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The William Salt Archæological Society.

ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 20th, 1914.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society was held at the Library, Stafford, on October 20th, 1914. Owing to the war there were several important members absent, including Lord Dartmouth, Lord Hatherton, Lord Charnwood, Sir Reginald Hardy, Bart., Sir Thomas Salt, Bart., and Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., hon. secretary of the Archæological Society (both of whom had gone to the front), Mr. H. S. Staveley-Hill, M.P., and Capt. Anson. In their absence Col. Twemlow, D.S.O., F.S.A., was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. T. Homer acted as hon. secretary. There were also present the Revs. W. Beresford, E. R. O. Bridgeman, E. Collett, F. A. Homer, S. W. Hutchinson, L. Lambert, D. S. Murray, G. T. Royce, F. P. Parker, Colonel F. D. Mort, Messrs G. N. Adams, P. W. L. Adams, T. B. Adams, F. T. Beck, W. Brown, S. A. H. Burne, W. F. Carter, A. Huntbach, W. N. Landor and A. Scrivener. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. F. J. Wrottesley, Mr. C. Masefield and Mr. H. H. Cotterell.

The Report, presented by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. I. W. BRADLEY, stated :—

The number of members at the end of 1913 was 232. By additions and losses during 1914 to date this total was increased to the present total of 235. Eleven new members have been added during the year, and the Society has lost by death four members—namely, Colonel T. B. Shaw-Hellier, Mr. W. C. T. Mynors, Mr. Benjamin Whitehouse, and Mr. W. C. Harwell Allen; and, by withdrawal, four members—namely, Mr. W. Essington Hughes, Mr. Robert Harcourt, M.P., Mr. James Lovatt, and Mr. John Lowry.

The accounts of the William Salt Archæological Society showed a balance in the bank of £188 6s. 10d., as against £36 10s. 5d. at the beginning of the year, an increase of £151 16s. 5d. The subscriptions received (£256 14s. 6d.) were £56 14s. more than the previous year. The sales of back volumes (£21 16s. 2d.) had brought in

practically the same amount. The arrears of subscriptions at the 30th of September, 1914, amounted to £65 2s.

The report of the Editorial Committee stated :—

The volume for 1914 is with the printers. It will contain the latter half of Chetwynd's History of the Pirehill Hundred, edited by the Rev. F. Parker, and a valuable paper by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. C. Wedgwood, M.P.) on the Harcourt Family. It is proposed that the volume for 1915 shall contain Mr. Landor's work on "The Staffordshire Incumbents from 1500 to 1680, with notes on all the chantries, and a map showing the boundaries of the Staffordshire parishes as they were formed in Elizabethan times, and also giving the populations of the same within the aforementioned period, together with the augmentations during the Commonwealth." It will also contain a paper by Mr. Charles Bridgeman dealing with certain North Staffordshire manors, and the customary review of the Public Record Publications.

The Acting Secretary (Mr. J. T. HOMER) observed that a whole treasure-house of information was at their disposal. They ought at least to issue two volumes in the year, and even more than that. That, however, depended upon their obtaining a still larger accession to the membership. It was hoped that every year would see a large increase in their numbers; were that brought about the members themselves would meet with their reward in the increased number of volumes of absorbing interest they would be enabled to issue. Mr. HOMER explained that the great number of outstanding subscriptions was due to the fact that the subscribers were waiting to receive their volume before sending in their subscription.

The report was then adopted.

The question of ancient monuments was raised by Mr. ALEX. SCRIVENER, who pointed out that two years ago the preparation of a list of the ancient monuments known to exist in the county was taken up by this Society and the North Stafford Field Club. The list of such monuments which was prepared included a wayside cross near Werrington. He should like to know if the Salt Archæological Society could help in preserving that cross. It was a shaft four or five feet high, and two or three steps, and it was on the side of an old pack-horse lane at Washerwall. The Vicar of Werrington had it in his mind to take it down and re-erect it in the new churchyard about three-quarters of a mile away. The

reverend gentleman said he certainly would not do it if there was any objection. It had been suggested that he (Mr. Scrivener) should see the Cheadle District Council with respect to its preservation, and he proposed to act upon the suggestion. If he could get some expression of opinion on the matter from that Society, perhaps it would assist him in his effort to get the Cheadle District Council to take the proper care of the cross.

Mr. J. T. HOMER was afraid this was a matter which did not come within the scope of the Society.

The Rev. W. BERESFORD thought the Society should strengthen the hands of the Field Club. It was important that these old crosses should not be removed, because he believed it would be proved that they showed them the site of where once stood a Royal residence. He hoped they would induce Mr. Scrivener to do all he could to prevent the cross being removed from its present site.

On the motion of Mr. BERESFORD, it was resolved that, in the opinion of the Society, the cross in the Werrington district should be preserved, and not be removed from its present site.

Mr. J. T. HOMER was thanked for undertaking the secretarial duties during the absence of Mr. J. C. Wedgwood. In reply, he said that the Hon. Secretary had been engaged in very important work at the front, and was at the siege of Antwerp.

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PREFACE

THIS volume is in the main an attempt to throw fresh light upon the ecclesiastical history of Staffordshire in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and is practically a supplement to the existing county histories.

The information it contains has been chiefly obtained and condensed from hitherto unpublished and contemporary manuscripts, but some use has been made of the State Papers and other similar documents which have already been printed. Books dealing with the university degrees of the clergy and the lives of the more noted among them have also been used to a limited extent, and full references thereto are given so as to facilitate the task of any future parochial historian. The list of Edwardian Church Ornaments in each parish has been made as complete as possible, although this has involved reprinting the partial lists already given in *S. H. C.*, vi, n.s., part i.

Perhaps some apology may be needed for the Introduction, which is in effect only an analysis and restatement of the facts necessarily scattered throughout the rest of the book. It seemed, however, desirable that this should be done, in order to render the work more generally useful. A similar desire has led to the modernisation of the uncouth old spelling in most cases, though a few typical quotations are left unaltered.

Staffordshire readers who are not specially interested in ecclesiastical matters may like to see the particulars of the former population of their parish and county, or may find some information about the character, attainments, or income of some clerical ancestor or relation which has hitherto escaped them.

It is hoped that any reader who discovers a mistake, or who can add to those lists of incumbents that are still defective, will communicate with the author, in order that the correction or addition may be made in the copy placed in the Salt Library for the use of the public.

The writer takes this opportunity of expressing his gratitude

to Mr. Gerald Mander, author of the *History of the Wolverhampton School*, for writing the article on Wolverhampton (pp. 321-354); to the Hon. Secretary for his valuable note on the population of Staffordshire; to the Registrars of the diocese and of the Dean and Chapter (Messrs. H. C. Hodson and R. R. Redmayne) for kindly allowing the writer unrestricted access to the invaluable documents in their custody; to the Rev. Claude Jenkins, Librarian of Lambeth Palace Library, for revising a portion of the Introduction; and to a great many of the present Staffordshire incumbents for allowing their registers to be inspected without the payment of any fees, and for much kind hospitality.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND REFERENCES

Most of the manuscripts and two of the books referred to in the present work are described in detail in Appendix VI and have a distinctive number, which is that given in the following list :

- (a) =Chan. Certif. 40. See No. 12.
(b) =Chan. Certif. 54. See No. 13.
(c) =Chan. Certif. 14 pt. i. See No. 14.
(d) =Chan. Certif. 14 pt. ii. See No. 15.
(e) =Chan. Certif. 43. See No. 16.
ff. =paid first fruits. See No. 4.
(h) =Chan. Return Sep. 1551. See No. 17.
(l) =Chan. Return Dec. 1552. See No. 18.
(m) =Chan. Return c. 1552-3. See No. 19.
(n) =Chan. Return Apr. 1553. See No. 20.
(p) =pensions. See No. 27.
(q) =pensions. See No. 27b.
(r) =Rentals. See No. 21.
(s) =“ in the steeple.”
(t) =Ministers' Accounts, Eliz. See No. 28.
Accounts=D. of L. Ministers' Accounts. See No. 26.
Act Book=Lich. Chap. Act Book. See No. 2.
Add. MSS.=Additional MSS. in B.M. See No. 31.
approp.=appropriate.
ar.=armiger (i.e. esquire).
Assistants in the removal of scandalous ministers. See No. 36.
Aug.=Augmentation Dept. of Court of Exchequer.
B.A. ? See p. xxxvii.
Beresford=*Diocesan History of Lichfield*, by Rev. Wm Beresford.
B.M.=British Museum.
Bod. MSS.=Bodleian MSS. at Oxford. See No. 31.
Calamy=*The Nonconformists' Memorial*, by Edmund Calamy, D.D., ed. by Sam Palmer, 1775.

- Chan. Proc.=Chancery Proceedings in P.R.O.
- Cherry=*Stafford in Olden Times*, by J. L. Cherry, Stafford, 1890.
- Ch. Orn.=church ornaments from inventory of 1553. See No. 29.
- Ch. wds.=churchwardens. See No. 29.
- Commissioners c. 1548=Mildmay and Keylwey. See No. 30.
- Commissioners (1653-9)=the commissioners for the approbation of public preachers. See p. lxxv.
- Compounding=The printed calendar of the proceedings of the Committee for Compounding.
- Cox=*S. H. C.*, vi, part ii.
- Crown appointments. See No. 7.
- D.=deanery
- D. of Lanc.=Duchy of Lancaster, documents in the P.R.O.
- depr.=deprived
- D.N.B.=*Dictionary of National Biography*.
- Dom.=Domestic State Papers in the P.R.O. The references will sometimes be found in the printed calendars.
- Exch.=Exchequer.
- Exch. Plea Rolls=Exch. of Account, First Fruits and Tenths, Plea Roll No. 1 (Easter 1 Mary to Hilary 2 & 3 Philip and Mary).
- Fee farm=Exch. Aug. partic. for sale of fee farm rents. See No. 34.
- Foster=*Alumni Oxoniensis*, by J. Foster.
- Gee. See No. 35.
- Grants=Partic. of grants for schools. See No. 30.
- Gregory=Gregory King's MS. note-book, c. 1696 in Wm Salt Library.
- Griffith=*The Free Schools and Endowments of Staffs.* by Geo Griffith.
- Harl. MSS.=Harleian MSS. in B.M.
- Harwood=*The History and Antiquities of Lichfield*, by Rev. Thos Harwood, 1806.
- Hibbert=*The Dissolution of the Monasteries*, by F. A. Hibbert, 1910.
- Hutchinson=*The Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent*, by S. W Hutchinson, 1893.
- Keeper=The printed reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Records. See No. 7.

- King's Pamph. = King's Pamphlets. See Nos. 32, 33.
 Lamb. MSS. = Lambeth MSS. See No. 31.
 Lans. MSS. = Lansdowne MSS. in B.M. See No. 7.
 Leases = Aug. Enrol. of Crown Leases. See No. 23.
 M.A. ? See p. xxxvii.
 Mander = *History of Wolverhampton Grammar School*, by Gerald Mander.
 Mayor = *Admissions to S. John's Coll. Camb.*, by Joseph Mayor. From 1630.
 Mis. Bk. = Miscellaneous Book in P.R.O.
 ob. = obit (i.e. died).
 occ. = occurs in. For the year named see Clergy Lists, No. 9.
 P.R.O. = Public Record Office, Chancery Lane. E.C.
 pr. = proved.
 preb. = prebend or prebendary.
 pst = priest.
 Rentals = Rentals and Surveys (General Series). See No. 21.
 res. = resigned.
 rest. = restored.
 Return of 1533, 1535, etc. See Clergy Lists of these years, No. 9.
 Roy. Comp. = Royalist Composition Papers, which are quoted from the transcript of them in the Wm Salt Library.
 Scandalous ministers, assistants to remove same. See No. 36.
 Scholaris etc. This description in Latin of a clergyman is taken from the Return of 1593. See p. 398.
 seq. = sequestered.
 Shaw = *The Church under the Commonwealth*, by Wm A. Shaw, Litt.D., 1900.
 Shaw's Staffs. = *The History and Antiquities of Staffordshire* by Stebbing Shaw, 1798-1801.
 signed testimony 1648. See No. 32.
 Simms = *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis*, by Rupert Simms, 1894.
 Sion MSS. See No. 31.
 S.P. = State Papers.
 Stebbing Shaw. See Shaw's Staffs. (above).
 subscribed 1559. See No. 35.
 Subsidies. See Nos. 10 and 11.
 Testimony. See "signed testimony" (above).
 T.R. = Treasury of Receipt in the Court of Exchequer.
 transcript = transcript of parish register at Lichfield.

trustees=The trustees for providing maintenance for preaching ministers (1650-60). See p. lxiv.

