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CHURCH REGISTERS

AND

PARISH ACCOUNT BOOKS

OF

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THE CHURCH REGISTERS AND PARISH ACCOUNT BOOKS OF OCKLEY, Co. SURREY.

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THERE must be few, if any, parishes whose records extending over several hundred years fail, if carefully examined, to afford some curious or interesting particulars illustrative of the past.

The Registers, and especially the Parish Account Books of the picturesque and somewhat sequestered village of Ockley, in the Weald of Surrey, although not containing many remarkable entries, yet afford interesting glimpses of the life of its inhabitants and recall manners and customs now utterly changed.

THE REGISTERS.

The earliest Register is of paper, bound in leather, having a narrow gilt line round the upper edge: it has a rather elegant, lozenge-shaped design embossed in gold in the centre; the corresponding one at the back has apparently been cut out. It measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., begins on the first page in black letter: "The Register of Ockley anno Doñi 1539 and in the one & Thirtyeth yeare of o^r souaigne lorde Kinge Henrye the Eighte of England ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith &c."

The first entry is a burial: "William Stapter was buried the xxvth Daye of Maye 1539." In this book the baptisms, marriages, and burials are all mixed.

There is a gap between 1554—1562 (but not so in the large Register to be described hereafter); probably a leaf has gone; and again a gap occurs between 1643—1646, where portions of the torn leaf remain: it is continued down to 1663, after which are some entries,

very badly written up, of births and baptisms of the Margesson family: the book would seem to have remained for some years in possession of William Margesson, who used it apparently to make notes of occurrences on his farm, domestic aphorisms, &c.

In an early part he has transcribed the following lines, probably not original, except in the spelling:—

“ The new born infant in the Cradle lies, And when it sleeps not, fills
Our ears with cries. Being grown big with foolish Spoorts (*sic*) and play
The first ten years of life are thrown away: yet he Injoyes [mo
Till those ten years are over; That Innocence (*sic*) which he must boast
Poor man when Three score winters he has told Now places all his hops (*sic*)
Bags of Gold; who can but this strange vanity admire: The less
We want the more we still desire; He has to (*sic*) much and yet he wou
Have more; Starving himself in midst of all his store; what can more
Vain than a Rich miser be; Or more emphatically poor than hee (*sic*)
Now the last sands of man's short life are run; Death strikes his
Dart home and his work is done: He has run untill he is allmost
Out of breath; now see how he on crutches creeps to death: of all he
Toil'd for he can onely haue, A sad cold coffin and a gloomy graue
Then cease your tears for 'tis in vain to cry, Heaven's Great decrec is pa
And man must die.”

Elsewhere, in 17th century hand:—

“ Ockley A note of the names of such as have
benne peeti constables enery yeare
successively since Anno 1608/.

- 1608. Rob^t Ticknor of Wickland.
- 1609. John Constable.
- 1610. Thomas Constable of Trouts.
- 1611. John Rownde.
- 1612. Tho. Cole.
- 1613. John Peter of henhurste.
- 1614. William Spooner Constable, and Tho. Mulford, Tithingman.
- 1615. Richard Dalton.
- 1616. Jeames Chelsam.
- 1617. Tho. Songhurste.
- 1618. Tho. Wheatland.
- 1619. John Lyfford.
- 1620. Richard Margesson.
- 1621. Tho. Baxe, Constable, and John Cole, Tythingman.
- 1622. Henry Coxe. [Tythingman.
- 1623. William Parker, Constable, and Tho. Constable of Brits,
- 1624. John Wicker, Constable, and George Nye, Tythingman.
- 1625. Tho. Cole, Constable, and John Clare, Tythingman.
- 1626. Tho. Lee, Constable, and William Lutman, Tythingman. [man.
- 1627. John Nyghtingall, Constable, and Peter Songhurste, Tything-

1628. William Dalton, Constable, and William Lutman, Tythingman.
 1629. Richard Mayland, Constable, and Tho. flutter, Tythingman.
 1630-31. John Longhurst of Wickland, Constable, and John Swan, Tythingman.
 1632. Tho. Songhurst, Constable, and Tho. Stone, Tythingman.
 1633.
 1634. John Chelsam, Constable, John Peter, Tythingman.
 1635. John Weller, Constable, and Tho. Stydman, Tythingman.
 1636. John Stone, Constable, and Tho. Stydman, Tythingmā.
 1637. Henry Steere, Constable, John Margesson, Tythingmā.
 1638. William Longhurst, Constable, William Dudley, Tythingman.
 1639.
 1640/1. Edmonde Kinge, Constable, and Henry Gates, Tythingman.
 1642/3. Richard Margesson Junr, Henry Tydie, Tythingman.
 1644. John Wicker, Constable, Daniel Cole, tythingman.
 1645. John Constable, Constable, John Cheseman, tythingman."

On another page of the same book:—

"Richard Margesson served ye office of hie constablenesship (*sic*) In the year 1694."

"October the 29th Day 1719."

"Then my couzen William Hamshear's Horse came a-keeping [for 1 a week.]"

"Sarah Wakeford, Daughter of William Wakeford, was Baptized the third Day of July, anno Dom. 1670."

At the end of the book—

"An order for disposing of ane placing of every one in their seates according to their howses as was agreed uppon by the moste substantiall Inhabitants and confirmed by D. Ridley then Archdeacon for Surr. Anno Dni. (1619) at the visitacon at Guildeford.

The North Side—

1 Seate Eversheds
 Lyfeild
 Henhurst
 Islinghurst

2 Wickland
 Trouts
 Allins
 Pisleye
 Naldrett

3 Plashett
 Shiproddes
 Tiphames
 Collis
 Averies

The South Side—

1 Seate Halle
 Holbrooke
 Wakehurst
 Weekes
 Jouldens

2 flurneres
 Wallis
 Puttocks
 Bookeres
 Stileres

3 Vann
 Osbornes
 Wallis Wood
 Boswelles
 Turneres

The North Side— <i>contd.</i>		The South Side— <i>contd.</i>	
The Weomens Seates.		4	Lettes
4	Eversheds		Britts
	Halle		Youngs
	Holbrooke		Cranleies
	Henhurst		Abrahames
	Lyfeilde		Parkeres. buchins
5	Wakehurst	5	Niehäs Constable
	ffurneres		John Mayland
	Islinghurst		Robt. Snellinge
	Allines		John Cole
	Weekes		Tho. Mulford
			Peter Songhurst
6	Allmeres Ric. Margesson	6	fferre
	Trouts. Pislle		Carpolles
	Stileres Wicklande		little bookeres
7	Tephames		Cobbats
	Boswelles		Wickland Coxes
	Younges	7	Wollues
	Osbernes		Edward Stydmans Wallis
	Jouldens		Weeks. Wood
8	Bookers Dalton's, Wallis		Peeteres buchins
	Plashett		little collis
	Shiprods		ffishawe
	Collis		
9	Averies	The Weomens Seates	
	Naldrett	8	Wallis
	Little Collis		Letts
	Abrahames		Puttocks
	Parkeres hutchins		Vann
			Coxe's Wickland
10	ffere	9	Turneres
	Edward Studman		Britts
	Wallis Wood		Cranleies
	Wolues		Peter Songhurst
	Weekes Wood		John Mayland
	ffishawe		John Cole
		10	Snellinge
			Niehäs Constable
			Tho. Mulford
		11	Carpolls
			Luttman
			Little Bookeres

finis."

I am informed by the Rector that the following list gives the number of feet of fencing round the Church-yard, as apporioned to each property to keep in repair.

“Surr: A note of the ffamilyes belonginge to the } December
OCKLEY. Church yarde of Ockley pishe. } 1628.

You muste begin at the Church gate
& soe goe North warde.

Imprimis, Joldennes	...	...	...	xii pedes
Item Wintersills house and Stubbes	...	...	...	x pedes
Itm̄ the Bonnetts	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm̄ the fflanne	...	...	...	xvj pedes
Itm̄ Hille land & ffurneres	...	...	...	x pedes
Itm̄ the Cranlies & Rowhall	...	...	...	vij pedes
Itm̄ Troutes	...	...	...	xix pedes
Itm̄ John Puttukes	...	...	...	xvij pedes
Itm̄ Weekes	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm̄ Wallis	...	...	...	x pedes
Itm̄ John Longhurst	...	...	...	xx pedes
Itm̄ Jordens	...	...	...	ix pedes
Itm̄ Abrahames	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm̄ Cobbits	...	...	...	xix pedes
Itm̄ the Weekland	...	...	...	xi pedes
Itm̄ Noldreds	...	...	...	xxi pedes
Itm̄ the Alines	...	...	...	xii pedes
Itm̄ Leethe	...	...	...	xxix pedes
Itm̄ Henhurste	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm̄ Garlands	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm̄ Pisslase	...	...	...	ix pedes
Itm̄ Heath Cocksham	...	...	...	v pedes
Itm̄ Tippams	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm̄ Picknolls Styleres	...	...	...	vij pedes
Itm̄ Stone Styleres	...	...	...	v pedes
Itm̄ Plachatt	...	...	...	ix pedes
Itm̄ the fferre	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm̄ Wakehurste	...	...	...	[blank]
Itm̄ Wollis	...	...	...	iiij pedes
Itm̄ Spaules	...	...	...	iiij pedes
Itm̄ Aylmeres	...	...	...	x pedes
Itm̄ Carpols	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm̄ Averies	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm̄ Younges	...	...	...	ix pedes
Itm̄ Britts	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm̄ Turners	...	...	...	x pedes
Itm̄ the Ruckman Meade	...	...	...	ix pedes
Itm̄ Hillerfield	...	...	...	v pedes
Itm̄ Islinghurste	...	...	...	xxv pedes
Itm̄ Lets	...	...	...	vij pedes

Itm Telvetts	...	...	...	...	vij pedes
Itm Woollues	...	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm Milgarden	...	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm Holbrooke	...	...	...	...	xx pedes
Itm the old Ruekenam	...	...	...	...	vij pedes
Itm Halle	...	...	...	...	xxv pedes
Itm Osbones	...	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm Bosworrs	...	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm Paynes	...	...	...	...	xij pedes
Itm Potlande	...	...	...	...	xj pedes
Itm Bockers	...	...	...	...	vj pedes
Itm Brambhurste	...	...	...	...	iiij pedes
Itm Sheeprods	...	...	...	...	xj pedes
Itm Pistley	...	...	...	...	xj pedes
Itm Evershed	...	...	...	...	? xj pedes
Itm Hilllande	...	...	...	...	x pedes
Itm Bull Croftes	...	...	...	...	xij pedes."

II.

Next to the paper Register is the large principal one, written on parchment and bound in leather; it measures 16 in. by $7\frac{3}{4}$ in. The early part is evidently a transcript from the original paper book, with this difference, that the baptisms, marriages, and burials have all been sorted and written up separately. Inside the cover is written, "The Register Book of The Parish of Ockley, In the County of Surrey." The greater part of it has been most carefully kept and is in admirable condition, but there is a falling off in the writing about 1700, when it would seem as though the duty of posting up the entries had devolved upon the clerk.

There are but few unusual christian or surnames: the only Puritan ones are those of Godhelpe Cooper (1631, 1633) and Deodate Coxhill (1630): the surname of Pricklowe or Pricklove is also uncommon.

The baptisms and burials extend from 1539—1812, and the marriages, 1538—1754.

At the end of this Register is a Table of the Surplice Fees due to the Rector of Ockley, List of Church Furniture belonging to St. Margaret's, Ockley, and St. John's, Ockley Green (the latter mainly built by the exertions of the present Rector, and consecrated 1872),

both made out at Easter, 1878, and Mortuary Memoranda, of which some specimens are subjoined.

Mortuary fees, 16 May 1777, of Mr Mitchel of Ewhurst.

William Mitchel lately buried at Ewhurst.

15 Dec. 1777, Mr Borer of Leigh parish, on the death of Mr Wakeham, lately (*sic*) deceased.

14 Jan. 1778, of Sarah Puttock, due on death of her late father.

Rec^d of the Executors of John Mills of Capell, buried here, ten shillings mortuary, by me. D. E., Curat.

Memor. I rec^d of Mr. Worsfold, nephew of Mr Worsfold of Lye field, ten shillings for a mortuary, on the 26th of August 1733, on account of the Death of His Uncle who was buried at Ewhurst.

“Received, March 10th 1779, ten shillings mortuary six and eight-pence breach of ground and one guinea for a funeral Sermon and on account of the burial of William Margesson, Esq^r, an ornament to his good family.
DAN EVANS, Curate.”

There are notes of the formation of vaults for the families of Steere, of the Jayes, and Arbuthnot, of Elderslie (1832).

Then follow some memoranda which recall the much-vexed question of proprietorship in pews.

“N.B. The Pew in the Chancel opposite to the Rector’s Seat and now occupied by Mr Steere of Jeyes, is the sole exclusive property of the Rector.
T. WOODROOFFE, Rector, 1798.”

“N.B. The Pew in the Chancel between the Rector’s pew and the railing of the Altar on the south side of the aisle, is the sole and exclusive property of the Rector, who receives from John Sykes, Esq^r, of Elderslie Lodge, an annual payment as a consideration for allowing him to occupy it.
JOHN COOK, Rector, 1818.”

“Received this tenth day of May, 1782, of Mr John Margesson one pound and one shilling for setting up tomb stone over Mr William Margesson.
by me DAN EVANS.”

There are also receipts for stones to “Mr Boorer, 10 Dec. 1783.”

“Sent an Account of this Register and that of Oakwood Chapel to Mr Langley, at Dorking, amounting from Oct^r 1st 1783 to Oct. 1st 1784, as follows :

Weddings 6	Oakwood Chapel
Christenings 4	Christenings 5
Buryings 4	Buryings 1

14

6

3s. 0d.

1s. 6d.

Paupers excepted in both.”

"On Easter Monday in the year 1730 John Longhurst of the Parish of Ockley was chose (*sic*) Churchwarden by me.

W. STOCKWOOD, Rector."

"None under age are to be married without their Parents' Consent."

The earliest names in the Register of Baptisms are the following:—Ayleward, Ashwen, Bax,¹ Boughton,

¹ BAX. This is one of the early names in the Register. Members of the family often filled parish offices; but owing to many of them, on the rise of Quakerism, adopting the opinions of George Fox, they necessarily became ineligible as churchwardens.

Richard Bax, of Pleystowe in Capel, was the head of one branch of the family, and Edward Bax, of Ockley Court, of the other.

For an account of the conversion of Richard Bax to Quakerism, see *Sussex Arch. Coll.*, Vol. XVI, p. 70.

Before the meeting-house was erected in the village of Capel, meetings were held for many years at Richard Bax's house, Pleystowe in Capel, where a register was set up, and most carefully kept, of all the births, marriages, and burials of Members of the Society in the district. (*Vide Early Friends in Surrey and Sussex*, by T. W. Marsh, London, 1886.) He was visited by George Fox, in 1670. (*Vide George Fox's Journal*, 1st Edition, 1690, p. 342.)

For some curious particulars, see *Notes and Extracts from the Account Book of Richard Bax, a Surrey Yeoman, kept between 1648-1662*; by the present writer, in the *Antiquary*, October, 1882, Vol. VI.

Sir William Duncombe sold the manor and lands of Ockley about 1694 to Edward Bax, who almost immediately afterwards conveyed them to Mr. John Evershed, of Eversheds (*Manning and Bray*, Vol. II, p. 163).

