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The Kent Family History Society is extremely grateful to the original purchaser of this notebook, Mrs Shirley Cotton for donating it to the Society and we would welcome other such deposits for our collection.

The index notes compiled by Mrs Margaret Burns will I am sure enhance the use of this book and we are thankful for her time and trouble in this matter.

NOTES ON THE ATTACHED MANUSCRIPT

WHICH I HAVE ENTITLED

THE BIDDENDEN COLLECTION

BY

H.L. BENNETT

This is a collection of information written in longhand extracted from various sources which are named concerning approximately 25 families from the Parish of Biddenden.

It was found in a local secondhand shop in Herne Bay in 1991 and the purchaser thought that the information which it contains would be of interest to local/family historians.

She therefore contacted Mr. H. Gough who is Curator of the Herne Bay Historical Records Society as well as being Chairman of the Canterbury Branch of the Kent Family History Society. He thought it should be deposited with the KFHS for the wider use of all the members.

The contents both of surnames and place names within the parish of Biddenden have been indexed by Margaret Burns and a short summary is annexed to this note.

Margaret Burns

8.11.92

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**THE
BIDDENDEN COLLECTION**

A SUMMARY PREPARED BY MARGARET BURNS.

The above collection was compiled by H.L.Bennett in February 1952. She states in her footnote at the bottom of the first page that she was the Grand-Daughter of Louisa Witherden who died in 1886. No more is known about her or her Grandmother from her notes apart from a newspaper cutting included within the papers of an obituary for Arthur Cary Witherden of Westfield, East Coker, Yeovil who died on Oct.21 1955 who could have been her father. The material is arranged in numbered entries from 1 - 25 under the Surnames of the people concerned in her researches. The sources from which she has taken her information are as follows;-

- Parish Registers (From c1545 - 1850)
- Tithe Map Apportionments (1838)
- Parish Chest Records(Vestry Books, Overseers Accounts)
- Hundred of Barkley Accounts
- Mansion House Deeds
- Wills
- Hearth Tax Lists
- Memorial Inscriptions
- Other maps and MSS from County Records, Lambeth Library
and British Library, .

All entries are clearly annotated with their sources.

She may have collected this information because of connections with her own Witherden family but unfortunately there is no family tree to substantiate what they may be. The list of the main names covered is as follows;

ALLARD/BACHELOR/BAILEY/BATEMAN/BEALE/BIGG/CHALKER/CUTBUSH/
HENDEN/HICKMOTT/HORNER/LEEDES/MAYNE/PATTENSON/RANDOLPH/
SEYLIARD/STEDE/STEDMAN/STOWE/TAYLOR/WHITFIELD/WILDE/

WILLARD/WITHERDEN/WOLBALL. /

There are of course other surnames included in these entries
and these are contained in the main index which I have prepared to be
deposited with the note book.

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PEOPLE.

I. CHALKER.

Parish Registers

- Nov. 5th 1538 Christened Robert son of Robert Chalker.
 Sept. 9th 1552. " John, son of William Chalker.
 Feb. 4th 1580 Buried servant of Walter Chalker.
 July 1581 " Stephen, the son of Walter Chalker.
 June 1582 Christened Steven, " " "
 Oct. 1583 " Robert " " Steven Chalker.
 Mar. 1584. " John the son of John Chalker.
 Apr. 4th 1584 " Wacher " " Wacher Chalker.
 Mar. 5th 1585 " Thomas (or Jeremy) son of John Chalker.
 Aug. 27th. 1588. " Rebecca daughter of John Chalker.
 " 29th. 1588 Buried Steven, son of Steven Chalker.
 Feb. 7th. 1590 Christened Philip, daughter of John Chalker.
 June 2nd 1591. Married John Munne & Mary Chalker.
 Nov. 19th 1592. Christened Mary daughter of John Munne.
 Feb. 13th 1596. Buried Mercy, wife of Steven Chalker.

- Dec. 1631. Christened Thomas the son of Thomas Chalker.
 Dec. 1632. Buried Laurence the son of John Chalker.
 Apr. 5. 1648. " John Chalker.

County Archives

- Wills. Chalker, Eliz. 16.70.1568.
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 " " 40.46.1567.
 " Robt. 40.158.1568.

Archdeaconry Register Y.F.

- Chalker, John, yeoman. 18.126.1528.
 " Robt. 21.162.1538.
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 Chalker. Wm. Smith. 29.25.1553-1554. (q.v. over)

Chalker's Will 1553 - 1554.

County Archives.

To John 23 years, my part of the messuage that was sometime my fathers and 2 gardens and 7 pieces of land whereof the first called Broodfield, the second Hyefield, the third the Strake, the fourth Lake mede, the fifth Little Bitterrock, the sixth Bytterwok, the Seventh

Overseers' Accounts

1656. John Chalker. Chua Overseer.

1658 Sess. First of April.

John Chalker £18 in rents.
trose for Chalker's Lands. £8.

County Archives.

Hearths List 1664.
"Wachenden" Borough.
John Chalker 2.

1593. Brass. Richard Allard. ^{Wives} ^{Brass in Church.}
^{Helen, Joan, Thomas}
Richard, son of Henry Allard. ^{2 yrs.}

2. ALLARD.

Jan. 5th 1595. Baptized Elizabeth daughter of — Allard

Parish Registers

Agreement re Hammer Bridge.

Signatory 1582. Francis Allard.

July 2nd. 1645. Buried Mr Richard Allard.