Valor=*Valor Ecclesiasticus*, 1534-5. See No. 9.

Venn=*The Book of (Cambridge) Matriculations and Degrees*. by John and J. A. Venn, 1913.

Vic. ch.=Vicar choral.

Walker=*Clergy sequestered, etc., in the Grand Rebellion*, by John Walker, 1714.

w.p.=will proved. All the wills mentioned in this book were proved at Lichfield, unless a reference is given to a book at the P.C.C. London—e.g. 38 Grey, 96 Fairfax, etc.—or the name of some other provincial court is added.

THE LEGAL AND CIVIL YEARS

Until 31 December 1751 the legal year in England was computed to begin on 25 March and to end on 24 March. It is this year which is used in the parish registers and most other contemporary documents. In the present work the days from 1 January to 24 March inclusive are printed with the double date, the first being the legal year, the second being the present civil or historical year. To make matters perfectly clear it may be added that practically all the contemporary writers state that Charles I was beheaded on 30 January 1648—i.e., towards the end of the legal year 1648, which was, of course, the beginning of the civil year 1649. Hence in modern histories the date is given as 1649. In this book the date would be given as 30 January 1648-9.

In some two or three cases only one year is named. This is due to the fact that in these cases the year has been taken from some comparatively modern work, the author of which does not make it clear whether he uses the historical year in accordance with recent custom or whether he has transcribed the date without alteration from some contemporary source, in which case the legal year would be almost certainly the one used by the original writer.

INTRODUCTION

THE ECCLESIASTICAL FEATURES OF THE PERIOD

The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries are of the greatest importance to all students of English church history on account of the religious upheavals that took place in them. Innumerable volumes have been written thereupon, but there has been little attempt made to discover how and to what extent the local parochial clergy in any particular district were affected by the changes they were compelled to make in the church services. It is hoped that this book will do something to fill up this gap, at all events as regards the county of Stafford.

Summarizing the results of the detailed investigations that are made later on in this introduction and the appendices, it seems probable that :

(1) Nearly all the Staffordshire parish clergy acquiesced in the Henrician, Edwardian, and Marian religious settlements ;

(2) Not more than two-thirds of the Marian incumbents ultimately conformed to the Elizabethan settlement ;

(3) About four-fifths of the episcopalian clergy conformed more or less to the Commonwealth settlement ;

(4) About 54 per cent. of the ministers conformed in 1662, including the old episcopalian clergy who had conformed during the Interregnum ;

(5) About two-thirds of the ministers established during the Commonwealth (i.e. excluding these episcopalians) did not conform in 1662 ;

(6) The number of chantry priests decreased very rapidly during the last fifteen years of the reign of Henry VIII, and there were only about half of the original number left at the date of their dissolution ;

(7) The number of clergy with university degrees rose from about 12 per cent. in 1593 to perhaps 80 per cent. in 1630 ;

(8) The number of clergy licensed to preach their own sermons increased from somewhere about 15 per cent. in 1593 to 28 per cent. in 1604 ;

(9) Nearly one-half of the clergy had an income of less than

11*l.* per annum in 1604, and only three out of ten had more than 27*l.* ;

(10) More than one-half of the ministers had their income increased by augmentation grants during the Commonwealth period :

(11) Scarcely any of the influential families in Staffordshire welcomed the Reformation.

THE NUMBER OF SEPARATE PARISHES AND THE MAP

The area of Staffordshire in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was slightly different from what it is to-day, and in some cases it is difficult to say whether a certain district was an independent parish, a chapelry in some mother parish, or extra-parochial. It has been impossible to adopt the mediæval divisions of the parishes in this book, for these were in some cases changed after the dissolution of the monasteries, the collegiate churches, the royal free and the chantry chapels. Some of these monastic or other churches became parish churches with a definite and—in some cases—a new district assigned to them; others were destroyed and the district formerly served by them was assigned to a neighbouring parish or became in a few wild places an extra-parochial district. A like fate befell the old chantry chapels which were situated at a distance from their parish church, though in their case most of those which survived became chapels of ease in their old parishes. Neither has it been possible to adopt the modern parochial districts, for many of these have been formed out of the old parishes within the past hundred years, and consequently are not mentioned in this book.

On the whole it has seemed best to take the parishes as certified in or about 1563 (*see* p. 397), even although this arrangement involves a few anomalies.¹ These parishes have been rearranged in alphabetical order and the few omissions supplied.

¹ Most of these anomalies occur in the neighbourhood of Stafford, where the certificate states that the incumbents of the chapels at Enson, Hopton, Marston Salt, and Whitgreave had the cure (of souls), though "without institution"—i.e., that these were separate parishes. Hence they are treated as such in this book although originally all these chapels belonged to the collegiate church at Stafford and seem to have been reunited to this parish early in the seventeenth century.

According to this computation, there were 143 separate parishes in Staffordshire, and the map¹ shows all² their respective boundaries. It also marks the districts³ assigned to the chapels of ease within such parishes; the situation of the suppressed chantry chapels that were built at a distance from a parish church⁴; most of the extra-parochial districts; the situation of a few chapels outside the county boundaries, but within a Staffordshire parish and some townships within the county, which were parts of parishes in the archdeaconries and counties of Salop and Derby or in the dioceses of Chester, Hereford, and Worcester. These extra-parochial places and townships are mentioned in the population tables, but not in the alphabetical arrangement of the parishes, except in the cases of Bobbington and Haselour.

If it were not for the certificate attributed to 1563, it would have seemed better to classify some of these "parishes" as chapels of ease rather than as independent parishes. It is certain that their status at this date was somewhat doubtful, so the following table has been prepared as an alternative classification :

Doubtful parishes	Suggested mother church
Bednall ..	Berkswich
Butterton ..	Mayfield
Calton ..	Mayfield
Cheddleton ..	Leek
Codsall ..	Leetonhall
Croxden ..	?
Edingale ..	Alrewas
Enson ..	Stafford

¹ The oldest map of the county which gives the parish boundaries on one sheet is the Ordnance Survey of 1875-86. This map has been constructed therefrom, as it is believed that the new parishes formed between 1563 and this date were all subdivisions of one ancient parish. The boundaries of these ancient parishes can be easily ascertained from this survey, and they were substantially the same in the last half of the sixteenth and the first half of the eighteenth centuries. The map, however, must not be regarded as absolutely accurate, as it has been impossible to show upon it a few fields, which were detached from their mother parish and altogether surrounded by some other parish, and also a few districts, such as Needwood Forest, which were extra-parochial in 1563 and not assigned to parishes until a later date.

² All with the exception of three small parishes or chapelries within the old parish of S. Mary's, Stafford.

³ The boundaries of some of these districts cannot now be ascertained, and are perforce omitted.

⁴ The names of the chantry chapels are printed in smaller type than those of the chapels of ease.

Doubtful parishes				Suggested mother church
Hopton	..	..	..	Stafford
Horton	..	..	..	Leek
Ipstones	..	..	..	Leek
Marston	..	..	..	Stafford
Okeover	..	..	..	Ilam or Blore
Onecote	..	..	..	Leek
Salt	..	..	..	Stafford
Shareshill	..	..	..	Penkridge
Sheen	..	..	..	Ilam
Whitgreave	..	..	..	Stafford

If this classification be accepted, the number of Staffordshire parishes would be 125 instead of 143.

THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT EACH PARISH

The information about each parish and its incumbents is arranged in the following order, viz. :

(1) The status of the parish in 1563—i.e. whether it was then a rectory, vicarage or curacy—whether it then had any chapels of ease attached to it or was under any peculiar jurisdiction, the deanery to which it belonged and the name of the monastery (if any) to which it had formerly been appropriated.

(2) Particulars about any change in its status which took place in the reigns of Hen VIII or Edw VI, the value of the possessions of the dissolved collegiate churches, free chapels, etc.

(3) The church ornaments from the inventory of April and May 1553.

(4) A few notes about recusants, patrons, and other parish matters subsequent to 1563.

(5) The names of the last deans, prebendaries, and vicars choral of the dissolved collegiate churches.

(6) A list of the incumbents of the parish, with the exact dates of their appointment to the parish and of the termination of their cure.

(7) A similar list of the curates or assistant ministers.

(8) The names of any stipendiary priests or chaplains that cannot be identified with any particular chantry.

(9) Particulars of any chantries within the parish church,

the rate of 15 per cent., then 17 per cent., then 20 per cent. each decade down to 1871. Yet the population in 1801 cannot have been more than 270,000 souls. If it was 136,000 in 1665 and 270,000 in 1801, then during that period of 135 years the population had only increased at a rate of 5 per cent. each decade. This slowing down in the rate of increase after 1665 came about in spite of the growth of manufactories in north and south during the last half of the eighteenth century. Yet it is quite possible that these figures and deductions are correct, and that there was a genuine slowing down of the rate of increase, due partly to emigration to America, partly to the enclosures and the engrossing of large farms, which first began to affect Staffordshire during the eighteenth century, partly to the famine years that set in between 1770 and 1796. If the figures are anything like correct, they indicate a period of amazing prosperity between 1563 and 1665 in the county of Staffordshire.

Following these pseudo-statistics farther back, we may deduce for the population of Staffordshire in 1461 some 45,000 souls. (Staffordshire was not affected by the early enclosures.) Still farther back, after the Black Death in 1361, the population might be 25,000. Before the first Black Death in 1348 perhaps it was 40,000 again; and when Henry of Anjou ended the civil wars of the reign of Stephen—in 1154, when 88 hides were utterly waste—then, I should think, 15,000 people was all there would be in our county—12 to every square mile, a population about as dense as is that of the Orange River Colony to-day.

The Domesday Book figures, giving the households in 1086, back up this estimate. The total number of persons—tenants, freemen, priests, merchants, villeins, boors and serfs—enumerated in Staffordshire in 1086 is 3,236. This is Staffordshire as included in Domesday, but with the part now in Lancashire deducted. To this figure we must add townsmen in Tamworth, priests and townsmen in Lichfield, and probably in Wolverhampton and Burton-on-Trent; some 60 heads of families. We must add, too, many outlaws, for half Staffordshire was waste. Total, some 3,350 families. Against under-estimation by the compilers we have to set off the possibility that many families are enumerated twice over in different names. To get the actual number of inhabitants, Maitland, in his *Domesday*

and Beyond, multiplies the households by 5 after taking all factors into account. This gives a total of 16,750 souls twenty years after the Conquest.

Lastly—or firstly—there were five hundred hides in the five hundreds of Staffordshire—only five hundred, for it was the last settled by Middle English from the east and by the Hwicce from the south, and it was a wild land. I suppose these hides were not fully settled into and occupied till A.D. 850. Roughly 500 families settled with their retainers—perhaps 10 to a family—like the Boer vortrekkers. If there were 5,000 of the invaders, there were at least as many of the Celts left behind on the land alive, many free in the moorlands and in Needwood, but most perhaps hewers of wood and drawers of water for all time.

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THE PARISHES

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ABBOTS BROMLEY

In 1563 called "Bromley Pagets," a vicarage, without any annexed chapels, in Tamworth D., formerly approp. to the Abbey of Burton-on-Trent.

Ch. Orn.: May 1553: 2 silver chalices with patens; 4 bells (s); 2 damask tones, 1 red, 1 crimson; 6 vestments, 1 of blue worsted, 1 blue full of birdes, 1 of red worsted, 1 of dark red (worsted) wrought with silver, 2 white ones; 3 albes; 3 amices; 1 copper cross; 1 brass censer. **Ch. wds.**: Hugh Clerke & Rich Pixley.

Patrons: The Pagets of Beadesert (*S. H. C.*, XII, p. 216).

VICARS

occ. 1491	ob. 1526	Hen Fydcok
14 Feb. 1526-7	w.p. 1, Nov. 1561	Thos Wilson ¹
8 Jan. 1561-2	w.p. 6, June 1572	Thos Webbe
12 Sep. 1572	res. 1586	Wm Tatton
14 May 1586	w.p. 6 Oct. 1626	Geo Stone ²
16 Oct. 1626	left Dec. 1633	Edward Helbrooke M.A. ³
22 Jan. 1633-4	depr. 1646	Anthony Huxley M.A. ⁴
10 Dec. 1646		John Sammen B.A. ⁵
occ. 1649		Wm Beeby ⁶
occ. 1651-2		Walter Bromsgrove M.A. ⁷
occ. 1661		Nathaniel Mott M.A. ⁸
c. 1662 restored	res. 1665	Anthony Huxley M.A.
27 Ap. 1665	res. 1668	Nathaniel Mott M.A. ⁸
3 Nov. 1668		Geo Wright B.A.

