:

- Thomas \$955 baptised 3 Sep 1609
- Elizabeth \$998 buried 12 Oct 1610

Elizabeth could have died very soon after birth or been older than Thomas.

Thomas Clement (\$1121) married **Mercy Richardson** (\$1122) on 31st January 1614. Their daughter, **Anne** (\$1151) was baptised on 11th December 1614.

John Codd (\$626) was buried on 2nd April 1596

Margaret Codd, widow (\$50) was buried on 1st October 1601; she could have been John's widow.

Raph (\$1012), son of **William Colvill** (\$1010), was baptised on 3rd February 1611.

Susan (\$2195), daughter of **Curtis Colvin** (\$2193), was buried on 13th May 1650.

Nicholas Cooke (\$1843) married **Jane Harrison** (\$1854) on 12th December 1642.

John Cooper (\$874) married **Katherine Collingbourne** (\$880) on 4th September 1608

Jeremiah Cousins (\$1576) was buried on 18th September 1632.

Richard Crow (\$1875) married **Elizabeth Baker** (\$1884) on 4th June 1643. There were a large number of Bakers in the locality but the only Elizabeth recorded who could have married Richard was the daughter of William Baker of Seal (#1593) who was baptised on 19th December 1624. See [Baker in Families & Transcripts](#)

Margaret (\$367), daughter of **James Crowcher** (\$365), was baptised on 23rd October 1586.

John Crowhurst (\$1905) married **Joane Kayson** (\$1919) on 13th February 1644.

Shipbourne - D

Joseph Dalton (\$1930) married **Anne Groombridge** (\$1948) on 11th July 1644/

Isaac Dane (\$1859) could have been the father of both these two children:

Elizabeth	\$2149	baptised 22nd August 1648; father "of Plaxtol "
Thomas	\$1861	26 Feb 1643

Joane (\$1131), daughter of **Richard Danges** (\$1129), was baptised on 20th March 1614.

Nicholas (\$322), son of **John Darman** (\$320), was baptised on 25th April 1585.
Richard (\$903), son of **Richard Darman** (\$901), was baptised on 31st January 1608.
\$901 could have been Nicholas's brother.

John (\$518), son of **Thomas Davison** (\$516) was baptised on 30th April 1590 and buried two years later on 14th April 1592. A Thomas Davison, who could have been John's father or grandfather, was buried on 24th March 1597.

Frances Day (man - \$1212) married **Persys Combes** (\$1214) on 7th August 1617 "[by a licence from Rochester](#)".

Roger Denny (\$1070) was buried on 21st April 1612

John (\$2165), son of **George Doram** (\$2163), was buried, at **Plaxtol**, on 31st January 1649.

William Dove (\$1373) married **Mary Tutchman** (\$1374) on 4th November 1624; they had two children baptised in Shipbourne:

Elizabeth	\$1428	1 Apr 1627
William	\$1429	19 Oct 1628

Robert Dynes (\$1982) married **Elizabeth Massar** (\$1995) on 17th December 1646.

John Edwards (\$1392) was buried on 6th January 1626.

John Elliot (\$1596) married **Elizabeth Pelsan** (\$1597) on 8th October 1633

John Emmersham (\$747) had two daughters baptised in Shipbourne:

Mildred	\$749	22 Jan 1603	
Maria	\$887	20 Oct 1607	buried 29 Oct 1607

Thomas Eredge (\$1909) married **Mary Aucocke** (\$1944) on 23rd April 1644.

David Evans (\$1393) was buried 23rd July 1626.

Shipbourne - F

Nicholas (\$492), son of **Edward Fennar** (\$490), was baptised on 23rd March 1589.

Paul Fishenden (\$1144) married **Alice Peacock** (\$1148) on 22nd May 1615.

John (\$185), son of **Robert Fowle** (\$183), was baptised on 27th March 1581.

James Fowle (\$1703) married **Anne Freeman** (\$1725) on 6th November 1637.

Thomas Frankwell (\$1379) married **Alice Tully** (\$1381) on 9th February 1625. Their daughter, Alice (\$1383) was baptised on 12 April 1625, only two months after the marriage. Alice was buried the same day as her daughter was baptised and the daughter was buried on 27th December 1626.

Nicholas Gallet (\$1963) married **Clemence Stretfield** (\$1961) on 6th August 1644.

The wife of **Anthony Gibson** (\$1325), whose name was not given, was buried on 23rd July 1621. Anthony married **Margaret Medhurst** (\$1328) on 29th April 1622 and their son, **Anthony** (\$1329) was baptised on 6th July 1623.

Giles Gladdish (\$1213) married **Joane Parker** (\$1215) on 29th December “[by a licence from Rochester](#)”.

Daniell Goffe (\$1536) was buried on 31st May 1631; he had “[drowned](#)”.

James (\$555), son of **James Gooding** (\$553), was baptised on 13th March 1592.

John Goodyear (\$869) married **Alice Avis** (\$875) on 26th January 1607 by licence. **Elizabeth** (\$2179), daughter of **Richard Goodyear** (\$2177), was buried on 2nd April 1649.

Thomas Grayland (\$916) married **Agnes Gilbert** (\$1213) on 25th February 1609 “**by licence**”.

Deborah (\$1745), daughter of **Robert** (\$1743) and **Deborah Greenway** (\$1744), was baptised on 9th December 1638.

Henry Groombridge (\$2012) married **Francis Coppin** (\$2284) on 21st January 1645.

Nicholas Gutsoll (\$945) married **Sara Bennett** (\$952) on 20th August 1609 by a licence from Rochester.

Philip Gylbert (\$1877) married **Mary Joymar** (\$1890) on 15th August 1643.

Shipbourne - H

Philip Haden (\$1514) married **Elizabeth Turner** (\$1515) on 17th May 1630 and they had two children baptised in Shipbourne:

Anne	\$1516	13 Mar 1631
William	\$1782	23 Aug 1640

There is a long interval between these two children; they could have moved away and then returned but a nine year gap is quite feasible.

John Haith (\$1824) married **Jane Barton** (\$1838) on 16th May 1642.

Susan (\$245), daughter of **John Hamslie** (\$243), was baptised on 26th December 1582.

Anthony Harrice (\$1980) married **Jane Hewet** (\$1993) on 2nd December 1644

Nicholas Hastly (\$418) married **Marie Corneford** (\$419) on 28th July 1598.

Mother Harte (\$1136) was buried on 20th October 1615

John Hartley (\$829) was buried on 25th May 1610.

The son of "-- Hatch", unbaptised, was buried on 25th February 1587.

Mercie Hatch (\$515) was baptised on 15th February 1590; her father's first name was not given. Was the same man father of both these children?

Lawrence Hawkes (\$1611) married **Elizabeth Crips** (\$1028) on 24th June 1611 "by a licence from Rochester".

Ellys Hayes (\$1026) married **Mary Mun** (\$1029) on 1st July 1611 by a licence from Rochester.

Peter Haynes (\$1791) married **Elizabeth Ousmer** (\$1799) on 30th September 1644
John Haynes (\$2054) of **Roughey** was buried on 23rd February 1647

– **Head** was buried on 22nd April 1634

Stephen Helie (\$126) married **Bridget Page** (\$127) on 7th April 1576

John Hollowood (\$598) married **Sylvia Bridges** (\$599) on 30th September 1594.

Elizabeth (\$1093), daughter of **Jeames Holmden** (\$1091) was baptised on 2nd December 1612

The infant son of **John Homan** (\$1367) was buried on 7th October 1624. His daughter, **Alice** (\$1370), was baptised on 2nd April 1626.

Katherine (\$639), daughter of **Robert Homeward** (\$637) was baptised on 14th November 1598.

11A Robert Homeward was buried on 27th June 1603 and **Jeane Homeward, widow** (\$638) on 7th April 1616.

Sir Robert Honeywood (\$1551) married **Mistress Frances Vane** (\$1552) on 3rd April 1631.

Edward (\$2031), son of **Sir Robert Honeywood**, was baptised on 3rd October 1645. Were there two Sir Robert Honeywoods?

Henry (\$531), son of **Robert Howe** (\$529) was baptised on 6th September 1590. **Alice How** (\$1320) was buried on 21st March 1621; no more details were given.

Edward Hubbart (\$2121) married **Elizabeth Haines of Plaxtol** (\$2154) on 14th October 1648.

John Hubble (\$1245) married **Alyce Taylor** (\$1254) on 25th May 1618
Dorothy Hubble (\$1255) married **George Lambe** (\$1246) on 26th July 1618
John and Dorothy could have been brother and sister.

Christopher Hudson (\$2013) married **Elizabeth Burrall/Boume** (\$2018) on 13th February 1645.

Robert Hunn (\$811) married **Sara Basden** (\$813) on 13th August 1604.

Richard (\$1230), “**baseborn**” son of **Susan Hunter** (\$1229), was baptised on 19th February 1618.

William Ivell (\$1531) married **Margaret Tutsham** (\$1540) on 27th September 1630.

Shipbourne - J

Richard (\$2103), son of **Thomas James** of Plaxtol (\$2101), was baptised on 7th September 1647.

Stephen Jarrat (\$1732) married **Elisabeth Jarrat**¹⁰⁷ (\$1737) on 1st June 1638.

¹⁰⁷ presumably her married name

Jane (\$1805), daughter of **John Jarrat** (\$1803) was baptised on 10th June 1641.

Katherine (\$852), “**base born child of John Jernies**” (\$850), was baptised on 10th May 1646. This was presumably the father’s name.

Joseph Jessop (\$1937) married **Joane Nash** (\$1958) on 3rd September 1644. Joseph’s connection, if any, with the Penshurst Jessops is not known. Some of them were known by the alias “Joseph”. **Johane Jessop** (\$11) married **William Nicolson** (\$59) on 21st November 1566. Although she was not described as a widow William’s wife could have been \$1958.

Thomas Jinner (\$1907) married **Mary Kerry** (\$1921) on 24th February 1644.

Abraham (\$2075), son of **Henry Keble** (\$2073), was baptised on 12th March 1647.
– **Keble** (\$2125) of Plaxtol was buried on 8th May 1649.

Nicholas Lanes (\$746) married **Mary Page** (\$732) on 2nd February 1603

Lawrence Langstaffe (\$1772) was buried on 24th August 1642.

Robert Layne (\$372) married **Alice Bredger** (\$373) on 16th January 1587

William Lighe (\$549) was buried on 19th March 1591

William Lowe (\$777) had three children baptised in Shipbourne:

- | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|-------------|
| - | Dorothy | \$779 | 16 Oct 1603 |
| - | William | \$780 | 30 Jun 1605 |
| - | Robert | \$886 | 26 Apr 1607 |

Shipbourne - M

Henry Manly (\$1449) had two children:

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| - | "infant of Henry Manly" | buried | 9 Oct 1627 |
| - | Katherine | \$1452 baptised | 14 Jun 1629 |

Edward Marden (\$1610) married **Jane Baret** (\$1618) on 26th October 1634

Margaret Muglet (\$1721) was buried on 3rd May 1637

William Muglet (\$1722) married **Elizabeth Barnes** (\$1723) on 24th June 1639.

Thomas Myles (\$1929) married **Anne Bowyer** (\$1947) on 27th June 1644

Elizabeth (\$2184), daughter of **Solomon Newman** (\$2182) was baptised on 23rd September 1649 and buried on 21st May 1650.

Abraham Olney (\$944) married **Joan Hall** (\$951) on 19th August 1609 by a licence from Rochester.