July 15th. 1645. " Mr Henry Allard an ancient
householder.

County Archives

Will. Allard Henry, Gent. Consistory Will C. 382. 1645.

Churchwarden's Accounts

Legacy of Mr Henry Allard deceased, being 6 pounds, was distributed
to the poor this present year 1645 according to his will. C. Ws. John Beale
William Pattenson

3. BATCHELOR.

Aug. 1619. Buried Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Batchelor.

Dec. 1619. 5th. Christened Elizabeth & Mary, daughters of
William Batchelor.

Dec. 23rd 1619. Buried Mary, daughter of Wm. Batchelor

May 12th 1622. Baptized William, son

1623 Buried

1639. Married Daniell Cricket & Anne Bachelor

May 1640.

Thomas Reynolds to Elizabeth Bachelor

Mar. 1st. 1650. Buried the wife of Thomas Batchelor

Christened Henry the son of

June 1651. Christened Henry the son of Henry Batchelor's wife

July 7th 1651 Buried Henry Batchelor's wife.

May 29th 1655 " Thomas Batchelor.

Oct. 24th 1655 " Henry

Jan. 14th 1681. Christened Thomas the son of Henry Batchelor
and Mary his wife.

Dec. 1683. Christened Henry son of Henry Bachelor and
"house standing in Trilpe Lane & joyning to the lands of " Mary.
Mr Henry Bachelor

Dec. 2nd 1685. Christened Richard son of Henry Bachelor
and Mary.

Sept. 11th 1692. Christened Mary, daughter of Henry Bachelor
and Mary.

Parish Registers

- Oct. 13th 1699. Buried Mary wife of Henry Batchelor
Oct. 5th 1702. C. Sarah, daughter of Henry Batchelor and
Elizabeth
Baptized Oct. 20th.
April 8th 1704. Christened Thomas, son of Henry Batchelor
and Elizabeth.
June 28th 1710. Christened Mary, daughter of Richard
Batchelor and Elizabeth.
Nov. 3rd. 1726. Married ^{by James} Henry Witherden and Sarah
Batchelor
May 21st. 1730. Buried Henry Batchelor.
Mar. 1st. 1744. " Elizabeth Batchelor.
Aug. 27th. 1762. " Henry Batchelor.
Jan. 2nd. 1781 " Thomas Batchelor.

4. STEDE.

Parish Registers

Sept. 22nd. 1642. Buried wife of Mr Edmund Stede.
 Oct. 10th. 1644. Christened Edmund the son of Edmund Stede.
 Mar. 4th. 1645. " Thomas " " " Mr Edmund Stede.
 Sept. 19th. 1648. " John, the son of Mr Edmund Stede.
 Sept. 10th. 1650. Buried " " " " " "
 Oct. 28th. 1650. Christened Robert the son of Mr Edmund Stede.
 Mar. 8th. 1668. Born Kathleen, daughter of Edmund Stede
 Mar. 12th. 1669. " Jane, daughter of " "
 " 22nd. " Christened Jane " " " "
 Apr. 20th. 1673. " Edmund son " " " "
 " " Buried " " " " " "
 July 1674. Born
 Christened Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Edmund
 Stede and
 Jane his wife.

May 20th 1677. Born
 Christened Thomas, the son of Edmund Stede Esq.
 and Jane his wife.

Mar. 6th. 1677. Buried Thomas the son of Edmund Stede Esq.
 June 20th 1677. Edmund Stede Churchwarden
 May 11th 1678. Christened Mary the daughter of Edmund Stede
 and Jane his wife.

Nov. 8th. 1681. Buried Edmund the son of Edmund Stede
 Dec. 22nd 1681. " Jane, the wife " (Buried in Church)
 Aug. 1682. Christened William son of Mr Thomas Stede
 and Thomason his wife.

Oct. 3rd. 1700. ^{married} Mr. Benjamin Petman and Miss Thomasin Stede.

* 1683. Owner of 4 acres of land formerly belonging to the Chequers Vestry Book
 1684. Thomas Stede. Signatory under a charity of the Rectory. Thomas Earl of Thanet
 Parish Register 2.

Edmund Stede's signature large on back inside cover.

List of Clergy. Headcorn.

* 1637 William Stede. Williamus Cranmer pro Regrario Deputatus.

County Archives. Hearth List.

* 1664. "Hevenden" (Chargeable)

"Omenden" (Chargeable) 8.

Mr Edmund Stede. 1.

"Thornden" (Chargeable) 9.

T.P. 1757. Mrs Thomasin Petman (bapt. 20 Sept. 1683
 married 30 Oct. 1700)
 died 5 Sept. 1757

5. RANDOLPH.

Parish Registers

May 4th. 1596. Christened John the son of Bernard Randolph.

Copy of Abstracts of Wills in Library of Society of Genealogists.

Will of Bernard Randolph of Biddenden, gent. c. 1556-1628

1589-1641. William. Clothier. Son of above.

-1644. Herbert. Son of Bernard (dassenden)

-1643. Edmond (Dr.) " " "

(1596) John " " "

Ex. 1628. Elizabeth, Jane, Mary. Daughters of William.

" 1628 Elizabeth. nee Curtis. Wife of William.

Brass in Church.

1628. Bernard Randolphe, gentleman, aged 72, and wife Jane with 5 sons and 1 daughter.

"Birchley" House

W.R. 1632. ERBR.

Brass in Church

1641. William Randolph, gentleman, and wife Elizabeth.

daughter of Stephen Curtis of Tenterden, with 2 sons & 6 daughters

Stone on wall to right of altar.