THE PRIEST'S SERVICE

Certified in 1548 that certain persons then unknown had endowed a priest here with lands worth *1l. 5s. 6d.* net to sing daily mass in the church and that the said priest had always kept a school, but not a free one (*b, c, r*). There were no plate or goods.

INCUMBENTS

occ. 1533

Chas Benteley

occ. 1548

John Stephenson⁹

A LAMP

Certified in 1548 that a yearly rent of 6*d.* had been left to provide a lamp to burn every holy day in the chancel between matins and mass for ever (*b*).

NOTES

¹ **Wilson** alias Wetton subscribed in 1559. Probably vicar of Longdon 1526-7.

² **Ston.** Scholaris ruralis et in sacris litteris bene exercitatus. Ordained by Thos Bentham and presented to this vicarage by the Crown. Formerly curate of Marchington chapel. No degree, no preacher (1602-4 returns). Vicarage worth 16*l.* in 1604.

³ **Holbrook.** M.A. 1623 Trin. Coll. Ox., born in co. Stafford (*Foster*). Ordained priest 13 June 1624. Vicar of Pattingham 1633-46, rector of Forton 1635-53. Many pluralists were compelled to choose between two livings in 1646 and Holbrook appears to have been one of these.

⁴ **Huxley.** B.A. 1618 Magd. Coll. Camb., M.A. 1624 Ox. (*Foster*), M.A. 1630 Camb. (*Venn*). He was with the Royalist garrison at Lichfield on its surrender on 10 July 1646. In the following November he refused to appear before the committee for plundered ministers to answer certain matters alleged against him by his parishioners, so on 10 Dec. 1646 it sequestered the vicarage from him on the ground that he had deserted his cure and betaken himself to the forces raised against parliament. Huxley managed to retain possession of the vicarage house until 15 Mar. 1646-7, when the comm. of parliament for co. Staff. was instructed to turn him out forthwith. On 11 Ap. 1647 his wife Hanna was allowed a full fifth of the living for her maintenance provided that she and her husband yielded all due obedience to the sequestration. (*Bod. MS.* 324, pp. 28, 131, 137, 396.)

⁵ **Sammon** or Samon. Probably B.A. 1641 Glouc. Hall, Ox. If son of John Samon of Badsey, Worc., priest (*Foster*). Described as a godly and orthodox divine, when the committee for plundered ministers sequestered this vicarage to his use on 10 Dec. 1646 and referred him for approval to the Westminster assembly of divines, which was duly given. (*Bod. MS.* 324, pp. 137, 163, 396.) On 4 Nov. 1646 the committee ordered the salary (26*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*) of the minister here when appointed to be increased by the following rents, reserved

to the dean and chapter of Lich. from the following impropriate rectories, viz. 16*l.* from Longdon rectory, 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from Dilhorne rectory, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from this rectory and 22*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from Brewood tithes. (*Bod. MS.* 323, p. 360.)

⁶ **Beeby.** On 25 May 1649 the committee for plundered ministers ordered all arrears of this augmentation of 50*l.* to be paid to Beeby and 9 months' salary at this rate was ordered on 25 Dec. 1649. (*Bod. MS.* 326, p. 290; *Shaw*, II, p. 543.)

⁷ **Bromsgrove.** Probably identical with one of this name who matriculated 1619 King's Coll. Camb., M.A. 1628, was ordained priest at Lichfield 9 Mar. 1627-8 and was curate at Cheadle in 1629.

⁸ **Mott. See Longdon.**

⁹ **Stephenson.** Salary 14*s.* 6*d.* (c), pension 13*s.* 6*d.* (p). Possibly preb. of Gaia minor 1557-8 and of Tachbrook 1558-62.

ACTON TRUSSELL

In 1563 a church approp. to the preb. of Whittington & Baswich and subject to his peculiar jurisdiction.

Ch. Orn., May 1553: 1 silver chalice with paten; 1 corporal; 1 green linen cloth vestment with albe & amice; 1 blue linen cloth cope; 2 altar cloths; 2 cruets; 1 copper cross; 3 bells; 1 sacring bell; 1 towel.

In 1604 a chapel in Baswich parish.

CURATES

occ. 1533-8	Robt Gryme
occ. 1604	a curate ²
occ. 1651-2	Rich Littleton B.A. ³
occ. 1661	Rich Morall ⁴
occ. Oct. 1661 ob. c. 1678	Wm Vincent B.A. ⁵
occ. c. 1680	Wm Watwood ⁶

A LAMP

Certified in 1548 that lands worth 8*d.* net p.a. had been left by persons then unknown to provide a lamp to burn in the parish church for ever (*b, r*).

NOTES

¹ **Gryme.** In 1538 the priory of S. Thomas the Martyr by Stafford owed him 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and he possessed a "stondyng cup" belonging to this priory. (*Hibbert*, p. 234.)

NOTES

¹ **Bakewell.** In 1553 gave information to the Crown of the property belonging to Our Lady's Service, subscribed in 1559.

² **Key.** Scholaris oxoniensis et in sacris litteris bene exercitatus. A preacher, no degree (*returns* 1602-4). Ordained by Wm Overton in 1583, married Dorothy Basset in 1607, w.p. 20 Jan. 1636-7. Rectory worth 10*l.* in 1604.

³ **Creeke.** Son of John Creeke, vicar of Penkridge 1635-43, who was probably living at King's Sutton in 1625. If so, this rector matriculated 1605, Lincoln Coll. Ox., aged 19 (*Foster*).

⁴ **Shorthouse.** Signed register in 1652, married 15 Sep. 1653 Rebekah Rawlinson, resigned by deed dated 26 Sep. 1658, though the patron—Thos lord visc. Wenman, acting as guardian of his grandchild Greville Vernon?—did not receive notice of his resignation until 28 Feb. 1658-9 (*Lamb. MS.* 946, No. 9).

⁵ **Dawson.** M.A. 1624 Trin. Coll. Camb. (*Venn*), ordained deacon 13 June 1624, vicar of Uttexeter 1653-8, nominated by Thos lord visc. Wenman 12 Mar. 1658-9, approved by commissioners 30 Mar. 1659, appointed (i.e. instituted) 4 May 1659 (*Lamb. MS.* 946, No. 9), paid subsidy of 1*l.* in Jan. 1661-2.

⁶ **Hancock.** Married 10 May 1691 Sarah Horon. She was buried on 8 Oct. 1703.

⁷ **Beech.** Married 2 Nov. 1677 Frances Warner, perhaps became curate of Fradswell chapel, Colwich. In 1686. She was buried here on 13 Feb. 1695-6 and is then described as of Milwich which adjoins Fradswell.

BREWOOD

In 1563 a vicarage, without any annexed chapels, approp. to the dean of Lichfield and subject to his peculiar jurisdiction, in Lapley D.

Ch. Orn., May 1553: 2 suites of vestments, one blue bordered with green, the other tawney branched with flowers & 1 cope of the same; 4 vestments with albes, 1 green, 1 tawney, 1 dornick, 1 bordered green; 1 blue embroidered velvet cope; 8 towels; 2 silver chalices with patens; 4 small brass candlesticks; 1 pair of organs; 1 brass pyx; 3 corporals with cases; 1 gilt cross with part of the staff copper; 2 brass crosses; 1 coverlet; 1 painted sepulchre cloth; 2 paxes; 4 bells; 1 sanctus bell; 3 sacring bells; 1 painted linen cross cloth; 1 brass censer.

In 1604 there were very many recusants here.

See the printed parish register for list of the earlier and later vicars.

VICARS

	temp. Ed IV	Wm Robenet ¹
	occ. 1513-53	Hen Fleming ²
10 May 1553 ff.	?res. 1571	Rich Wharton ³
1 Jan. 1571-2	bur. 2 Jan. 1602-3	Thos Grove ⁴
14 Jan. 1602-3	bur. 27 June 1614	Roger Turner ⁵
11 July 1615	bur. 20 Nov. 1629	Edward Pasmore
20 Feb. 1629-30	res. 1630	Wm Lindsell M.A.? ⁶
12 May 1630		Geo Osney
	1634	Wm Chandler ⁷
1 July 1646	occ. 1645	John Dolman B.A. ⁸
27 July 1663	res. 1663	Chas Bagnold B.A. ⁹
19 Oct. 1664	ob. 1 Jan. 1677-8	Rich Emery B.A. ¹⁰
1678		Wm Junks ¹¹

CHAPLAINS

occ. 1533	Thos Colyer
occ. 1533	Wm Coward
occ. 1533	John Nevals
occ. 1533	Nich Trant?

THE PRIEST'S SERVICE

Discovered in 1552-3 that there were certain messuages, cottages, lands and tenements in Brewood let to Robt Hawkins (*n*) or Robt Hawkins and others (*h, l*) at a yearly rent of 5*l.* (*h, l*) or 6*l.* (*n*) which belonged to this service and that a stipendiary priest had received the profits "these four years past" (*n*).

THE WHITE LADIES' PRIEST

Discovered in 1553 that there were other lands etc. here let to Thos Adams at a yearly rent of 10*s.*, which had been purchased by one "dame Margaret," prioress of the White Ladies of Brewood for the use of their priest, that Wm Cureton, priest, had been in receipt of this rent at the dissolution of this priory and had received it ever since (*n*).

occ. 1533-8

Wm Cureton¹²

THE BLACK LADIES' PRIEST

occ. 1538

Wm Parker ¹³

NOTES

¹ **Robenet.** See *S. H. C.*, 1910, p. 158.

² **Fleming.** See *ibid.* pp. 162, 163. Mentioned as priest vicar in Apr. 1553 (*n*), perhaps identical with a vicar choral at Lichfield in 1559 who subscribed that year.

³ **Wharton.** Instituted 10 June 1553, subscribed 1559, buried here 12 May 1587, probably resigned or was deprived of this vicarage, perhaps on the appointment of Grove.

⁴ **Grove.** Scholaris oxoniensis et in sacris litteris incumbens, ordained by Thos. Bontham.

⁵ **Turner.** No preacher, a notable swearer and drunkard. Vicarage worth 100 marks (1604 *return*).

⁶ **Lindsell.** Perhaps M.A. 1627 Clare Coll. Camb. (*Venn*), but not described as a graduate in diocesan register.

⁷ **Chandler.** See *Bushbury*.

⁸ **Dolman.** Probably B.A. 1638 Linc. Coll. Ox. and son of Thos. Dolman of Seisdon (*Foster*), signed testimony 1648, paid subsidy of 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* in Jan. 1661-2 and tax on 4 hearths here c. 1666. Probably identical with an M.A. of this name, who was ordained priest by Hackett 15 Feb. 1661-2 and became vicar of Wombourn cum Trysull, q.v., on 15 Feb. 1662-3. On 1 July 1646 the committee for plundered ministers found that his living was but 20*l.* p.a. so it granted him 50*l.* p.a. from the rents, etc., here, sequestered from the dean of Lichfield. On 31 May 1647 it granted him a further sum of 8*l.* p.a. from the rents of lands called Blackladies and Whiteladies here, sequestered from John Gifford and Peter Gifford, recusants, farmers thereof under the dean, as the former grant was then said to amount to only 40*l.* p.a. (*Bod. MS.* 323, p. 267; *S. P. Dom. Inter. F.* 2, pt. 1, p. 221.) Orders for the payment of the 50*l.* are frequent in 1649, 1650, etc. (*Bod. MS.* 326, p. 296; *Sion MS.*, p. 490; cf. *Lamb. MSS.* 979, p. 356; 973, p. 678; 978, pp. 617, 620; 976, p. 331; *Shaw*, II, p. 543.) In 1654 the augmentation appears to have been altered to 23*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* out of the impropriate tithes here, though he is to receive all arrears of the 50*l.* grant. (*Lamb. MS.* 972, pp. 27, 95, 97.) In 1657 the tithes of Chillington are mentioned as having been granted to him (*Lamb. MS.* 993, p. 249) and in 1658 and 1659 the total augmentation is stated to be 39*l.* p.a. (*Lamb. MSS.* 994, p. 142; 981, p. 20.)