In the Pleystowe Register, the births of many members of the family are recorded as taking place at Ockley Court.

The Court and land attached were sold by Thomas Bax and Margaret Bax, widow, his mother, in 1744, to Mr. W. Tash. (*Fines for Trinity Term*, 18-19 George II, 1744. Public Record Office.) Edward Bax was Overseer in 1683, 1691, 1699, 1706, 1717, 1718, 1722, 1727, 1737, 1763.

Edward Bax signs the accounts in 1683, 1695, 1699, 1706, &c.

Thomas Bax was Overseer in 1713, 1714, 1724, 1744, 1746, 1752, 1757.

He signs the accounts in 1695.

Many of the family suffered severely, even to imprisonment and loss of their goods, for their religious views and for their conscientious objections to the payment of tithes. (See Joseph Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*, London, 2 vols., 1753, which contains only a selection from many more detailed in the large series of MS. volumes of *Sufferings* preserved in the Record Room at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate Street.)

Butler, Constable,¹ Cook, Collin, Ede, Evershed,² Hitchcock, Longhurst,³ Margesson,⁴ Nightingale, Peter,⁵ Steere,⁶ Stone, Symmes, Tickner, Wright.

¹ CONSTABLE. An important and widespread yeoman family in Surrey and Sussex.

Branches are to be traced at Ockley, Capel, Abinger, Ewhurst, Horley, Charlwood, Newdigate, Wootton, Dorking, Ashtead, Epsom, Ryegate, Horne, Lingfield, Oxted, Shere, Godalming, Send, Egham, Mitcham, Streatham, Southwark ; and Burwood, Crawley, &c., &c., in Sussex:

Thomas Constable was Overseer in 1664, 1683.

William Constable „ „ 1665.

Richard Constable „ „ 1668.

John Constable „ „ 1679, 1698, 1702.

Joseph Constable „ „ 1691.

² EVERSHED. This family gradually rose into importance in the 16th and 17th centuries, until in 1706 John Evershed became an Esquire. He was Sheriff of Surrey (10 Anne 1712).

The Arms of Evershed are tricked in the *Visitation of Surrey*, Add. MS. 5,533, Brit. Mus. Argent, on a chief sable, 3 pierced mullets of 6 points or ; Crest, a pierced mullet of 6 points or, between a pair of wings displayed argent.

Confirmation of Arms by Sir Thomas St. George, Garter, and Sir Henry St. George, Clarenceux, to John Evershed, of Evershed, 1696, is printed in full, with plate, in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, O.S., Vol. II, p. 191.

³ LONGHURST. They were at Ockley at an early period.

Will of John Longhurst, of Howbroak, Ockley, was proved in A.C.S., 8th June, 1546.

John Longhurst was Overseer in 1665, 1686, 1699, 1733 ; Churchwarden, 1678, 1698, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1770, 1771, 1782, 1783, 1797, 1805, 1812.

Thomas Longhurst was Overseer in 1689, 1712 ; Churchwarden, 1713.

Richard Longhurst was Overseer in 1703 (?), 1715, 1723 ; Churchwarden, 1695.

William Longhurst was Churchwarden in 1815, 1816, 1817.

⁴ MARGESSON. Many of the members of the Margesson family are buried in Ockley Churchyard.

The pedigree of Margesson, of Ockley, co. Surrey, and Offington, co. Sussex, is to be found in W. Berry's *County Genealogies, Surrey*, p. 17, London, 1837.

⁵ PETER. This name is found very early in Surrey. It occurs in Ockley at least as early as 32 Henry VIII (Subsidy Roll).

⁶ STEERE. This family is found largely represented in the Registers. Other members were established in the adjoining parishes of Capel, Wootton, Newdigate ; also at Crowhurst, Lingfield, Dorking, Ashtead, Ewhurst, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Southwark ; and at Rudgwick and Rusper, in the adjacent county of Sussex.

1716.¹ Mr Edw^d Evershed buried May 8.

1716.² John Evershed, Esq^r, buried Aug. 1.

1716.³ Mr Edmund Steere of Capell buried Sept. 6.

¹ Admon. of the goods, &c. of Edward Evershed, late of Ockley, co. Surry, bachelor, was granted in P. C. C., 10th August, 1716, to John Evershed, his cousin and next-of-kin.

² Admon. of the goods of John Evershed, late of Ockley, co. Surrey, bachelor, was granted in P. C. C., 14th September, 1716, to John Young, Esq., cousin and next-of-kin. In the floor of church is an inscription, on blue marble ledger, to "JOHN EVERSHED, Esq^r, | dyed the 28th day of | July 1716 | Aged 62 years."

³ His Will is dated 25th January (1st Geo. I), 1714, and begins: "I Edmund Steere, now of the parish of Capell in the County of Surrey gent. being in bodily health and of sound and disposing mind and memory (I praise God for itt) but being in yeares (vizt. full sixe and fifty yeares old if I live to the 20th day of next Aprill) and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life," &c.
 "ffirst and principally I comend my soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping for Salvacon in and through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer. My body I comitt to the Earth to be buried by mine Executors hereafter named in the Churchyard of the pish of Ockley in the said County of Surrey in manner following (that is to say) I will and appoynte to be buried in Liunen and to lye as near to my late father as Convenieney will admitt of. Item I will and appoynte a Tombstone to be putt upp over my Grave like unto my fathers with this Supcripcon) or some other w^{ch} may be judged more proper) ingraven upon itt, vizt:—'Here lyeth the Body of Edmond Steere (who was the sixth sonne of John Steere th' elder late of Jayes in the pish of Wootton in this County Gent.) who departed this life the [] day of [] Anno Dni 17 [], and in the [] year of his Age.' Item I will & appoynte the sūme of Three pounds to be laid out for Gold Rings to be given to Sixe Batchellours, that shall bear upp the pall att my ffunerall. As for all other provisions for my ffuñerall I leave the same to the discrecon of mine Executors, together with the advise and approbacon of the Overseers to this my Will. Item itt is my will & desire that none shall come to my ffunerall but such as shall be invited and because I am only a Boarder (that soe the ffamily where I shall Dye may be putt to as little trouble as may be) I desire to have but few psons invited to my ffuñerall; however I leave itt to mine Executors and the Overseers to doe therein as they shall thinke meete. Now As touching that Worldly Estate which itt hath pleased God of his goodness to blesse me withall I doe hereby give and dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say) Imprimis I give and bequeath to the poore of Three of the fflower pishes of Ockley, Wootton, Dorking and Capell the sūme of Seaven pounds and Tenne shillinges (that is to say) to the poore of each pish

of Three of the said flower pishes the sume of fifty shillings of lawfull money of Great Britaine the same to be payed by mine Executors within one months time next after my decease to the respective Overseers of the poore of the said pishes for the use of the said poore. Item Itt is my will that the poore of that pish who shall have a right to fifty shillings upon the account of my being to be buryed in Linnen shall have noepte of the Seaven pounds and Tenne shillings before mençoed. And the reason why I have express'd my Legacy to the poore in manner as aforesaid is because I am not certaine whether the fifty shillings to be paid to the poore for my being to be buryed in Linnen will be due to the poore of Ockley (where I am to be buryed) or whether it will belong to the poore of that pish where I shall dye If the fifty shillings to become due to the poore upon the account of my being buryed in Linnen shall belong to the poore of that pish where I shall dye and the providence of God shall see order it that I shall not dye in any of the said flower pishes but in some other pish In such case I give and bequeath to the poore of eüy one of the said flower pishes the sume of fifty shillings to be payd in manner as aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to my Three Sisters in law Mrs. Raper of Hackney widdow, Mrs. Steere of Guildford widdow and the Wife of my Brother Thomas Steere of London Gent. the sume of Tenne pounds a peice to buy them mourning. Item I give and bequeath to my Sister Barling of Dorking aforesaid and my Cousin fiducia wife of [] Papillon of Hackney aforesaid Gent. the like Sume of Tenne Pounds a peice to buy them mourning. Item I give and bequeath to my brother in law Clement Barling Gent. the Sume of ffive pounds to buy him mourning. Item I give and bequeath to the children of my said brother Thomas Steere the sume of ffive pounds a peice to buy them mourning. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Edmund Steere an Apprentice in London and to his brothers Thomas Steere and Robert Steere of Guildeford aforesaid the Sume of ffive pounds a peice to buy them mourning. Item I give and bequeath to my Sisters in Lawe Mrs. Eglesham and Mrs. Cossart the sume of ffive pounds a peice to buy them mourning. Item I give and bequeath to Mrs. Paget the wife of Mr. John Paget Minister of the Ghospell (*sic*) in the pish of Ockley aforesaid, Mrs. Hutches of Guildeford aforesaid Widd, my cousins John Gardner of Ockley aforesaid Grocer and Jane his wife my cousin Mary Gardner of Hackney aforesaid Spinster my Landl^d (and Cousin) William Steere of Capell aforesaid yeoman my Cousin Thomas Steere his brother my Cousin Palmer widdow his Sister and my Cousin Mary Steere my Landlord's daughter the Sume of Twenty shillings a peice to buy them mourning Rings. Item I give and bequeath to Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Sarah the daughters of the said Mr. John Paget my Cousin William Steere my Landlord's Sonne and my Cousin and Schollar Mary Palmer my Landlord's neice the Sume of Tenne shillings a peice to buy them Rings All which said Seüall Legacies before mençoed I will and appoynte to be paid by mine Executors within One month's time next after the day of my decease in good and lawfull money of Great Britaine. Item I give and bequeath to the said Mr. John Paget the Sume of Tenne Pounds of lawfull money of Great Britaine to be paid him by mine Executors within

Three months time next after my decease ffor which Legacie I will and desire him (without any farther reward) to preach my ffunerall Sermon on the ffirst or Second Lord's day next after my buriall from this Text psalme y^e 50th and the last pte of the last verse. To him that ordereth his &c. Item I give and bequeath to these sixe ministers of God's word vizt. Mr. Mayo of Kingston upon Thames Mr. ffoster of Guldeford Mr. Highmore of Dorking Mr. Lobb of Horley Mr. Chaundler att Turners Hill in Sussex and Mr. Stokes of Horsham in Sussex Sixe Twenty Shilling peices of Old Gold (that is to say) to each and efly of them One Twenty Shilling peice of Old Gold as a Token of my love to them. Item I give and bequeath to those Twenty men of my neighbours and Acquaintance whose names I have written downe in a peice of paper and pinn'd itt to this my Will the Summe of Twoe shillings and Sixpence a peice of lawfull British money. Item I give and bequeath to the Servants of the ffamily where I shall last live the summe of Tenne Shillings a peice of like lawfull money. I give and bequeath my Diamond Ring to Mrs. Sarah Camden wife of Mr. [] Camden Minister which Ring I bought when I courted her. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Cousin Lee Steere of Hackney aforesaid Esq^r All that my Messuage or Tenement and Barne together with the Twoe platts of ground and p^rmisses with the app^rteñnces thereunto belonging and apptaining situate lying and being in the pish of Wootton aforesaid in the said County of Surrey and now or late in sefall teanures or occupacōns of Richard May and James Childe To have and to hold the said Messuage or Tenement Barne Plotts of Ground and p^rmisses before mencōned with the app^rteñnces unto the said Lee Steere his heires and assignes for ever. Item I further give and bequeath unto my said Cousin Lee Steere All my stones and bricks lyeing in the Greene about the Tree before the said messuage or Tenement and alsoe that my peice of Plate (which is a Silver plate) with my Mother's Coat of Armes ingraven upon itt. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said brother Thomas Steere All that my Messuage or Tenement and ffarme lands tenem^{ts} hereditam^{ts} and p^rmisses with th' appteñnces called or knowne by the name of pollingfold or by any other name or names conteynening by estimacōn Three score acres (more or lesse) situate lyeing and being near Oakewood Chappell) in the pish of Abinger in the said county of Surrey and now or late in the teanure or occupacōn of John Paris or his assignes To have and to hold The said Messuage or Tenement and ffarme Lands tenem^{ts} hereditam^{ts} and p^rmisses with this and efly of their appteñnces unto my said brother Thomas Steere his heires and assignes for ever." . . . He bequeaths "to my said Sister Barling all those my Three Messuages or Tenm^{ts} and y^e p^rmisses lyeing and being in the Towne of Dorking aforesaid one of them being scituate in the High Streete of Dorking and now in the Teanure or occupacōn of Thomas Attwood or his Assignes and the other Twoe scituate in the West Streete of Dorking aforesaid and now in the sefall Teanures or occupacōns of George Nye and the Widdow Turner and their Assignes and from and after the decease of my said Sister Barling the said Three Messuages

or Tenm^{ts} unto my nephewes the said Thomas Steere and Robert Steere of Guldeford aforesaid and to their heires and assignes for ever. Item unto my Brother Robert Steere of London Gent. all that my Messuage or Ten^{mts} or ffarme lands comonly called or knowne by the name of Minstrell's Wood conteyning by estimacōn Threescore and Tenne Acres (be the same more or less) scituate in the pish of Billingham in the County of Sussex and now or late in the Teanure or occupacōn of Daniel Ireland or his Assignes and alsoe All that my Messuage or Ten^{mt} or ffarme lands in the pish of Curdford in the said County of Sussex comonly called or knowne by the name of Redd Land conteyning by estimacōn ffive and Thirty Acres of Land (be the same more or lesse) and now or late in the occupacōn of Richard Coles or his Assignes To have and to hold unto my said Brother Robert Steere and his Assignes for and duringe the terme of his naturall life without impeachment of waste and from and after the decease of my said Brother Robert Steere I give the said Messuages Tenem^{ts} and ffarme lands before mencōned in Sussex unto my said nephew Edmund Steere his heires and assignes for ever." Should his nephew Edmund Steere predecease his brother Robert then his Sussex property to go to his brother Robert and his heirs. Gives his barn "called Ledgland atf Lodge Land conteyning by estimacōn Thirty acres more or lesse" in Ockley "and now or late in the occupacōn of the Widow Simmonds or her Assignes unto my nephew John Steere of Guldeford aforesaid Gent, and to his heires assignes for ever," subject to the payment of £50 to his brother Edmund Steere within one month's time after he arrives at 21. He further gives to "Sister Barling All my Linnen in my Great Chest"—to nephew John Steere "All my Law Books—unto my said Landlord William Steere my press my Cupboard and my Chaires and Cusheon"—to "said Landlord's daughter my Stone Ring my Silver Snuffbox and my Looking Glasse—to my said Landlord's Sonne my Gun and my little Pistol. Item I will and appoynte William Pricklove's Bond to be cancelled and Edward Bennett's Bond to be delivered upp to be cancelled." "Item I will and desire my near Relacōns (that I have given noe Mourning to but have given them ffreehold Land) to put themselves into mourning." Appoints "my said Brothers Thomas Steere and Robert Steere Exeentors," to whom he bequeaths all the rest and residue after his debts, legacies, and funeral expenses are paid. Desires "said kinsmen and ffriends" William Steere and John Gardner to be Overseers. "and for their paines therein I give unto each of them one ffive and twenty shilling peice of Old Gold, over and above their reasonable charges and expences." (Signed) EDMUND STEERE.

Witnesses—Benjamin Constable, William Wood, Jane Hooker.