Church.

"Here this place lyeth buried the bodies of Harbert Randolph late of this Parish, Gent., who was educated in the University of Oxford and married Elizabeth, daughter of Eides, Master of the City of Canterbury, Esq., by whom he had issue 3 sonnes & 3 daughters whereof were surviving at the time of his decease Harbert Randolphe his only sonne & heir; also Mary, Elizabeth & Margaret; which said Harbert departed this life the 3rd Day of Sept. 1644; and Elizabeth his wife the 6th of January, 1640.

"The memorie of the just is blessed." Francis Friggs fecit Anno 1645.

Overseers' Accts.

Sess. First April 1658. 6d. in £.

Herbert Randolph £54 in rents.

William " £18 saleable underwoods. Herbt. £10 s. underwood

County Archives. Hearth List.

1664. "Wachenden" Mr William Randolph 4.

Parish Register.

Aug. 16th. 1685. Herbert Randolph, Esq., brought from Canterbury where he died. Buried in linen.

6. HENDEN.

Parish Registers

- Jan. 23rd. 1643. Buried Sir Edward Henden one of the Barons of His Majesty's High Court of Exchequer.
- Feb. 1645. Married Sir Herbert Whitfeld Knight & Baron to Margaret Perison Daughter to the Lady Henden.
- Feb. 2nd. 1647. Christened Hennesha child of above.
- Nov. 17th 1651. Buried Mr Simeon Henden. Single man, youngest son of Sir John Henden
- * Jan. 15th. 1668. Christened Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Henden
- July 1671. " Kathleen " " " " "
- June 5th 1672. Buried " " " " " "
- Mar. 6th. 1675. Christened Edward the son of Sir John Henden and Northamptona his wife.
- Nov. 1676. Buried Edmund the son of Sir John Henden.
- * Aug. 1680. " Susanna " daughter " " "
- Mar. 1681. 28th. Christened John the son of Sir John Henden.
- Feb. 28th 1687. (Last entry in Parish Register 2).
James Turner, Gent. Attorney, not long before married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Henden.
- Dec. 27th 1696. Mr Jonathan Maud Vicar of Tenterden to Mary Martha Henden, eldest daughter of the late Sir John Henden.
- Jan. 11th 1704. Mr Richard Beale and Elizabeth daughter of William Henden Esq., both of this parish.

County Archives. Hearth Lists.

- * 1664. "Henden" Borough. Sir John Henden. Ht. 25.
" Washenden " " " " " 6.

Overseers' Accounts.

- * Feb. 6th. 1680. Item. pd to Goody Spillot for laying forth of Widow Pirchen's child (Parish Register) & making oath to Sir John Henden 1s.
Tiles in Floor. (East End of North Aisle) Church.
- Feb. 3rd. 1695. John. son of Henden. 1 yr.
- D. H. 1686. Diana Henden (bapt. 1 Mar 1695/6) buried 12 May 1696.
H. H. 1706. Hennesha Henden buried 30 Apr. 1706.
I. H. 1712. { P. H. }
 { D. S. 2 }

7. CUTBUSH.

Maidstone Public Library.

"Cade's Rebellion" 1450

"Henr Cutbush, de parochia de Bydynden, yoman"

Parish Registers

1540. Sept. 27th Christened Elizabeth, daughter of John Cutbushe
 Feb. 23rd. 1541. Sylvestere Cutbushe, " " "
 (May 1545 Buried " ")
 Jan. 1st. 1542. Alice Cutbushe " " "
 May 13th 1544 - " " "
 Sept. 13th. 1544. Christened Margery Cutbushe " "
 Jan. 22nd 1545. " Maryon " "
 Mar. 13th 1546. " Elizabeth " "

Statements explaining Tithe Map 1838.

Charles Cutbush lived in Cottage (90) owned by R. Tooth.

8. MAYNE. MAYNEY.

List of Clergy. Headcorn.

? 1365. John Mayney. Vicar of Headcorn.

Church. Benefactions.

1522. William Mayne, Esq., founded a Free School and endowed with a School-House, garden and the Yearly Salary of £20 .. 3s .. 4d. held by Deed of Feoffment and payable as followeth

From a Farm near Ibornden. £7 .. 16s .. 8d.

In Tenterden. £4 .. 16s .. 8d.

In Bethersden. £8 .. 0s .. 0d.

Brass in Church.

John Mayne, Sheriff of Kent, died 1566, and wife Margt., with 6 sons and 8 daughters.

County Archives. Hearth List.

1664. "Wachenden" Borough.

Sir John Mayney. Kt. 1. ✓

9. BEALE.

Parish Registers.

March 5th. 1595. Buried Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Beale. (1574. Thomas Beale. Mayor of Maidstone.?)

County Archives. Archdeaconry Register. Y.F.

* John Beale. Weaver. A. 594. 1645.

1645 Richard Beale. Clothier. Overseers' Accts.

28 Apr. 1655. John Beale. Overseer

16. Jy. 1659. Richard Beale. Church Warden.

County Archives. Hearth List.

1664. "Wachenden" Borough.

John Beale. 4.

(1666. John Beale. Mayor of M.)?

"Omenden" Borough.

Richard Beale. 4.

Vestry Book.

1683. "And out of a part of a backside or Garden & Pit belonging formerly to the Checquer aforesaid, but now the property & estate of William Beale of Biddenden aforesaid."

Overseers' Accts.