⁹ **Bagnold.** Ordained priest on 26 July 1663, probably had been curate at Stoke.

¹⁰ **Emery.** Son of Thos Emery of Stone, Staffs, born c. 1622,

educated at Shrewsbury school, B.A. S. John's Coll. Camb. (*Venn, Mayor*), ordained both deacon and priest on 20 Dec. 1663. Probably had been minister at Shareshill in 1651-2.

¹¹ **Junks.** Succeeded Emery (*Gregory*).

¹² **Cureton.** Although this chantry was dissolved in 1538, Cureton was still in receipt of this endowment in 1553 (*n*). Probably preb. of Curborough 1542-56, vicar of Eccleshall 1553-5 and rector of Swynnerton 1555-6.

¹³ **Parker.** Received a "reward" of 30s. on his departure at the dissolution of the nunnery in 1538 (*Hibbert*, p. 227). See p. 176.

BURTON-ON-TRENT

In 1503 a curacy, without institution or any annexed chapels, in Leek D.

The Benedictine Abbey of S. Mary and S. Modwin was surrendered to the crown on 14 Nov. 1539 by Wm Edie, the last abbot,¹ who became dean of the collegiate church that was established here by letters patent on 27 July 1540.² It was then styled the cathedral church of S. Mary of Burton³ and some of the monks remained as prebendaries, canons, etc.² This college was dissolved in Nov. 1545 when a "chief curate" was appointed for the town of Burton.⁴ Qn Mary appointed a rector here in June 1554, but its status as a rectory cannot have lasted many years, for the incumbents from 1560 onwards are invariably described as curates.

A detailed list of the church ornaments and other goods which belonged to the dean and chapter here in Nov. 1545 is printed by Hibbert on page 258 *et seq.*

Ch. Orn., 24 May 1553: 1 partly gilt silver chalice with paten; 2 damask vestments, 1 green & 1 white; 3 ropes, 1 of blue velvet, 1 of white damask, 1 of green dornick; 4 robes & amices; 2 altar fronts, 1 of white damask—now used as a carpet for the Lord's Table—1 of stained linen cloth; 2 table cloths, 4 towels; 2 bells (s); 1 sanctus bell (s). **Ch. wds.:** Wm Caldwell & John Stone.

In 1604 said to be a great parish. **Patron:** Wm Lord Paget.

All the following members of the college were priests and (with the exception of Edie) they were all in receipt of a salary when the college was dissolved in Nov. 1545. There were also

5 singing men, 6 choristers, the schoolmaster, ⁵ 4 beadsmen and various servants and other officials attached to the college. ⁶

DEANS

27 July 1540	ob. 1544	Wm Edie ⁷
28 May 1544	res. Oct. 1545	Robt Brooke ⁸

PREBENDARIES

27 July 1540		Jas Townley
27 July 1540	res. Oct. 1545	Roger Bull ⁹
27 July 1540	res. Oct. 1545	Robt Moore ¹⁰
27 July 1540	res. Oct. 1545	John Rudde B.D.

MINOR CANONS, LATE RELIGIOUS

John Carter ¹²
John Hyern ¹³
Wm Sutton ¹⁴

MINOR CANONS, NEVER RELIGIOUS

Robt Baslowe ¹⁵
Wm Myn(es) ¹⁶
Wm Porter

GOSPELLER

Wm Tomlynson

EPISTOLER, LATE RELIGIOUS

Wm Hether ¹⁷

PARISH PRIEST

Bartholomew Kyrkby ¹⁸

CURATE

23 Nov. 1545	Robt Baslowe ¹⁵
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RECTOR

14 June 1554	Rich Hutton ¹⁹
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CURATES

	w.p. 2 July 1557	Bartholomew Francis
occ. 1560-76		Thos Smith ²⁰
occ. 1578		Anthony Geffcocke
occ. 1593		Peter Eckershall ²¹
24 July 1601	occ. 1604	John Hassall D.D. ²²
9 July 1609		Robt Lussher M.A. ²³
7 July 1611	ob. 12 June 1656	John Folkingham
		M.A. ²⁴
	(occ. 1649	Robt Campion)? ²⁵
25 Dec. 1651	occ. 1654	Philip Sharpe ?B.A. ²⁶
occ. 1661-6		Joseph Shilton ²⁷

LECTURER

lect. 1662	Thos Bakewell M.A.? ²⁸
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THE BROTHERHOOD PRIESTS

Certified in 1548 that several persons had given 3 tenements and lands worth 1*s.* 8*d.* (*b, c*) or 3*s.* 7*d.* (*r*) net p.a. to maintain "brotherhood" or stipendiary priests in this church to pray for ever for their souls. Sometimes there had been 4, sometimes 3 and sometimes 2 of these priests. On 4 Nov. 1547 there were 2 priests, each receiving a salary of 25*s.* 9*d.* and they had no plate or goods (*b, c*). In 1557 a house and a chalice belonging to this service was discovered, the property was valued at 53*s.* 8*d.* and it was certified that the rent of these lands was being paid to Lord Paget (*h, l, m*).

INCUMBENTS

(occ. 1538	Robt Malton)? ²⁹
occ. 1538-47	Thos Smith ²⁰
occ. 1547	John Hill ³⁰

NOTES

¹ *S. H. C.*, pt. 1, p. 6.

² *Hibbert*, p. 177.

³ *Aug. Mis. Bk.* 105, pp. 8, 38.

⁴ *Hibbert*, p. 268.

⁵ **Schoolmaster.** The grammar school here had been endowed by Wm Beyne, abbot of Burton 1502-33 (*Hibbert*, p. 81). Rich Harman

hence was inaccurately described as curate of Chorley instead of Farewell. Perhaps vicar of Wednesbury 1547-8.

³ **Wylshawe.** See **Lichfield.** Described as lately rector of Farewell on 22 Mar. 1547-8 (*Act Bk.* IV, p. 142), collected rents here in 1550 (*ibid.* p. 155), probably not the resident curate here.

⁴ **Curate.** Not named, no preacher, salary of 6*l.* paid by Mr Paget (1604 *return*).

⁵ **Smith.** On 10 Nov. 1647 the committee for plundered ministers made him a grant of 46*l.* p.a. from the inappropriate rectory of Farewell and Chorley to augment his former stipend of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* This was regularly paid until October 1652, when it was increased to 50*l.* (*S. P. Dom. Inter. F.* 2, pt. ii, p. 606; *Bod. MSS.* 325, pp. 217, 218; 326, p. 292; 328, p. 212; *Sion MS.*, p. 492; *Lamb. MSS.* 976, p. 323; 978, p. 624; *Shaw*, II, p. 543). In 1659 Smith is mentioned as the late incumbent here (*Lamb. MS.* 994, p. 142). Many of this name were graduates.

⁶ **Willmott.** Mentioned as curate in return of 1651-2, but this appears to be a mistake. See *last note*.

⁷ **Sherley.** Matriculated All Souls. Ox., ordained deacon 21 Feb. 1663-4, signed these transcripts as curate in 1666.

FORTON

In 1563 a rectory, without any annexed chapels, in Lapley D.

Ch. Orn., May 1553: 1 partly gilt chalice with paten; 1 latten pyx; 1 ivory box garnished with silver; 1 small partly gilt box; 3 corporals with cases 10 vestments, 1 of white Bruges satin, 1 of white fustian, 3 old ones of silk, 5 old ones of dornick; 2 silk tunacles; 3 albes; 3 copes; 1 of green Bruges satin, 2 of silk; 8 plain table cloths; 1 surplice; 1 rochet; 1 copper cross; 1 pair of censers & a ship of latten; 2 latten candlesticks; 1 latten chrysmatory; 1 brass holywater stock; 2 tin cruets; 3 small bells; 1 sanctus bell; 3 sacring bells; 1 hand bell; 4 towels.

Patrons: In 1372 (*see S. H. C.*, x, n.s., p. 136); in 1547 (*see S. H. C.*, XII, p. 199); 1555 Rich Yonge; 1570 John Blower and John Sutton; 1582 Thos Skrymshire; 1654 Gerard Skrymsher.

RECTORS

	ob. 1528	Rich Kynge
4 Jan. 1528-9	w.p. 15 May 1555	Wm Branthwayte ¹
21 Mar. 1554-5 ff.	bur. 14 Nov. 1570	Hum Lee ²

16 Dec. 1570	res. 1582	Robt Sutton B.C.L. ³
18 Dec. 1582	bur. 21 June 1635	Thos Martin ⁴
8 July 1635 ff.	bur. 26 Dec. 1653	Edw Holbrook M.A. ⁵
30 May 1654	bur. 17 Mar. 1672-3	Rich Leaves M.A.? ⁶
28 Aug. 1673	bur. 10 Ap. 1697	Samuel Dugard M.A. ⁷

CURATES

occ. 1559?	bur. 20 June 1572	John Widdowes ⁸
	(occ. 1579-82	Edw Talbot)? ⁹

LAMPS

Certified in 1548 that Roger Bragges had given 1 croft worth 12*d.* net p.a. for a lamp and that Robt Cokely had given lands worth 8*d.* net p.a. for a lamp (*b*). Circa 1550 and temp. Eliz the value is returned at 1*s.* 8*d.* (*c*), (*d*). Discovered in 1552-3 that the (first?) croft—called the Lamp Croft—which had been given for a lamp, was let to Eliz Perue wid. for 12*d.* and that there were 4 butts of land in Barr Croft let to Humphrey Heyne for 4*d.*, which had been given to maintain the lamp afore the rood (*h. l. n*).

NOTES

¹ **Branthwayte**, Branwayte, Branthwaite. Paid tax of 18*s.* in 1533. Rectory returned as vacant in Mary I (*Subsidy* 171-5).

² **Lee**, Lye. Instituted 5 Ap. 1555.

³ **Sutton**. See **Stafford S. Mary**.

⁴ **Martin**. Did not appear for examination in 1593. No preacher, very unlearned, of loose life (1604 *return*), paid first fruits twice, viz. on 5 Feb. 1582-3 and 2 Sep. 1584; married 1588 Joan Byhaye of Newport; will pr. 26 June 1635. Rectory worth 100*l.* in 1604.

⁵ **Holbrook**. See **Abbots Bromley**.

⁶ **Leaves**. Perhaps M.A. 1644 S. Edmund Hall, Ox., son of Wm Leaves of Wimborne, Dorset (*Foster*). Presented by Gerard Skrymsner with approbation of the commissioners (*Lamb. MS.* 997, pt. i, No. 109), paid subsidy of 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* in Jan. 1661-2.

⁷ **Dugard**. Fellow of Trin. Coll. Ox., M.A. 1667, son of Thos Dugard of Barford, co. Warw.; preb. of Prees 16 Jan. 1696-7—Ap. 1697; wrote works on ethics, etc. (*D. N. B.*, *Foster*, etc.).

⁸ **Widdowes**, Wyddons? Subscribed 1559, perhaps then curate here, buried as curate.

⁹ **Talbot**. Incorrectly described as rector by Hutchinson. Probably curate, occurs as clerk in parish register.

GAYTON

In 1563 a church with cure, but without institution or any annexed chapels, in Newcastle D., formerly approp. to S. Thomas' Priory by Stafford.

Ch. Orn., 4 May 1553: 1 silver chalice with paten; 2 bells (s); 1 table cloth; 2 vestments without any thing to them; 1 surplice; 1 black rassel cope; 1 vestment with all things thereto belonging. **Ch. wds.:** Thos Nover & Roger Sherrard.

CURATES

occ. 1533	Roger Henshawe ¹
occ. 1595 bur. 20 Mar. 1613-4	Geo. Granger ²
15 Ap. 1614	Hen Salt ³
occ. 1616-18	Rich Ferrett ⁴
occ. 1620	Rich Kirke M.A. ⁵
1620 occ. 1623	John Stock
occ. 1628-1634	Hugh Cooper
1634 bur. 7 Mar. 1653-4	Geo Dixon ⁶
14 July 1656	John Adams ⁷
occ. 1665	Rich Fermeate ⁸

NOTES

¹ **Henshawe.** Paid tax of 5s. 4d. in 1533, when Gayton was in the deanery of Stafford and Stone.

² **Granger.** Did not appear for examination in 1595, no preacher, no degree, lewd, salary 6*l.* (1602-4 *returns*).

³ **Salt.** Perhaps curate at Haughton c. 1610-14.

⁴ **Ferrett.** Also curate of Weston-on-Trent.