On a paper pinned to the Will—

"My halfe crowne Legatees spoke of in my Will are these :

1. William King.
2. Richard Booker.
3. Henry Roberts.

4. William Streete.
5. Edward Stone.
6. John Richman.
7. George Noldret.
8. William Wood (at the parsonadge).
9. Joseph Peter th' Elder.
10. Richard Streete th' Elder.
11. John Tilt.
12. John Comfort.
13. William Palmer.
14. Daniel Charlewood th' Elder.
15. John Lefford.
16. John Constable (that goes to hear at Stilehurst)
17. Thomas Weller.
18. James fuller.
19. John Ventris and
20. Robert Lipscombe.

All of them at Capell.

“ I desire that ffive more of my ffriends
which I thought to have brought in
amongst the 20, but knew not who to
leave out to make roome for them
may have 2^s 6^d a peice given them as a
token of my Love which are these

John Beldham.

Edward Risbridger (his brother in law).

Thomas Titchener.

William Lefford and

Nathaniel Roffey at Horsham.”

Proved by the oaths of Thomas and Robert Steere the brothers and
executors named, 30th October, 1716.

A nephew and niece of the testator are thus commemorated on ledgers
in the floor of church (now removed to belfry):—

Here Lieth | Interred ye Body of MARY y^e Daughter | of CLEMENT
and | MARY BARLING | of LONDON who | Dyed the 9th Day of JULY in
the year of | our LORD 1689 | Ætatis Suæ 1.

HERE LIETH y^e BODY | OF ABRAHAM COSSART | THE SON OF |
ABRAHAM COSSART | HOW DEPARTED Y^e | 14 DAY OF MAY 1697.

And through the courtesy of Joseph Eedes, Esq., I am enabled to
add the undermentioned extracts from Hackney Parish Registers, in
further illustration of this entry:—

Baptism. 1718, Oct. 16. Fiducia, da. of Mr. Lee Steere by Martha
his wife, born Dec. 12, 1717.

Burials. 1718, Oct. 10. Mrs. Fiducia Papillon (wife) carried away
1725, Dec. 8. Mr. Samuel Papillon, Linendraper, carried
away to St. Katherine Colman.

1729–30, Mar. 3. Miss Martha Steere, infant.

1738, Dec. 11. Mrs. Fiducia Raper, carried away.

1742, Oct. 8. William Steer, a child.

1745, June 7. Fiducia Steere, spinster.

1753, Jan. 20. Lee Steere, Esq.

1717. Elizabeth, daughter of John Gardiner, buried Aug. 25.
 1722.¹ Mr John Gardiner Buried Oct. 23, 1722.

For a Genealogy of the Papillon Family, see Agnew's *Protestant Exiles from France*, Vol. I, p. 195.

¹ The Will of "John Gardner of Stone Street in the parish of Ockley in the county of Surrey, grocer," is dated 19th October, 1722, and was proved in P.C.C., 25th May, 1723 (99, Richmond), by the oath of Jane Gardner, widow, the relict. He desires that "all my just debts be in the first place paid and discharged"—gives, "unto my Daughter Jane Gardner the sume of five hundred pounds at her age of two and Twenty years out of the lands and Tenements hereinafter devised to my son Joseph Gardner and his heirs." Item "unto my son Joseph Gardner and his heirs for ever at his age of two and Twenty years all that my Messuage or Tenement ffarm and Lands with the Appurtenances thereto belonging called or known by the name of or by such like name and also all that my piece or parcel of meadow ground with the appurtenances which I late purchased of Edward Bax all lying and being in the parish of Ockley aforesaid and also my two Crofts or parcells of Land which I purchased of the Widow Saker and my ferney Close with the Lime Kilne lying in the parish of Wootton and also all that my piece or parcel of Land called Ahnes lying in Ockley aforesaid with the barne and stable thereupon built and likewise my two Tenements standing on the said Land and Ground one of them in the occupacōn of William Thornton and the other in the occupacōn of Matthew Stedman and also all that my barn and parcell of arrable Meadow and pasture land called the Aveyes Containing by estimation forty acres situate in Wootton aforesaid and now in my own occupation to have and to hold the said Messuages or Tenements Lands and premises unto my said son Joseph Gardner his heirs and assigns for ever subject nevertheless to his Mother's Thirds and the payment of the said five hundred pounds to my said daughter Jane." Should his son Joseph die before 22 without leaving lawful issue, then the property to go to son John Gardner (subject to same conditions as before); should he also die without lawful issue, then to daughter Jane Gardner and her heirs for ever; but should she die without lawful heirs, then to loving wife Jane Gardner. Lastly, he leaves to his said wife all household goods ready money and personal estate whatsoever, "the better to enable her to maintaine and bring up my said three children Jane, John, and Joseph Gardner until they shall respectively attaine to their ages of two and twenty years." Makes wife Jane sole executrix, appoints "loving friends John Steere of Guldeford, Gent. William Margesson of Ockley, yeoman, and John flairhall of the same place, yeoman, overseers "and I give to them ten shillings a piece to buy them rings and I will they shall be paid all reasonable charges for their Care and Pains in the execution of this Trust."

(Signed) JOHN GARDNER.

Witnesses—Thomas Pyke, James Child, John Mower.

- 1724-5.¹ Mr William Haines, of Oakwood Hill, Bur. Mar. 15.
 1725.² Mr John Boreman, of Jays, Wootton, bur. Ap. 14.
 1725. Rev. Mr Thomas Vaughan, Chapⁿ of Oakwood, bur. Ap. 24th.
 1728. John Warner, of the Parish of Rye in Sussex, Ap. 17.
 1728. Mary Smith, a Traveller, Bury'd Sept. 26.
 Another Traveller, call'd by the Cant-name Pig-fat, bur.
 7^{ber} 29th.
 1733. Eliz. Haines, of the parish of Horsham, was buried Aug.
 the 8th.
 1733.³ Mr^s Mary Barling, of the par. of Dorking, was buried Oct.
 15, 1733.
 1736.⁴ Laur. Cobbet was buried Nov. 30, 1736.
 1741.⁵ Mr William Martin, Rector ("Minister" struck out) of
 Rusper Parish, buried Mar^h 24, 1741.
 1742.⁶ Jacob Strudwick, accidentally (*sic*) killed, was bur. June 15,
 1742.
 1742. Henry Eede, bur. Aug. 18, 1742.
 1747-8. Sarah (wife of W^m) Figg (with her new-born Infant), Bur'd
 Jan^y 8th.
 1748.⁷ Hon. Lient. Gen. Folliot, of Leith Hill, bur. Nov. 12th.

¹ The words $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{WILLIAM} \\ \text{HAINES} \\ \text{GENT} \\ \text{1700} \end{array} \right\}$ were formerly cut in the wall of the belfry.

² There are several stones of the name in the churchyard.

³ See note ³, page 14.

⁴ A Lawrence Cobbett was overseer of the poor, 1692, 1701, 1716, 1734; churchwarden in 1719.

⁵ I am indebted to E. H. W. Dunkin, Esq., for some of the following notes: He was of Brazenose College, Oxon.; B.A., Oct. 15, 1707; M.A., June 10, 1710; instituted to the Rectory of Rusper, 19 Dec. 1721, which he held until his death.

The following entries in Rusper Register refer to him:—

"11 May 1730. Anne, d. of W^m Martin, Rector, and Catherine his wife, bapt.

29 Dec. 1731. Jane, d. of William Martin, Rector, & Catherine his wife, bapt.

6 Jan. 1733. Catherine, d. of W^m Martin, bapt.

7 Dec. 1735. Thos., s. of W^m Martin, Rector, & Catharine his wife, born y^e 18 day of November."

⁶ Jacob Strudwick lost his life by falling from a timber carriage. (See Parish Accounts for 1742, p. 72.)

⁷ After a careful search in several courts, I have been unable to trace any Will or Admon. After all, General Folliot may have put his property in trust during his lifetime. (See Manning.) He frequently attests the Parish accounts as one of the J.P.'s of the County.

He resided for many years at Leith Hill Place, and is said to have

- 1748-9. Eliz. Haynes, of Horsham, bur. Jan^y 12th.
 1751. Lidia, D. of John and Elizabeth White (accidentally drowned), was buried April 26th.
 1755.¹ Mary, wife of Thomas Wood, buried February 4th.
 1755.² Joseph, s. of Joseph Gardner, buried June 24th.
 1757.³ M^{rs} Jane Gardner bur. Jan^y 1st.

been raised by his merit from the rank of a common soldier to that of a general officer. (Manning and Bray.)

Beatson, in his *Political Index* (Vol. II, p. 131), gives his appointments thus :—

Brigadier-General, July 2, 1739 ; Major-General, May 30, 1741 ; Lieut.-General, June 1, 1745.

The death of his only child is thus mentioned in the *Gent's Mag.*, 1743, Nov. 27 : "Miss Folliot, General Folliot's only child, aged 18 (*sic*). " (Vol. XIII, p. 613.)

The following inscription is on the white marble slab over the entrance to the massive brick mausoleum at the north-east corner of the churchyard, overshadowed with yew :

"The Family Tomb of Lieut Gen^l FOLLIOTT of Leith Hill.
 Wherein lies his only child SUSANNA who Dy'd
 Nov^r 27th 1743 in the Sixteenth year of her Age.
 also the Body of the said Gen^l FOLLIOTT who dyed
 the fourth of November 1748.

Also the Body of M^{rs} SUS^a FOLLIOTT Relict of the above
 Mentio'd Gen^l FOLLIOTT who Died June the 26th 1762 Aged 80 years."

¹ On a high tomb in the churchyard, close to the south wall of the church : "Here lyeth the Body of | JOHN son of THO^s & | MARY WOOD He died May y^e 8, 1752 | Aged 37 Years | Also here Lieth y^e Body of | MARY the wife of THOS. WOOD of Ockley Butcher | died 30 June 1755 Aged 64 Years | Here lieth the Body of y^e | above Named THOS. WOOD | who died y^e 17 Feb. 1756 | Aged 70 Years | "

² Son of Joseph and Margaret Gardner, d. June 1st, 1755. Aged four months. (H. S.)

³ In her Will, dated November 23rd, 1754, and proved in the Archdeaconry of Surrey 6th December, 1762, by the oath of Jane Gardner, Spinster, the sole exeentrix, she is described as "Jane Gardner widow in the parish of Ockley in the County of Surrey having my senses and memory Item I will that all my just Debts be in the first place paid and discharged out of my thirds and that is given me in my husband's will. I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane flntter a large Bible that was her father's to my son John Gardner all that my Messnage or Tenements, House, Malt House Barn and all Buildings, Garden Orchard and all their Appurtenances thereunto belonging and all that my House Smith's Shop Woodhouse Orchard Garden and all the Buildings belonging to both Houses with the Appurtenances in the parish of Albury in the county of

- 1757.¹ John Cobbet, of Wootton Parish, buried April 6th (a Sermon).
 1757. James Wood, of Brentford, buried May 1st.
 1758.² Ann, wife of Laurance Cobbett, buried May 16.
 1758. Cornelius Hope (a Foundling Child) buried Oct^r 27.
 1758. John Atwood (a Foundling Child) buried Dec^r 5.
 1759.³ Rich^d Garson, who had been Clerk of the Parish []
 years, Feb. 5, 1759.
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Surrey and in the occupation of Richard Tomson I give it to my son John Gardner for the term of his natural life and at his Death I give it all the above mentioned Estate to my Granddaughter Jane Gardner at her father's Death to Jane Gardner (*sic*) and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten And for want of such heirs I give this Estate to my Grandson Barkly Gardner and his heirs for ever. I give to my Granddaughter Jane Gardner all my Linnen plate household Goods and wearing Apparel. I give to my Granddaughter Jane Gardner all that my Messuage, Tenement, house, wood house and land that I bought of John Stone and his wife lying and being in the parish of Ockley I give it to Jane Gardner and her heirs for ever and I do hereby make and appoint my Granddaughter Jane Gardner to be whole and sole exeentrix of this my last Will and Testament and desire the favour of Mr. John Maybank in Guildford and Mr. Francis Base in the parish of Ockley I desire the favour of them to advise direct and assist my Granddaughter Jane Gardner."

Witnesses to the signature, Robert Corfe, Sen^r, John Stone,
 Richard Upfold.

¹ Apparently the same person is referred to on the following high tomb in the north-east part of the churchyard :

“ Here lyeth the Body of
 JOHN COBBET
 of the Parish of Wootton in
 this County Yeoman who
 departed this Life the 1st
 day of April 1757
 Aged 77 years.

Here also lieth the Body
 Mary Cobbet Relict of
 the above nam'd John
 Cobbet who departed
 this Life the 30 day of
 August 1762 Aged
 73 Years."

And in the Register of Marriages of Nuthurst, co. Sussex, the entry under date "1728, June 3. John Cobbett of Wootton in co. Surr. & Mary Mitchell of Warnham co. Suss.," probably refers to the same individuals as those mentioned on the tomb.

² See note ⁴, p. 19.

³ He appears to have been succeeded by James Weller.

1762.¹ Mrs Susanna Folliot, Relict of the Honourable Lieut. General Folliott, late of Leith Hill, was Buryed July y^e 2^d.

¹ In her Will, she is described as "of the parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the County of Middlesex Widow of Lientenant General John folliot deceased," desires that her "Body may be Decently Interred in a Leaden Coffin at Ockley in the same Tomb in which my late Dear Husband and Daughter were Buryed and I desire my Executrix hereinafter named to have the said Tomb thoroughly repaired and to have a Stone afixed in the Doorway of the said Tomb to prevent any other Corps (*sic*) from being buried there." Leaves £1,000 Bank Stock in trust "to my good friends Mr. William Backwell of London Banker and Mrs. Charlotte Needham who lives with me" to receive interest and dividends and pay same from time to time to niece Miss Mary full—after her decease then to continue in trust and pay interest on £500 of the said stock to Mary full, one of the daughters of said niece Mary full—and from and after her decease in trust to pay interest and dividends towards the Maintenance and Education of "John full Ann full and Susannah full the son and daughters of my said niece Mary full," until 21 or marriage of daughters, when said £500 Stock to be transferred to them in equal proportions—should either die, his or her legacy to go to the survivor or survivors. The interest of the remaining £500 to be devoted, immediately on decease of niece Mary full, to maintenance and education of John, Ann, and Susannah full until 21 or daughters' marriage, when principal to be equally divided. Leaves in trust £1,300 of 4 per Cent. Bank Annuity Stock (1760) to sell £100 within one month after decease and divide the proceeds between two nephews John Haughton and Edward Haughton in equal shares. £800 of said stock the interest and dividends to niece Jane Ware for life, after her decease to be employed towards maintenance and education of Ann Ware, Jane Ware, and William Ware, son and daughters of said niece, until 21 or marriage of said daughters, when principal to be transferred to them in equal proportions—if any die, his or her share to go to survivors.

£400 (residue of said £1,300) the said Charlotte Needham to have Interest during her life. After her decease £100 to God Daughter Susanna Needham. Should said Charlotte Needham leave any children, the remaining £300 to such child or children. Should said Charlotte Needham die without issue, the £300 to be paid to such of the children of said nieces Mary full and Jane Ware as shall be living at the death of the said Charlotte Needham.

£40 in Trust to "Dispose thereof in placing out the two Children of my said Nephews Edward Haughton viz. John Haughton and Mary Haughton to such Trades or business as my said Trustees shall approve of." Gives £20 to said Mr. Backwell and £50 to said Charlotte Needham for their trouble in executing the Trusts.

"Item I give unto the said Charlotte my Gold Repeating Watch and my Gold Seal with the Head of the said General folliott set

1762. Mary Cobbett (widow), of the Parish of Wootton, Bury'd Sept. 3.

1763.¹ William Margison was Bury'd April 9th.