24 Jy. 1683. William Beale. Church. warden.

30 May 1684

" " "

Received Earl of Thanet's money for first time.

Vestry Book.

* Churchwardens elected & chosen for this year of our Lord 1645 by the inhabitants of the parish of Biddenden whose names are under written

William Pattenson. John Beale.

Parish Registers.

* Nov. 2nd. 1691. Buried Richard Beale. Clothier.

Andrews' Topographical Map of Kent 1779

Mrs Richard Beale. near "Strend Quarter"

"Bread and Cheese" Lands.

Mrs Richd. Beale Jun. Gent. Churchwarden. 1782 - 1783.

" " " "

" " 1784

* 1825. Richard Beale - assignee. 1821. Mrs Thomas Beale and her husband's Hundred of Barkley.

Reimbursement of Constable 1826 - 1828. 3d in £.

"Heavenden". Richard Beale. Jun. £55

"Washenden". Richard Beale. £47.

"Worsenden". Seaman Beale. £21.

"Omenden". Richard Beale £21.

Richard Beale, Esq. £130

Statements explaining Tithe Map. 1838

Richard Beale at Dashmonden owned by Pattenson.

1646.

Vestry Book.

"Item paid John Beale for ingrossing an order in parchment made by the parishioners and other writings about the wardenship. 5s - 8d."

Parish Registers

Jan. 11th 1704. Mr Richard Beale and Elizabeth, Daughter of Wm. Henden, Esq., both of this parish.

* Dec. 1st. 1731. ^{1705. Chr. Richard, son of Mr Richard Beale of Standen.} Death of Mr James Staffenden of Lenterden and Elizabeth Beale.

* Feb. 14th 1790. Seaman Beale and Ann Witherden.

1792. Richard Beale and Francis Witherden minor.

Church.

William Trent's memorial.

William Trent's second wife was Mary, daughter of Richard Beale.

His previous wife died in 1735. Mar. 12th.

When Wm. Trent died in 1739, Jan. 15th, he was 64 years old.

She died on October 4th, 1780 aged 74.

5th day of the month of August 1780. The said Mary Beale having appeared before the Court of the said Church of St. Andrew, and being asked by the Curate, whether she was the lawful wife of the said William Trent, she answered in the affirmative.

WITHERDEN

Parish Registers.

Aug. 18th 1588. The same day was christened Susan, the daughter of John Witherden.

Apr. 7th. 1592. Buried John Wytherenden householder.

June 18th 1592. Christened Ruth the daughter of John Witherenden.

June 7th 1612. Widow Witherden was buried.

Feb. 28th. 1613. Thomas Wytherden and Joyce Homesbye of Betherden and Goudhurst by a faculty obtained were married.

Nov. 16th 1645. Chr. Mary the daughter of — Witherden and wife.

Sept. 23rd. 1667. Chr. John the son of John Witherden and Joan his wife.

May 25th 1671. Chr. Elizabeth the Daughter of John Witherden and Jane his wife.

October 3rd. 1677. Chr. Jane the Daughter of John Witherden and Jane his wife.

* Jan. 6th 1687. John, son of John Witherden & Elizabeth.

Mar. 31st. 1687. Married John Witherden and Elizabeth

Caffinch, married ^{by Banns} Henry Witherden & Sarah Batchelor both of this parish. Vestry Book.

* Jan. 12th. 1777.

Signatures of

John Witherden

Jos. Witherden.

Parish Registers

Feb. 14th. 1790.

Marriage of Seaman Beale and Ann Witherden

1792.

Marriage of Richard Beale and Francis Witherden

minor.

Igglesden.

1795. Castwiscel. Home of Witherdanes.

Overseers' Accounts.

* 1683 John Witherden. Overseer.
1686 " " Churchwarden.
1687 " " "

- Deeds of Mansion House property.
1759. Clause of Henry Witherden's Will.
 1762. John Standen to Henry Witherden.
 1763. " " " " "
 1764. " " " " "
 1766 Mr Witherden and Mr Standen to Mr Seartes Eiles.
 1766 Mrs Witherden " " " " "

Hundred of Barkley Accounts.

1795 and 1796. Joseph Witherden Constable.

- Deeds of Mansion House property.
1799. George Witherden to John and Thomas Dean.
 1799. Mr Dean Mr Joseph Witherden

Overseers' Accounts.

1801. Thomas Witherden. Constable.

Deeds of Mansion House property.

1806. Joseph Witherden to Dean, Day and Swatland.
 Overseers' Accounts.

1810. Joseph Witherden. Overseer.

1816. Thomas Witherden. Overseer.

1817 " " Church-warden.

1821. Ben Witherden. Churchwarden.

1821. Casey " Deeds of Mansion House property.

1825. Henry Miller, Thomas Dean, Richard Beale, Wm. Hague,
 Isaac Hague, John Dean, Thomas Dean, Joseph Witherden.
 Overseers' Accounts.

1828. George Witherden. Overseer.

Hundred of Barkley Accounts.

1828. Ben Witherden. Surveyor.

Reimbursement of Constables. 1826-1828. 3d. in £.

" Washenden. George Witherden £62.

Thomas " £32.

" Worsenden. Casey Witherden £40.

Overseers' Accounts.

1833. Ben Witherden. Overseer.

County Accounts. Dean List.

WITHERDEN (contd.)

Statements explaining Tithe map. 1838.

1838. Casey Witherden owned Castwedge,

Summer Hill and Paine Land.