William Ousman (\$1615) was buried on 13th April 1638

Shipbourne - P

Julias Padmore (\$1793) married **Katherine Young** (\$1814) on 15th September 1641

Edward (\$263), son of **Constance Paler** (\$261), was buried on 13th March 1583

Jane (\$636), daughter of **Clement Parkyns** (\$634) was baptised on 22nd October when she was three days old.

Elizabeth (\$988), wife of **John Payne** (\$987) of **Wrotham**, was buried on 15th May 1610.

George Penherst (\$822) married **Ann Godfrey** (\$823) on 5th February 1605.

Perigrene Perigrene (\$1815) baptised 5th November 1643. No more details given.

John (\$125), son of **James Plant** (\$123), was buried on 6th April 1576

Robert Polter (\$605) was buried on 3rd September 1595.

Alice (\$1281), daughter of **Robert Post** (\$1279), was baptised on 22nd March 1619.

Thomas Potter (\$1577) was buried on 27th March 1633

Katherine Price (\$1261), wife of **John Price** (\$1260), was buried on 8th November 1618.

John Pullenger (\$222) was buried on 27th May 1582

William Pullinger (\$1086) married **Clemence Butcher** (\$1087) on 3rd October 1612 by a licence from Rochester.

Mary (\$1550), daughter of **John Quaife** (\$1546), was baptised on 19th December 1630.

Walter Quaife (\$1545) married **Editha Bound** (\$1547) on 27th November 1630.

Frauncis (\$1075) and **William** (\$1074), the twin sons of **Frauncis Rawe** (\$1072), were baptised on 23rd August 1612.

William Raynes (\$1754) married **Joane Byshop** (\$1759) on 27th August 1639

Samuel Reader (\$2122) married **Alice Stiles** (\$2127) on 14th May 1649

John Reddinge (\$1014) had two children baptised in Shipbourne:

- John \$1016 baptised 14 May 1611 buried 4 Sep 1614
- Elizabeth \$1114 30 Oct 1613

George Rich (\$949) married – **Gatland** (\$962, first name not given) on 9th January 1610.

Francis (\$1955), son of **Francis Robsonne** (\$1953), was baptised on 29th August 1644.

Thomas Rogers (\$1761) married **Mary Pullard** (\$1765) on 24th October 1639.

Susan Rogers (\$1943) married **Thomas Tygh** (\$1926) on 7th September 1644.

John (\$1916), son of **Robert Roodman** (\$1914), was baptised on 8th March 1644.

William Rose (\$1936) married **Mercy Alworth** (\$1957) on 3rd September 1644 in Shipbourne.

Anne (\$1853), daughter of **John Russell** (\$693), was baptised on 6th November 1642.

Shipbourne - S

Christopher Sage (\$1928) married **Elizabeth Hall** (\$1946) on 10th June 1644.

George Sams (\$2017) married **Elizabeth Peck** (\$2923) on 7th April 1645

Thomas Sandyll (\$1352) had two sons baptised in Shipbourne:

- | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------------|
| - | Thomas | \$1354 | 9 Jul 1623 |
| - | Henry | \$1415 | 30 May 1626 |

Margaret Sexton (\$641) was buried on 17th March 1597

Edmond (\$2142), son of **John Sexton** of **Plaxtol** (\$2140), was baptised on 8th August 1648.

Thomas Shenham (\$1842) married **Jane Plane** (\$1851) on 25th October 1842.

Elizabeth Shepherd (\$9), alias **Bessa Bramlie** was buried 2nd July 1598.

Walter Sherewood (\$539) had two daughters baptised in Shipbourne:

- | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|-------------|
| - | Alice | \$541 | 20 Jan 1591 |
| - | Hester | \$560 | 2 May 1592 |

Thomas Shoesmith (\$1872) married **Dorothy Terrill** (\$1879) on 10th April 1643

William (\$500), son of – **Simson**, was baptised on 12th October 1589.

Thomas Battrie (\$559), son of – Battrie, Londoner, nursed with the wife of
Edward Simpson (\$498), was buried on 26th April 1592.

Edward could have been William's father.

John Skinner (\$1735) married **Joane Claygate** (\$938) on 29th May 1638.

Frances (\$2176), daughter of **Thomas Sleidar** (\$2174), was baptised on 2nd April
1649

Ann (\$1992), daughter of **Thomas Slythe** (\$1990), was baptised on 28th November
1644.

John Sowth (\$870) married **Katherine Revell** (\$877) on 19th July 1607

William Sparke (\$1903) married **Jane Ousted** (\$1912) on 12th October 1643

The wife of – **Spillet** (\$629) was buried on 20th May 1596.

Susan Sprinkfeild (\$985) was buried on 15th February 1612.

John (\$344), son of **John Standlie** (\$342) of **West Peckham** was baptised on 4th
December 1585.

William Stanley (\$1964) married **Anne Stretfield** (\$1964) on 28th November 1644

Abraham Staple (\$1233) married – **Boother** (\$1235) on 15th October 1617 by a licence from Rochester.

James Stevenson (\$1874) married **Mary Wray** (\$1883) on 18th May 1643.

John Stonard (\$1578) was buried on 10th October 1633

William (\$890), son of **Noe Stone** (\$888) was baptised on 8th November 1607.

William Stone married **Margaret Hughes** (\$1414) on 27th May 1626; if he was \$890 he was only eighteen when he married.

Anne (\$1314), daughter of **Thomas Streator, clerk** (\$1312), was baptised on 12th February 1621.

John (\$2092), son of **Thomas Stringer** (\$2090) was baptised on 11th April 1647.

Richard Strutfield (\$1873) married **Susan Carden** (\$1882) on 4th May 1643.

John (\$2067), son of **Thomas Sythe** (\$2065), was baptised on 26th November 1646.

Shipbourne - T

John (\$561), son of **Edward Tapsfield** (\$384), was baptised on 18th June 1592.
George Tapsfield (\$386) was baptised on 24th March 1587 but no father was given; he could have been John's elder brother.

Cicely (\$2132), daughter of **William Terill** (\$2130), was baptised on 2nd June 1648.

John Thetcher (\$1987) married **Agnes Appleby** (\$2001) on 6th February 1645 in Shipbourne.

Frauncis (\$319), daughter of **Thomas Thracy** (\$317), was baptised on 14th March 1585.

Sara (\$625), daughter of **Thomas Tindley** (\$623) was baptised on 23rd December 1595.

John (\$450), son of **Edward Tonbridge of Wrotham** (\$448), was baptised on 18th March 1599.

Robert (\$906), son of **Thomas Towne** (\$904), was baptised on 21st February 1608 and buried four days later on 25th February.

Ambrose Tyler (\$1307) was buried on 3rd September 1620.

Mary (\$1419), daughter of **Richard Waghorne** (\$1417), was baptised on 26th November 1626

John Wakett (\$425) married **Margaret Carver** (\$426) of **Pembury** on 24th September 1599.

Edward Walker (\$1800) was buried on 15th January 1644

William Wallis (\$939) had two children baptised in Shipbourne:

- | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|-------------|
| - | William | \$941 | 16 Jun 1609 |
| - | Jeane | \$1062 | 15 Mar 1612 |

Thomas Watson (\$1770) was buried on 12th June 1640

Nicholas Wickenden (\$1839) married **Clemens Jeffery** (\$1642) on 26th September 1642.

Henry Wickenden (\$1932) married **Mary Allen** (\$1950) on 18th September 1644.
Nicholas and Henry could have been brothers.

A woman dwelling with **Robert Wickham** (\$594) was buried on 2nd March 1594 and a **child** out of the house of Robert Wickham was buried on 18th March 1594.

Dennis (\$2157), daughter of **John Willeforth** (\$2155), was baptised on 21st 1649.

William Yewell (\$1900) was buried on 10th September 1645.

Unlicensed Tippling-Houses

Drunkenness and also “tippling”, sitting drinking for more than one hour in a man’s own township, was forbidden by Acts of 1603 and 1606. Ale or hopped beer was a nutritional necessity but only the larger households were able to be self-sufficient in its production. The poorer part of the population bought their ale, and often their bread as well, from a village alehouse for which an alehouse licence had been required since 1552. But the keeping of unlicensed alehouses and tippling-houses was very common - in 1644, twenty-five Essex villages had, between them, fifty-five licensed and fifty-two unlicensed ale-sellers.¹⁰⁸

Because records for neither the Quarter Sessions nor the Church Courts have survived for West Kent, the only information available is that from the records of the Assizes. Many more cases would have been handled at the lower levels.

In the chapter “**Misadventure, Crime & Enterprise**” in the *History of Sevenoaks*, the unlicensed tippling-houses are given and there is a description of a weekend which started with card playing on Saturday night and ended with one of them being attacked on Monday.

The Calendars for Assizes, which are the source of the references described here, covered East as well as West Kent and a few details are given for places in East Kent, for example Ashford and Leeds.

The Derlynges from Kingsdown

The only case surviving for the reign of Queen Elizabeth is that of **Edward Derlynge** of Kingsdown, yeoman, who was indicted at the July 1598 Assizes for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house at **Kingsdown** between 6th August 1597 and 17th July 1598. Three years later, he arrived at the July 1601 Assizes as a prisoner and was indicted with **George Dyrlynge**, labourer, also from Kingsdown, for petty larceny. This time Edward was described as a husbandman. They were charged with stealing 2 pigs (11d), on 30th April 1601, from **Leonard Lovelace**.¹⁰⁹

This association of the keeping of unlicensed alehouses and petty crime was fairly common.

109 Cockburn (Eliz.); 2616, 2876, 2907, 2910

The Reign of James I

The first entry regarding alehouses during the reign of James I was at the June 1611 Assizes:

John Rycard of **Cranbrook** and **John Burrish** of **High Halden**, victuallers, on 20th1 May 1611 allowed people to sit tippling and drinking in their houses for one hour, contrary to statute. [*marginal note*] these alehouses are to be put down.

At both the July 1612 and March 1613 Assizes writs requiring the sheriff of Kent to produce both these men were issued.¹¹⁰

Alehouses & Tippling in 1613

Prior to the March 1613 Assizes, there seems to have been a concerted effort to bring tippling and unlicensed alehouse offences to court¹¹¹:

¹¹⁰ Cockburn (James); 616; 711; 760

¹¹¹ Cockburn (James); 761

Jonas Avyne of **St. Mary Hoo**. victualler, on 7th February 1613 allowed **William Gyssam** and **Robert Copys** of St. Mary's to sit tippling in his house for most of the day.

Oliver Beale of **Hunton**, labourer, “keeps an unlicensed alehouse and has allowed tippling on the sabbath”.

Keeping unlicensed alehouses:

- **George Wilson**, butcher, **William Fydge**, carpenter, and **Edward Styles**, cutler, of **Leeds** (see Edward Fidge of Leeds in 1625)
- **Philip Huggin**, labourer, of **Throwley**
- **Thomas Jervyn**, smith, of **Egerton**
- **John Church** of **Newington**.

Other items in the same entry include:

Thomas Harman of **Benenden**, victualler, on 8th March 1613 allowed **Nicholas Shoesmyth** of Benenden, tailor, to drink and play cards in his house for most of the day.

Ralph Cooke of **Greenwich** keeps ill order in his house and allows “suspected women” to haunt the place.

John Scotese *alias* Charles of Newington and **William Wood**, vicar of **Orpington**, are common drunkards.