No affidavit Return'd within eight Dayes. Notify'd the same to Charles Clarke, Esq^r, Justice of Peace and the Churchwarden, Ap. 17.

1764.² M^{rs} Betty King, wife of Richard King, of Farm, Yeoman of this Parish, was Bury'd y^e 28th Day of May.

1766.³ Lawrence Cobbett, of this Parish, was Buried January y^e 3^d.

therein Also I give her my two best Damask Table Cloths and Two Dozen of my best Damask Napkins And whereas the said Charlotte Needham hath lived with me many years without paying anything for Bed or board Now I Do Declare that I never expected or Intended to have anything for such her Bed and Lodging with me And I do hereby release and Discharge her of and from the same and of and from all such Moneys as she shall owe me upon that Account or upon any other Account whatsoever at the Day of my Death.

"Item I give to Captain Wetherstone my Clock and I give to each of my servants who shall be living with me at my Decease and who shall have lived with me Twelve months or more and not otherwise five pounds over and above the wages which shall be due to her or them All my Wearing Apparel and Household Linnen not hereinbefore Disposed of unto my said two neices Mary full and Jane Ware And I hereby direct my Executrix hereinafter named to sell and Dispose of the Rest of my household Goods plate and China Ware for the best prices she can get for the same."

All rest of personal estate to two nieces, Mary full and Jane Ware, equally. Dated 27th June, 1760. (Signed) SUSANNA FFOLLIOTT.

Witnesses—Fra. Sparrow, Luke Currie. Proved at London, in P. C. C. (247, S^t Eloy), on 30th June, 1762, by oath of Charlotte Needham.

¹ This refers to the certificate which was usually sent in, to the effect that the deceased had been buried in woollen only, according to the Act of Parliament, 30 Charles II, cap. 3, for burying in woollen, "for lessening the importation of linen beyond the seas and the encouragement of the woollen and paper manufactures of this kingdom."

² On an altar tomb in the churchyard near the south wall :
Here lieth the Body of | RICHARD KING | died February the 1, 1772. |
Aged 69 Years. | Also BETTY | wife of the above said | RICHARD
KING, | died May the 24, 1764 | Aged 68 years,

A loving Father, a tender Mother dear

Two faithful Friends do lie intombéd here.

Tombs to others of the same name are to be found in the churchyard.

³ His Will was proved in the Archdeaconry of Surrey, by the oath of Ann Grainger, wife of Charles Grainger, the sole Executrix. Sentence 4, Trinity Term, 21 Jan. 1766.

1767.¹ Mr Stephen Wood, of Brentford, bur. June 25, 1767

It commences:

“I Laurence Cobbett of the parish of Ockley in the County of Surrey, carpenter, being in good health and of sound disposing mind and memory. First I give and bequeath to my kinswoman Ann the Wife of Charles Grainger whom I constitute ordain and appoint to be my full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament the Lease of the Cottage wherein I now dwell situate and being in Ware Street in the parish of Ockley in the County aforesaid together with all my Household Goods and Linnen ready money and wearing Apparel after all my Just Debts and funeral Charges are paid by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed during her Life and after her decease the Lease of the Cottage abovenamed to be given to Laurence, son of the said Ann Grainger and his Heirs and Assignes for ever. Also I give to my kinswoman Elizabeth Stedman the Leases and all other writings whatsoever belonging to my other cottage being in Ware Street aforesaid she paying to the Lord of the Manor of Ockley two fat capons yearly at Christmas Also to my kinsman John Loveland being Blind, liveing in the parish of Webbston near Guildford in the county aforesaid or his Heirs and assigns for ever one Bond of twenty pounds also one Note of Hand for ten pounds which is in the hands of Thomas Wakeham of Stone Street in the said County of Surrey And also my will and desire is that William Baldwin carpenter son of John Baldwin shall make my coffin to whom I give and bequeath all my working Tools of all sorts together with all my Timber and Boards of all sorts after my Coffin is made dated 28 february 1761.” Witnesses—William Songhurst, Eliz. Weller, James Weller: re-executed 7 Oct. 1765, in the presence of Frank Nicholls, Lord of the Manor of Ockley.

¹ He is described in his Will, proved in P. C. C. (248, Legard), as “Stephen Wood of the parish of Isleworth in the County of Middlesex Wheelwright sick and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and memory Item I give and bequeath to my Dear and loving Wife Sarah Wood who I constitute and appoint to be my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament all and singular my freehold Estates lying and being in the parish of Ockley now in the occupation of Thomas Tidy Blacksmith together with all Lands Buildings and all other appurtenances thereunto belonging as likewise another freehold Messuage in the aforesaid parish of Ockley in the occupation of Henry Songhurst with all appurtenances thereunto belonging together with another freehold Tenement lying and being in Old Brentford in the parish of Ealing together with all its appurtenances to her the aforesaid Sarah Wood her Heirs and Assigns without any Molestation Suit or Hindrance from any person or persons whatsoever laying any claim or Title thereto. Item I likewise give and bequeath to my Dear and loving Wife Sarah Wood all my whole personal Estate after she has had all my just Debts and defrayed my funeral Expences that is to say All my Stock in Trade all Bonds Book Debts Notes of Hand

1768.¹ Sarah, ye wife of James Weller (Parish Clerk), was Bury'd
Apl. 1st.

1768. Joseph Butcher, Surgeon, of Wootton, bur. May 27.

1768. Allis Osborn, of this parish (whose Death was occasioned by
accidentally swallowing a Thimble), was Buried August
ye 7th.

1772. M^{rs} Mary Worsfold, of Leigh field, was Buried May ye 12th.

1773.² Sarah, ye wife of Hen. Boorer, was Bury'd May ye 12th.

1773.³ Hen. Boorer, Jun^r, was Buryed June ye 15th.

together with all my Ready Money plate Liunen and all other of
my goods and effects of what kind soever only reserving the hereafter
mentioned Legacies to be paid soon after my decease that is to say I give
and bequeath to my two Brothers Samuel Wood and Joseph Wood the
sum of Ten pounds to each of them. I likewise give and bequeath to
my Brother Robert Wood and my sister Mary Boreman the sum of one
guinea to each of them to be paid at my decease. I likewise give and
bequeath to my nephew Stephen Wood son of Samuel Wood the sum of
Twenty pounds to be paid within one year after my decease into the
hands of Thomas Benham Gardiner in Isleworth and Vincent Hobby
of the same parish of Isleworth who I hereby appoint as Trustees to
put my said nephew apprentice at the age of fourteen to such Trade
as they shall think most to his advantage but in case my nephew
Stephen Wood shall happen to dye before he aspire (*sic*) to the age of
fourteen that then the aforesaid sum of Twenty Pounds to be paid to
my Brother Samuel Wood."

Witnesses—Cornelius Durham, Vincent Hobby, Thomas Wood.
Proved at London, 20th June, 1767 by the oath of Sarah
Wood, widow, the Relict.

¹ A Rail still stood a few years ago in the churchyard with the
words: "To the memory of JAMES WELLER Clerk of this Parish who
Departed this | LIFE Nov. 19th 1814 Aged 84 Years."

² In the churchyard is a high tomb, inscribed—

"In Memory of | HENRY BOORER | who departed this Life | June 18, 1779 |
Aged 70 Years | Also | SARAH Wife of the above said | HENRY BOORER |
who departed this Life May 8th 1773 | Aged 62 Years."

³ Close to the foregoing inscription is a H.S. with the words—

"In memory of | HENRY BOORER | Junior | who departed this Life |
June | 11th 1773 | Aged 34 Years | "

In his Will, he gives and bequeaths "unto my sister Mary the wife
of Hersey Willard the sum of eighty pounds unto my sister
Elizabeth Boorer the sum of eighty pounds the rest and
residue of my Estate Real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever
. I give unto Mary my beloved wife"
Appoints wife full and sole Executrix. Dated 8th June 1773.
Witnesses—Samuel Greenfield, William Songhurst, James Weller.
Proved Arch. of Surrey, 30th July, 1773, by oath of Mary Boorer,
Widow, the Relict.

- 1773.¹ Mr John Swayne, Surgeon, of Dorking, bur. June 23, 1773.
 1774. James Evison, originally of Billingham, in Sussex (who for the space of 40 years Travel'd through many parts of England, Teaching and Instructing people in Divine Musick), was Buried April y^e 6th.
 1774. Mr George Worsfold, of Leigh field, bur. May y^e 4.
 1779.² Mr William Margesson, of Southwark, bur. Mar. 10.

¹ He appears to have been Parish Apothecary, and is called Doctor Swayne in the Parish Books "I John Swayne of Dorking in the County of Surrey Surgeon I give to my son John Swayne all the Drugs, Medicines and utensells in my Shop together with all my Instruments and Books of Physic and Surgery I give to my son William Swayne the Lease of the ffarm called the Hospitall ffarm in the parish of Merrou in the county aforesaid I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Swayne the sum of two hundred pounds I give to my Daughter Mary Swayne the sum of two hundred pounds which Legaey I desire may be paid within twelve Months after my decease. But my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and ordain that the said several legacys aforementioned shall be in full satisfaction for any claim or demand that any or either of the said Legatees may have upon my Estate or Effects and if any or either of the said Legatees shall claim or demand any sum or sums of money on account of any security by me heretofore given to them Then my will is that the Legacy hereby given or intended to be given to him or her so claiming shall be forfeited and remain in the hands of my Executor as his own right and property for ever. All the rest and residue of my Estate and Effects both Real and personal I give and devise to my son Marten Swayne and his heirs for ever my said son Marten Swayne sole Executor. Dated 2 Feb. 1772." Witnesses—Ann Wright, Moses Wright, Thos. Constable. Proved Arch. of Surrey, 14th August, 1773, by oath of Marten Swayne.

Elizabeth Marten, of Capell, widow, in her Will, dated 11th September, 1741, and proved 30th May, 1744, in Arch. C. S., mentions her "Daughter Sarah, wife of Mr. John Swayne, Grand dau. Sarah Swayne, Grand dau. Eliz. Swayne, Marten Swayne, son Thomas Agate, dau. Elizabeth Weller, son-in-law John Agate."

I am indebted to the kindness of the Rev. T. R. O'Flahertie, Vicar of Capel, for the entry of her marriage from the registers of that parish.

"John Marten & Elizabeth Agates (*sic*), widdow, both of this parish, ware married In Capell Church the 28th day of June 1709."

The following, in the burials at Capel, seems to refer to her:—

"Elizabeth Marten was buried the 27th day of July, 1743. Died* 24th."

² In his Will (a long one), dated 19th February, 1779, and proved in

P.C.C. 13th March, 1779 (116, Warburton), he is described as "William Margesson of the parish of Saint Saviour, Southwark, Haberdasher." He gives thereby "unto my nephew John Worsfold of the parish of Ockley . . . yeoman," . . . "my copyhold messuage Buildings ffarm Lands and Hereditaments called Redge ffarm" in Capel, "in the teanure or occupation of Elizabeth Cheesman—also his freehold messuages, &c. . . called Stamerey Porters and Baldwins ffarms in Rusper," co. Sussex, likewise in the occupation of Elizabeth Cheesman. He gives "unto my nephew George Worsfold of Ewhurst . . . yeoman" his copyhold messuage &c. called Rigden in the parish of Leigh, co. Surrey, in the occupation of Isaac Briggs, and his freehold messuage, &c. called Hearnhead, in the parishes of Leigh and Newdigate, in the occupation of John Ede.—"Unto my Brother James Margesson . . . my freehold messuage . . . called Herbshorts and Eldridges" in West Grinstead, co. Sussex, "now in the teanure or occupation of him the said James Margesson" for life and afterwards "unto my niece Mary Margesson the daughter of my Brother John Margesson her heirs and assigns for ever."—"Unto my niece ffrances Margesson . . . my freehold messuage &c. . . called Brown Hill ffarm . . . in the parish of Ashington in the said County of Sussex aforesaid now in the tenure of my Brother John Margesson and also . . . my other freehold messuage &c. situate in the parish of Ashurst" . . . Sussex . . . in the occupation of Wm. Walder.—"Unto my nephew William Margesson of Kirdford . . . Sussex, yeoman . . . my freehold messuage . . . called Barkfold . . . situate in the parish of Kirdford aforesaid . . . now in the Tenure . . . of John Trowers and also the ffurnace ground adjoining thereto containing about fifty acres . . . "—"to each of the children of my said nephew John Worsfold who shall be living at the time of my decease the sum of five hundred pounds," at 21; should any die before that age unmarried or without issue, then such legacy amongst the survivors or survivor share and share alike; if one only survives, then the whole to that one—the executors to invest the legacies immediately on his decease in the purchase of stock. He gives to his Executors the sum of £2,200 Three p.c. Bank Annuities in trust to "pay to or otherwise permit Ann the wife of Thomas Harrison of Ewhurst," . . . yeoman, to receive Interest, Dividends, &c. for her separate use; and after her decease the said sum and interest to such of the children of the said Ann Harrison as shall be living at the time of her decease; but should no child be living, then he bequeaths the same stock "unto my said nephew George Worsfold."—"Unto my servants Thomas Habgood and William Westall so much and such part of my stock in Trade as by a fair appraisement shall amount to the sum of Four thousand pounds," they to pay interest at 4 per cent. for 7 years to commence from time of his decease; at the expiration of said term . . . such Stock in Trade. . . unto them . . . absolutely . . . —"Unto my friend James Smith an annuity" of £50; should Mrs. Mary Smith his wife survive him, then an annuity of £25 to her for life. —"Unto my servant Thomas How the sum of twenty pounds" . . .

1779.¹ Hen. Boorer, Butcher of this Parish, was Buryed June 22^d.

“unto my servant Elizabeth Smith the sum of twenty pounds”—
 “unto each of my servants as shall be living with me at the time of my
 Decease the sum of five pounds.” “All the rest residue
 and remainder of my Estate and Effects whatsoever both real and
 personal” “unto my Brothers John Margesson and James
 Margesson their Heirs Executors and Assigns absolutely and for
 ever.”

He appoints brothers, John Margesson and James Margesson, Joint
 Executors.

Signature of Wm. Margesson. Witnesses—Wm. Burgess, Is.
 Carter, Rt. Moore, his Clerk. Proved by oaths of John Margesson
 and James Margesson.

¹ He made his Will 21st May, 1779, and it was proved in P. C. C.
 (287, Warburton), 8th July, 1779, by oath of Hersey Willard.