Heartsap." [360]

1838. ^{Charles Witherden. Hans. Plain} George Witherden lived at Washenden owned by Thomas Law Hodges,

owned Chapel Hop Garden. [396]

1838. Ben Witherden [493]

1838. Joseph Witherden. Heir of Casey [440] Little Standen?

1838. Lydia and Joseph Witherden lived at Great Bachelor Farm. owned by Edward Hussey.

Maidstone Library

1845. Casey Witherden, Miller.

WITHERDEN.—On Oct. 21, 1935, ARTHUR GEORGE CASEY WITHERDEN, of Westfield, East Coker, 100711. No flowers, please, but if desired donations to Westminster Bank for Cancer Research. For funeral arrangements phone West Coker 284.

II. WHITFIELD.

Parish Registers
Parish Registers.

Feb. 1645.

married Sir Herbert Whitfield Knight & Baron to Margaret Perison Daughter to the Lady Henden.

Feb. 2nd. 1645

Born Child Henrietta.

Overseers Accounts.

1661. John Whitfield. Churchwarden.

County Archives. Hearth List.

1664.

"Henden". John Whitfield. 7.

Vestry Book.

1684.

Signatory to the statement that the charitable Benevolence of the Rt. Hon. Thomas Earl of Thanet had been disposed of ---

John Whitfield.

12. PATTENSON.

Parish Registers.

March 1619

Page signed by John Pattenson.

Vestry Book.

Churchwardens elected and chosen for this year of our Lord 1645 by the inhabitants of the parish of Biddenden whose names are under written

William Pattenson

John Beale.

County Archives. Hearth List.

1664.

"Worchenden" Edward Pattison. 6.

"Omenden." Widdow Pattinson 5.

Overseers' Accounts.

1682. Josias Pattenson. Overseer.

Vestry Book.

A Recital of the Annuities payable half yearly to the Free School in Biddenden, and out of what Lands issuing:

19th Day of Feb. 1683.

"Out of certain lands and tenements in Biddenden formerly Robt. Taylor's and Gregory Taylor's, After Sir Richard Pormane, since Roger Pattenson now Samuel Pattenson: viz. the house and lands he dwells in;

Overseers' Accounts.

1685 + 1686. Josias Pattenson.. Church-warden.

1687. Samuel Pattenson. Overseer.

Andrews' Topographical Map of Kent 1779

1779. Mr William Pattenson marked as dwelling somewhere near Clay Bridge

Mr Josiah Pattenson River Hall?

Hundred of Barkley Accounts.

Reimbursement of Constable Easter 1826 to Easter 1828

"Ibornden" C. J. Pattenson £169

Pattenson £39.

Tithe Map + Statements.

1838. Tylden Cooke Pattenson at Buckhurst House. Oast Farm.

13. WILLARD.

Overseers' Accounts.

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1660. Richard Willard . Overseer.

1664 " " Churchwarden.

1668 " "

Parish Registers.

Sept. 17th 1670.

Dec. 8th. 1680. John Willard. Weaver. Buried

Overseers' Registers. Accounts.

Feb. 6th. 1680. Item pd. to John Willard for removing
Widow Radwell to Barkley.

1684. Richard Willard . Overseer.

1689 " " Churchwarden.

Parish Registers

Nov. 20th. 1694. Christened a man child of
John Willard of Omenden Green

June 24th 1714. John Willard. Sent. of Betmans Wood.

Hundred of Barkley Accounts

Reimbursement of Constable 1826 - 1828 3d in the £.

"Boorden". James Willard £20.

14. STEDMAN.

Vestry Book.

1644. Paid to Robert Stedman for nails to mend the slates in the gallerie.

Parish Registers.

May 29th 1653. Buried Widow Stedman the wife of Thomas Stedman the Smith.

Sept. 19th 1670. Buried Robert son of Robert Stedman broad-weaver.

Overseers' Accounts.

1645. William Stedman. Overseer.

1684. " " Church-warden.

1685. " " " "

Parish Registers

15. BATEMAN. Dec. 23rd. 1552. was baptized Anne the dr. of Stephen Bateman

Overseers' Accounts.

1654. John Bateman. Church-warden.

1654. Richard " " "

1658 Sess. First April.

John Bateman £20.

County Archives. Hearth List.

"Washenden" John Bateman. 6.

Manston House Deeds.

1626. Lands of Richard Bateman adjoining Bancroft's etc.

16. TAYLOR

Benefactions to the Parish of Biddenden.

Church

1569. Thomas Taylor of Cranbrook, by his Will, dated 4th June 1569, gave for the use of the Poor, a parcell of woodland lying in this Parish, containing by estimation 7 Acres; with the money arising from the sale of Timber on the said Woodland in the year 1733, were purchased a House and Farm in the parish of Bredgar, of the Yearly Rent of £20. held by Deed of Feoffment.

Parish Registers

April 21st. 1596.

Baptized Peter the son of John Taylor, clothier.

Overseers' Accounts.

1658 Austen Taylor. Overseer.

County Archives. Hearth Lists.

1664.

"Hevenden" John Taylor. 8.

Overseers' Accounts.

1667. John Taylor. Overseer.

1669. John Taylor. Church-warden.

1670. John Taylor " "

Vestry Book.

A Recital of the Annuities payable half-yearly to the Free School in Biddenden, and out of what Lands issuing:

1683. 2. Out of a certain farm in lands and tenements in Biddenden formerly Robert Taylors and Gregory Taylors, After Sir Richard Pormans, since Roger Pattenson now Samuel Pattenson - - - -

Church Brasses.