March 1625

John Burlynge and **Thomas Muncke**, both husbandmen, were each indicted for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house at **Eynsford** on 1st October 1624.

John Evans, of **Maidstone**, and **Richard Tye** and **Edward Dartnoll**, of **Ashford**, victuallers, were indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses on 4th July 1624.

The verdict, in all three cases, is unknown.¹¹² but Edward Dartnoll was indicted again in July 1625 - see below

Alexander Besbitch of **Goudhurst** was presented to a grand jury for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house as was **Thomas Atkins** of **Hawkhurst**, victualler, for keeping ill-rule in the night-time.¹¹³

¹¹² Cockburn (James) 981, 982 & 988

¹¹³ Cockburn (James); 999

The Reign of Charles I

During the reign of Charles I there were many more indictments for the keeping of unlicensed tippling-houses, etc. than previously. These start in the first Assizes of the reign - July 1625. In many cases writs were also served upon the people indicted but these are included here only occasionally except for the period 1636 to 1647.

July 1625

There were five separate indictments, four of them for Ashford where unlawful games were being played.¹¹⁴

- **William Plomley**, labourer, and **Elizabeth Gouldsmyth**, widow, of **Chiddingstone** for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses at Chiddingstone from 1st April to 20th July 1625. This was endorsed by Jeremy Heaver as a true bill.

114 Cockburn (Chas.I); 31, 35, 36, 37, 38

- **Henry Cloake** of **Ashford**, alehouse-keeper, for allowing unlawful games to be played in his alehouse at Ashford on 27th January 1625 and other occasions before and since. [*endorsed*] true bill.
- **Edward Dartnoll** of **Ashford**, alehouse-keeper, for allowing unlawful games to be played in his alehouse at Ashford on 6th February 1625 and other occasions before and since. [*endorsed*] true bill (he had been charged at the previous Assizes with keeping an unlicensed tippling-house).
- **Richard Allan** of **Ashford**, innkeeper, for allowing unlawful games to be played in his inn at Ashford on 4th February 1625 and other occasions before and since. [*endorsed*] true bill
- **Ellis Sanderson** of **Ashford**, alehouse-keeper, for allowing unlawful games to be played in his alehouse at Ashford on 15th January 1625 and other occasions before and since. [*endorsed*] true bill

Entry 42 lists

- **Thomas Farley**, labourer, of **Lenham**
- **Edward Fidge**, **Thomas Bensted** and [*blank*] **Howell**, labourers of **Leeds**

- John Fusbus, labourer, of **Bearsted**
- William Markewick, labourer, of **Brenchley**
- Thomas Churchman, labourer, and **Anne Glover**, widow, of **Woolwich**
- Richard Jackson, labourer, and **Alice Prestman**, widow, of **Lawson**
- Peter Munck, labourer, of **Keston**
- Robert Bell, labourer, of **East Farleigh**
- Henry Gilbert, labourer, of **Frittenden**
- Hugh Gilbert, labourer, of **Benenden**
- Anthony Kent, Abraham Lewes, John Cocke, Thomas Stoodie and George Ingaram, labourers of **Chatham**
- Paul Wiborne, Peter Shansted and Edward Redgwaye, labourers of **Strood**
- Thomas Collett, labourer, of **Frindsbury**
- Nicholas Kirke and Robert Smythe, labourers of **Cliffe**

who were all indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses on 1st February 1625. *[endorsed]* true bill

Entry 44 gives the following Presentments made to the Grand Jury:

- There are four alehouses in Bearsted parish where hitherto there has been only two. One of them is kept by **Robert Clerke** who is unlicensed. (Entry 42 above gives John Fusbus of Bearsted as keeping an unlicensed tippling-house)
- **John Loveringe** of **Langley**, alehouse-keeper, lives in a very unfit place and keeps disorder in his house.

Tippling-houses in Ightham

At the July 1627 Assizes Benet Barratt, labourer of Ightham, was indicted for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house in Ightham¹¹⁵. He was indicted again in 1628 with others from Ightham being charged in 1628 and 1629. Barratt was served with various writs up to 1630 and the others up to 1639. See **Benedict Barret in More Families & Transcripts** for details.

Keepers of unlicensed tippling-houses in Pembury

At the July 1629 Assizes, **Lawrence Nevill**, **John Dann**, **Thomas Garrett** and **William Benge**, labourers of Pembury, were amongst those indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses between 1st April and 9th July 1629. At the March 1630 Assizes they were served with writs *venire facias*. William Benge and **John Gibbons**, sawyer, were indicted similarly a year later but William was now described as a carpenter. Thomas Garrett and William Benge (labourer) were also served with a writ *capias* at this Assizes. Perhaps there were two William Benges, one a labourer and the other a carpenter.¹¹⁶

At the March 1631 Assizes the carpenter and John Gibbons were served with writs *venire facias* and the labourer and Thomas Garrett with writs *capias* in both March and July 1631¹¹⁷.

There was no further mention of a William Benge until February 1635 when William Benge, **William Cousens** and **Edward Terry**, all described as husbandmen of Pembury, were served with writs of attachment. These three were then

116 Cockburn (Chas.I) 487, 557, 607, 621; see [Benge in Families & Transcripts](#) for the sixteenth century Benges of Pembury

117 Cockburn (Chas.I); 716, 718, 801

indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses on several dates in 1634 and 1635. They were again served with writs of attachment in July 1635 and yet again in February 1636.¹¹⁸

Meanwhile, Thomas Garrett and John Dann, with whom he had been associated from 1629, were being served with writs *capias* twice yearly from July 1632 to July 1638. Were these regularly issued writs a means of keeping men such as these under observation?

1627 to 1635

The long lists of similar indictments continue only a few of which are given here:

At the July 1627 Assizes **Thomas Davis** of **Maidstone**, innholder, was indicted for keeping cards, dice, and tables in his house and serving drink at unseasonable hours of the night¹¹⁹

¹¹⁸ Cockburn (Chas.I); 1199, 1211, 1260, 1321

¹¹⁹ Cockburn (Chas.I); 263

At the March 1629 Assizes, William Ware of Seal was presented to the Grand Jury for selling “[beer without licence and in an unfit place](#)”¹²⁰. Like many others, writs of various forms were made against him at each of the Assizes up to July 1637 - see the [Wares of Seal in More Families & Transcripts](#) for more details.

Amongst others indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling houses on 1st January 1630 and other occasions was **Sarah Van**, widow, of **Tonbridge** who was served with writs in the same was as others such as those from Pembury.

- **William Benge**, carpenter, and **John Gibbons**, sawyer, of **Pembury**.¹²¹

At the February Assizes, 1635 three husbandmen from Pembury were indicted for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house on several dates in 1634 and 1635. These included William Benge who was probably the same man as was indicted in 1630, now described as a husbandman rather than a carpenter. The other two were **William Cousens** and **Edward Terrye**.¹²²

¹²⁰ Cockburn (Chas.I); 437

¹²¹ Cockburn (Chas I); 607. see [Benge in Families & Transcripts](#) for the sixteenth century Benges of Pembury

¹²² Cockburn (Chas.I); 1211

A year later, **Edward Steede**, brewer, of **Cranbrook** was indicted for selling beer to two Cranbrook men who were not licensed to keep a tippling-house:

- 20 barrels on 1st July 1635 to **Alexander Jefferye**, labourer
- 10 barrels on 2nd July 1635 to **Samuel Harman**, victualler¹²³

But by 1636 Sevenoaks had attracted the attention of the authorities with:

- **John Chapman**, victualler, and
- **Thomas Raines**, **John Acourte** *alias* Gardener, **John Hawes**, **John Momon**, **William Smith**, and **John Swyfte**, labourers

of Sevenoaks all being indicted for the keeping of unlicensed tippling-houses on 1st February 1636 and other occasions

and:

- **John Chapman**, **John Askew**, **John Bartwell**, **John East**, **John Swyfte**, and **William Smith**, labourers, and **Mary Haywood**, widow of **Riverhead** in Sevenoaks for the keeping of unlicensed tippling-houses on 1st July 1635 and other occasions.¹²⁴

Were there two John Chapmans?

¹²³ Cockburn (Chas.I); 1332 & 1333

¹²⁴ Cockburn (Chas.I); 1328 & 1348

John Chapman, labourer of Riverhead, was indicted again, for the same offence, at the July 1637 Assizes¹²⁵

¹²⁵ Cockburn (Chas I); 1490

Indictments & Writs 1636 to 1647

Between 1636 and 1638 Isaac Dane and Thomas Curde, labourers of **Penshurst**, were served with writs of attachment. They were two of the labourers from various parishes indicted at the July 1638 Assizes indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses on 1st February 1638 and other occasions. This was endorsed as a true bill¹²⁶. The men were:

- **Isaac Dane** (ID) (sometimes Isaac Doe) of Penshurst
- **Thomas Curde** (TC) of Penshurst
- **George Piggott** (GP) of Cobham
- **William Allen** (WA) of Cobham up to entry 1627, Penshurst afterwards
- **Thomas Barton** (TB) of Woodchurch
- **William Sell** (WS) of Sturry
- **Thomas Intege** (TI) of Chislet.

Between then and 1647, writs of attachment were issued against them as shown in the table below.

126 Cockburn (Chas.I); 1627

year	F1636	J1636	F1637	J1637	F1638	J1638	F1639	J1639	F1640	M1641	M1642	J1646	M1647
ID	wa	wa	wa	wa	wa	wa Ind	wa	wa	wa	wa	Ind	wa	wa
TC	1321	1398	1440	1482	1559	1622 1627				1895	1902	2037	2325
GP						1622 1627	1697						2409
WA						1622 1627	1697	1754	1812	1895		2037	2325
TB						1622 1627	1697						2409
WS						1622 1627							
TI						1622 1627							

year - month (F- Febraury, M - March, J - July) followed by year

wa - Writs of attachment; Ind - Indictment wvf - writs, *venire facias*

At the March 1641 Assizes **Isaac Dane** of Penshurst, now described as an alehouse-keeper, was again indicted for keeping unlicensed alehouses on 1st July 1640 and other occasions.¹²⁷ When he was served with a writs of attachment from entry 1895 onwards he was given as Isaac Doe.

When he was indicted in 1641 he was one of many alehouse-keepers who came from Goudhurst, Gillingham, Stockbury, Chatham, Codsheath hundred, Brenckley hundred, Sibertswold, East Farleigh and Sutton Valence. In addition to the alehouse-keepers, also charged with keeping unlicensed alehouses were two wives of alehouse-keepers, two widows and a butcher

127 Cockburn (ChasI); 1902

Tonbridge 1638 to 1648

At the February 1639 Assizes, a number of people were indicted for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses between 1st January 1638 and 27th February 1639. These were:

- **William Woodden**, maltster/brewer, who was also indicted for selling 60 barrels of beer to **John Word**, **Christopher Constable** and others unknown, unlicensed alehouse-keepers, at Tonbridge on 2nd January 1639.
- **David Cheeseman**, clothier
- **William Wallis**, miller
- **Alice Howe**, widow
- **Joyce Oater**, widow
- **Christopher Constable**, butcher.¹²⁸

Alice Howe had previously been indicted at the July 1638 Assizes for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house at Tonbridge on 1st May 1638 and served with a writ, *venire facias* at the February 1639 Assizes. She continues to appear in the records:

128 Cockburn (Chas.I); 1720, 1721

July 1639

writ *capias*

February 1640

writ of attachment; indictment for keeping an
unlicensed alehouse on 1st July 1639

March 1641 & 1642

writ of attachment

Her final appearance was at the September 1644 Assizes with three labourers of
Tonbridge:

- **Henry Burrell**, Christopher Constable (a butcher in 1639) and **Robert
Shoebridge**

all indicted for keeping unlicensed alehouses at Tonbridge on 1st July 1642¹²⁹.