He gives “unto my son in law Robert Boreman the sum of two hun-
 dred pounds to be paid him within six months next after my
 decease and one hundred pounds more to be paid unto him within four
 years next after my decease.” Gives “unto my said Granddaughter
 Elizabeth Boreman the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid unto my
 said son in law within four years after my decease” until Grand-
 daughter is 21, the interest to be paid during her minority towards her
 education and clothing—as soon as she is of age the principal to be at
 her own disposal—should she not reach that age, the principal then to
 “my Daughter Elizabeth the wife of Robert Boreman” “unto
 my Daughter Mary the Wife of Hersey Willard all those my Houses
 Tenements and Lands in Oekley . . . and the Rents, Issues and profits
 thereof and if her Husband should survive her I give him the
 said Houses to hold the same during his life”—the property
 to be kept in repair and none of the Timber to be cut down
 “as soon as my Grandson Henry Willard shall attain the age of twenty
 four (*sic*) years I hereby authorize him my said Grandson to enter upon
 the said lands and cut down and convert the Timber thereon at his free
 will and pleasure.” After decease of dau. Mary and her husband
 then the said houses &c. to Grandson Henry Willard; should dau.
 Mary leave no issue then to heirs of dau. Elizabeth, and in default of
 such issue “I give the said unto my nearest kin known by the name of
 Boorer. Also unto my Grandson Henry Willard all that my
 messuage situate in Warnham” as soon as 24 and his Mother to take
 “the Rents and profits thereof until he shall attain to that age
 and I do hereby Charge the said Messuage with the payment of three
 shillings yearly and every year for ever to the Clerk or Sexton of
 Warnham to keep up in good order the graves of my ffather Mother
 and Brother.” Gives to said Grandson £100 at 21, to Grand-
 daughter Mary Willard £100 at 21, to workman John Kitchen £5.
 “Also I give forty shillings worth of Bread to the poor of Oekley

1784.¹ Rev. W^m Stockwood, A.M., Preb. of Westm^r, R. of Henley on Thames, also Rector of Ockley 58 years, died at Henley, 5 Feb., 1784.

within one month after my decease and my will is that my Executor shall erect a Tomb over me and my wife and a Head and feet (*sic*) Stone to my son Henry and Daughter Sarah." Appoints son in law Hersey Willard full and sole Ex^{or}.

¹ He was of Clare College, Cambridge. Graduated B.A., 1711; M.A., 1716; and apparently Fellow of his College.

His Will, made only three days before his death, is dated 2nd February, 1784, and commences: "I the Reverend William Stockwood Prebendary of Westminster being ill in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory my soul I bequeath to Almighty God who gave it hoping for Redemption through the merits of our blessed Saviour and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named first I do hereby beg the Right Honourable General Conway (to whom I owe infinite obligations) to accept of what stock I have in the Consolidated and reduced three per cent. Bank Annuities which I give and bequeath to him accordingly Also I beg his acceptance of whatever sum he does or may stand indebted to me and which I hereby release and discharge him from. Also I give to my Brother's Daughter Mrs. Mary Haddock of Droitwich in the County of Worcester all the stock I have in the South Sea Annuities. Also I give to Mr. John Howard Burgess of Upton upon Severn and to his two sons the moiety or half part of what stock I have in the Old South Sea Annuities equally to be divided between them share and share alike. Also I give to Mrs. Wright sister of the said Mr. Burgess the sum of one shilling only. Also I give to the children of the said Mrs. Wright who shall be living at the time of my decease the other moiety or half part of my said Old South Sea Annuities equally to be divided between them if more than one share and share alike but if there should be only one such child living at my decease Item I give to such only child only the moiety of such remaining half part of my said Old South Sea Annuities after the Legacy to the said Mr. Burgess shall be thereout deducted And the remaining moiety thereof I in such case give to my niece the said Mary Haddock Also I give and bequeath to the said Mary Haddock the sum of five hundred pounds Bank Stock charges and chargeable nevertheless with the payment of One annuity or yearly sum of twenty pounds unto my Tenant Richard Boshier of Ockley near Dorking during the Term of his natural life and with one other Annuity of ten pounds a year to my faithful Servant Ann North during the Term of her natural life which said annuities I hereby give and bequeath to them accordingly and will and direct the same shall be paid to them respectively half-yearly by equal payments the first of such payments to be made when the first Interest or Dividends in respect of such Bank Stock shall become payable Also I give unto the said Ann North the

1784. May 1st. Thomas Woodrooffe, B.D., was
inducted into the Rectory by me. DAN EVANS, Curate.
1792. Matthew Tanner, killed by an accident. Buried August 8th. P.
1793. Mr John Swayne, Jun^r, of Dorking. Buried June 8th.
1796. Henry Haynes, of Horsham, Sussex. Bur^d 17th Mar.
1796.¹ Miss Harriet Thompson, 2^d Daughter of Harry Thompson,
Esq^r, late of Leith Hill Place. Died 14th, Bur^d 22^d April.
1796.² Mr James Stedman, of Bear Farm, Capel, aged 67. Bur^d
Nov. 30th.

further sum of ten pounds to be paid to her by my Executrix hereinafter named within one month after my decease for her maintenance until her said Annuity shall become payable. Also I constitute and appoint Mr. Haddock Husband of the said Mary Haddock Guardian of the Children of the said Mrs. Wright during their minority with power to dispose of the Income and produce thereof to and for his or their benefit and Advantage or to apply the same for his her or their maintenance in such manner as he shall think proper and I hereby will and direct that he shall not be answerable or accountable for any more of such Trust monies than shall come to his hands nor with any loss that may happen to the same without his wilful neglect or default Also I give unto the said Mary Haddock my Household furniture and Implements of Household of what nature or kind soever Also I give my Books unto the Reverend Mr. Boroster Son in Law of the said Mary Haddock." Bequeathes all the rest of personal Estate and Effects to said Mary Haddock, and constitutes her full and sole Executrix.

Witnesses—Luke Coulson, T. Cooper, Thomas Cooper, jun. Proved at London, P. C. C. (105, Rockingham), 19th February, 1784, by oath of Mary Haddock, wife of Henry Haddock, Sole Executrix.

¹ A high tomb is erected to her memory in the churchyard, with the following inscription on the top:—

"Here lies the Body of
HARRIOT THOMPSON
third Daughter of
HARRY THOMPSON ESQ.
Late of Leith Hill Place
She departed this Life the 14th
April 1790 Aged 44 years."

² He has the following inscription on flat stone, on the south side of churchyard:—

"TO THE MEMORY
of MR JAMES STEDMAN
of Beare Farm in the Parish of Capel
who departed this Life
November 25th 1796
Aged 66 Years.

[SEE OVER.]

1799.¹ M^{rs} Catharine Woodrooffe, wife of the Rev^d T. Woodrooffe,
Rector of this Parish. Died Jan^y 10th. Bur^d Jan^y 17th.

Quis desiderio sit pudor aut modus
Tam chari capitis.

Also

TO THE MEMORY of
M^{RS} ANN STEDMAN
Relict of the above named
J. Stedman of DORKING
who departed this Life
September 16th 1825
Aged 84 Years.

Also

EDWARD FRANKS
who departed this Life
June 5th 1825
Aged 23 Years."

There are several others of the name.

¹ There is the following memorial to the Rev. T. Woodrooffe and
his two wives, on an altar tomb, south part of Churchyard:—

(South side of Tomb.)

"In a Vault underneath this Tomb
are deposited the Remains of CATHARINE
Wife of the Revnd THOS. WOODROOFFE
Rector of this Parish
She departed this Life Jan^y 10, 1799
in the 40 Year of her Age.

Here also are deposited the Remains of SARAH
Second Wife of the above named
Rev^d THOS. WOODROOFFE
She departed this Life March 3rd 1808
In the 60th Year of her Age.

(On the North side of Tomb.)

In the Vault underneath this Tomb
likewise are deposited the Remains of
The Rev. THO. WOODROOFFE Rector of this Parish
who departed this Life March 8th 1817 in the 68
Year of his Age."

There is also a marble tablet within the Church to the memory of
the above Rector.

The history of the family has been privately printed. *Pedigree of*

(The lines quoted in the burial entry are from Horace, *Odes*, I, 24, *Ad Virgilium*.)

Amongst the loose documents in the Parish Chest is one of more than usual interest, being the original bond for building the tower of St. Margaret's Church. It seems of sufficient importance to print; it is impressed with two sixpenny stamps.

"Noverint uniꝰsi per ꝑsentes nos Edrũm Lucas seniore Edrũm Lucas junioꝝ [torn]. . . . Thomam Lucas de poehia de Dorking Thomam Lucas de Capell et Edmondũ [torn] Ockley in Coñi Surĩ Lapidarios teneri et firmiꝰ Obligari David Worsfold [torn] Palmer Churchwardens de poehia de Ockley ꝑd et Wiſſo Butler seni Johi Lee [torn] Robto Stone, Gulielmo Margesson, Johi Constable, et Johi Gardiner juniiori Inhabitant' [torn] ꝑdce poehie de Ockley in Sex centis et Quinquaginta libris bone et legĩs Monet' [torn] Anglie Solvendũ eisdem David Worsfold Henrico Palmer,¹ Wiſſo Butler Johi Longhurst Robto Stone Gulielmo Margesson Johi Constable et Johi Gardner aut suo cert' Attornat' Executoꝝ Admĩstratoꝝ Successibꝫ vel Assign' suis Ad quam quidem solueõnem bene et fidelit' faciendũ Obligamus nos et quemlibet nostrũ ꝑ se pro tot' et in solid heredit' executoꝝ et admĩstratoꝝ nostros et ejuslibet nũm firmiꝰ ꝑ ꝑsentes sigillis nũs sigillat' Dat' sexto die Decembris Anno regni Dñi nũs Gulielmi Tertij Dei Grã Anglie Scot frane' et Hibñie Regis fidei Defensor' etc. Undecimo Annoꝝ Dñi 1699 The Condição of this obligacon is such That if the above bound Edward Lucas the elder Edward Lucas the younger Thomas Lũcas of Dorking Thomas Lucas of Capell and Edmond Lucas their Exeuntoꝝ Admĩs and Assignes and every of them doe and shall well and truely hold observe pforme fulfill doe & keepe All and singuler the Coveĩntes grauntes Articles Condições and Agreements conteyned and specified in One paire of Articles of Agreement bearing date with these ꝑsents and made betweene the said Edward Lucas th' elder Edward Lucas the younger Thomas Lucas of Dorking Thomas Lucas of Capell and Edmond Lucas on th' one pte and the above named David Worsfold Henry Palmer [interlined] William Butler the elder John Longhurst Robert Stone William Margesson, John Constable and John Gardner the younger on the other pte which on the pte and behalfe of the said Edward Lucas the elder Edward Lucas the younger, Thomas Lucas of Dorking Thomas Lucas of Capell and Edmond Lucas their Exeuntoꝝ Admĩstrators and Assignes are or ought to be held observed pformed

¹ The names of the Churchwardens were thus inscribed on the interior wall of the tower:—

DAVID
WORSFOLD
HENRY
PALMER
CHURCH
WARDENS

And the old chest in the belfry is carved with the initials H. P. in one side panel, D. W. in the other, and 170 . . in the centre.

fulfilled done and kept according to the tenour purport effect, true intent and meaneing of the said Articles of Agreement Then this Obligaçon to be voyd and of none effect to be and remaine force and vertue.

Sealed and delivered
in the psence of
John Gardner
George [torn]
Edmond Steere.

the marke of
Edward E. L. Lucas the elder.



the marke of
X
Edward Lucas y^e younger.



Thomas Lucas.



The marke of
T
Thomas Lucas of Capell.



Edmond Lucas."



Seals.—A, a castle. B, barley garb. C, maned lion rampant. D, a sunflower—or an eye with deep lashes. E, a lion ramp., &c., &c.

OCKLEY PARISH BOOKS.

There is a series of these books, extending from 1683 to quite a late period; the earliest of them is inscribed—

(1) "OCKLEY PARISH BOOK, 1683."

It is in a very shaky condition, the edges of the leaves mouldering away. The first entry runs thus:—

“It is mutually agreed by the Parishioners of Ockley at a meetinge the 9th Aprell 1683 that the Accts. of all overseers for y^e poore and the churchwardens of the said parish of Ockley shall from yeare to yeare make a due and true entry of theyr Accts. in this booke and that neyther of them shall allow any howse rents for y^e poore w^hout a meetinge of the parishioners and theyr Consent thereunto.

John Younge
 William Butler
 John Risbridger
 John Constable
 David Worsfold
 John Longhurst
 Edward Bax
 William Margesson
 John Gardynner
 Samuella Cole
 Thomas Constable
 Edward Stedman
 John Cole.”

“April 13th 1691:

It was this day Mutabley (*sic*) Agread by most of the Cheafe Inhabitants of this end of the Parish of Ockley that they will ffrom yeare to yeare maeke a booke by A Pound Rate for the Repearing the Hywayes. In witnes wheareunto wee the Inhabitants have set their Hands (*sic*).”

The next extract evidently relates to the division of labour between the senior and junior Overseer.

“A mutuall agreement made the 25th day of March 1695 that every overseere shall sarue the ofese (*sic*) to (*sic*) yeare, and that one man shall pay all and the other Gether the new one to gether and the old one to pay. Witness our hand at the Easter Meeting.”

Signatures of John Constable, Thomas Bax, Edward Bax, Joseph Constable, and others.

“Aprell 12 day 1699:

Then there was a Mutuall Agreement mad by the most of the Cheef Inhabitants of the Parish of Ockley

at the General Meeting at Easter that these house (*sic*) Hands are hear under Subscribed doe agree to sarve the Overseersheepe (*sic*) every yeare according as it comes to their turnes and are to be excused from saruing other Parish offices hering (*sic*) excepted.

Witnes our hands—

Will Butler
Robert Stone
John Longhurst
John Gardner
William Margesson
John Constable
Edward Bax
the mark Λ of
Laurence Cobbett.”

The following entry refers to the gift of a Rent-charge of £10 to the poor by Mr. Henry Spooner, by his Will, dated 5th January, 1613, and proved in Arch. of Surrey, April, 1614.

“ July ye 16, 1703. R^d of M^r (*sic*) John Spooner the sum of four pound for Eaight years Gift Money of M^r Hendrey Spooner Deeced wich (*sic*) was Dew December 1702 p William Margesson
Edward Bax
John Gardner
John Constable.”

“ Aprell ye 22^a 1706:

Then was A Mutuall Agreement made by most of the Chief Inhabitants of the parish of Ockley at a parish meeting to Consent that a book be made to pay the house of Correction Money mainied soldiers & at the rate of 2^a p pound.

Witness our hands—

Will Butler
Edward Bax
William Margesson
John ffairhall
William Wheeler
Georg Peack
Joseph Constable.”

There is a very complete list of "The Names of the Overseeres for the Parish of Ockley According to theire Turnes by their Hhouses," from 1663—1769. Elsewhere these are continued from 1770 to 1830, and fill two pages.

In another part of the same book, are the "Churchwardens for the Parish of Ockley written by me William Butler out of Ann (*sic*) Old Booke in the ffirst yeare of the Raine (*sic*) of King William and Queene (*sic*) Mary Anno Dominj 1689 As ffolloweth."

This list is continuous from 1667 to 1829, with the exception of the years 1709, 1724, 1734, 1735, 1739, 1740, 1747, 1748, 1776, 1777.

The catalogue of "Waywards According to theire Turnes by theire Houses," extends from 1664 to 1737.

The following resolution is curious for its quaint phraseology and queer grammar:—

"Memorand at a Generall Meeting held on Aprill ye 18th 1715 being Easter Monday it is mutually Agreed and Consented to by us whose names are hereunto subscribed to Agree that if any Tradesman of any kind so ever or shop keeper Yeoman and Farmer Shall Trust any poor Body that shall receive weekly pay or any other Relief to above y^e value of ffive shillings all such Debts as shall be contracted above y^e said sum of ffive shillings shall not be paid by any overseers nor Entred into no book of Accompts that shall belong to our Parish of Ockley. Witness our hands ye Day & Year above."

[Then follow the names.]