⁵ **Kirke.** Perhaps M.A. 1617 Magd. Coll. Camb. (*Venn*).

⁶ **Dixon.** On 25 June 1652 the committee for plundered ministers found that his maintenance here did not exceed 20*l.* p.a., so it granted him 22*l.* p.a. out of the inappropriate tithes and the glebe land rents, which had been sequestered from Walter Fowler. (*S. P. Dom. F. 2*, pt. II, p. 526; *Bod. MS.* 328, p. 149.) See **Ashley**.

⁷ **Adams.** Admitted by the commissioners upon a nomination from the parishioners of Gayton. See page 211.

⁸ **Fermeate.** As minister certifies the number of hearths here c. 1665.

GNOSALL

In 1563 a church with cure, but without institution or any annexed chapels, in Newcastle D. Formerly a Norman royal free chapel, which had been granted by King Stephen to the bishop of Lichfield, who thenceforward was the titular dean of the collegiate church here. Bp Hugh de Nonant bought from Richard I several privileges and exemptions for the chapter here, then under his control.

Certified in 1546 and 1548 that "The church collegiate or prebend of Gnosall commonly called the college of Gnosall" (b) had a dean—the bishop—and 4 prebendaries, but that the dean had not had any profits thereof, as the 4 prebs. were parsons (i.e. rectors) of the whole parish. The college with all the prebends had been appropriated to the bp of Lich. by letters patent of Henry VIII. Its value in 1546 was 47*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*, whereof 42*l.* 5*s.* 8½*d.* was paid to the 4 prebendaries as their salaries or stipends (a); in 1548 its value was 50*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* net p.a. (b, c) and the following salaries were paid to the prebendaries, viz.:

5*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* to the preb. of Mordhall (c).

6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the preb. of Beverleyhall (c).

8*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* to the preb. of Chyltreshall (c).

5*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* to the preb. of Suckehall (c).

It then had no plate or goods (a, b, c).

Certified in 1549 that Leonard Harcourt had built a mansion house of 4 little chambers for the vicars choral, worth 10*d.* net p.a. & that he had also given them a barn to lay hay therein for their horses, also 4 butts of land in Gnosall let to Wm Lynacre for 15*d.* (e).

Ch. Orn., May 1553: 3 silver chalices with patens; 2 copes, 1 of blue silk, 1 of red damask; 3 "shutes" (sheets?), 1 of silk with a black satin cross, 1 of tawney silk, 1 of dun silk; 5 vestments with the appurtenances thereto, 1 of white camlet, 1 of red worsted, 1 of red silk, 1 of linen diaper, 1 of changeable damask; 2 velvet corporals; 1 copper cross with silk cloth; 1 wood cross covered with latten; 3 bells; 1 sanctus bell; 1 pair of organs; 1 brass censer. By consent of the whole parish 1 of the 4 chalices in the "old" inventory had been sold for church repair.

PREB. OF BEVERLEYHALL

occ. 1533-5
8 Jan. 1542-3 ff. occ. 1548

Nich Daryngton¹
Jas Fowler (c)

PREB. OF CHYLTRENHALL

occ. 1533
occ. 1535-48

Ralph Whitehead²
Wm Hyll (c)³

PREB. OF MORDHALL

occ. 1533-48

John Hall (c)⁴

PREB. OF SUKERHALL

occ. 1533 ob. Mar. 1540-1
21 Ap. 1541 ff. occ. 1548

Geoffrey Blythe LL.D.⁵
Wm Hare (c)⁶

VICARS CHORAL

occ. 1533 Thos Bakehous
occ. 1533 Wm Asteley⁷
occ. 1513 Hen Caldwell
occ. 1533 Roger Harper

CURATES

bur. 6 July 1573 Wm Sutton⁸

occ. 1593 Rich Fenton⁹
occ. 1610-13 Roger Bolton¹⁰
occ. 3 Nov. 1613 Wm Jennings¹¹
occ. May 1630 Thos Roche
occ. 11 Mar. 1631-2 Wm Geaste M.A.?¹²

occ. Dec. 1633 bur. 18 Feb. 1642-3 Wm Brereton¹³
occ. 1649-50 Samuel Webley¹
30 Aug. 1650 occ. 1659 John Hall¹⁵
occ. 1661 bur. 10 Ap. 1674 Thos Reynolds B.A.¹⁶
occ. 1674-90 Edw Aston B.A.?¹⁷

OBITS

Certified in 1549 that John Brown had left by will 1 message and land here let to Geo Hyll for 18s. p.a., of which 6s. 8d. went to the chief lord, 4s. 8d. towards repairing the church, 3s. 4d. to the poor, 3s. 4d. to the priest keeping his obit; also that

Wm Kyng had given 1 messuage and land here let to Eleanor Cagard? wid. for 8s. p.a., of which 2s. 8d. went to the chief lord, 2s. 10d. towards repairing the church, 1s. 3d. to the poor, 1s. 3d. to the priest keeping his obit (*e*).

Both these obits are mentioned in the rental of c. 1550 together with a third one of Ellen Banester, worth 4s. 9d. p.a. (*r*).

LIGHT

Certified in 1548 that Elyn Banester had given a rent of 18d. to maintain a light before the image of Our Lady in Gnosall church (*b*).

This is not mentioned in the rental (*r*).

CHATWALL CHAPEL

Not mentioned in 1563 or subsequently.

Certified in 1548 that this chapel was for the ease of the inhabitants of Chatwall, being 3 miles distant from Gnosall church, that it was endowed with 3 butts of land in the field and a parcel of meadow called Trynglehed, worth 16d. net p.a., that it possessed 1 vestment worth 12d., 1 bell, but no plate (*b*). Its possessions were valued c. 1550 at 16d. (*r*). In May 1553 this "little" bell was in the keeping of Francis Jobbar (chap. wd.?), the vestment had been sold for 16d. by Rich Forsett, surveyor, a chalice he had taken away with him.¹⁸

INCUMBENTS

None known.

KNIGHTLEY CHAPEL

Not mentioned in 1563 or subsequently.

Ch. Orn., May 1553: 1 red silk corporal; 1 dornick corporal, 2 little bells; 1 sanctus bell; also 2 vestments, 1 of green silk and 1 of blue crewel, reported to belong to the hall at Knightley.

INCUMBENTS

None known.

NOTES

¹ **Daryngton.** Described as "of Gnosall" in 1535; preb. of Statfold 1527-30, of Wolvey 1527-30 and of Flixton 1530-42; paid 8s. 10½d. tax in 1533.

² **Whitehead.** Preb. of Pipa parva 1517-19, of Weeford 1519-20 and chancellor 1520-35?; paid 16s. tax in 1533.

³ **Hyll.** Described as of Stoke-on-Tern in 1535. *See* **Longdon.**

⁴ **Hall.** Paid tax of 8s. 10½*d.* as preb. here and 8s. as vicar of Chebsey, occ. 1533-58.

⁵ **Blythe.** Nephew of bp Blythe, educated at Eton, master 1528 of King's Coll. Camb., M.A. 1523, LL.D. 1529; preb. of Prees 1520-1, of Tervin 1521-41, of Weeford 1523-30; archd. of Stafford 1530; treasurer and precentor of Lichfield 1530-?; vicar of Chesterton, Camb. 1558, etc.; paid 8s. 10½*d.* tax in 1533. He preached against bp Lamer at Cambridge, buried there 8 Mar. 1540-1 (*D. N. B., Simm., etc.*).

⁶ **Hare.** Described as gentleman in 1535. *See* **Creswell.**

⁷ **Asteley.** *See* **Seighford.** All these vicars choral paid 5s. 4*d.* tax in 1533.

⁸ **Sutton.** *See* **Elanstone.**

⁹ **Fenton.** Scholaris paralis et in sacris litteris incumbens, ordained by Thos Bentham.

¹⁰ **Bolton.** *See* **Stoke-on-Trent.** Gnosall is not mentioned in the 1604 return.

¹¹ **Jennings.** *See* **Church Eaton.**

¹² **Geaste.** M.A. 1623 Magd. Coll. Camb. (*Venn*).

¹³ **Brereton.** Perhaps matric. 1590-1600 Emman. Coll. Camb. (*Venn*).

¹⁴ **Webley.** By an order of the committee for plundered ministers dated 7 Oct. 1646 37*l.* p.a. out of rent reserved to the bp of Lichfield from this inappropriate rectory was granted to the minister here to increase his stipend of 20*l.* or of 20 marks. In 1640 and 1650 this was paid to Webley. (*Bod. MSS.* 323, p. 360; 326, p. 290; 327, p. 481; *Shaw*, II, p. 561.)

¹⁵ **Hall.** Had been vicar of High Offley, q.v., came here on 30 Aug. 1650, regularly received payment of the 37*l.* augmentation from that date until about 1659 or 1660, approved by the commissioners on 11 Dec. 1654. (*Bod. MS.* 327, p. 482; *Sion MS.*, p. 432; *Lamb. MSS.* 972, pp. 603, 635; 976, p. 328; 978, pp. 619, 624; 979, p. 357; 994, p. 142; 995, p. 117; 1004, p. 77; 1005, p. 177.) An augmentation of 17*l.* p.a. (*sic*) was renewed to him in 1655 by the trustees. (*Shaw*, II, p. 505.) One of this name matric. 1644 Emman. Coll. Camb., another M.A. 1625 Caius Coll. Camb. (*Venn*), a third from Cheshire matric. 1617 New Hall, Ox., B.A. 1620 Hart Hall, Ox. (*Foster*).

¹⁶ **Reynolds.** Probably matriculated 1637 Corp. Ch. Camb. (*Venn*). Paid subsidy of 10s. in Jan. 1661-2, ordained as B.A. both priest and deacon on 13 July 1662, married as "clerk" 6 Ap. 1659

Margaret Fletcher at Haughton, a son baptized there 11 Jan. 1659-60; possibly Margaret was his second wife. *See Haughton register.*

¹⁷ **Aston.** Probably B.A. 1671 Ox., son of Walter Aston of Woollaston, near Gnosall (*Foster*).

¹⁸ *Inventory of 1553.*

GRATWICH

In 1502 a rectory, without any annexed chapels, in Leek D. It is described as "formerly a rectory and is now a rectory." Evidently at some former period the incumbents here must have been curates and the rectory in lease or appropriated. Subsequently this happened again in 1604, when the rectory, then worth 20*l.*, was in lease and the curate's salary was 5*l.*

Ch. Orn., 8 May 1553: 7 vestments, 6 of crewel little worth, 1 of . . .; 1 cope of green satin; 4 albes; 3 corporals with cases; 3 altar cloths; 1 towel; 2 surplices; 3 cruets; 1 silver chalice with paten; 2 maslyn candlesticks; 2 bells (s); 1 sanctus bell; 1 visiting bell; 1 pair of brass censers; 1 maslyn cross. **Ch. wds.:** Thos Pixey & Rich Cliffe.

Patrons: 1291, 1374 the Chetwinds (*S. H. C.*, 1911, pp. 47, 70; XVII, p. 221), 1577 the Crown by lease from Sir Walter Aston kt, 1604 Mr Chetwynd

RECTORS

occ. 1533	w.p. 20 Oct. 1570	John Warde ¹
7 June 1577	occ. 1593	Francis Hodgkyn ²
in 1602, 1604 and 1620		a curate here ³
occ. 1651-2		John Thacker B.A. ⁴
(occ. 1666-81)		Thos Orton) ⁵

CURATES

occ. 1533	Rich Fowall ⁶
occ. 1602-4	Rich Fowell ⁷
occ. 1620	Thos Fisher ⁸

LAMP

Certified in 1548 that a parcel of land worth 2*d.* net p.a. had been given to maintain a lamp in the church (*b, r*), also

THE TRINITY PRIEST

Perhaps identical with the Morrow Mass Priest. Discovered in 1552 that there was a stock of kine at Penkridge in the hands of Rich Hare, Robt More, Gyles Cowley, Thos Burye, and Thos Collyns from the profits of which a salary of 8 marks yearly was paid to the Trinity priest here (*h, m*).

INCUMBENTS

None known

THE TRINITY GUILD

Discovered in 1552 that this guild was endowed with a message and lands at Whiston let to John Butler for 7s.; also with 15 kine and 20^l in money (*h, l, m*).

THE ORGAN PLAYER

Discovered in 1552 that the organ player here was endowed with certain lands in Brewood parish let to John Bickeford for 4 marks (*h*) or John Bukedford for 53s. 4d. (*l*).