1638 to 1648

A few of the other of indictments from the rest of Charles's reign are given here:

Amongst those indicted at the July 1640 Assizes for keeping unlicensed alehouses
on 1st February 1640 was **Thomas Cousens** of **Pembury**¹³⁰.

¹²⁹ Cockburn (Chas.I); 1643, 1696, 1755, 1812, 1819, 1895, 2037, 2213

¹³⁰ Cockburn (Chas.I); 1841

Indicted, at the March 1641 Assizes, for keeping unlicensed tippling-houses at Wrotham between 1st January and 3rd March 1641 were:

- **Nicholas Milton**, yeoman
- **Robert Bright**, carpenter and **Thomas Bright**, sen., labourer
- **Elizabeth Covill**, widow all from **Wrotham**¹³¹

Amongst those indicted at the August 1641 Assizes for keeping unlicensed alehouses on 1st February 1641 and other occasions were

- **Richard Smyth**, victualler of **Wrotham**; he was also indicted at the September 1644 Assizes for keeping an unlicensed alehouse on 1st July 1642.
- **Margaret Courte**, widow, and **John Warren**, victualler, of **Meopham**¹³².

Amongst a very long list of people indicted at the March 1642 Assizes for keeping unlicensed alehouses on 1st August 1641 and other occasions were

- **John Wood** and **John Chapman**, victuallers, of **Sevenoaks**¹³³.

131 Cockburn (Chas.I); 1919

132 Cockburn (Chas.I); 1968, 2240

133 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2053; there were two John Woods, brewers of Sevenoaks, at this time: one (s305) had children between 1619 and 1627 and another (s307) had a daughter born in 1639

At the September 1644 Assizes, **Robert Swan** and **George Prawle**, alehouse-keepers of **Hadlow** and **West Malling** respectively, were indicted for keeping unlicensed alehouses at Hadlow and West Malling on 1st July 1642¹³⁴.

Amongst those indicted at the August 1645 Assizes for keeping unlicensed alehouses on 1st September 1644 and other occasions were:

- **Alan Cryer** and **William Turner**, victuallers, of **Sevenoaks**
- **John Everest** and **John Baker**, victuallers of **Chevening**
- **John Barre**, **Thomas Symons** and **John Hearnden**, victuallers of **Sundridge**¹³⁵.

At the March 1647 Assizes Alan Cryer, alehouse keeper of Sevenoaks, was indicted for keeing ill-rule and allowing ill-disposed persons to meet illicitly by night in his house on 18th July 1646 and other occasions. **John Palmer**, alehouse keeper of **Leigh** was indicted on a similar charge.¹³⁶

134 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2216, 2240

135 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2291

136 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2439, 2438

At the August 1647 Assizes, two labourers of **West Malling** were indicted:

- **Henry Rosemary** for keeping a common tippling-house in which he allowed ill-rule and persons of ill fame and conversation to eat and drink on 16th March 1647 and other occasions.
- **Peter Cusens** for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house from 16th March to 5th August 1647¹³⁷.

At the March 1648 Assizes, **William Cary**, labourer of **West Peckham**, was indicted for keeping an unlicensed tippling-house at West Peckham between 1st August 1647 and 7th March 1648¹³⁸.

137 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2512, 2522

138 Cockburn (Chas.I); 2601

Wills Proved at Two Courts

A number of wills were proved at two courts - the PCC in London and also at Rochester. Why this happened is not known. Those found are listed below. There seems nothing to separate these wills from the others: dates range from 1527 to 1639; they all come from different parishes; the testators include yeomen, widows, a clothier and a gentleman.

P ¹³⁹	Beecher, John	Leigh, Wickhurst in	1596p	Drake 25	
R	Beecher, John	Leigh, Wickhurst	1596p	18.499; 17 ¹⁴⁰	yeoman
P	Frithe, Joane	Wouldham	1540	Alenger 25	
R	Frith, Joane	Wouldham, Burham	1540d	9.327	widow
P	Granger, Julyan	Lewisham	1559p	Chayney 40	dated 1555
P	Granger, Julyane	Lewiham	1559p	12.350	
P	Kempsall, Thomas	Beckenham	1599	Kidd 89	yeoman
R	Kempsall, Thomas	Beckenham	1599p	19I.96; 18	yeoman

139 P - proved at PCC; R - proved at RCC

140 CKS references: Drb/Pwr followed by Drb/Pw

P	Kent, Richard	Hoo, St. Werburghs	1639	Harvey 84	w.p.b. son John; ¹⁴¹
R	Kent, Richard	Hoo, St. Werburghs	1639p	19IIB.86a	yeoman
P	Kenworth ¹⁴² , Thomas	Nettlestead; Yalding	1581	Darcy 32	yeoman
R	Kenworth, Thomas	Nettlestead	1581p	16.157; 13	
P	King(e), John	Chatham near Rochester	1626	Hele 7	Esq.
R	King(e), John	Chatham; buried Rochester	1626p	21.241; 26	
P	Kipps, Stephen	Hartley	1638/9	Harvey 22	w.p.b. John Overy
R	Kipps, Stephen	Hartley	1638p	19IIB.87 ¹⁴³	yeoman
R	Lambard, Margery	Tonbridge	1594/5p	18.365; 17	widow
P	Lamparde, Margaret	Tonbridge	1595	Scott 5	widow
R	Lane, Henry	North Cray	1593/4p	18.292: 16	
P	Lane, Henry	North Cray; Bexley;	1593	Dixy 26	gent.; Dartford; ¹⁴⁴

¹⁴¹ P.r. son Israel

¹⁴² (Kenward)

¹⁴³ Dra/Pw1

¹⁴⁴ Plumstead; Wickham

P	Leedes, John	Snodland; Birling;	1585	Brudenell 28	East Malling; ¹⁴⁵
R	Leedes, John	Snodland	1585/6p	17.70; 14	clothier
P	Maynard, John	Gravesend	1586	Windsor 37	
R	Maynard, John	Gravesend	1586p	17.90	yeoman
P	Miller, William	Bromley	1528	Porch 29	
R	Miller ¹⁴⁶ , William	Bromley	1523d	7.299	
P	Monox, Ursula	Bully Hill near Rochester	1626	Hele 146	widow
R	Monox, Ursula	Rochester, Boley Hill	1625p	21.153; 27	widow
P	Neale, Barbara	Ditton	1585	Brudenell 37	widow
R	Neale, Barbara	Ditton	1583/4p	16.248	widow
P	Oldham, John	East Greenwich	1603	Bolein 102	
R	Oldham, John	East Greenwich	1603/4p	19I.436; 19	
P	Rede, William	Barming	1527	Porch 28	
R	Rede, William	Barming	1527d	8.108	

¹⁴⁵ Luddesdown

¹⁴⁶ Mellar as an alternative in both cases

Wills Proved Locally

There are a number of cases of wills being proved before the local vicar. In these cases a copy of the will was still made in the probate register.

For example:

- the will **Thomas Blatcher** of Shipbourne (CKS: Drb/Pwr 8.290), written 13th August 1517, was proved in June 1531 in the church of Malling, fourteen years after it was written. Since this is too early for his burial to have recorded in the parish register, it is not known when he died.
[see Blatcher in Families & Transcripts](#)
- the will of **William Blundell** of Tonbridge (CKS: Drb/Pw 9, Drb/Pwr 13.506) written 17th October 1570, was proved before "[William Charlton, clerk and vicar of Tonbridge in the diocese of Rochester](#)", January 157? (probably 1571). See Johane Blundell page 2.s.248 below
[see Blundell in Families & Transcripts](#)
- the will of **William Gather** of Hadlow (CKS: Drb/Pw 9; Drb/Pwr 13.507) was proved before the vicar of Hadlow on 12th February 1570?

Below are given the wills proved before:

- Gilbert Jenyns, vicar of Seal from October 1561 to January 1603; three wills proved 1565, 1570 and 1592; these are the only wills proved by him which have survived
- Nicholas Hooper, curate of Shipbourne; one will in 1582; there could be others since not all Shipbourne wills have been investigated
- John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge., 12 wills proved before John Stockwood between 1586 and 1598 have been found, seven of them being proved in 1589.

Authority to Prove Locally

In some cases the local proving of a will was authorised “by virtue of a commission” delivered to the person who would prove the particular will - see John Blatcher’s will proved by Nicholas Hooper.

Sometimes a vicar was given authority to prove local wills for a given period and, from the number of wills proved by John Stockwood in 1589, it would seem that he had this authority that year. The reason why authority was given to prove an individual will or wills over a period of time is not known.

The Wills of 1589

In 1589 seven wills were proved by John Stockwood; four from Tonbridge and one each from Mereworth, West Peckham and Brenchley. Three more Tonbridge wills were proved in that year - plus any which have not survived.

The nuncupative will of William Lether, spoken on 11th March 1589, was written by Nicholas Hooper, ten weeks later, on 22nd May - see [Lether in Families & Transcripts](#). John Stockwood's signature appears at the bottom of the original (CKS: Drb/Pwr 15), probably to authorise the report given by those who were present when William "spoke" his wishes. But since it was written by Hooper, who was curate of Shipbourne, could not he have authorised the will himself? There is, therefore, the possibility that John Stockwood's signature was part of a statement showing that he had proved the will.

The will of Thomas Rootes of Tonbridge, written on 4th April 1589, was proved on 16th September. The original of this will is damaged and it is possible that it was proved by John Stockwood. The will of John Myller of Tonbridge, written on 21st July 1589, was proved on 23rd October 1589 at the PCC; if it was initially proved by John Stockwood details of this would appear only on the original - see [Myller in Families & Transcripts](#).

Even given that there could be other wills for which the records have not survived and executors would not have been forced to have a will proved in Tonbridge if they wished to go to London or Rochester, it would seem that John Stockwood had been given the authority to prove wills locally for most of 1589.

The Blatcher & Blundell Wills

Three wills for the Blatchers of Shipbourne have survived from the sixteenth century, those of Thomas proved in 1531, John in 1582 and William in 1585. All were proved locally.

The wills of William Blundell (1570) and his wife, Johane, (1586) were both proved in Tonbridge.

Was there some reason for wills for a particular family being proved locally?