After the resolutions given above the regular accounts begin, occasionally intermixed with new resolutions: these accounts present entries of the most varied kind. Sometimes it is payment of rent for poor inhabitants (p. 56); minute particulars as to the sickness, medicine, and all the details of the funeral of some destitute parishioner (pp. 59, 64); lodging and food for indigent persons, unable through age and infirmity or from mental weakness to provide for themselves (p. 58); expenses for pipes, beer,

bread and cheese at funerals; this seems to have been a regular custom, grief for the loss of the departed not precluding conviviality on the part of the living (p. 59); payment for garments of every kind for poor persons (pp. 56, 57, 60); for a pair of leading strings, for a pair of garters (p. 61); for a pair of spectacles (p. 67); for faggots, a regular item, for certain needy inhabitants (p. 62).

At other times there is a long list of "Weekly Payes" for children "put out," with allowance for clothing, and for poor widows and aged and infirm men, which was the method adopted with persons chargeable in a district before the "Unions" were established (p. 57).

Then there are interesting items relating directly to the machinery of the Parish: such as payment for constables and headborough's Staff (p. 56); for writing up the Accounts (p. 54); for sewing on y^e Badges (p. 58); for the Clarks salary (p. 58).

There are constant entries of sums expended on the Almshouse (pp. 59, 61, 65, 66); of money laid out in connection with Mrs. Evershed's gift; at social meetings for parish business (pp. 56, 64); for women likely to become chargeable (p. 63); to the Parish Doctor (p. 77); incidental allusions to the old inns of the village, some of which are not now in existence (pp. 62, 71, 78).

Another class of entries refer to the Church, for ringing money, and wine for the sacrament (p. 63); for clearing the Church windows of ivy and pulling out the roots (p. 64); for hanging and mending the Church gate (p. 66); to the Clerk for washing surplice, and for Communion Bread (p. 67); for repairing the Church chest (p. 68); for putting up a post in the Churchway (p. 70); for ringing money at Gunpowder Plott [commemoration] (p. 71); for thatching the Parish Shop and Stable (p. 66); for the expenses at Boundwalking, and for Brandy on the occasion (p. 67); for the use of a woman's saddle (pp. 67, 69); often for flax (p. 58); and tire (p. 68); to Coll. Folliot for 19 shrouds (p. 68); for a pound of candles to lay among the shrouds (p. 69); for killing a fox (p. 66); for sending H.

Rapley to the sea when bitten by a mad dog (p. 74);
for making a new horse block (p. 74).

“The Accompts of William Love and John Thayne Overseers for the parish of Ockley for the year One Thousand seven hundred and ffive last past for Releiving y^e poor and other psh charges as follows :

Paid Mr Love for beer at our Meetings	...	...	001	04
Paid Laurence Cobbett for moving Thomas Michells				
wife	...	...	000	07

Rents.

Paid John Bax for y ^e widdow Peeters	...	...	001	05
Paid Tho. Pyke for writing a book and writing Security				
for Port and Randall	...	...	000	08 00
P writing these Accompts what you please	...	...	000	02 00

[Accounts of Edward Peeter and John Stenning Overseers 1707.]

Paid for tending and burying John Rudge	...	...	01	01
„ a coffin for Ditto Rudge	...	...	00	08
Paid Tho. Mitchell y ^e Clark for 45 weeks Lodging				
for Bashford	...	...	02	05 00
Paid for Crying y ^e wid. Rudge's goods at y ^e sale	...	...	00	00 06
Paid for a hat for Mary Sturges	...	...	00	02 00
Paid for Constables and head brs Staff	...	...	00	10 06
Paid Jno (<i>sic</i>) for expences when Constable in 1706	...	...	00	06 00
Paid Mr Thompson for y ^e buriall service for Michells				
son	...	...	00	01 00
Buriall Charges for Michell's son y ^e weaver	...	...	00	10 00

Tradesmen's Bills (1709).

Paid Doctor Swayne as p Bill	...	...	07	16 00
Paid for shirts and stockings for Jno Batchellor	...	...	00	12 00
Paid for Cloathes for Henry Swann	...	...	00	09 00

The Accompts of John Gardner and John Tobey Overseers
1710. Taken April y^e 2^d 1711.

Weekly Payes &c.

Imprimis.

For Poor Children put out with y ^e allowance of 40 ^s each for Cloathing	20 ^{li}	00	00
Paid the Widow Constable her weekly Pay for ye whole year	04	17	00
Paid Thomas Constable the whole year	07	17	00
- - - - -			
Paid William Randall Relief and weekly pay the whole year	03	14	00
Paid the Widow Worsfold weekly pay and Releif ye whole year	00	19	00
Paid William Chasemore his Weekly Pay	01	00	00
- - - - -			
Paid for keeping John Worsfold before put out	00	18	00
- - - - -			
Paid for a pair of Breeches for Swann	00	02	00

April y^e 24th 1721.

Paid J ⁿ o ffranks High Constable more as p receipt ...	01	18	02
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(II) OCKLEY PARISH BOOK, 1712.

The following memorandum of a Bond on the part of the two overseers is curious. We also learn from it that a post-office was in existence at Ockley at least as early as 1722.

“December y^e 29 day 1722. Then John fflanne And Mr John Pratts Clarke of the post offis (*sic*) fflanne is a Vitler at the Cox, corner of Sherban Lane Cox sid of the post house? boath bound In A bond of A hundred pound for the parish of Ockley to pay one pound for the bewrall of William Drew In case he dy In bed lam and Ly wise to pay the Surgant for Cure of his sore Legs and Lychwise to taeck Drew out when cured which sayed Drew was put In by Henry Worsfold and Edward Bax overseers this year 1722.”

Aprill the 29th 1726.

It is mutually agreed upon at our Vestry that Daniel Winchester¹ hath taken Elizabeth Songhurst a poor child for fifty shillings to keep the said Elizabeth and clothe her untill she shall of her own accord think herself capable to shift for herself.

Witness my hand. Daniel Winchester.

Also at the same time it is mutually agreed that John Thayne hath taken Sarah Songhurst another poor child for Thirty shillings to keep the said Sarah and clothe her untill she shall of her own accord think herself capable to shift for herself.

Witness my hand. John Thaine.

Reliefs and other Accidental Charges 1712.

Paid Thomas Mitchell, Clarke...	01	04	00
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Tradesmen's Bills.

Paid Doctor Swayne ² for Physick & Cures	04	08	00
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Paid M ^{rs} Swayne for Linen for y ^e poor	02	15	03
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1715.

Richard Jupp for flax and spinning	01	07	06
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1717.

Paid Richard Garson, Clark his Salary	02	00	00
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Reliefs and Accidentall Charges 1718.

Nicholas Willett for Cutting the Badges Sewing y ^m on at our Vestry and going to sev ^l persons houses	00	05	00
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Paid Elizabeth Lipscomb for washing Lodging and Dressing Diet for Jnō Day Due at Easter last not brought to Accompt	01	12	00
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For Signing a Book	00	01	00
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Paid for tending y ^e Widow Lucas In her sickness Laying forth & affidavit	00	10	00
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¹ Daniel Winchester and John Thaine were both Quakers. (See Pleystowe Register.)

² The baptisms of his children are often recorded in the Parish Register. (See note in Church Register.)

Spent when our accounts were stated...	...	...	00	04	03
Horse hire to Rob ^t Smith to Sr Jn ^e Evelyn's	...	...	00	01	00
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Paid Straw for ye Alms House	...	...	00	12	00
Paid W ^m Young for Laths and ffor Work done there	...	...	00	01	00
Paid for Sparrs & other materials us ^d there	...	...	00	01	00
Paid Richard Street for Thatching	...	...	00	08	06
Thomas Rapley when his children had y ^e measles and his wives lying in	...	...	00	05	06
Thomas Rapley more by Vestry Order	...	...		02	06
Paid for Cloth to make y ^e Badges	...	...	00	01	00
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
ffor Nails us ^d at y ^e Alms house	...	...	00	00	04
Thomas Rapley relief at a Vestry	...	...	00	02	00
Paid for Laying forth Randall's Daughter	...	...	00	01	00
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Paid for Bread and Cheese at Randal's daughter's Buriall	...	...	00	05	02
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Mr Constable for Straw us ^d at y ^e Almshouse...	...	...	00	02	00
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Paid Counsellor Bonnwick for Advice about Jn ^o Lipscomb's Settlement	...	...	00	12	00

Wood delivered to ye Poor, 1718.

Paid Richard Bax for Rapley Last year	00	04	00
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1719.

Paid for Beer Bread, Tobacco and Pipes at ye Widow Meers ffunerall	00	09	06
ffor her coffin 8 ^s 6 ^d her shroud 6 ^d	...	...	00	14	06
Paid for Laying her fforth	...	...	00	02	00
Affidavit and ffetching it	...	...	00	01	00
Paid relief to ye Widow Tichiner when her arm was Broke and Nurseing	...	...	00	10	05½
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
John Longhurst for a Coffin for a Traveller's Child	...	...	00	02	06
Paid for a Shroud for it	...	...	00	00	09
Laying fforth and affidavit	...	...	00	02	00
Mr Randall for ye Burial Service	...	...	00	01	06
Grave and Knell to ye Clarke	...	...	00	01	06
Mr Smith for Lying Dead in his house	...	...	00	01	00
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Paid Edward Lucas for repairing ye Alms House y ^t Thomas Gillham Lives in ye said Lucas finding all Materialls	...	...	02	10	00
Paid ffor confirming these Accompts and warrant and expences at Dorking at ye setting of ye Bench of Justices	...	...	00	10	00

Reliefs and Accidental Charges In the said Year (1720).

Paid Edw ^d Bax for moving W ^m Figg	...	...	00	08	00
Paid Edw ^d Bax his Expences about Dendy	...	...	00	00	06
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Paid ye Widow Lipscomb for making of Shirts and sheets for John Day	...	...	...	00	03 00

Aprill the 10th 1721.

Memorand An Agreement made at a Generall Meeting on Easter Monday Last by and with y^e Consent of y^e major Part of ye Inhabitants then assembled together at our Vestry That John fairhall Robert Smith Edward Bax Henry Worsfold John Thayne Richard Longhurst John Gardner Thomas Bax W^m Margesson and John Worsfold have Covenanted and agreed to serve y^e office of Overseers alternately as it comes to our Turus according as our Names shall here Stand under-written and allsoe do hereby promise to sign and Seal to a Bond of five Pounds Penalty each Man that shall any Time here after refuse to Take his office as above mentioned. In witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands y^e Day and year first above written N.B. and are excepted ffrom serving any other parish Office except High Constable.

John Fairhall & Robert Smith for ye year 1721	
Edward Bax & Henry Worsfold . . .	1722
John Thayne & Rich ^d Longhurst . . .	1723
John Gardner and Thomas Bax . . .	1724
W ^m Margesson & Jnō Worsfold . . .	1725

Attested by—

John Wallis	
John Redford	N.B. y ^e Bond was signed and
Thomas Wood	sealed y ^e 13 th day of y ^e said Instant
John Peter	Aprill 1721.
Thomas Pyke.	

Reliefs and Accidental Charges 1721.

8 ^{ber} 29 th . Paid Tho. Rapley to buy Tire	...	...	00	06	00
- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-
Jnō fairhall ¹ expences when he went to see a peice of Land at Betchworth to be purchased with M ^{rs} Evershed's Gift	...	...	...	00	06 00

¹ The following is an extract from Mrs. Elizabeth Eversheds' Deed of Gift, dated August the 12th, 1721: "My intent is that the said sum of One Hundred Pounds by me given shall be laid out upon a Piece of Freehold Land (if possible) &c. and the yearly Rent or Interest from

Paid Mr Bax as p Bill of particulars	01	13	00
Paid for Two Skins of Parchment and duty to engross Mrs. Evershed's Deeds	00	05	03
7 ^{ber} ye 11. Drink to Henry Warren	00	01	00
Expences at Mr Smiths eating and Drinking moving John Hide	00	03	09
Paid for a pair of Garters for Jnō Hide	00	00	01½
Paid Thomas Simmons for going to Bookham with Jnō Hide X ^{ber} 20, 1721	00	01	06
Spent at Abinger when we went for an order to settle John Hide	00	03	00
Expences at Mr Hussey's about him	00	02	00
Paid ye wid. Warren and Goodwife Gillham for making affidavit to his birth	00	02	00
Paid Mr Bax's Expenses about him	00	01	06
Expenses about John Hide at Rob ^t Smiths	00	00	05
Paid ye widow Warren for her Journey to Dorking to make affidavit about him	00	01	06
Expences at Mr Smiths with y ^e church warden y ^e widow Warren and her son when Jnō Hide was Delivered up to Edw ^d Mells Wotton officer (viz. Overseere)	00	01	03½
London Journey Expences my self Jnō Parsons, Mr Gardner and Thomas Pyke Executing M ^{rs} Ever- shed's Deed and receiving her Hundred Pounds as p Bill of Particulars	02	17	04
Paid for a Sheet for ye Widow Constable	00	01	06
Paid Tho. Briggs making y ^e fence at ye Almshouse	00	01	04
Paid Thomas Pyke ¹ as p Contract 50 ^s to making a Bond 3 ^s Engrossing M ^{rs} Evershed's Deeds 6 and paper. In all is	03	00	00

thence arising &c. shall be allowed and Paid unto the School Master of the said Parish of Ockley as shall be chosen and approved of by the Rector Churchwardens and Overseers of the said Parish for the Educating & Teaching eight poor children of the said Parish of Ockley to Spell & Read, Learn the Church Catechism and all other Things necessary for the well grounding the said poor children in the Principles of Religion according to the Rules and Canons of the Church of England," &c.

¹ Thomas Pyke was for many years village schoolmaster, and regularly wrote up the Parish Accounts.

Wood Delivered to ye Poore In ye yeare 1722.

Thomas Rapley tow hundred of fagot by Richard			
Bax of brock, fagot	00	10	00
Widow Mihill one stax (<i>sic</i>) of wood by Thomas Bax	09	00	
To old bashford one stax of wood by Edward Bax ...	09	00	

1722.

Jan ^y y ^e 24. It. spent at Sheare delivering the Apeale to Sheare officer	00	06	
It. paid for sinning (<i>sic</i>) our tow books	00	03	00
Dec. y ^e 29. Payed for feeing the Counsel and other expences at London About Joseph Harish ...	01	11	00
Spent a treating our to bones (two bonds) men boath at the Cox ¹ In Sherburn Lane ...	00	16	00
Dec ^r y ^e 27. Spent at Sutton A carring of drew up ...	00	03	02
It. spent at Darking my man George Godad (<i>sic</i>) feching Edward Bax horse	00	03	04
Dec ^r ye 30. It. for brandy at y ^e Cox and payed dower keeper... ..	00	05	00
Dec ^r ye 30. It. for horshs and my Lodging at y ^e Grayhoune	00	05	00
It. for Coach hire and Expences at St Maryat hill	00	06	00
June y ^e 30. Edward Bax Expences at Aishoust and the widow Uffil Expences	00	02	08
Aug ^h ust. It. expences upon dockter Miles for a diner and beare when he whent to drew		05	
Aug ^h ust Payed Edward Bax when he whent to ye 6. Elsted About Joshep Harish		03	
y ^e 22. Payed for feeing y ^e Counsell and expences that day About Joshep Harish		05	04
Spent at A Meeting About Harish	00	02	06
It. payed for detaining the tow Counsell ...	01	01	00
Payed for sarving 3 surpens and Edward Bax and his man a gwine to Elsted & darking ...	00	09	00
3 October. Payed for feeing the tow Counsel at Kingston and for Joshep Spooner gwine to Kingston as A wittnes	02	05	06
It. for two dayes Expences for the officer and wittneses at Kingston	02	12	05
No. ye 5. Edward Bax's Expences A gwine to Elsted A bout Joshep Haris	00	07	03 ¹
Octo. ye 9. Payed M ^r John Bonnick bill	02	03	00
No. y ^e 9. Payed the horsler and tapter for eating and drinking and Lodging at the Grayhoune ...	01	15	04

¹ The Cocks is now a private house on the Green.