1700. Elizabeth, wife of Francis Taylor.

17. WOLBALL WOOLBALL

Parish Registers.

April 1596. Buried Peter the sonne of Peter Wolball.

4th April 1624. Choistened Peter son of Peter Wolball.
Mansion House Deeds.

1626. Indenture between Smalehope Bigg and James Holden and Peter Wolball.

"Peter Wolball of Biddenden in the county of Kent yeoman"

"grant bargain sell infeoffe and confirm unto the said Smalehope Bigg and James Holden and their heirs 2 messuages or tenements, 2 barns, 1 workhouse newly framed together with the haddle and One Smythes forge, one oasthouse 2 stalls etc. etc. now in the tenure of Peter Wolball and Elizabeth his wife

Overseers' Accounts.

1663. Richard Woolball Overseer.

1664 Church-warden.

Parish Registers

1667. Susannah Woolball maid to Zacharias Packham died of the Plague and were buried in Betmans Wood.

Overseers' Accounts.

1674 Henry Woolball. Churchwarden.

County Archives, Hearth Lists

1664 Richd Woolball 5.

Parish Registers

11th Nov. 1659. Richard Wolball 5.

Ps 117. 390 of the original Walker's "The Sufferings of the Clergy."

Yellow of St. John's, Oxford.

Vicar of St. Giles, Reading, in 1645. (following Dicus)

Also Rector of Biddenden, Kent, 1641, sequestered before 20 May 1645. March case of Horner.

Mr Wilde, clerk, prisoner at surrender of Sherborne Castle, Dorset, 15. August 1645.

Ministered to a Royalist congregation in London during Commonwealth.

Petitioned unsuccessfully, 1660 to secure profits of Lambeth rectory, claimed presentation by Charles I. on death of Featley (died 14 April, 1645).

Bishop of Derry 1661 - 1665 died.

Interim at latter, W. Horner ("Calamy Revised") 1645, vice Chr. Feake.

See DICUS: C. Coates, "Reading" (1802)

1645-7 Minute Books of the Committee for Plundered Ministers. B.M.

Petitions of sequestered clergy addressed to the House of Lords. 1660. (At House of Lords).

Thursloe State Papers

Reports on the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Journals of the House of Lords.

Dictionary of National Biography (1908)

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series. 1639-40.

Calendar Clarendon State Papers (1846)

Oxford Books. ed. F. Madan. 1895-1931.

Tanner M. S. S (Bodleian Library).

Introduction "Wilde ministered in a house in Fleet Street."

R. S. Bosher's "The Making of the Restoration Settlement" 1951.

Archeologia Cantiana. Vol. 21. P. 185.

Dr. Giles Hinton in 1688 writes

"for there is an agreement registered between Dr. Wild, Rector, and the parishioners that the said Dr. Wild should enjoy the same for nine pounds per annum to be expended in the said entertainment, but Dr Wild going of quickly by sequestration and Mr Lee found very easy the wrong continues.

Wild - after Bishop of Londonderry. Restored 1660 but gave place to Mr Lee"

19. LEEDES.

Parish Registers

- Apr. 30th. 1620. Christened Alice the daughter of George Leedes.
 Nov. 25th. 1621. The same day was baptized Susan the daughter
 of George Leedes.
 Feb. 22nd. 1623. The 22nd Day Christened John the sonne of
 Daniel Iggulden and also John the sonne of George
 Leedes.
 Jan. 13th. 1647. Buried John Leedes.
 May 29th. 1650. Borne Elizabeth the daughter of Mr Charles
 Leedes wife Anne.
 June 11th. 1650. Christened "
 June 14th. 1650. Buried John Leedes a singleman.
 Sept. 26th. 1650. Buried Widow Leedes.
 Oct. 1650. Buried Jane Leedes.
 Jan. 27th. 1651. Buried George Leedes, householder.
 Feb. 4th. 1651. Borne Charles the sonne of Mr Charles Leedes.
 Feb. 12th. Christened " wife Anne
 Jan. 1st. 1652. Borne John the sonne of Mr Charles Leedes.
 " 13th. Christened " "
 Nov. 29th. 1653. Borne William Leedes sonn of Charles Leedes.
 Dec. 1st. Christened "
 Nov. 7th. 1654. Borne Anna daughter of Charles Leedes.
 " 28th. Christened "
 * Sept. 1655. Married the 27th day
 Edward Leedes to Sarah Hooke Daughter of
 William Hooke of Bethersden yeoman.
 By Mr Justice Wilkinson of Lenham.
 Jan. ? July 15th ? 1659 Borne Jonathan, son of Charles Leedes
 and his wife Ann.
 * Apr. 1659. Buried John Leedes, son of Charles Leedes.
 Jan. 1660. Buried Ann the wife.

County Archives, Search List.

1664.

"Hewenden". Charles Leedes. 5.

Parish Registers

Jan. 14th. 1699. Baptism of Mary, Daughter of Richard Leedes

and Mary.

Oct. 27th. 1706. Buryall of Richard Leeds.

Sept. 12th 1708. Buryall of Elizabeth Leeds a child.

Overseers Accounts.

April 28th 1655 Charles Leeds. Overseer.

April 30th 1657 Charles Leeds. Churchwarden.

20. BAILEY.

Parish Registers.

Oct. 27th. 1751. Married Richard Bayley and Mary Honis of this Parish

Feb. 25th 1753. Baptized Mary daughter of Richard and Mary Bailey

Apr. 19th 1753. Buried Mary Bailey.