Wills proved before Gilbert Jenyns, vicar of Seal and Kemsing:

- "probate at Seal, ?? day, month of January 1565, before me, Gilbert Jenyns, clerk"; will of **John Smalham** of Seal who was buried 12th December 1565 (January 1565 would be 1566 in the new calendar) (CKS: Drb/Pw 8; Drb/Pwr 13.212) [see Smalham in Families & Transcripts](#)
- "probate before me, Gilbert Jenyns, clerk, vicar of Kemsing and Seal, by virtue of a . . ."; will of **William Coxe** of Seal who was buried 18th December 1569. (CKS: Drb/Pw 9, Drb/Pwr 13.452) [see Coxe in Families & Transcripts](#)
- the will of **William Tomlyn** of Seal written 24th May 1592 with probate being granted on 10th July 1592 . . . Gilbert Jenyns, vicar of Seal (CKS: Drb/Pwr 18.165) [see Tomlyn in Families & Transcripts](#)

Will proved before Nicholas Hooper, curate of Shipbourne

- the will of **John Blatcher** of Shipbourne was proved "in Shipbourne church¹⁴⁷ before me, Nicholas Hooper, curate here, by virtue of a commission to me delivered? the 29th day of November 1582 in the 25th year of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth; signed by me Nicholas Hooper". The will was written on 2nd October and John was buried on 6th October. (CKS: Drb/Pw 13; Drb/Pwr 16.202) [see Blatcher in Families & Transcripts](#)

Wills proved before John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge

- the will of **William Blatcher** of Shipbourne (CKS: Drb/Pwr 17.122) was written on 22nd January 1584/5 and he was buried a year later on 15th January 1585/6. Probate of his will was granted within the next two months (January, February, March 1586) before John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge in the porch of his church. [see Blatcher in Families & Transcripts](#)

¹⁴⁷ The proving of the will in Shipbourne church was recorded in the probate statement following the probate copy of the will.

Wills Proved in 1589

- The will of Robert Reade of Tonbridge was written in 1589 (CKS: Drb/Pw 15; Drb/Pwr 17.376) and proved on 24th May 1589 “by John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge by virtue of a commission”. [see Reade in Families & Transcripts](#)
- The will of John Sibley of Mereworth written 18th April 1589 (CKS: Drb/Pw 15; Drb/Pwr 17.395) was proved on 25th May 1589 by John Stockwood
- The will of Edward Johnson (CKS: Drb/Pw 15; Drb/Pwr 17.400) of West Peckham, written on 7th May 1589, was proved by John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge, on 31st May 1589. [see Johnson in More Families & Transcripts](#)
- The will of the husbandman, Simon Stephen of Brenchley (Drb/Pw 15; Pwr 17.358), written 27th March 1589, was “proved before me, John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge Church the 6th June 1589 and the executor within named proved accordingly and the inventory is hereunto knit”¹⁴⁸
[see Stephen in More Families & Transcripts](#)

148 “knit” - fastened?

- The will of John Latter of Tonbridge (**CKS: Drb/Pwr 17.391**) was written on 1st April 1589 and proved on 13th June 1589 before John Stockwood
[see Latter in More Families & Transcripts](#)
- The will of **William Budgen** of Tonbridge (CKS: Drb/Pw 15; Drb/Pwr 17.394) was written on 22nd May 1589 and proved on 24th June 1589 in Tonbridge by the vicar, John Stockwood.
[see Budgen in More Families & Transcripts](#)
- the will of **Johane Blundell** of Tonbridge (CKS: Drb/Pw 15; Drb/Pwr 17.394) was written on 5th October 1586 and she was buried on 3rd October 1588. The will was proved in Tonbridge before "[John Stockwood, vicar there](#)", the 16th September 1589. Johane (or Joan) was the wife of the William Blundell whose will had been proved before the vicar in 1571 - see page 2.z.241 above.
[see Blundell in Families & Transcripts](#)

Wills Proved After 1589

- The will of **John Rolfe** of Tonbridge (CKS: Drb/Pw 15; Drb/Pwr 18.60) was written on 25th September 1589.
“Memorandum that this will was proved the tenth day of March in the year of our lord god 1590¹⁴⁹ before John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge and Thomas Thompson vicar of West Malling at Tonbridge by virtue of a commission to them in that case directed in the presence of the witnesses hereunder written: Edmund Williams, John Coldorb, Samuel Cooke, Nicholas Hooper¹⁵⁰ and others”
see Rolfe in Families & Transcripts
- The will of **William Wells**, yeoman of Hadlow, written 1st December 1595, (CKS: Drb/Pw 17) was: "By virtue of a commission bearing date 5th March 1595/6 directed to me, John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge, this will was by me in the parish church of Tonbridge proved the 12 of March 1595/6, by me John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge"
see Wells in Families & Transcripts

149 1591 in new calendar

150 wrote the memorandum and the will; the other witnesses are not the same people who witnessed the will

- The will of **George Chatfield** of Tonbridge (CKS: Drb/Pw 17; Drb/Pwr 18.58) was written on 4th June 1596. It was proved on 1st September 1596 by "[John Stockwood, clerk, vicar of Tonbridge, and John Grant, vicar of Leigh probate . Elizabeth Chatfield, relict](#)" (executrix)
[see Chatfield in Families & Transcripts](#)
- The will of **Robert Powell** of Bidborough was written on 2nd July 1598 (CKS: Drb/Pw 18; Drb/Pwr 19I.22), and "[was proved before me, John Stockwood, vicar of Tonbridge, by virtue of a commission unto me to the said purpose directed the 17th September 1598, by me John Stockwood.](#)" It has not been transcribed.

Wills by Parish

The wills transcribed are listed here by parish. The number after the name of parish is total number of wills examined for that parish. The dates, in green, followed by a number at the end of the heading line gives the total number of wills in the database for those dates.

Where there is a number in brackets after a date this is the number of wills for that parish for that name for that year; if there is no number, then only one will has been examined for that year.

letter after the date: E: extract; M: mention; N: nuncupative; W: witnesses only
Also given are details of wills written by named scriptors
by the vicar, etc. (here this may be an assumption)

The reference at the end of the line indicates where details can be found:

XA, XB, etc.

Families & Transcripts

X2A, X2B, etc

More Families & Transcripts

Ashurst

1

Reynolds, Mark

1590

Nicholas Hooper

X2R

Beckenham	1	
Medhurst, John	1578E	XM
Bexley	1	
Hall, William	1642	XH
Bidborough	10	
Bennett	1576, 1608, 1638M	XB
Eliard, William	1602	XE
Goldsmith, Andrew	1641	X2G
Lattare, Thomas, yeoman	1619N	X2S
Roger	1578N, 1584	X2R
Oxley, William	1585	X2O
Stubberfield, Thomas	1610	X2S
Thomas Stubberfield:	1608;	Rowland Stubberfield: 1619
Nicholas Hooper:	1578N, 1585N, 1602	Thoms Leddall: 1641

Brasted**10**

Beecher	1614, 1616, 1624d/31p	XB
Crundwell, Nicholas	1618	XC
Edmonds	1618, 1631	XE
Everest, John	1617N	XE
Seyliard, Nicholas	1580, 1625E	X2S
Towne, John	1632	XT

[Lawrence Decosse, parson of Brasted; 1614](#)

Brenchley**11**

Baker, John	1552	XB
Carley, John	1626	X2C
Checksill, Henry	1597E	X2C
Clampard, Alen, vintner,	1613d/5p	XC
Forman	1576; 1640	X2F
Hosmer, Richard	1611	X2H
Knell, Edmond	1649	XK
Stephen, Simon	1589M	X2S
Willard, Elinor	1604E	X2W
Woodgate, John	1632	X2W

[George Salmon; 1604; 1611;1613; 1632; 1640](#)

[John Kerall, vicar, 1576](#)

Capel**4**

Beecher, John	1606p, 1633	XB
Dan, Thomas	1630M	X2D
Goodwyn, John	1647	X2G

John Hooper: 1630**George Hooper: 1647****Chalk****4**

Aleyn, Richard	1511	X2A
Launder, Alice	1566E	X2L
Lovelace, Henry	1577E	XL
Pogles, John	1566E	X2P

Charing**4**

Bingham, Thomas	1583	XB
Scottow, Miles	1626	XS
Spackman, Thomas	1615	XS
Stake, Edward	1577	XS

Chatham	1	
Cock, Richard	1556	XC
Chevening	1	
Boggesse, Richard	1631	XB
Chiddingstone	36	1585-1650 85
Bassett	1585; 1615; 1638	X2B
Beecher	1638; 1637; 1638; 1640; 1647	XB
Clubb, Thomas	1641	X2C
Combridge	1619d/24p; 1634d/37p	X2C
Cottye, Thomas	1629	XC
Everest	1613; 1615; 1618; 1627d/8p; 1640	XE
Hollomby	1637; 1644	XH
Moyse/Mose	1611, 1636	X2M
Pigott	1609d/12p; 1618, 1638W; 1640W	XP
Rivers, George	1638	X2R
Roase, Gregorie	1638	X2R
Savage/Savedge	1641	XS
Taylor, William	1616	XT
Thompson. Eliz. (al.Everest)	1634	XE
Wanmer, Robert	1638d/9p	XW
Wickenden, Mary	1639	XW
Wills, George	1623	HOS2

Wilmot, William	1629		XW
Woodgate, John	1617d/20pE; 1643d/6p		X2W
<p>Thomas Leddall: 1617; 1627; 1629; 1637(2); 1638(2); 1640; 1641(2); 1643</p> <p>Nicholas Hooper: 1609; 1611 George Hooper: 1638</p>			
Chislehurst	1		
Stubbs, John	1632		XS
Cobham	1		
Woody, Thomas	1634		XW
Cowden	8		
Bassett, Thomas	1590d/2p		X2B
Homeden	1568		X2H
Knight	1609d/11p; 1618; 1633; 1638; 1640; 1642		XX
Robert Hedley, Scr.	1609; 1618		
Cudham	1		
Lamparde. John	1603	David Lloyd, vicar of Cudham	XL

Dartford	2		
Mathews, Thomas	1555E		XM
Pearson, William	1555E		XP
East Malling	2		
Tomlyn	1614, 1637		X2T
Edenbridge	3		
Arnold, John	1591	Beda Goodaker, minister	XA
Donstone, John	1627		XD
Seyliard, William	1595W	Lawrence Scrisse, parson of Brasted	X2S
East Greenwich	1		
Longe, John	1625E		XL
East Peckham	31	1585-1650	72
Arnold	1603d/9p; 1612		XA
Baker	1603M; 1619M; 1623		XB
Barton	1602d/4p; 1604d/5p; 1615; 1624; 1626; 1630		XB
Burgeis, Thomas	1618		X2B
Butler	1612, 1622; 1637E		XB
Dennis	1598; 1614E		XD
Fenner, Henry	1615E		XF

Golding, Elizabeth	1596		XG
Huggens/Huggins	1631(4); 1644		X2H
Pattenden, Stephen	1648		X2P
Salmon, Paul	1625d/8p		X2S
Turke, Christopher	1642	JH	X2T
Twisden, Roger	1604E	written by the testator	XT
Welden	1586d/91p; 1613M		XW
Whetenhall, Thomas	1617E		X2W

Edmund Porter, writer:	1624	
Francis Shakerley	1631	
Thomas Tuttesham, senior writer hereof:	1586	
Nicholas Hooper:	1598; 1602; 1604; 1612(2); 1615	
Robert Hooper:	1612; 1618; 1625	
John Hooper:	1626; 1631; 1642	
George Hooper:	1648	

Frindsbury

3


Devenish, Edward	1555E		XD
Huckinge, William	1593M	William Grell, minister & writer hereof	X2H
 Morgan, William fruiterer	1639		XM



Gravesend**4**

Frauncis , John	1570	XF
Pelsett	1564(2)	XP
Swaynsland, Thomas	1540	XS

Hadlow**57** (23 written by Hoopers)**1556-1584 48****1585-1650 107**

Ayherst, John	1594	X2A
Barton, John	1597d,1602p; 1600; 1613; 1622; 1628	XB
Barton, Thomas	1595	X2B
Bishop, Robert	1634	X2B
Carpenter, John	1616	XC
Carr, Richard	1613	XC
 otton, Robert	1633	XC
Crane, John	1556	XC
Godfrey, Elizabeth	1556E	XG
Gooding	1596, 1605N	XG
Harman, Austin	1615	XH
Howe, Richard	1585	XH
Iden, John	1612E	XI
Inge, Thomas	1597	X2I
Joanes, George	1613	X2J
King, William	1576	X2K
Lamparde	1615, 1625	XL
Locke, Nicholas	1630	XL
Manley, William	1617	XM