May y ^e 22. It. payed to 3 women with Child Licks to Lye in with us	00	08	10½
Churchwardens bill to M ^r Smith for ringing money and wine for the Sacrament from 1719 to April 1723	02	05	00
It. paid M ^r Motts High Constable for his Charge for his year	05	07	09
Received of George Black ¹ for rents for a butchers shop the sum of	01	10	00
Received In to books one A 12 ^d peny rate and one 1 ^s 6 ^d rate the sum of	163	12	06

Tradesmens Bills for the Year 1723.

Paid Doctor Swayne as p Bill for Physick and Cures	04	02	06
Paid Thomas Pyke keeping The Overseers accompts attending vestry 02 [£] :10 ^s and for making The Land Tax Books and Window Tax Books from 3 ^s /- to 2 ^s /- Pound rate and Shillings (<i>sic</i>) and Teaching poor Children befor Madam Eversheds mony was settled in all	03	08	00

1723.

Joseph Harris to Henry Ossever, Wood and a Box to Keep parish Accompts In	01	09	06
- - - - -			
Expences relating to W ^m Drew since he came out of Bedlam 1723 pd by Jno. Thayne [details given]			
July 15. Paid ffor Paper	00	00	06
June y ^e 17 th . To a Traveller that Lay in at Ockley Court	00	06	06
8 ^{ber} 30 th . To Rapley to buy a pair of Shoes	00	02	00
- - - - -			
For a pair of Stockings for Rich ^d Bashford	00	01	00
Paid to Edward Bax when The Woman Lay in and to The Midwife	00	12	06
April ye 2 ^d . Paid M ^r Bax for moving Jo. Harris	00	05	00
Paid George Blake for repairs done at ye parish Shop and Pound as p Bill	00	10	06

1723.

To Edw ^d Bax to get rid of a Boy from Jn. Coles	00	12	00
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¹ Blake. He was succeeded by Thomas Wood, butcher.

Paid Ewhurst Clerk for grave and Knell for Jnō			
Lipscombs' wife	00	02	06
Paid for a Truckle Bedsted Cord and Matt for Richard			
Meers	00	03	06

Tradesmen's Bills paid by James Motte 1724.

Paid Doctor Swayne for Physick and Cures	03	16	00
Paid M ^{rs} Swayne as p Bill for Cloth	01	04	07
Paid Jn ^o Cole at Pisley towards Discharging his servant hired for a Year likely to become charge- able	00	19	06
Paid M ^r Worsfold on ye Surveyors Accont... ..	00	08	00
Paid for Pease Rob ^t Wright had of M ^r Bax	00	10	00
Paid M ^r Motte's Bill of Charges on the High Waies as p perticular	08	19	05½
Paid M ^r Hill for Liquor about y ^e church way as p bill perticular	02	18	09½
Paid M ^r Allen Woodman Churchward ⁿ as p bill of perticulars . . . by M ^r Bax	09	04	01

1725.

Imprimis Paid for a Quire of Paper	00	00	08
To the Wid. Mitchell to buy her a Wast coat	00	04	00
To Richard Garson for clearing The Church windows of Ivy and pulling out the Roots... ..	00	01	00
To Thomas Rapley to buy him a Sythe and Rubber... ..	00	03	00
Paid for a £ of Candles us ^d at the Vestry	00	00	06
Paid for Cheese, Pipes and Tobacco for Gillham's ffuneral	00	03	02
Paid fligg for Bread at his funerall	00	02	00
Paid M ^r Cole for beer at his Funeral	00	06	00
Paid Thomas Peter for his Shroud	00	05	00
Paid With Young for his Coffin	00	08	00
The Parson and Clark, grave knell and funeral service	00	02	06
Paid for Laying him forth and the affidavit	00	03	00
Paid John Peter when he paid for mending Ruckman Bridge ¹	00	02	06

¹ It appears to have been erected in 1686, according to a detailed account of the expenses of the work in the earliest Account Book now extant.

Paid Mr Thomas Bax High Constable as p Receipt ...	03	02	10
Paid for a Doz. of 6 ^d Tire for Thomas Rapleys Wife	00	06	00
- - - - -			
Paid for weaving 20 Ells of Cloth and $\frac{1}{2}$ a £ of spun thread ...	00	05	06

1725.

August 8 th . Expenses at Cranly relating to M ^{rs} Eversheds Charity and mony ...	00	00	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 ^{ber} 28. Paid for a pair of Pattens for Jn ^o Songhurst's daughter ...	00	00	08
X ^{ber} 26. Paid for Curing Goodwife Worsfold's Legg and tending ...	00	05	00
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Paid for a covered for The Widow Worsfold ...	00	04	00
- - - - -			
Paid for a Doz. of Tires and Spinnings to ye Wid. Port ...	00	12	00
- - - - -			
Paid for two Shifts for Richard Worsfold's Girle	00	02	06
feb 25 ? Paid Thomas Wood for Meat when we Made up Aects and for Sev ^l Joynts that Jn ^o Lipseomb had after sickness not able to work	00	09	09 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Paid Jn ^o Stedman for Wheat and other things With Drew had before he went to Bedlam ...	00	12	00

1726.

Expenees and horsehire Mr Woodman and Jn ^o Peter searching for Henry Hedger ...	00	06	00
- - - - -			
7 ^{ber} ye 4. Relief to a Sick Traveller at Oekley Court	00	04	00
- - - - -			
Paid for airing and Cleansing Tho. Worsfold after the Small Pox ...	01	10	00
feb 19. Paid the widow Gillham for assisting to (<i>sic</i>) Traveller to gett from y ^e Parish ...	00	00	06
- - - - -			
John Peter for Straw us ^d at y ^e Almshouses ...	00	05	00
Relief to Tho. Worsfold after he had the smallpox ...	00	01	00
Disbursements relating to Joseph Songhurst at The Quarter Sessions at Guilford In July Last and elsewhere			
- - - - -			
Paid for Mr Bax ^s and my Partner's Horses at Guilford	00	00	08

(The total was £8. 10. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Tradesmens Bills.

Paid a Doctors Bill at Richmond for Joseph Peter and his wife for their Sickness	02	02	00
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1727.

Allowed Tho. Amey toward flatting his Hog	...	01	00	00
To Tho. Raply for Sparr timber and Mat ^{rs} for ye almshouse	00	01	00
[July the 10 th] The same Day Paid for a pair of Leading Strings	... ..	00	00	06
7 ^{ber} ye 4 th . Allowed to Goodwife Cole to fface Juō Songhursts Girl's Boddice and to graft her Petty coate	... ..	00	01	06
8 ^{ber} 30 th . Pay for Straw us ^d at the Almshouse	...	00	05	00
Paid Rich ^d Street for Laying in on Sparrs and Rodds	... ..	00	05	00
December Paid Thomas Simmonds and Rob ^t Lisney 26. for killing a fox In y ^e parish, Customary	...	00	03	04
March 20 Paid for hanging and mending ye Church- gate	... ..	00	00	09
March 18. Paid Richard Street for Thatching The Parish Shop and Stable as p Bill	... ..	00	05	06
Paid the widow Margesson for Beer the Thatchers had by my order	... ..	00	01	06
Paid for straw bindings rods and Sparr timber	...	00	05	06
Paid for Bread and Cheese and Bran [funeral of R ^d Bashford]	... ..	00	05	06½
Paid for 7 Galls. and ½ of Beer	... ..	00	07	06
Paid ye wid. Margerson for y ^e Entertainment of a Traveller	... ..	00	04	11½
A Quart of Ale to Rich ^d Street for Viewing The Thatch at y ^e Almshouse	... ..	00	00	03

At a Vestry Meeting, held at the Queen's Arms, 16th September, 1728, a list was made out of indigent persons who were to receive alms from the parish, and the reason in each case was annexed: it was also determined at the same time that the expenses for burying a poor person were not to exceed 15s.

1728.

January 20.	Paid for a pair of spectacles for the widow Gilham	...	...	...	...	00	01	00
Feb. ye 17.	Paid Jno. Hoick the Constable his Expences for Taking up a Man had before Jnō folliott Esq ^r (viz ^t) for his Lodging and a pint of Beer	...	...	...	...	00	00	06
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Paid for the use of a woman's saddle 3 daies	...				00	01	06
	Paid Mr Edward Bax what money he paid on the County rates for the year 1727 was the sum of £3 : 5 ^s : 5 ^d as p Receipts and Expences and charges Taking up an Indictmen and to Mr ffarnbro Wright for prosses & ^{ct} ye sum of	...				06	13	05
	Paid to Joseph Gibson by Mr Bax to search into his father's Will and Effects In Land by Order					01	01	00

1729.

Sep ^r 1.	Paid to Mr Margerson and E[d]ward Bax for Expences in Bound walking	...	...			00	05	00
	Paid Francis Heathfield for Brandy Boundwalking	...	...	...	...	00	04	00
	Paid Coll. Folliot for his Charges on y ^e Ways	...				26	04	02½
	Paid Richard Gaston for Sallary and washing Surpliss and Communion Bread	...	...			02	10	06

1730.

	Paid for Bread and Beer for the Widow Edwards ffunerall	...	...	...	...	00	08	00
	Paid for one Chees for ye ffunerall	...	...	...	...	00	02	02
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Paid Richard Gaston for Sallary and Washing The Cerplis and Communion Linnen	...	...	...	...	02	10	06

1731.

	Paid a Tayler in Distress by James Buttler	...	...			00	02	00
	Paid for Liquor at Bookmaking	...	...	...	...	00	02	00
	Paid Goody Rapley on account of ayring and cleansing her Daughter of the Small Pox	...	...	...	...	00	14	00

“Whereas for severall years last past the parish Rates have amounted often times to three shillings in the pound (seldom under) Wee cannot but applaud the prudent and wise management of the parish officers who have reduced the parish Rates to one shilling and nine

pence Notwithstanding a Separate Sixpenny Rate for the Repairs of the High-ways in the said parish & a double County Rate are Included in it. And we do Accordingly pass the above accompt &c.

Aprill the 14th 1732.

J. Evelyn
Joⁿ Budgen
John ffolliott."

1732.

January 14 th .	Paid in Expences in purchasing the School Lands by the Charrity (<i>sic</i>) of Mad ^m Evershed	...	...	...	...	00	05	09½
Feb. 11.	Paid in ye Expences on ye Execution of the Deeds of Mad ^m Eversheds Benefaction	...	...	...	...	00	09	00
March 11.	Paid M ^r Bonwick for Making the Lease for the poor's Land at Buckland	...	...	...	...	00	10	06
	Paid William Young for Repairing y ^e Church Chest	...	...	...	...	00	01	06

Tradesmen's Bills 1733.

Paid for Repaires on Account of Gilham's Chimney and other Repaires Done at y ^e Almshouse	...	02	08	06
Paid M ^r Wakers Bill for Repairs Done upon the poor Land at Buckland	...	00	19	02

1733.

Oct 21.	Paid Col. Folliott for 19 shrouds	...	...	00	12	00
January 13.	Paid for sarching John Creassey's marriage and certificate	...	...	00	01	10
	Paid for nailes for Repairs at Naldretts	...	...	00	01	09
	Paid M ^r Stenning y ^e County Rates	...	...	03	05	05
	Paid him more for Chessee Bridge	...	...	01	11	10
Feb ^y 10.	Paid Rich ^d Meers for weaving 6 pounds of Tyre ¹	...	...	00	01	06
	Paid Widow Upfold for whitening of it	...	...	00	00	10
	Paid for Horse Carrying a Bedstidle to Northlands	...	...	00	01	00

¹ Tire is the finest kind of flax or hemp prepared by the process of hackling.

Ap ^l 7.	Paid y ^e Widow Lucas for spinning a Douz ⁿ			
	of Tyr... ..	00	07	00
	Paid for a pound of Candles to Lye among the			
	Shrouds ¹	00	00	06
June 2.	Paid Page's Family for Reliefe	00	16	00
	Paid towards their going of from Raplyes ...	00	02	00
	Paid Goody Raply for House Room and attendance			
	and for Itch Ointment	00	14	00

This Paid to June the 2^d 1734. Notwithstanding the mutual agreement of a Vestry to pay Henry Longhurst Rent 'Twill not be alow'd, nor no a Rears of Rent of any one thats (according to the Vulgar Phrase) Rent run—the money paid at Buckland must also be deducted & a charge of 2^s 6^d for going to Dorking. Total 1[£] 16^s 8^d.

1736.

Relating to Sarah Pyke's Examinaçõn at y ^e Plow ...	00	00	06
More expences at Dorking 1 ^s 8 ^d y ^e overseers Time			
1 ^s 6 ^d and M ^r Harris his Clark 12 ^d	00	04	02

1737.

Disburstments relating to the Widow Verrells Marriage			
as by Bill of particulars is	07	11	00

1738.

Paid for a pair of Indentures relating to a Parish Girle	00	01	03
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1738.

Paid W ^m Garratt Headborough as per Bill	00	13	06
Paid M ^r Bax for fflagotts to heal the Weavers Shop	00	04	06

1739.

Discount to M ^r Bosier about the Glebe by Agreement	00	02	00
Expences carrying Sarah Rapley to Limpsfield ...	01	05	00½
Paid for four Horses and a Side Saddle	00	13	00
Paid for a Warrant for Sarah Rapley	00	01	00
Paid for a Marriage Licence for D ^o Rapley	01	08	00
Paid for her Wedding Ring	00	06	00

¹ I am informed an old notion existed that candles laid in woollen preserved it from the moth.

Paid Horsehire to Dorking for D ^o Rapley	00	01	00
Paid for putting up a Post in the Church way	00	00	06
Paid Tho. Rapley's wife for nurseing Sarah Rapley's child this month	00	08	00

1740.

Paid the Clarks Fee at Sarah Rapleys Marriage	00	02	06
Paid Mr Pearson for marrying Sarah Rapley and burying Jno. Lipcomb y ^e blind man	00	11	00
Paid for whalebone to mend Palmers Girls' Boddice	00	00	06
Paid for half a Quire of paper to make rates and so forth	00	00	06
Paid John Elliott Pileing Brick and Denshering ¹ a place to lay Sand towards building the Workhouse	00	02	06
Paid for 5 pills for David Worsfold's wife	00	00	02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Relief to old Mr Randall	00	01	00
Paid for a Letter from William Uffold	00	00	07
Paid for a saw lent to Jos. Nightingale	01	02	06
Relief to the Travelling woman's girlc, as Yearly, who promis'd not to come again	01	00	06
Expenses at the George	00	11	05

1741.

Paid to Stephen Cave for the Redemption of Joseph Nightingale's Saw	00	11	00
Paid Edw ^d Dendy working 4 days upon y ^e workhouse ground	00	04	08
Paid for Candle burnt at the Vestry	00	00	01
Paid for a peck of Beans sett at the Workhouse	00	02	00
Paid for 1 Hundred and a $\frac{1}{4}$ of Cabbage plants	00	00	07 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paid for getting John Songhurst's Goods to y ^e Work- house and his Tools from Burchett & planting y ^e Workhouse Ground	00	01	06

¹ This term used to be applied to the act of paring off the turf from land and burning it. The residuum was used as manure. The word is supposed to be a corruption of "Devonshireing."