BICKFORD (?) CHAPEL

Not mentioned in 1562. In April 1552 John Sale, priest, Thos Watteson(?), Wm Foxhole, John (*illegible*) and (*illegible*) "sworne and examyned say vpon their othes that ther ys wythyn Bydford chappell" some goods or ornaments which are now illegible (*n*).³⁸

CHAPLAIN

(occ. 1553

John Sale)?³⁸

COPPENHALL CHAPEL

In 1563 a chapel of ease with cure. Certified in May 1548 to have a mansion house for the priest, commonly called the vicar of Coppenhall, with lands and tithes, worth 4*l.*, for his maintenance. There were 2 bells but no (*sic*) plate or ornaments. It had all the rights of a parish church except burials.³⁹ On 20 July 1548 the commissioners ordered that the then curate should continue to serve this chapel at his old salary.⁴⁰ Early in 1553 the vicar admitted the possession of some of the ornaments discovered by the commissioners later on in that year (*n*). The

status of this chapel *temp.* P. & M. is very fully detailed in the Chancery suit printed in *S. H. C.*, IX, n.s., p. 7; cf. XII, p. 214.

Ch. Orn., c. May 1553: 1 silver chalice with paten; 2 vestments, 1 of blue worsted, 1 of linen cloth; 1 albe; 2 amices; 1 towel; 2 altar cloths; 1 copper cross; 1 yellow silk cope; 1 brass censer; 1 bell; 1 sanctus bell.

CURATES

occ. 1553-1553

Rich Palmer ⁴¹

occ. 1604

a curate ⁴²

occ. 1651-?

John Adams B.A.? ⁴³

occ. 1660

John Sherratt

DUNSTON CHAPEL

In 1563 a chapel of ease with cure.

Ch. Orn., April 1553, as certified by Edward Fletche, priest, and others: 1 chalice and (*illegible*); 2 bells. The chapel is (covered?) with tyle (*n*).

Between 1563 and 1651 this chapel does not occur in any return that the present writer has seen.

CURATES

occ. 1533

John Rawlton ⁴⁴

(occ. 1553

Edw Fletche) ⁴⁵

occ. c. 1650

John Povey ⁴⁶

(c. 1665

no curate)? ⁴⁶

LEVEDALE CHAPEL

Not mentioned in 1563 or subsequently.

Discovered in 1552 & 1553 that there was a meadow in Bradeley parish, belonging to this chapel, called S. Laurence meadow. let at 2s. or 20 pence p.a. to Rich Lattner or Latnar or Lactene, the rent of which "hath ben employed in the Rogacon weke to make the Priests, Clerks and theyr Company to drynke" (*h, l, m, n*).

STRETTON CHAPEL

In 1563 a chapel of ease with cure.

Certified in May 1548 to possess a mansion house for the priest, commonly called the vicar of Stretton, land & tithes

for his maintenance, worth 3*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* p.a. (3*l.* 10*s.* *od.* in the Rental, where it has been struck through with a pen), 2 bells, but no (*sic*) plate or ornaments. The chapel had all the sacraments & rights of a parish church, except burials. The vicar was not presented, but appointed by the preb. of Stretton (*b, c*).

On 20 July 1548 the commissioners ordered that the then curate should continue to serve this chapel at his old salary.⁴⁰ Early in 1553 the curate—S. Byrch—with others swore that “ther ys Remaynyng Wythin the said Chappell ii bells, one chales and one suyte of ornaments in the hands of Frauncis (*illegible*)” (*n*).

Ch. Orn., c. May 1553: 2 vestments; 2 albes; 2 amices; 3 altar cloths; 1 towel; 2 corporals with their cases; 1 censer; 2 maslyn card esticks; 1 bell. One bell had been sold with the consent of all the inhabitants of Stretton and the proceeds spent in the maintenance of the chapel.

CURATES

occ. 1533-56

Sampson Byrch⁴⁷

occ. 1604

a curate⁴⁸

occ. 1651-2

Abram Berwick M.A.?⁴⁹

(occ. 1666

no curate)?³⁶

NOTES

¹ *Fee Farm*, no. 117.

² Some particulars as to the lay farmers of these prebends temp. Edw VI are given in *Leases*, I, no. 56.

³ **Dublin**. As dean here his salary was 1*l.* 4*s.* *od.* in 1548 (*c*), received pension of same amount (*p*).

⁴ **Wellows**. Magister, paid tax of 5*s.* 4*d.* in 1533.

⁵ **Shepherd**. King's chaplain.

⁶ **Bury**. Salary 5*l.*s.; pension 50*s.* 1548 (*c, p*).

⁷ **Tryguram**. Magister, paid tax of 20*s.* in 1533.

⁸ **Neywey**, Nevwey.

⁹ **Walker**. Educated at the school of S. John's Hospital, Lichfield, protégé and executor of bp Rowland Lee, preb. of Prees 1542-67, archd. of Stafford 1547-67; fourth dean of Chester; held other preferments; subscribed 1559; buried in Lichfield cathedral 23 Sep. 1567; benefactor to Lichfield cathedral, corporation and grammar school (*Harwood*, pp. 211, 470). Salary as prebend here 1548 9*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

(c); pension 6*l.* (*p*, *q*); appointed vicar of Penkridge c. 1548 (see note 28).

¹⁰ **Tatton** (Robt). Magister, paid tax of 3*s.* 6½*d.* in 1533.

¹¹ **Tatton** (Wm). Layman of the King's House (*Valor*); salary 1548 8*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* (c); pension 6*l.* (*p*).

¹² **Hareden**. Layman? of the Savoy, London; paid tax of 3*s.* 6½*d.* in 1533.

¹³ **Averey**, Averall. Paid tax of 6*s.* 2½*d.* as vicar choral in 1533. In 1548 vicar choral for preb. of Dunston, salary 53*s.* 4*d.* (*d*), pension same (*p*); also preb. of Longridge 1541-48, salary 29*s.* 4*d.* (c). As Averell preb. bl., subscribed 1559.

¹⁴ **Eives**, Elys. Layman? of the Angles in Northwall, Dublin; paid tax of 3*s.* 6½*d.* in 1533.

¹⁵ **Lyttelton**. Perhaps B.C.L. 1532 Ox.; canon of Exeter, vicar of Montford, Salop, died 1560 (*Foster*). In 1548 salary 61*s.* 4*d.* (c); pension 60*s.* (*p*).

¹⁶ **Fitzsymon**. Magister, of Ireland; paid tax of 8*s.* in 1533.

¹⁷ **Webbe**. Paid tax of 5*s.* 4*d.* as resident canon in 1533; remained such till 1548 at a salary of 6*l.* 11*s.* 2½*d.* (c); also rector of Haughton 1541-50; preb. of Shareshill for a short time in 1542.

¹⁸ **Skevyngton**, Skevymon. Magister, paid tax of 8*s.* 10½*d.* in 1533, salary 1548 5*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* (c); pension 5*l.* (*p*).

¹⁹ Only one resident canon is named in the 1533 return.

²⁰ **Yate**. Probably vicar choral at Stafford in 1533; in 1548 salary 6*l.* 16*s.* 4½*d.* (c); pension 6*l.* (*p*).

²¹ **Meke**. In 1548 salary and pension was 68*s.* (c, *p*, *q*). Possibly subscribed at Lichfield 1559—surname is very illegible.

²² **Whytewyke**. See **Tettenhall**, note 23. The tax paid by the four vicars choral in 1533 was 6*s.* 2½*d.* each.

²³ **Moreton**. Vicar choral for preb. of Stretton; salary 5*l.*, pension the same (c, *p*).

²⁴ **Russell**. Vicar choral for preb. of Coppenhall; salary 5*l.*; pension 5*l.* (c, *p*, *q*). See **Colwich**.

²⁵ **Graunger**. Vicar choral for preb. of Penkridge; salary 5*l.*; pension 5*l.* (c, *p*). On 20 July 1548 the commissioners appointed him assistant minister here at a salary of 8*l.* (*Grants*; cf. *Fee Farm*, 117).

²⁶ **Morton**. Salary 2*l.* (*d*); pension 2*l.* (*p*).

²⁷ **Bolt**, late preb. of Blurton, Stafford, was appointed vicar here on 20 July 1548 at a salary of 16*l.* by the commissioners (*Grants*; cf. *Fee Farm*, 117). See **Church Eaton**.

²⁸ **Walker**. (See note 9.) Bolt could not have retained the vicarage many months, for on 15 Mar. 1548-9 Forsett reports to the aforementioned commissioners that Walker (who had been appointed vicar by them) could not accept the appointment as he was already

TATENHILL

CHAPLAIN

occ. 1535 (w.p. 21 Jan. 1558-9) Hen Warren ³⁶

WICHNOR CHAPEL

In 1563 a chapel of ease to Tatenhill with cure.

CURATES

occ. 1533-35	Rich Walker ³⁷
w.p. 20 Nov. 1548	John Morres ³⁸
occ. 1581	Ralph Richardson ³⁹
occ. 1593	Robt Croxwell ⁴⁰
occ. 1602-04	Thos Clayton ⁴¹
occ. 1620	Thos Oldaule ⁴²
occ. 1651-2	Laurence Brierly ⁴³
occ. 1665	Geo Swanne ⁴⁴

NOTES

¹ **Whitgreave**. Hardy's *Tatenhill*, p. 19.

² **Russell**, *idem*. A chaplain of this name took his B.Can.L. at Oxford in 1510 (*Foster*).

³ **Sneyd**. Son of Wm. Sneyd esq. of Bradwell Hall (*Simms*). Harwood states that he was rector here, apparently when appointed preb. of Bobenhall on 28 Jan. 1578-9 (*Lich.*, p. 219).

⁴ **Leson**, Leeson, Leyson. Preb. of Gata minor 1520-7?, became rector of Packington, co. Leicester (*Hardy*, p. 108).

⁵ **Batty**, Bate, Boty. Paid tax of 40s. 1533, occurs in 1535, probably died 1537, as this rectory was then vacant by death (*Proc. Reg.*).

⁶ **Taylor** (John). Perhaps some relation of the builder of Barton chapel.

⁷ **Taylor** (Wm). Perhaps fellow of Ch. Ch. Camb. (*Vein*), paid first fruits 17 June 1552. Subsidy due 25 Mar. 1558, not paid (19-506).

⁸ **Pegge**. Father of a numerous family (*Reg. of baptisms*). One daughter married Thos Rugeley, gentleman.

⁹ **Sarravia**. Born at Hesdin in Artois in 1531; took part in drawing up the Walloon confession of faith; went to the Channel islands in 1560 as pastor of the French reformed church; became professor of divinity at Leyden in 1582; master of Southampton grammar school in 1587; rector here in 1588 (where one of his children was baptized in that year); canon of Worcester 1591, of Canterbury 1596, of Westminster 1601; vicar of Lewisham 1596-1610; rector of Great

Chart 1610-13; one of the translators of the Bible in 1607; an intimate friend of Rich Hooker; wrote many religious treatises; buried in Canterbury cathedral in 1613 (*D. N. B.*, *Hardy's Tatenhill*, p. 19, etc.).

¹⁰ **Babington**. Fellow of Christ's Coll. Camb., M.A. 1579, B.D. in 1586; rector of Thurcaston, Leic.; preb. of Bishopshull 1592-1611; elected bp of Derry before 31 May 1610; held both this prebend and the rectory of Tatenhill *in commendam* till his death, which is said to have taken place c. 10 Sep. 1611. As his successor to the prebend was admitted F.B. 1610-1 and to this rectory on 21 Jan. 1610-1, his death probably occurred early in Jan. 1610-1. (*Cooper's Athenae Cantab.* III, p. 4; *D. N. B.*, *Venn*, *Simms*, etc.) Rectory worth 140*l.* in 1604.

¹¹ **Blower**. Perhaps M.A. 1605 Linc. Coll. Oxon. (*Foster*).

¹² **Balcanquell**. M.A. 1611 Edinburgh; B.A. 1619 Exeter Coll. Oxon.; canon of Rochester from 1628; vicar of Boxley, Kent, from 1639 (*Foster*). The parish register shows that he usually lived here and that he was buried here. Walker states that he was sequestered, but he wrongly calls him "Walker" and there is no contemporary evidence of this sequestration. Will pr. 19 May 1647 (*P. C. C.* 104, *Fines*).