June 2nd. 1754. Baptized Mary, Daughter of Richard and Mary Bailey.

Apr. 22nd. 1755. Buried Mary. Daughter of Richard and Mary Bailey.

Jan. 18th 1754. Baptized John, son of Richard and Mary Bayley

Mar. 20th 1758. Buried Mary, wife of Richard Bayley

Feb. 20th. 1761. Baptized Richard, son of Richard and Elizabeth Bayley.

Apr. 23rd. 1764. Buried Ann Daughter of Richard Bayley, an infant.

Jan. 20th 1779. Buried Elizabeth Bayley, widow.

Jan. 17th 1808. Baptized Mary, daughter of William and Charlotte Bayley.

Dec. 1st. 1811. Baptized William, son of William and Charlotte Bayley.

Sept. 29th 1833. Married George Colebrook and Elizabeth Bailey.

21. SEYLIARD. or SEYLIARDE.

Brass in Church.

"Biddenden Church & Its History" by
H. Gordon Jones.

Biddenden Brasses.

Josiah Seyliard, gentleman, 1609, and two wives,

1) Judith Boddenham 1602, with four sons and two daughters 2) Anne, daughter of Thomas Anstey, with two sons and one daughter, with Latin inscription, achievement and two shields. (In Chancel).

Parish Registers.

Feb. 1582. Christened John the son of Josiah Seyliarde

Mar. 1619. Page signed by John Seyliarde.

Overseers' Accounts.

1658 Sess. First April.

William Seyliard. Stock 5s. £200 value.

County Archives - Hearth List.

1664. "Worchenden".

M^r William Seyliard. 2. ✓

Richard Seyliard, M.A. 1627-1633

Ricar of Tenterden

Arch. Can. Cam. p. 224

22. HICKMOTT.

Overseers' Accounts.

*

11th May 1666 Leonard Hickmott. Overseer.

14th " 1670 " " Church Warden.

1672 " " " "

* 9th Nov. 1820. Married Parish Registers

John Hickmott and Mary Burch.

Tithe Map & Statements.

1838 William Hickmott at Farris Farm.

Silas Hickmott at [351]

Hundred of Barkley Accounts

Reimbursement of Constable.

Easter 1826 to Easter 1828. 3d. in the £.

Stephurst. William Hickmott £59.

John Hickmott £32.

Parish Registers

9th Nov. 1841. Married

Stephen Hickmott and Emily Chapman.

29th Nov. 1840. Married

Thomas Hickmott and Elizabeth Dungey.

Dates of 19th C. Marriages?

1664.

County Archives Heath List.

* "Iborden" Leonard Hickmott 5.

"Washenden " " 2..

Parish Registers

* July 13th. 1695. Buried Leonard Hickmott, clothier, an old man.

Jan. 7th 1682.

pd. for wooll to bury Thomas Hickmott 5d.

Certificate 6d.

Wills. 1617 John Bigg
Thomas Bigg. Husbandman

23. BIGG.

Deeds to Mansion House Property.

1626. Indenture between Smatchope Bigg and James Holden.
County Archives. Hearth List.

1664.

"Wachenden" Mr Thomas Bigg. 4.

Overseers' Accounts.

1782. Mr Henry Bigg. Overseer.

1785 " " " Constable

Parish Registers.

1608. Married 13 September John Stowe and Elizabeth Bigge

24. HORNER.

Parish Registers.

Mar. 30th. 1647.

Christened Benjamin the son of Mr William Horner, Clerke.

Aug. 19th. 1649.

Christened Elizabeth the daughter of William Horner and
the wife.

Aug. 20th. 1652.

Buried Mistress Horner widow.

Mar. 27th 1658.

Buried Frances the wife of Mr William Horner minister
of this parish.

"Calamy Revised" by Matthews.

P. 278.

Horner, William. Rector of Biddenden, Kent.

(Ejected) 1660. (Under Act of 1660)

Admission (by the Committee for Plundered Ministers,
the Board of Priests, or some other
authority acting under the Parliament
or the Protector) 20 May 1645, by
sequestration:

successor instituted (by Bishop) 28 Aug. 1660.

Rector of Pett, Sussex, instituted 28 Sept. 1660.

(Had Horner conformed?) Calamy says so.
successor instituted 30 May 1661.

(Presbyterian?)

Sources. [Add. M.S.S. 15669. Minute Books of the Committee
for Plundered Ministers, 1645-7, at British Museum]

[Abp. Juxon's Reg. Archbishop Juxon's Register,
Lambeth Palace Library]

[B.C. Chichr. Bishop's Certificate for Chichester.
Public Record Office. (E.331)]

[Cal. 381 Calamy's Account. P.381]

Son of William, of Worcester. Balliol, Oxford,
matriculated 6 Feb. 1628-29, age 17: B.A. 1632:
M.A. 1635: B.D. 1642.

Canterbury Cathedral Library

(Work of Rev. J. S. Frampton. From Lambeth M.S. 997.)

Certified by William Horner of Biddenden. Rector of Woodchurch. 21. 8. 1654

" " " 20. 6. 1655. Mr George Hawe to Vicarage of Tenterden

" " " 25. 3. 1659. to Luddenham.