Mirriam, William	1635M	just in database
Pattenden, Jeremy	1616	X2P
Pawley	1591; 1624d/5p; 1625; 1640	X2P
Plane, Wyat	1597	X2P
Reynolds, Thomas	1608p/10d	X2R
Rolfe, William	1616	XR
Salmon, John	1611	X2S
Simon, Thomas	1558	XS
Sommer, Richard	1591E, 1615; 1621	X2S
Stace, William	1595E	XS
Stone, Thomas	1600N	XS
Stubberfield, Thomas	1624d/5pN	X2S
Symonds, John	1578E	XS
Tonsett, William	1610M	XT
Tryce	1603N, 1623, 1633	XT
Ward, Richard	1602	X2W
Wells	1577d/8pM; 1590; 1596E; 1629; 1646	X2W
White, Robert	1619	XW
Woodgate, Alice	1625	X2W

Thomas Tuttonsham: 1595 Thomas Stubberfield 1597(2)
 William Masters: 1591 Walter Twyce, writer hereof 1577
 Nicholas Hooper: 1585; 1590; 1594; 1596; 1597; 1600; 1603; 1608; 1610; 1611
 Robert Hooper: 1613; 1616
 John Hooper: 1613(2); 1622; 1625(2); 1628; 1630; 1634; 1635N
 George Hooper: 1646

Halstow	2		
Ducke, John	1564	William Painter, parson of Halstow	X2D
Springfield, George	1610		XS
Hever	8		
Beecher, Anne	1611		XB
Douglas	1602M; 1630		XD
Everest, William	1611		XE
Grinstead, Richard	1592		XG
Howell, John	1618pE		XH
Milles, John	1638	Thoms Leddall	X2M
Stanforde, William	1605	John Stere, parson	XS
	Nicholas Hooper: 1611		
	Thoms Leddall: 1638		
Hoo	4		
Bourne, Stephen	1555E		XB
Bowles, Alice	1620	-	X2B
Harrison, Margaret	1556E		XH
Mott, John	1534E		X2Z(Ightham)
Horton Kirby	2		
Best, William	1584	John Orchin? vicar of Horton Kirby	X2B
Hackett, John	1602	with Kipps	X2K

Horsmonden

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Baker, Robert

1647

X2B

Bold, Robert

1635

George Salmon

X2B

Allen, Dame Audrey	1587	XA
Churchman, Henry	1663d/4pN?	XC
Clement, Richard	1538	X2Z
Cubit, James	1644	XC
Gardner, Walter	1612	X2G
Hadlow	1609d/15p; 1626; 1627; 1631d/8p	XH
Hasden, Reginald	1638	XH
Neele, John	1508	XN
Pattle, Thomas	1638	XP
Peckham, Elizabeth	1622	XP
Petley, Mary	1626	HOS2
Rootes, John	1640	X2R
Selby	1610M; 1638pM; 1642pM	XS
Seyliard, Nicholas	1632	XS
Smith, William	1615	XS
Swan, Stephen	1615	X2S
Turner(m), Prudence	1629	X2T
Weston, William	1625	XW

John Grymes, (rector of Ightham) 1626; 1627

George Salmon (script.) 1612

Nicholas Hooper: 1615

Fremlyn	1499E; 1501; 1513; 1515; 1555; 1556; 1576; 1577; 1587; 1640; 1644N	X2F
Best, William	1580d/7p	XB
Carter, Reynold	1526	XC
Chowning, William	1629	X2C
Fletcher, John	1646	XF
Hills	1557; 1567N; 1638d/42p	XH
Hodsoll	1513; 1592	X2H
Kips	1603d/7p; 1616d/7p	X2K
Miller	1551d/7p; 1567N; 1590; 1595d/9p	X2M
Monke, John	1556	XM
Phillips, George	1623	XP
Poule, William	1489	XP
Rogers, Francis	1647	XR
Rumney, Richard	1636	XR
Watts	1565, 1566	X2W
Wigzell, William	1604	X2W
Willard, Abraham	1590	X2W
Wybarne	1519d, 1524d	X2W

Sir Thomas Taylor, vicar

1551

Gilbert Jenyns, clerk

1566

Robert Baker

1623

William Hasden

1576, 1577, 1587

Nicholas Hooper:

1603; 1604

John Hooper:

1616; 1636; 1638

Kingsdown**2**

Clarke, Margaret	1622		XL
Lovelace, Leonard	1616	Thomas Jadwyn, scr.	XL

Leigh**40**

1558-1579 29
1580-1650 94

Bassett, Walter	1629		X2B
Beecher	1558; 1559; 1567; 1593; 1593d/1596p		XB
Budgen	1595; 1626		X2B
Carpenter	1548; 1564; 1622; 1624; 1631; 1638; 1640		XC
Chart, Martin	1629M	just in database	
Clarke, William	1647		XC
Colgate, Johane	1590		X2C
Cooper	1617E; 1624E		XC
Darbie, John	1559		XD
Everest	1618d/26p; 1641		XE
Gurley, Christopher	1582		XG
Jeffrey, John	1624		X2J
Jessopp, Godfrey	1626		X2J
Marten, Ambrose	1618	Robert Hooper	X2M
Mills, Olyver	1625d/6p		XM
Pocock, William	1574	John Godding, vicar	X2P
Polhill, Richard	1618		X2P
Rivers	1583, 1599		X2R

Rumshet, Nicholas	1485		X2R
Stace	1591(2)		XS
Terry, Elizabeth	1628		XT
Thrustcroft, Rowland	1597N		XT
Tyrry, John	1567		X2T
Whellis, John	1575		X2W
Wicking, John	1645		X2W

Sir Robert Bow, vicar of Leigh	1564	John Charke, vicar	1617
Edmund Tucker, writer	1567	John Charte, writer	1595
Thomas Leddall	1622; 1638; 1641		
Nicholas Hooper:	1582; 1590; 1591(2); 1593; 1597; 1599; 1618		
John Hooper:	1618; 1624; 1625; 1626; 1629		
Robert Hooper	1618		
George Hooper:	1645; 1647		

London

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Barton, Richard	1609		XB
Collyns, Frauncis	1600d/2p		X2C
Moody, Henry	1615E	Chiddingstone	XM
Potkyn, William	1537d/8p	Sevenoaks	HOS2
Porter, John #3275	1607d/12p	Seal	XP
Scott, George	1649	Edward Phillips, parish clerk of Mary Woolchurch, London	HOS2
Sulham, William	1579	Tonbridge	XS
Turner, John	1639d/45p	Sevenoaks	HOS2

Luddesdown	1		
Hammond, Miles	1586E		XH
Mereworth	4		
Bettes, John	1589E	Thomas Brand, minister	XB
Bettes, Alexander	1594	Thomas Tutesham, writer hereof.	XB
Cooke, Samuel	1638E		XC
Lone, Samuel	1631		HOS2
Milton	1		
Pearce, John	1583	wrote his own will	XP
Nettlestead	1		
Allen, Thomas	1631		X2A
Otford	1		
Polhill, John	1614		X2P

Pembury	31	1557-1650	99
Amherste, Richard	1602E		X2A
Baker, William	1582	Sir Robert Hames, vicar	XB
Benden, Arthur	1593		XB
Benge	1557(2); 1581		XB
Budgen, John	1636		X2B
Hartridge, William	1639	GH?	X2H
Henwood, Thomas	1594E	Richard Amherst, huius scriptoris	XH
Johnson, Richard	1610d/2p		X2J
Joysy, Sir Robert	1533E		X2J
Kipping, Dame	1513E		X2K
Kirkham, Thomas	1622	George Salmon, scr	XK
Knight, Richard	1576		XK
Lorkyn	1529E, 1534E, 1575, 1627; 1630; 1633		X2L
Moore, John	1613E		XM
Page, Henry	1571	John Farvall, vicar of Brenchley	XP
Reynolds, James	1578		X2R
Rixon	1592, 1594; 1603		X2R
Wybarn, William	1612E		X2W
Woodham, John (al.Odam)	1565; 1594; 1606		XW

1575 Robert Hames ,vicar of Pembury (Harmes or Holmes)

1576 Robert Hames, vicar of Pembury.;Anthony France, vicar of Lamberhurst;
either vicar could have written the will

Richard Johnson 1578; 1581; 1593; 1594(2); 1602;

Richard Johnson, sen., Richard Johnson, ye younger in 1594

Nicholas Hooper: 1592 John Hooper: 1630; 1636

Beach, William	1626		X2B
Beecher	1604d/8p; 1635d/6p; 1636; 1638; 1643		XB
Beecher, Ann	1628		X2B
Carrier, Richard	1604		XC
Combridge	1598; 1610d/15p; 1623; 1623d/37p		X2C
Constable, Thomas	1617		XC
Cotchforde, William	1618		XC
Crundwell	1620; 1623; 1630; 1633N		XC
Everest, Elizabeth	1642d/7p		X2E
Fry	1617E; 1632		X2F
Gardener, Margaret	1617		XG
Godfraye, Olyver	1550E		X2G
Hart, Richard	1635d/43p		X2H
Jessopp	1614d/7p; 1615M; 1617; 1617E; 1618d/22pE; 1621d/5p; 1625d/7p		X2J
Kerwyne, Robert	1616		XK
Loker, William	1619d/24p	Geor: Segars	XL
Luck	1613; 1626		XL
Masters(m), Jane	1635		X2M
Maynard, Jane	1613M		X2M
Moyse	1610; 1621; 1629; 1639		X2M
Pilgrim, William	1641		XP
Reynolds, John	1612d/3p		X2R
Rivers	1599; 1615; 1638		X2R
Rogers, Giles	1644	Thomas Leddall	X2R

Sexton, River	1621E		X2S
Silcocke	1629; 1648		X2S
Skinner	1618; 1628; 1636		X2S
Spencer, John	1602		XS
Stent, Robert	1629		XS
Streatfeilde, Richard	1606	Thomas Otley, scriptor	X2S
Stubberfield, George	1605d/6p		X2S
Waghome, Edmond	1610M		X2Z
Weston, Baptist	1633		XW
Willoughby, Christopher	1630		X2W
Wither, Thomas	1631M		just in database
Woodgate, Fortunatus	1643d/5pM		X2W

John Bust, parson of Penshurst 1599; 1604

Lawrence Decosse, parson of Chiddingstone 1604

John Charte, clerk 1618

Henry Sidney, parson of Penshurst (witness) 1621

Robert Marchant, scriptor 1610; 1623; 1635 (sen.)