¹³ **Burford**. M.A. 1619 S. John's Coll. Ox. (*Foster*); appointed to this rectory by Parliament (*Shaw*, II, p. 338) on the death of Balcanquell. His wife was buried here on 3 Mar. 1654-5. Apparently he was deprived of this rectory, as Dr Wild allowed him 20*l.* p.a. to keep him alive as he was reduced to poverty and much impotency (*Par. Reg.*).

¹⁴ **Wild**. M.A. 1639 S. John's Coll. Camb., B.D. 1642 Ox., D.D. 1661; rector of Aynhoe, Northants, 1646—eject. 1662; presented to this rectory by the King, paid 5*l.* subsidy therefor in Jan. 1662-2; ejected for non-subscription; died at Oundle 1679. "A fat jolly and boon presbyterian" (*Wood*); a well-known puritan divine, achieved popularity by many poetical broadsides in which he celebrated the Restoration and other public events (*D. N. B.*, *Foster*, *Venn*, etc.).

¹⁵ **Linch**. M.A. 1626 Jesus Coll. Camb., B.D. 1643 Ox., vicar of Preshute, Wilts., 1643—sequestered 1647; canon of Lincoln 1641-?, of Sarum 1660-?; presented to this rectory by King; rector of Poole Dorset, 1662-?, of Langley Burrell, Wilts., 1663-?; died 1690 (*Foster*).

¹⁶ **Masters**. B.A. 1648 Magd. Hall. Ox., fellow of Exeter Coll. 1648-58, M.A. 1651 (*Foster*).

¹⁷ **Shackley**. Paid a subsidy of 6*s.* 8*d.* in 1586 (19-533).

¹⁸ **Newton**. *Scholaris ruralis et in sacris litteris versatus*; ordained by Edmund, bp of Norwich.

NOTES

¹ **Walker.** Paid tax of 8s. as vicar here in 1533. See **Sheriff Hales.**

² **Linde.** Preb. of Monmore, q.v.

³ **Webbe.** Paid tax of 6s. 2½*d.* as curate of Trysull in 1533; mentioned as such in two local wills in 1545; instituted 31 Aug. 1555 to the vicarage of Wombourn vacant by the death of Linde on the presentation of John Grainger and John Shenton of Trysull, yeomen; subscribed 23 Sep. 1559; probably died that autumn (see next two notes).

⁴ Vicarage vacant at Xmas 1559 and in 1560 (*Subsidies* 19-507, 508).

⁵ **Garbett.** Instituted to Wombourn cum Trysull on death of Webbe (*Dioc. Reg.*). See **Enville.**

⁶ **Hannett.** Scholaris ruralis, in sacris litteris bene exercitatus; no preacher, pluralist (1604 *return*), ordained priest by Wm Overton and instituted the same day. Vicarage worth 2*l.* in 1604.

⁷ **Smart.** M.A. 1624 Emman. Coll. Camb. (*Venn*), signed testimony 1648; described as a godly and orthodox divine 1 July 1646 by the committee for plundered ministers when it granted him 5*l.* p.a. from the improper rector of Trysull sequestered from Sir Rich Leveson, delinquent, as his living was but 3*l.* p.a. (*Bod. MS.* 323, pp. 267, 357, 358.) On 5 Oct. 1647 the committee ordered the sheriff, deputy lieutenants and justices of the peace for co. Stafford to assist Smart to get payment of this augmentation. (*Bod. MS.* 325, p. 216.) The amount is given as 4*l.* in *S. P. Dom. Inter. F.* 1, p. 79.

⁸ **Willesby.** M.A. 1642 Emman. Coll. Camb. (*Venn*); certified the fitness of candidates for the ministry in 1615 (*Lamb. MS.* 996, p. 218); in receipt of an augmentation of 6*l.* p.a. circa 1658-9, then described as of Trysull (*Lamb. MSS.* 981, p. 22; 994, p. 142); paid subsidy of 2*l.* in Jan. 1661-2, then described as of Wombourn; deprived 1662 (*Dioc. Reg.* and *Calamy*).

⁹ **Dolman.** See **Brewood.**

¹⁰ **Bradshaw.** Paid tax of 5s. 4*d.* in 1533 as priest here and was granted a pension of 53s. 4*d.* in 1548. By his will dated Dec. 1564 and pr. 16 Jan. 1564-5 he left 20s. to the poor of this parish and desired to be buried in the Lady Aisle of this church. Perhaps identical with a vicar choral at Wolverhampton who paid a tax of 6s. 2½*d.* in 1533, and it is just possible that he may have been rector of Hamstall Ridware for a few months in 1562-3.

¹¹ **Thomas.** Paid tax of 5s. 4*d.* in 1533 as priest here.

¹² **Holliman.** Ordained priest on 13 Mar. 1624-5 and is then described as curate here. He became rector of Quatt, Malvern, 20 May 1626.

¹³ *Aug. Mis. Bk.* 522, pp. 41-6.

YOXALL

In 1563 a rectory without any annexed chapels in Tamworth D.

Ch. Orn., 14 May 1553: 1 silver chalice with paten; 3 copes, 2 of green silk, 1 of red saie; 3 vestments with their albes, 1 of white d. mask, 1 of black saie, 1 of red saie; 2 pair of vestments for deacon & sub-deacon, 1 of silk, 1 of saie; 2 maslyn candlesticks; 1 altar cross; 1 brass holywater stock; 2 sacring bells; 1 hand bell; 1 little sanctus bell; 3 bells (s), whereof 1 is a clock bell & 1 they (the parishioners?) owe for. **Ch. wds.:** Robt Towers & Hewe Hargreve.

In 1604 there were many popish recusants here.

Patrons: 1538 Sir Wm Hollys kt (*S. H. C.* XI, p. 279), 1558, 1575 *idem*, 1604 Mr Hollys

RECTORS

	ob. 1515	Hugh Coton
15 Mar. 1515-6	ob. 1539	John Jonson ¹
27 Feb. 1538-9	ob. 1539	Wm Alynge
23 Feb. 1539-40	ob. 1558	Roger Stockley M.A. ²
27 May 1558	res. 1575	Oliver Whyddon M.A. ³
18 Sep. 1575	ob. 1589	Rich Barber LL.D. ⁴
29 July 1589	occ. 1620	John Waterhouse M.A. ⁵
18 Nov. 1636	ob. 1682	Francis Cooke B.I. ⁶
22 Oct. 1682	bur. 1 June 1683	Michael Edge M.A. ⁷
1683	ob 16 Aug. 1718	John Spateman M.A.

CURATES

occ. 1533	John Well ⁸
occ. 1551	John Marburye ⁹
occ. 1552-68	Ralph Parker ¹⁰
occ. 1556	Peter Pyckeryng ¹¹
occ. 1573-8	John Hatton ¹²
occ. 1586	John Robynson ¹³

THE PRIEST'S SERVICE

Certified in 1546 that a chantry had been founded by Robt Rouse or Rowe for a priest to sing divine service within the

parish church; that it possessed 6 oz. of partly gilt plate and other goods; that its income was 4*l.* os. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, all of which was paid as salary to the priest after the deduction of 8s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* for the tenths (*a*). In the reigns of Mary and Elizabeth its value was 4*l.* 6s. 0*d.*¹⁴

INCUMBENTS

occ. 1533	Rich Raunystall ¹⁵
occ. 1533-48	Thos Mason ¹⁶

NOTES

¹ **Jonson** Johnson. Paid tax of 36s. as rector in 1533.

² **Stockey** Fellow of All Souls 1506, M.A. 1509, warden 1533-6 (*Foster*).

³ **Whyddon**. M.A. 1563 Ox., fellow of Exeter Coll. Ox. 1573, received dispensation to hold two livings 16 May 1562 (*S. P. Dom. Eliz.* vol. LXXVI), rector of North Bovey 1562, of Combe-in-Teignhead 1572, of Haccomb 1575, all in co. Devon; canon of Exeter 1567; archd. of Totnes 1568; will pr. 10 Dec. 1580 (in London?) (*Simms*).

⁴ **Barbor**. Fellow of All Souls 1539, warden 1565-71, B.C.L. 1540, D.C.L. 1565, vicar choral of Chichester 1541, of Windsor 1543; canon of Lincoln 1552, rector of Wappingham, Northants, 1553, archd. of Bedford, of Leicester, treasurer of Lichfield, etc. (*Foster*).

⁵ **Waterhouse**. Ordained priest by Wm Overton on 26 Nov. 1589, i.e. after his institution here. He matric. 1581 at S. John's Coll. Camb., B.A. 1583-4 Cath. Coll., M.A. 1587 (*Venn*). In 1593 an M.A., in sacris litteris bene exercitatus et gregem suum laudabiliter instruens. In 1604 a pluralist, preacher and non-resident. This rectory was then worth 60*l.*

⁶ **Cooke**, Coke. Probably matric. at S. John's Coll. Camb. 1616 and became a fellow of Ch. Coll., M.A. 1623 (*Venn*). Walker says he was sequestered in the "Grand Rebellion," but he occurs as minister here in the 1651-2 return and the registers appear to be in his handwriting throughout the Interregnum. In Nov. 1660 he petitioned the King for 20 marks worth of timber out of Needwood forest to repair the church. (*S. P. Dom. Chas. II*, xxii, p. 140.) As preb. of Tachbrook (1661-82) he paid a subsidy of 3*l.* 6s. 8*d.* in 1662. He was precentor of Hereford and archd. of Stafford (1660-82) and was buried at Yoxall. He was one of the two representatives from the county in the Westminster Assembly.

⁷ **Edge**. See *Uttoxeter*.

⁸ **Well**. Paid tax of 6s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* as curate in 1533.

⁹ **Marburye.** As curate witnessed will of Katherine Dudley of Yoxall 22 Dec. 1551. (*S. H. C.*, x, pt. ii, p. 93.)

¹⁰ **Parker.** Occurs as curate here in the will of Nich Fletcher, pr. 1552, and as such paid subsidies of 6s. 8*d.* in 1558 and 1568 (19-506, 516). He subscribed in 1559 and may have been chaplain at Shenstone.

¹¹ **Pockeryng.** Occurs as curate here in the will of Robt Shelton, pr. 1551.

¹² **Hutton.** As curate here paid subsidies of 6s. 8*d.* in 1573, 1576 and 1578 (19-522, 526, 528).

¹³ **Robynson.** Paid the same in 1586 (19-533).

¹⁴ *Accounts*, 6829-33.

¹⁵ **Raunystall.** Paid tax of 5s. 4*d.* as chantry priest here in 1533.

¹⁶ **Mason.** Paid tax of 5s. 4*d.* as chantry priest here in 1533, received a pension of 6s. 2*d.* on 10 Sep. 1548, which was paid up to about 1560 (*Accounts*, 6829-33).

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APPENDIX I

CHANTRIES

A summary of this Appendix is given on p. xxxiii of the Introduction.

The first four lists give the names of eighty-five priests who are known to have been in possession of their respective chantries circa 1545-8. Those who occur in the various pension lists are marked (in accordance with the table of abbreviations) *p.q.* or *accounts.* About six of the priests named in Lists 1 and 2 seem to have vacated their chantries before 1548.

LIST 1

Ten priests who kept a school.

- Abbots Bromley, John Stevenson, occ. 1548 (*p.*). (Occ. as preb. 1557-62) ?
- Bradeley, John Austen, left c. 1546.
- Cannock, Laur Peryn, occ. 1548, remained as schoolmaster.
- Church Eaton, Wm Stiche, left c. 1545, died at Haughton 1556.
- Eccleshall, Geof Gosling, occ. 1548, vicar of Eccleshall 1558, res. 1565.
- Kingsley, John Berdmore, occ. 1543-8 (*p.*), remained as schoolmaster, occ. as curate there 1571.
- Kinver, Wm Poole, occ. 1548 (*p.q.*). (Occ. as vicar of Chebsey 1558) ?
- Shenstone, Ralph Parker, occ. 1533-48, remained as schoolmaster.
- Stafford, Humphrey Peckeman, occ. 1533-48, remained as schoolmaster.
- Tamworth, Rich Broke, occ. 1548.