From Additional M.S. 15,669. British Museum

f. 74a. 20 May 1645. Ordered that the rectory of Biddenden, county Kent
be sequestered to Wm. Horner, M.A. to the assembly for the said place.

f. 78b. 20 May 1645. Whereas the Rectory of Biddenden, county Kent is
sequestered from George Wiles, and Christopher Feake, minister of
the words, was by order of this Committee nominated thereunto, who
hath since left the same. It is ordered that the said Rectory be
sequestered to the use of William Horner, M.A., a godly and
orthodox divine, who is hereby required forthwith to officiate
the Cure as Rector, etc.

25. STOWE.

Parish Registers.

1545. July 26. C. Johan Baker d. [] Baker. This may be John Stowe's wife.
 1572 July 30. M. John Stowe and Joan Baker. First entry of Stowe. His baptism not recorded.
 1574. Apr. 4. C. Christopher s. John Stowe.
 1575. Aug. 7. C. Joan d. John Stowe.
 1577 May 27. C. Elizabeth d. John Stowe.
 1579. May 17. C. Christopher s. John Stowe. Perhaps Christopher Lee 15 m had died - another son was so named: a son in law proceeded.
 1581/2. Jan. 14. C. John s. John Stowe.
 1585. Oct. 17. C. Zachary s. John Stowe.
 1586. Dec. 27. C. Thomas s. John Stowe borne St. Thomas d.
 1587 Aug. 15. B. Christopher s. John Stowe.
 1589. Nov. 4. C. William s. John Stowe. ? died 1638
 1601. Oct. 29. B. John Stow Inholder and Clarke. John Stow
 1603. Aug. 29. M. Thomas Draynes and Elizabeth Stowe.
 1608 Sept. 13. M. John Stowe and Elizabeth Bigge. John Stow
 1609/10. Mar. 15. B. John Stowe had a d. unbaptized.
 1612. Sept. 12. B. John Stowe's d. unbaptized.
 1612. Sept. 13. C. Elizabeth d. John Stowe.
 1612. Sept. 21. B. Elizabeth d. John Stowe.
 1615 Apr. 2. C. Thomas s. John Stowe.
 1615 Aug. 8. M. William Stow and Alice Atchinn.
 1616. Sept. 25. B. Joane Stoe widdowe. Probable of John Stow's son.
 1616 Oct. 20. C. Elizabeth d. William Stow.
 1617. Aug. 31. C. Elizabeth d. John Stow.
 1618/19. Jan. 17. C. Joane d. William Stowe.
 1618/19 Feb. 23. B. Joane d. William Stowe.
 1619. Oct. 10. C. John s. John Stowe.
 1619/20 Mar. 12. C. John s. William Stowe.
 1621. Oct. 7. C. Nathanaell s. John Stowe.
 1623/4. Feb. 8. C. Samuel s. John Stowe.
 1624. May 23. C. Thomas s. William Stowe.
 1629. Mar. 29. C. Thankfull d. John Stowe.
 1629. Apr. 21. B. The wife of William Stowe.
 1630/31. Feb. 15. B. Thomas s. William Stowe.
 1636. May 17. M. William Stowe and Mary Milson.

1638. Aug. 3. B. Willyam Stow.

1638. Nov. 5. Mr. Francis Springet and Mary Stow.

Note by Mr H. B. Thomas of Bechill-on-Sea.

On inner back cover of Register Book No. 1., casually written in a 16th Century hand is "Jhon Stowe Clarke 1586". This hand cannot be identified with any of those in general use in the register: but it is identical in hand and ink with a single interpolated entry of December 27th 1586 "christened thomas the sonne of John Stowe borne St Thomas d (i.e. St. Thomas' Day = 21 December). In Register Book No. 2. is the burial on 29 October 1601. of "John Stow Inholder and Clarke". It is possible that "inholder" does not mean "inn keeper" in the modern sense. It may refer to an in-dweller, a householder "in" the parish in contrast with an out-dweller or stranger to the parish, who could claim no benefits - poor relief or burial - by the Parish.

in response to an enquiry made by Mr. and Mrs Bruce B. Stowe, (Fern Bank.) for the Rev. Elsie Stowe, 111 Elm Street, West Haven 16, Connecticut.

Will

Canterbury Cathedral Library

John Stowe 29th October 1600.

To the Sacred Memory of William Trent, born on the island of Barbados in America, M.A. at the college of, Gonville and Caius (?) at Cambridge, Rector of this church, over which he watched, a faithful pastor, for 36 years, an untiring and persuasive teacher of piety and virtue everywhere (especially here); as eager to govern the parish well as he was loved by the same and the neighbourhood; because of his honesty he had an upright and noble mind and a polished courtesy in conversation.

He took as wife Mary, daughter of William Dyer, merchant, who was born on the aforesaid island, a very good woman, well adorned by piety and prudence. When death had snatched her away (the day was the 12th. of March, A.D. 1735, aged 64), he united himself by a second marriage to Mary, the daughter of Richard Beale, a gentleman of this parish, and he left her a widow on January 15th. A.D. 1739, aged 64. Mary, the aforesaid wife died October 4th. A.D. 1780, aged 74.

Near the remains of the dead (woman?) (which are buried below, under the marble monument showing the place) is buried Charlotte, the little daughter of William Walker, Knight, scarce two years old; whom, being bereft of her mother (her father and grandmother strenuously urging it), they took into their home for friendship's sake; they cherished her alive with truly parental affection, they mourned her dead, and wished her to be commemorated here with them; she died ~~the~~ May 11th. A.D. 1718.

Laurence Trent, Knight, grandson and heir of William ^{from} (by John the elder brother) caused this to be erected through piety and duty.

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