1742.

Paid for a Broom a penny and Expences buying			
Utensils for the Workhouse	00	01	09
Expences at the George with Tho ^s Brown of Sutton	00	00	06
Paid for an Iron pott for Workhouse	00	03	00
Paid for 3 Bed cords for the Ditto	00	04	00
Paid for a Dozen of Trenchers	00	01	06
Paid for making a pair of Sheets (to the workhouse)	00	00	06
Paid for 2 Kilderkins for the workhouse	00	07	00
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Paid for Bushes and Stakes for the workhouse and			
mending the hedge	00	03	00
Paid Jos. Palmer the ringing mony at Gunpowder			
Plott	00	06	00
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Expences at 3 sev ^l times relating to the workhouse ...	00	07	06
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Paid for Carrying Goods to the Workhouse	00	01	00
Paid to gett rid of a Beggar Woman	00	10	00
Paid Jas. Butler for Goods for y ^e Workhouse as per			
Bill	01	11	06
Paid W. Young for a Bedsted at the Workhouse ...	00	02	06

“Ockley | November y^e 29th 1742. At a Vestry held this Day it is ordered that the next Poor Rate be made at 18^d per £ Rate So that the Law-Bill relating [to] Wickland Lane and Lyfeild Lane out of y^e same assesment and rate shall be satisfied and paid Witness our hands the Day and Year first above written.”

[Then follow the Names.]

Paid Thomas Eager for Household Goods for the			
Workhouse as per Bill	02	16	06
Paid Mr Joseph Gardner for Sheeting for the Work-			
house as per Bill	00	16	00
Expences when we Bought parish Goods of Thos.			
Eager	00	02	06
Paid for a Drink Table	00	05	00
Paid for Two Bedsteddles Matts and Cords	00	05	00
Paid for making a pair of Sheets and Bed Tick ...	00	01	00
- - - - -			
Paid for a 5 Gall. Kettle for the workhouse at 18 ^d per			
Gal.	00	07	06
Paid for a Hand Dish to wash hands in	00	00	06
Paid for Two new chairs 3 ^s Expences buying these			
Goods 1 ^s	00	04	00
Expenses at the George two meetings	00	06	00
P ^d J. Peter for Drawing the Tree of the Workhouse			
to W ^m Young's	00	00	06

Paid for a Croek to salt meat in at the Workhouse ...	00	01	01
Paid Richard Garston for the grave and knell when Strudwick was Buried	00	02	06
Paid for Two Bedsteds Two Bedds Three Bolsters Three Blanketts and Three Coverleds	03	03	00
Paid Dame Jupp as per Bill relating to Strudwick who was unfortunately killed by a fall from a Timber Carriage	00	12	00
Paid Mr Yaldwyn y ^e funeral service for Strudwick ...	00	01	00
Paid for a pair of parchment Skinns	00	05	07
Paid to M ^{dm} Draper one year and a half's interest at 4 ^t per cent. ¹	12	00	00

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Paid John Harding adm ^{tr} of Doctor Harding Deceas'd as per Bill for George Usfold	02	06	06
Paid Mr Thomas Harris, Attorney as per Bill and receipt	24	00	00

1743.

Nov ^{br} the 4 th . Expenees at the George in Exeeuting the Artieles relating to the Workhouse ² ...	00	04	00
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¹ She was a grand-daughter of "Sylva" Evelyn, and was buried at Wootton close to the Clarke family. One of six flat memorial stones in the churchyard there, and near to the church wall, bears the following inscription: M^{RS} SUSANNA DRAPER | Daughter of WILL^M DRAPER | of ADSCOMB PLACE | in the County of SURREY Esq. | by SUSANNA his Wife | Died January 12th 1772. |

In her Will, dated 1st August, 1765, and proved in the Arch. of Surrey 8th April, 1772, by the oath of Charles Clarke, Esquire, she is described as "Susanna Draper of Ockley in the County of Surry Spinster."

She leaves to nephew Charles Clarke, £50—to niece Elizabeth Clarke, £100—to servant Grace Noble, "if she is with me at the time of my death," £5—to Betty Willett, £2 : 2s. "To the rest of my brother Clark's Servants One Guinea each." All the residue of property "to my true and good friend and Brother in Law Charles Clarke of Ockley . . . Esquire." Appoints said Charles Clarke sole Exor. He frequently attests the Parish Aceounts of Ockley as a J.P. for the County.

² By a resolution of Vestry, 10th Mareh, 1740, it was agreed "that a House shall be Built in the said parish at the east of the Inhabitants thereof for the Lodging Keeping and Imploying poor persons to be

Expences relating to a Nomination at M ^{rs} Coles for choosing Waywardens	00	01	00
Expenses at Ditto about letting the Workhouse ...	00	02	00
P ^d for making two p ^r of Sheets for the Workhouse ...	00	01	00
P ^d for one Rugg Blankett Matt and Bed Cord ...	00	05	06
- - - - -			
Pd. the postage of six Letters relating to the Work- house	00	01	06
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To Dame Pledge for sugar for her child	00	00	06
Pd. to Jupp on acct. of his wife having the Smallpox	00	10	00
Pd. for necessarys for the Workhouse as per Bill to March the 31 st	01	08	05 $\frac{3}{4}$
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Expenses for carring Jo. Nightingale to Bridewell ...	02	05	00

1744.

Expenses at 3 Meetings Letting the Workhouse ...	00	12	06
- - - - -			
Paid for the Workhouse provision and other small things from March the 31 st To April the 17 th 1744 amounts to the sum of	06	04	01
first paid John Palmer with John Creasey a poor Boy as Customary in Ockley	02	00	00
Paid M ^r Thomas Bax wi ^h Jno. Dendy a p ^r Boy ...	02	00	00
Paid Samuel Izemonger as p Bill for work done at the Alms house for Tugwell	01	03	10
Paid John Elliott for thatching there, and at Longhursts	00	05	00
Expenses about the woman at Thomas Lintott's ...	00	01	06
Expences at the Colledge when W ^m Worsfold was bound	00	01	00
Paid M ^r Gardner about marrying Anne Naldrett ...	01	01	00
Paid Gen ^l folliott as per Bill for Bricks	00	07	04
Paid the Waywardens Bill for Stones	02	00	06

1745.

Paid James Stedman petty constable as per Bill for Carrying M ^{rs} Cole & her Daughter to prison ...	03	15	02
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provided for by the sd parish." It is also agreed "That a Sum of Money not exceeding Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds be Borrowed at Interest for the building and furnishing the sd intended House." John Folliott, Esq., Charles Clarke, Esq., and William Margesson, are empowered to borrow this sum at interest, and to give bond for repayment by the parochial officers and their successors. They are also to give orders for the building, finishing, and furnishing the same house from time to time, as may be necessary.

P ^d James Stedmans charges at the Petty Sessions ...	00	05	06
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Deducted on acc ^t of M ^r Haynes, Puttocks and Old field Coppice when Buck us'd the same there being nothing on the premises to make any Distress	00	18	09
- - - - -			
Relief to Thomas Pyke, old ¹	00	06	00
Relief to Thomas Pyke (no Scholars)	00	11	00
- - - - -			
Wood for y ^e Workhouse this month	00	02	00
Paid Edward Dendy Delving at y ^e Workhouse ...	00	02	02
- - - - -			
Paid for Meat & Ale when y ^e Small Pox was at Park- land (Dewdneys Boy & Dendy's Girl)	00	05	05
Expences having Henry Rapley to y ^e Sea when bitt by a Mad Dog (Paid to Richard Rapley) ...	00	12	06
Paid Peter Radcliff for Keeping ye Prisoner ...	00	04	00
Paid for $\frac{1}{2}$ a Hund. of Faggots carried to Park- land	00	06	00
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Paid Francis Heathfield for Shop Goods on accompt of y ^e Small Pox at Parkland	00	08	02
- - - - -			
Paid Sam ^l Izemonger as p Bill for making a new horse block and other Parish Work	00	07	11
Paid Francis Heathfield another Bill relating to the Small Pox	00	10	03 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paid for tending Dendy's Girl with ye Small Pox ...	01	00	00
P ^d for a Peak of Beans to plant at the Workhouse ...	00	01	00
P ^d the Glazier for mending the Work House win- dows	00	02	06
Expences in Removing Thomas Pyke his wife & ffamily to Horsham as p ^r Acc ^t	00	17	00

Tradesmens Bills 1745.

Paid D ^r Butcher as p ^r bill and receipt	07	16	00
Rec ^d of Thomas Wood for the Herbage in the Work House Plat... ..	00	07	06

¹ April 21st, 1735. By resolution of this date it was decided that,
“ M^r Pyke Schoolmaster do receive M^{rs} Evershed's Bounty in order to
teach eight poor children belonging to the said psh of Ockley till any
one of the said psh shall be chosen . . . for the time being to receive
Her Bounty in order to teach the same Number of Poor Children
according to Her Will.”

(III) OCKLEY PARISH BOOKS, 1746.

1746.

Pd. for a New Book to Keep the Accts. & 2 quire of pap ^r	00	04	08
Pd. M ^r Wade as p ^r Bill in relation to the Tryal of Thomas Pyke at Guildford Sessions	05	11	00
Expences relating to the said Tryall	01	19	02

1746.

Expences at Horsham concerning Pyke's family ...	00	01	02
Expences Burying a Traviling woman Dyed at y ^e Workhous	00	17	06
Pd a Traviling Woman with a scaldhead child ...	01	02	00
Pd for glazing the Almshouse Jno. Peter	00	06	01
Pd Henry Boorer for Beer & Meat for ye smallpox Nurs's	00	04	04
Pd W ^m Figg for Bread & fflower (<i>sic</i>) for ye small Pox Nurs's	00	07	06½
Pd ffrancis Heathfeild for shop goods for y ^e Small Pox Nurs's	00	12	11
Gave M ^{rs} Strudwick to bare her expences to London with her youngest child	00	10	00
Pd for bodying a Gound for Cuddingtons Girl ...	00	00	06
Pd for Malt for the small Pox nurses	00	00	08
Pd Thomas Pyke his Salery	02	00	00
Paid to M ^{rs} Sus ^a Draper in part of a Bond	50	00	00
" " " a Years Interest	08	00	00
Reced. of John Longhurst for the herbage of the work- house plat	00	15	00

1747.

Paid Sam ^l Izemonger for Work at the Almshouse and Lath and Morter	0	4	6
Pd Tho ^s Agate for 100 of Quick fells new hedging mending and Fetching the Stakes	0	5	0
Pd Thos. Bax for 150 of Stakes	0	2	3
Pd Thos. Wood for a Load of Bushes	0	6	0

Tradesmens Bills 1747.

Pd Mr Butcher as p ^r Bill for ye year 1746	...	...	4	9	0
" " " 1747	...	...	2	16	0
Pd Doct ^r Swayne as p Bill for ye year 1747	...	...	1	14	.
Paid William Young the House of Correction Money			3	3	8
Paid Doctor Boorer p Bill	...	...	4	10	.
Paid to John Stone for Hooping at Workhouse	...	...	0	1	0
Paid John Petters for Glazing at Workhouse	...	...	0	10	0
Paid to Thos. Bax at Holdbrooks with Dudeney as an Apprentice	...	...	2	0	0

1748.

Paid John Gilham's Wife for Bringing the Coppey of the Indenture	...	...	0	1	0
For a Broom for the Workhouse	...	...	0	0	1
Paid to John Page To Cloath his son By order of Vestery Being Bound to Thomas Larkin of Hadlow In Kent	...	...	1	1	.
Spent at Boorers Distributing Smith's Money ¹	...	...	0	1	0
Spent at the Colledge ab ^t the Widow Bristow's affairs with Richard Bosher	...	...	0	0	3½
Paid Thomas Ansell for Carring Jnō Coles apples to Dorkinge	...	...	2	6	
Paid the Clarke of the Vestery at Thames Ditton for a Coppey of Anne Rogers Indentures. My Ex- pences In going to Ditton	...	...	3	6	
Paid to Mr Hoar at Dorking for a Leather Wastecoat for John Longhurst	...	...	0	5	0
Paid John Longhurst and Mathew Turner for Hedging About the Workhouse and Platt	...	...	0	7	0

Tradesmen's Bills 1748.

Pd. Dr Stent's Bill for Hanah Amey	...	...	0	8	0
Pd. To Laurence Cobbett's Bill for Ruckman Bridge In the year 1747	...	...	0	17	8
Pd. To Thomas Nye as High Constable The House of Correction Money	...	...	3	3	8

¹ Alderman Henry Smith, of London, d. 1627, who left charitable bequests for the poor in every town and village of Surrey.

Paid to Mr Allaway a Minister and to the Clarke for Burying severall poor persons	0	15	6
Discount by Takeing an 18 ^s peice of Gold for a Guinea To Mr Margesson for 200 of stakes for The Work- house Platt & Jno. Longhurst for Hedging ...	0	3	0
	0	3	6

1749.

For a p ^r of cloggs for Hanah Agate	0	0	8
Gave a person on the Road that Had a Pass	0	2	6
To Samuel Izemonger for work Done at the Armes (sic) house	0	5	0
The whole charges of the Small pox In Peacock's family at Leathill (sic)	12	11	1
For fetching the Goods from Leath Hill	0	5	0
To Dame Watson for Cleaning and Airing the Goods at Leith Hill	0	3	0
For a lock and a Stapple to the Workhouse	0	1	6
Paid the Rent at Leith Hill and Distress	3	5	0

1750.

Paid for 3 Locks for the Workhouse	0	3	6
Paid at Dorking for Liquor	0	1	6

1750-51.

To John Gilham for Cleaning y ^e Workhouse Pond ...	0	2	0
Spent at the Takeing out the poor rates to send to the House of Commons	0	1	6
Paid additional to Vestery Clark for his Time in Takeing out the 3 years poor Rates and Carrying it to y ^e High Constable	0	3	0

Relieffs the 3 of May 1751 or 52.

1750. To Mr Richard Bax Half a years Rent for William Stenning Due St. Michael	0	17	6
To Thomas Bax High Constable The House of Correction Money	19	2	.

Relieffs the 10 Day of June 1753.

To Mr Joseph Butcher as by Agreement by the parish as D ^r to the poor Due &c. 27 Day of June last ...	5	0	0
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Relieffs ye 25th Day of November 1753.

Paid for the Marrying of Mary Cudington to Thomas Moore and attendance and Charges att Capell in Takeing him and for the order from the Justices and carrying them to their parish and all other Expences	3	6	11
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Relieffs ye 17 Day of february 1754.

Paid to a woman in an accidentall fall	0	1	6
To Edward Dendey for fetching and carrying To the people In the Smallpox at Arnalds	0	16	0
To the Minister and Clark for Burying of Anne fairhall's Childe	0	3	0

Relieffs ye 17 Day of March 1754.

Paid Dame Dendey for Tending the Smallpox as a Messenger To and fro to Arnalds	0	2	0
- - - - -			
Spent at the Three Tuuns at Ockley In consulting abt Henhurst Taxes	0	0	7"

In drawing this paper to a conclusion, my warmest thanks are due to the Rector, the Rev. F. P. Du Sautoy, B.D., late Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, for his unvarying kindness, and for affording me every facility in acquiring the materials necessary to produce the foregoing account of the records of the Parish of Ockley.

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