Thomas Leddall, scriptor 1615; 1617; 1618; 1621(2); 1626; 1628(2), 1630, 1632;
1635(2); 1636; 1638(2); 1639; 1641; 1643; 1644

Robert Saxpes, the writer hereof 1620; 1621

John Hosmer, jn. scr 1625

Samuel Halfside, scriptor 1629(2)

Nicholas Hooper 1610(2); 1614

John Hooper 1613; 1623; 1626; 1631

George Hooper 1643; 1648

Rochester**5**

Charles, James	1606	XT
Robinson, Thomas	1577E	XR
Soane, Elizabeth	1639	X2S
Stutting, Margery	1590	X2S
White, Thomas	1626	XW

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Alen, John (alias Smith)	1497	XA
Allingham	1594, 1625	XA
Atherfold	1593, 1606, 1642	XA
att Wode, John	1492, 1501	XA
Baker	1476, 1581, 1599, 1644	XB
Barre	1575, 1626	XB
Barton, Richard	1497	XB
Becket, John	1570	XB
Beecher	1566, 1568, 1605	XB
Best	1531, 1534	XB
Biggyns, Gilbert	1541	XB
Blakcherle, John	1478	XB
Blatcher	1476, 1480, 1482, 1545(2), 1563	XB
Bowmer, John	1618	XB
Brewer, Andrew	1592	XB
Carter	1464, 1501, 1538, 1616	XC

Chowll, Joan	1503E		XC
Christopher	1461M, 1501, 1532, 1562, 1574, 1576, 1577(2), 1592		XC
Coates, Christopher	1595d		XC
Coggar	1479E, 1497E		X2C
Cornford, John	1614		XC
Cottman, Johane	1564		XC
Coxe, William	1569		XC
Cramforde. Robert	1512		XC
Crower, Margaret	1512		XC
Crudde, Thomas	1502		XC
Dane, John	1491		XD
Daniell	1521		XD
Deddicott, Arthur	1639	Robert Baker, vicar	XD
Denman	1556, 1599		XD
Dubble (Duble)	1527, 1582		XD
Euerard, John	1492M		XE
Frenche	1476, 1513, 1519, 1535, 1563, 1578, 1617		XF
Fynne, Richard	1563		XF
Geston	1553, 1562		XG
Godden, John	1622		XG
Goodhew	1543, 1545, 1556, 1563		XG
Hadlow	1527, 1548, 1587, 1588		XH
Hall, Thomas	1642		XH
Harman, Thomas	1634		XH
Hasell	1566(2)		XH
Hills	1568, 1593		XH
Holloway	1511, 1529, 1571, 1619, 1635		XH

Holman, Edward	1607	Richard Buckley, vicar	XH
Homewood, Andrew	1603N		XH
Idley	1519, 1524		XI
Kerwyne, John	1585		XK
Lamporte, John	1521		XL
March, Thomas	1477		XM
Masters	1600M, 1601, 1630		XM
Moger	1522, 1560		XM
Olyver	1505, 1512, 1516, 1521, 1527, 1532, 1558, 1561, 1562, 1576, 1581, 1586, 1595, 1596, 1610, 1622(2), 1634, 1640(2), 1642N, 1643		XO
Overie, Anne	1528		XO
Patriche	1454, 1507, 1523, 1555		XP
Pelsett	1486, 1526, 1558, 1563, 1578N, 1611, 1630, 1645		XP
Pococke, Robert	1566		HOS2
Polhill, William	1595		X2P
Porter	1506, 1520, 1533, 1563, 1581, 1587, 1610, 1620, 1623, 1647		XP
Potett, Robert	1501		XP
Pynden	1535, 1590		XP
Raylyson, Thomas	1629		XR
Robert	1527, 1540		XR
Roger, Elena	1469M		XR
Rogers, John	1625		XR
Rolfe,	1625, 1627		XR
Rudland	1563, 1592		XR
Sandell, Thomas	1632		XS

Sandhill, John	1505	XS
Sankyn, Robert	1475	XS
Smalham, John	1565	XS
Snoser, John	1487	X2S
Stace	1566, 1591	XS
Swaynsland	1553, 1555, 1560, 1568, 1619	XS
Tebold	1454, 1472, 1501, 1507, 1545, 1550, 1570, 1575, 1578, 1606, 1617, 1619, 1638(2)	XT
Thomas(m), Elizabeth	1630N	X2T
Tomlyn	1556, 1592	XT
Tooth, John	1588	XT
Walchyn, Thomas	1487	XW
Walkelyn	1501E, 1600, 1602	X2W
Walker, Richard	1609	XW
Walter	1450M, 1505, 1564, 1587	XW
Weekes, John	1607	XW
Welfare. Mary	1639	XW
Wilkyn, William	1517	XW
Wybarne, Juliane	1524	X2W
Wybourne, John	1607	X2W

Walter Durnall, vicar; Thomas Hickling, vicar¹ 1553
 Thomas Tayllor, clerk 1555

¹ Durnall was vicar of Sevenoaks and Hickling vicar of Kemsing and Seal

Thomas Dale, vicar of Kemsing and Seal ²	1560(2)
Gilbert Jenyns, clerk	1562, 1563(3), 1564, 1566(2), 1563, 1568, 1570, 1572, 1573, 1581, 1587, 1592
Andrew Homewood, churchwarden	1593; 1595, 1600, 1601?
Richard Buckley, vicar	1607
Robert Baker, vicar	1639
Thomas Whitford, minister	1644

Thomas Hudson, scr	1568
William Masters	1591
John Olyver #70	1568, 1576, 1577, 1578. 1581, 1587?, 1592, 1595, 1599

some of these could have been written by Richard Olyver #136

John Olyver #70, #1627, #1200	1594
John Olyver #1200	1617
Oliver Lawrence, No:Pub	1640

John Hooper (1560s)	1560, 1562, 1563, 1565
Nicholas Hooper	1575, 1576, 1582, 1588, 1599, 1607, 1609, 1610(2), 1611
John Hooper	1619, 1622, 1626
George Hooper	1645

Bare, John (Weald in)	1625		HOS2
Battie, John	1632		HOS2
Beale, Emma	1574	John Skampion, scrivener (London)	HOS2
Bearding, John (Blackhall in)	1641N		HOS2
Besbeeck, Richard	1633		HOS2
Blome, John	1626		HOS2
Bosville, Henry(Bradbourne in)	1593		HOS2
Brook, Clemens	1510		HOS2
Brown	1624, 1636N		HOS2
Burges, Thomas	1620		HOS2
Burges, William (Kippington)	1594		HOS2
Carleton, Anthony	1638		HOS2
Carrier, Rachel	1640		HOS2
Children, George	1595N		HOS2
Clampard, Richard	1630		HOS2
Cole, John	1629		HOS2
Constable, William(al.Gryffyne	1559		HOS2
Cox, William (Knole in)	1616		HOS2
Cranewell, Giles	1616		HOS2
Cronck, Jone	1617		HOS2
Duglas, Walter	1649		HOS2
Everest	1616, 1648		HOS2
Farnaby, Thomas	1647	Robert Abbot, scr.	HOS2
Farrow, Paul	1580	George Brooke, writer hereof	HOS2
Floate, William	1640		HOS2

Frankwell, William	1625	HOS2
Frost, Thomas (Knole in)	1623	HOS2
Garland, Elyas	1625	HOS2
Gavell, Robert	1608	HOS2
Gifford, Henry	1605	HOS2
Hadsoule, Hellen	1596	HOS2
Hall, Walter	1641	HOS2
Hills	1641, 1645	HOS2
Holmden, Robert	1620	HOS2
Holmes, Thomas	1625	HOS2
Holway, Thomas	1512	HOS2
Hope, John	1632	HOS2
Jeffery	1632N, 1641	HOS2
Jylbert, John	1621	HOS2
Knight, Edward	1634	HOS2
Lambe, John	1605	HOS2
Lamparde, Edward	1630	HOS2
Lawrence, William (senior)	1627	HOS2
Leigh, Walter (Riverhead in)	1631	HOS2
Leighton, Robert	1558	HOS2
Lennarde, John (Knole in)	1591	HOS2
Lone, Richard (& Sundridge)	1581	HOS2
Long, William	1621	HOS2
Mantle, John	1639	HOS2
Masters, John	1629	HOS2
Morley, Thomas	1627	HOS2
Mugworthy, Thomas (Mr.)	1503	HOS2

[Sir Thomas Searle, curate of Sevenoaks](#)

Nash, Stephen	1623N		HOS2
Nevill, Thomas	1567	<i>citizen of London where will written</i>	HOS2
Newman, Peter	1510		HOS2
Olyver, Moses	1606		HOS2
Overy, Martin	1628N		HOS2
Pearson, Clemence	1606		HOS2
Petley	1618, 1635		HOS2
Pett(e)	1513, 1593		HOS2
Pococke	1587, 1596, 1613, 1622, 1624, 1645		HOS2
Poore, Thomas	1649		HOS2
Potkin, John	1545		HOS2
Price, John (Riverhead in)	1625	Richard Stockwood.(writer??)	HOS2
Rebankes, Martin (Weald in)	1630		HOS2
Seyliard, William	1632		HOS2
Sharpe, Rebecca (Bradbourne)	1641		HOS2
Sibbell, Edward	1593		HOS2
Sisley, Edward	1619		HOS2
Smith	1617, 1630		HOS2
Soale, John (Riverhead in)	1647		HOS2
Spratt, John	1614, 1615		HOS2
Standford, Martha	1640		HOS2
Theobald, Stephen	1631		HOS2
Thomas, Richard	1615		HOS2
Tomlin, Abraham	1648		HOS2
Tottisherst, Robert	1512		HOS2
Turner	1634N, 1637, 1638, 1649		HOS2
Vane	1616, 1629		HOS2

Walter, John	1631	HOS2
Warcop, Robert (Riverhead in)	1625	HOS2
Webbe, Richard	1606	HOS2
Weery	1617, 1628	HOS2
White, Emme	1616	HOS2
Wills, Walther	1617	HOS2
Wimble	1630, 1637	HOS2
Winter, Edmond	1627	X2W
Wright	1619, 1624	HOS2
Wylde, Thomas (al.Hinge)	1617	HOS2

John Spratt 1587, 1593, 1606(2), 1613 In 1614 he wrote his won will.
William Turner (vicar): 1616, 1617(2), 1620, 1621(2), 1627, 1628?, 1630, 1632?, 1633
John Wood, parish clerk: 1630, 1632, 1637, 1639, 1645

George Shawe, writer hereof	1596	William Gibson, scr	1617(2)
Nicholas Hooper	1615, 1616	John Hooper	1624, 1632

Shipbourne

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1400-1549 43
1550-1650 74

Arnold, Stephen	1635	XA
Asshbye, John	1623	XA
Baker, Nicholas	1468M	XB
Beamonde, Ralfe	1579N	X2B
Blatcher	1517, 1582, 1585, 1611, 1623(2), 1627	XB
Burgeis, William	1584	X2B
Chalklin, Henry	1646	X2C
Chowne	1563, 1618	X2C
Claygate, Margaret	1580	XC
Collyns	1550, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1596	X2C
Drinke , John	1608	XD
Gatlande , Stephen	1614	XS
Goodwyn	1580, 1581, 1603	X2G
Hadlow, John	1576	XH
Hewitt	1566, 1581	X2H
Knell, Roger	1599	XK
Knight, Joane	1636	XK
Mills	1579, 1582	XM
Page	1585, 1589N, 1600, 1613	XP
Pawley, Jeffrey	1613	X2P
Swan	1590, 1593N, 1603	XS
Underdowne, Margerie	1577	XC
Walmsley, David	1638M	just in database

Wamsley, Agnes	1592E	William Masters	XW
John Langley, clerk	1611		
Francis Collyns, writer hereof	1588; 1589		
John Hooper (1560s)	1563		
Nicholas Hooper	1577, 1579(2), 1580(2), 1581(2), 1582, 1584, 1585(2), 1589, 1590, 1593, 1599, 1600, 1603(2), 1608, 1613(2), 1618		
Robert Hooper	1614, 1623(2)		
John Hooper	1638		

Shoreham

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Baker, John	1635		XB
Batt, William	1616	Thomas Tuttesham	not investigated
Hills, Robert	1635		XH
Soane, Henry	1615	Nicholas Hooper	XS
Nicholas Hooper	1615		
Thomas Tuttesham	1616		

Shorne

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Fuller, Cicely	1640		XF
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Snodland - see West Peckham

Avis, Edward	1648		X2A
Baker	1619, 1638		X2B
Bourne, Thomas	1614		X2B
Brooker, George	1599	John Denton, scriptor	X2B
Cheeseman, Thomas	1621		XC
Coldgate, Richard	1646		X2C
Curde, William	1597		X2C
Fan, Moses	1638N		X2F
Fry	1605, 1621E, 1637		X2F
Giles, Francis	1614	Thomas Constable, scriptor	X2G
Godden, Anthony	1639		
Goldsmith, John	1588		X2G
Gylbert, Elizabeth	1588		X2G
Hombe, Elizabeth	1583	Richard Pry, the writer hereof	X2H
Pococke, Henry	1573		XP
Reade, Nicholas	1599		X2R
Rogers, Richard	1620		X2R
Rolfe, John	1576	John Denton, clerk, parson?	XR
Savage, Thomas	1617E		X2S
Silcocke	1611E, 1636M		X2S
Simons, Johan	1614		X2S
Stace, John	1563		XS
Waller, Thomas	1588		X2W
Woodham, Peter	1634		XW

Thomas Leddall scr	1637	George Brooker, scriptor	1605
Nicholas Hooper	1597, 1598	John Hooper	1614, 1620, 1621
George Hooper	1648		

Strood

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Betts, Alice	1556E		XB
Child, Henry, fruiterer	1600		XC
Cronkeshanke, William	1594		XC
Newman, Robert	1625		XN
Pendellton, Harry	1566		X2P

Sundridge

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Cacott, Anne, widow	1632		XC
Cox, Abraham	1617E		XC
Huggen, Thomas	1628	John Hooper	X2H
Seyliard, Thomas	1615W		X2S
Winter, John	1619N		XW

John Hooper 1628

Sutton

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Comporte, Richard	1578E		XC
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Syndenham**1**

Batt, William

1618

XB

Tonbridge**169** (105 by Hoopers)**1550-1579 112****1580-1599 84****1600-1650 247**

Abraham

1608, 1644

X2A

Allen

1627E, 1648

X2A

Arnold, John

1538

XA

Assburner, Miles

1595N

XA

Bartlett, William

1641

X2B

Bishop

1584, 1601, 1612M

X2B

Blatcher

1613, 1623, 1640

XB

Blundell

1570, 1586, 1590, 1628

XB

Boardman

1607, 1625

XB

Bourne, Thomas

1599

X2B

Brightling, John

1648

X2B

Brooke, Johane

1577

XB

Browne, Thomas

1612

X2B

Budgen, William

1589E

X2B

Burgess, Richard

1615

X2B

Burrell, John

1593

XB

Chatfield, George

1596

XC

Children

1590, 1613, 1618, 1630, 1631

X2C

Chowning	1557, 1567, 1599, 1604, 1619E	X2C
Collyns, William	1633	X2C
Cook, Thomas	1590N	XC
Cornford, Robert	1648	XC
Couchman	1632M, 1632	X2C
Dan, John	1617	X2D
Day, Richard	1590N	XD
Diker, James	1642	X2D
Dive, Thomas	1627N	XD
Dixon	1581E, 1587, 1604, 1609, 1645	X2D
Dubble, John (Duble)	1587	XD
Earle, Alice	1630	X2E
Everest	1598, 1605, 1622	XE
Faunt, William	1645N	X2F
Fry, John	1591	X2F
Gibson, Thomas	1587	XG
Goldstone, Robert	1637	X2G
Gransden, Henry	1623	XG
Harblett, John	1609	X2H
Harris/Harrys	1609, 1627	X2H
Harris, William	1615	XH
Harte, William	1601	XH
Hastlyn, Henry	1645	X2H
Hatch	1637, 1646	X2H
Heath, Arthur	1623	XH
Hoade, Marie	1641	XH
Hooper, John	1641	XH

Ireland, Samuel	1627		X2I
Jewell, John	1610		XJ
Johnson	1594, 1601, 1615, 1634		X2J
Juell, John	1597N		XJ
Kelloway, Marie	1638		X2K
Knight, Richard	1632		XK
Lamparde	1593(2)		XL
Langham, John	1588		X2L
Latter	1566E, 1568E, 1589E, 1597, 1607, 1612N, 1622		X2L
Lawrence, Edward	1601		XL
Lether	1589N, 1592		XL
Longley, Alexander	1641		XL
Lorkyn	1591, 1601, 1645		X2L
Lowe, Thomas	1586		XL
Marcombe, Susan	1590		XM
Marshall, Thomas	1579E	William Dankwell, parson of Penshurst	X2M
Mills, John	1619N		XM
Myller, John	1589		XM
Newman, Robert	1603		X2N
Niccoll	1597, 1612, 1624, 1628, 1634, 1645, 1646M		X2W
Oxley	1575M, 1598		X2O
Parris, John	1611		XP
Pattenden, Henry	1626		X2P
Pawley(m), Mary	1619M		X2P
Peake, Ann	1610		XP
Piper, Robert	1618		X2P
Plane, Jesper	1606		X2P

Polhill, William	1638		X2P
Powle, John	1634		XP
Pratt, Richard	1591		XP
Putland, George	1633		XP
Reade	1579, 1589		XR
Reynold	1573, 1586		X2R
Richardson	1617, 1619, 1632		X2R
Rixon	1568, 1583		X2R
Rolfe, John	1589		XR
Rootes, Francis	1635		X2R
Rootes	1589, 1635		X2R
Rottenbridge	1644, 1646		X2R
Ryley, Leonard	1627E		XR
Sale, Edmond	1610N		XS
Seering, Robert	1568		X2S
Shawe	1571, 1588		XS
Sidden, Henry	1609		XS
Skevington	1638, 1647		X2S
Smith, Thomas	1614		XS
Stace, Joan	1584N		XS
Stone, John	1597		XS
Stubberfield, Henry	1569	William Charlton, vicar of Tonbridge	X2S
Stubborne, Francis	1632		XS
Sulham, Anne	1594		XS
Summerton, Henry	1596	Christopher Butler, clarke, the writer hereof	XS
Thomas, Margaret	1590		XT
Tribe	1634, 1639N		XT

Turner, Philip	1601	XT
Vinton, Thomas	1599N	XV
Walter, William	1621	X2W
Ware, Susanna	1646	X2W
Webb, William (see Niccoll)	1597	X2W
Willard	1621, 1622, 1633(2)	X2W
Wood	1627N, 1629E	XW
Woody, Anne	1638	XW
Wright, Thomas	1608	XW
Henry Carnell	1613	
Thomas Tarry, writer	1627	
Richard Chowning	1634, 1645, 1646(2)	
Thomas Wood, scr	1635	
Nicholas Hooper	1584, 1586(2), 1587(3), 1588(2), 1589(4), 1590(4), 1591, 1592, 1593(3), 1594, 1596, 1597(3), 1598(3), 1599(2), 1601, 1604, 1607, 1608, 1618	
John Hooper	1601(3), 1603, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609(3), 1610(20), 1611, 1612(4), 1613, 1615(3), 1617(2), 1618, 1619, 1621(2), 1622(2), 1623(2), 1625, 1627(3), 1628(2), 1630(2), 1631, 1632(3), 1633(4), 1634(3), 1637(2), 1638(3), 1641(3)	
George Hooper	1638, 1642; 1644(2), 1645(2), 1646(2), 1647, 1648(2)	

Tudeley**11****1578-1650 68**

Amherst	1588; 1600	X2A
Dan	1633; 1634N	X2D
Daulton, William	1626	XD
Kippinge, Walter	1636M	just in database
Lorkyn, Dorothy	1636	X2L
Mills, William	1613	XM
Plane, William	1648	X2P
Stone, Thomas	1578	X2S
Wood, William	1579E	XW

John Hooper: 1626; 1633; 1634; 1636(2)

West Farleigh**3**

Beecher	1569; 1578	XB
Chapman, Thomas	1563	X2C

West Malling**5**

Baker, Robert	1600	XB
Brook, John	1511	XB
Catelyn, Hugh	1566	X2C
Jessop, John	1633	XJ
Wyllard, Vincent	1594	X2W

Andrew Broughton, notary public

Hugh Wyllard, the writer

West Peckham**23****1557-1650 59**

Baker	1541, 1560, 1567, 1589(2), 1633	XB
Balden	1606, 1630	XB
Bassett, Henry	1598	X2B
Bennett, Richard	1590M	XB
Biggenden, Katherine	1608	X2B
Collins	1557, 1583	X2C
Coveney, Edward	1609	X2C
Fishenden, George	1649	X2F
Johnson	1589, 1612	X2J
Luck, Edward	1590M	XL
Pocock, Thomas	1625	X2P
Stevens	1574, 1609	XS
Sutor, John	1568	X2S
Vaughan, John	1609	XV

Thomas Brande, writer hereof	1583	
Thomas Tuttesham	1567, 1568, 1574, 1589(3), 1590(2)	
John Hooper (1560s)	1560	
Nicholas Hooper	1598, 1606, 1608, 1609(3), 1612	
Robert Hooper	1625	

Westerham**1**

Plumley, John	1607E	XP
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Wickenden	1		
Benden, Jane	1556E		XB
Wilmington	3		
Bacon, Robert	1555E		XB
Godfrey, Elizabeth	1622	William Wonild, minister of Wilmington	XC
Smyth, Peter fruiterer	1579		XS
Wrotham	37	1590-1650	64
Arnold, Robert	1560		XA
Balden	1624, 1627		XB
Beecher, Edward	1644		XB
Bishop, John	1637		X2B
Brattle, John	1644		XB
Britten/Britter	1642		XB
Carnell, Henry	1638		XC
Carrier, Valentine	1628		XC
Champneys, Justinian	1622E		XC
Chowning	1611, 1620M, 1640		X2C
Clampard, Francis	1614		XC
Collyns, Henry	1614		X2C
Dodge, Edward	1598		XD
Fenn	1626N, 1638		XF
Frenche, Pynden	1638		XF
Haslin	1625, 1631		XH

Hutchinson, William	1647		XH
Martin, William	1625		X2M
Miller	1614, 1641, 1644		X2M
Page, Sylvester	1629		XP
Pickerell, John	1618		XP
Stacye, Robert	1591	William Masters, writer	XS
Staley/Stalie	1624, 1625		XS
Usmer, Nicholas	1627		XU
Vere, Raph	1637		XV
Weston, John	1420	Ightham, London	X2W
Wood, Henry	1626		XW
Wybarne, Robert	1632		X2W

Charles Hutchinson, vicar, clerk 1611, 1614, 1620, 1625(2), 1627, 1628, 1631, 1640, 1642

Geor. Segars 1624, 1627?, 1631
 Alexander Chauncey, writer hereof 1624
 John Hooper (1560s) 1560
 Robert Hooper (1590s) 1598
 Nicholas Hooper 1614(2), 1618
 George Hooper 1638

Yalding	2		
Hayman(m), Margaret (wife)	1551	Edw. Standish, curate	X2H
Helande, James	1563		X2H