LIST 2

Twenty-three priests who probably obtained livings or curacies after the dissolution of their chantries, excluding those named in List 1. In most cases the identification is suggested simply because the names of the chantry priests are the same as those

*of the vicars, etc., but there is no corroboration of the identification known to the compiler.*¹

	Chantry priest at—	Subsequent preferment.
Robt Alsop	Alrewas, occ. 1545	Vicar of Alrewas 1545-68.
John Beche	Kings Bromley, 1542-4	Rector of Maer 1558?-69, or vicar of Sheriff Hales 1556-86.
Thos Bourne	Walsall, Bloxwich chapel, occ. 1533-48 (p.).	Rector of Blymhill 1552-5.
Thos Dobson	Walsall, occ. 1544-8	Assist. curate of Walsall 1548.
Edw Fletcher	Lichfield, 1541-8 (p.)	Curate at Dunston chapel 1553, and vicar of Rugeley 1558-64.
Wm Fletcher	Tettenhall, 1542-8	Curate at Checkley 1580.
Thos Fox	Salt chapel, occ. 1548 (p.).	Vicar of Penn 1554-72.
Rich Mary	Lichfield, 1541-8 (p.)	Vicar of Caverswall 1563-?
Edw Hill	Walsall, 1542-8 (p.q.)	Curate of Sharesill, occ. 1553.
Hen Hilton	Lichfield, 1545-8 (p.q.)	Preb. of Ryton 1545-?
John Legge	Drayton Bassett, occ. 1553-48 (p.).	(Curate of Hints) ? ob. 1559.
Rich Mason	Lichfield guild pst, occ. 1548.	(Vicar of S. Mary's, Lichfield, 1553-5) ?
Wm Norman	Lichfield, 1543-7 (p.)	Rector of Blithfield 1550-73.
Wm Ridware	Walsall, occ. 1533-48 (p.)	Rector of Swynnerton 1556-70.
Thos Sale	Stafford Castle chapel, occ. 1548 (p.).	Vicar of Penkridge 1548-? Vicar of Wednesbury 1555-8.
Thos Smith	Burton-on-Trent 1538-48 (p.).	Curate of Burton, occ. 1560-76.
Wm Starysmore	Walsall, occ. 1533-48 (p.q.)	Vicar of Wednesbury 1548-52.
Hen Sydall, B.D.	Lichfield 1534-48	Canon of Ch. Ch. Ox., etc., etc.
Thos Tunstall	Wolston, occ. 1533	Vicar curate there 1565.
Edm Walker	Hopton chapel, occ. 1548 (p.q.).	Rector of Aldridge 1557-75
Wm Walker	Marchington, occ. c. 1547.	Rector of Handsworth 1571-1602.
John Wallows	Wolverhampton, c. 1547 (p.).	Sacrist there 1548.
Hen Wylshawe	Lichfield, occ. 1528-48 (p.).	Preb. there 1551-63

LIST 3

Forty-seven priests who cannot be provisionally identified with a subsequent incumbent, as in List 2. Probably the great majority of these did not obtain any preferment after the dissolution of their chantries.

John Atkins, Lichfield (p.q.).

Thos Banys, Lichfield (p.q.).

¹This list includes the priests of the chapels at Bloxwich, Hopton and Salt, as they received a pension in 1548 as priests of dissolved chantries, though it is doubtful if these chapels were suppressed as chantries.

- John Bee, Uttoxeter.
 Thos Beale, Lichfield (*p.*).
 John Belott, Cheadle.
 Sampson Bourne, Walsall (*p.q.*).
 Leonard Bowdon, Colwich (*p.*), Wolseley chapel.
 Rich Bradeley, Walsall (*p.*).
 Thos Bradshaw, Wombourn (*p.*).
 Roger Crockington, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Roger Feldhouse, Lichfield (*p.*).
 John Feinton, Stoke, Newcastle (*accounts*).
 Rich Genny, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Robt Greves, Leek (*p.*).
 John Hare, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Rich Hart, Lichfield.
 John Hill, Burton (*p.*).
 Edw Hornyhold, Tutbury Castle chapel (*accounts*).
 Rich Janyns, Wednesbury (*p.*).
 Rich Knott, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Thos Mason, Yoxall (*accounts*).
 Peter Mervyn, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Robt Morley, Lichfield.
 Roger Nicholles, Trysull.
 Rich Osylocke, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Robt Parker, Walsall (*p.*).
 Robt Parrott, Tamworth Hospital (*p.*).
 John Sale, Penkridge, Bickford chapel.
 Robt Sande, Lichfield (*p.*).
 John Sandland, Lichfield (*p.*).
 (John Shepherd, Tamworth) ? (*p.*).
 Thos Smyth, Walsall (*p.*).
 Wm Smyth, Hanbury, Newborough chapel (*accounts*).
 Wm Spittell, Enville (*p.*).
 Wm Stafferton, Stafford (S. Leonard's chapel) (*p.*).
 Rich Tatton, Lichfield (*p.*).
 Ralph Telryche, Stoke, Newcastle, S. Mary's chapel
 (*accounts*).
 John Trafford, Norton Canes (*p.*).
 John Trafford (Stafford) (*p.*).
 Ralph Vernon, Stoke, Newcastle (*accounts*).
 Hen Warren, Tatenhill, Dunstall chapel (*accounts*).
 Rich Wayne, Uttoxeter (*accounts*).

- Pipe Ridware*.—Some popish 1604.
- Rocester*.—Margaret, w. of Thos Madley, yeo. ; Joan, w. of Thos Greene.
- Rugeley*.—Some recusants 1604.
- Sandon*.—Sampson Erdeswick, esq.
- Seighford*.—Some recusants 1604.
- Sheen*.—Joan Johnson, sp.
- Shenstone*.—Some recusants, many popish 1604.
- Stafford Castle Church*.—Many recusants 1604.
- Stafford, S. Mary and S. Chad*.—Many recusants 1604. Felicia, w. of David Lane, Wm Willington, yeo. or lab., and Elen, h.w. ; Margaret Willington, sp. ; John Fonte, button-maker.
- Stoke-on-Trent*.—Edw Vise, yeo. ; Wm Picken, yeo. (Whitmore) ; Joan, w. of John Wright, yeo. ; Jocosa Rowley, wid (Norton-in-the-moors).
- Stowe*.—John Wright, yeo. (Hixon).
- Swynnerton*.—Francis Gattacre, esq.
- Tamworth*.—Many recusants 1604. Margaret, w. of Thos Day ; John Freeman, lab. ; John Keelinge, lab. ; Joan Sadler alias Nicklyn, sp. ; Joan, w. of John Shemans, yeo. ; John Simmondes, draper ; Grace Simmondes, sp. ; Isabel Tomlynson, wid. ; Eli Tomlynson, sp.
- Tatenhill*.—Margery Rowley, sp. (Wichor).
- Tipton*.—Thomasina, w. of John Harris, lab.
- Tutbury*.—Some popish 1604. Margery Mathew, sp.
- Uttoxeter*.—Some recusants 1604. Martha, w. of Rich Langford, esq. ; Margaret Warte, sp. ; Elianor Yate, sp.
- Walsall*.—Many recusants 1604. Walter Whittall, gen. ; Edw Birche, yeo., and Rosa, h.w. ; Andrew Smyth, yeo. ; Ann, w. of Wm Gorway, yeo. ; Cassandra, w. of Thos Holland, yeo. ; Margaret, w. of Rich Jorden, yeo. ; Maria, w. of Robt Smythe, yeo. ; Rich Garden, lab. ; Alice Stone, sp.
- Wednesbury*.—Some recusants 1604. John Comberford, gen. ; Margaret, w. of Wm Comberford, esq. ; Edw Bragge, weaver ; Alice Draper, sp.
- Weeford*.—Some recusants 1604.
- West Bromwich*.—Many popish 1604. Symon Ryder, yeo., and Margaret, h.w. ; Alice, w. of Wm Sheppard, yeo.
- Weston-on-Trent*.—Some recusants ; rectory approp. to Mr

Blade, a recusant 1604. Dorothy, w. of Samson Walker, gen.

Whittington.—Rich Chichester, gen.

Wolstanton.—Alban Draycott, gen., and Elen, h.w.

Wolverhampton.—Many popish, many recusants 1604. Wm Barnely, taylor ; . . . Smith, wid ; Margaret Smith, sp. ; Eliz Wilkes, wid. (Bilston) ; Hum Hall, lab. (Hilton).

Yoxall.—Many popish recusants 1604.

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APPENDIX III

ROMAN CATHOLIC LANDOWNERS IN 1648

A list of the sequestered persons in the county of Stafford who are described as "papists" in a certificate made by Messrs Geo Thorley and Robt Sankey, sequestration solicitors for the county, about the end of March 1647-8.¹ Included in the following list are a few persons, marked *, who are described by Thorley and Sankey as delinquents, but as "papists" by General Wrottesley² or the committee for plundered ministers. This list must not be regarded as absolutely exhaustive, as it is quite possible that a few other persons who are named by Thorley and Sankey as "delinquents" may also have been "papists."

The compiler has added within brackets sundry dates and the names of their wives, in order to illustrate the close connection that existed between the various Roman Catholic families at this date. A reference to the appendix on Elizabethan recusants will show that most of these families had never accepted the Elizabethan settlement of religion.

Gertrude, Lady Aston (née Sadler, mother of Walter).

*Walter (second) Lord Aston (of Forfar, of Tixall, etc., husb. of Mary, dau. of Rich Weston, Earl of Portland).

Walter Astley of Patshull (1594-1656, husb. of Grace, dau. of Francis Trentham of Rocester).

Thos Bamford of Brewood.

Francis Biddulph of Biddulph (husb. of Margaret, dau. of Geo Preston of Holker, Lanc.).

John Birch of Gorstock (Goscote, Bloxwich) (dead in June 1649, *Compounding*, 2080). (See *S. H. C.*, v, pt. ii, p. 43.)

John Birch of Harborne (dead in June 1649, *Compounding*, 2080).

Ralph Clayton of Maer.

¹ *Compounding*, pp 89, 90.

² *S. H. C.*, vi n.s., pt. ii, pp. 331, 332.

³ "Walter and two of his brothers are mentioned as Roman Catholics by Wrottesley."

- *John Coleman of Cannock. (See p. 50 and *S. H. C.*, v, pt. ii, p. 130.)
- John Coventry.
- Thos Coyney of Weston Coyney (husb. of Ellen, dau. of Sampson Erdeswick of Sandon).
- Philip Draycott of Draycott (ob. 1659, husb. of Frances, dau. of Rich Weston, Earl of Portland).
- Marie Erdeswick of Wolstanton.
- Robt Fitzherbert of "Huith" (Hints?, husb. of Eliz, dau. of Robt Waring of co. Warw.).
- Wm Fitzherbert of Swynnerton (husb. 1st of Anne, dau. of Sir Bazel Brook of Madeley, 2nd of Eleanor, dau. of Sir Francis Stafford of co. Antrim).
- (Oliver Fitz William of Ipstones and Nottingham. Mentioned by *Wrottesley*, not in Thorley's list.)
- Sir Rich Fleetwood, bart., of Wotton (and Calwich, ob. 1649, husb. of Ann, dau. of Sir John Pershall, bart., of Horseley, Eccleshall).
- Thos Fleetwood of Calwich (his son, husb. of Gertrude, dau. of Thos Eyre of Ash, co. Derby).
- Dorothy Fowler, wid., of co. Salop (perhaps the mother of Walter and dau. of Thos Eyre of Hassop, Derbyshire).
- Walter Fowler of S. Thomas (1621-84, husb. of Constance, dau. of Walter Lord Aston. See page 52).
- Rich Fox of Salt. (Dead in May 1652.)
- Katherine Gesling, wid., of Swynnerton.
- Peter Giffard of Chillington (ob. 1663, husb. of Frances, dau. of Walter Fowler of S. Thomas).
- Edward Giffard (probably son of Peter and husb. of Winifred, dau. of Albyn Draycott).
- George Giffard (probably brother of Peter).
- John Giffard (probably son of Peter, of Blackladies, husb. of Katherine, dau. of Rich Hawkins of Nash, co. Kent).
- Thomas Giffard (probably son of Francis Giffard of Water Eaton, husb. of Amy, dau. of Edward Knight of Water Eaton, Penkridge).
- Walter Giffard (eldest son of Peter, of Marston, husb. 1st of Anne, dau. of Sir Thos Holt of Aston, co. Warw.; 2nd of Anne, dau. of Sir Thos Hugford of Solihull).
- Francis Harcourt of Ranton (1592-1648, husb. of Dorothy, dau. of Sir Alex Brett, co. Somerset).

APPENDIX IV

CLERICAL INVENTORIES

Specimen inventories of the goods of clergymen, taken from the wills at Lichfield. The sums of money named after the goods is that at which they were valued by the appraisers. All the inventories are complete except the last one. See p. lxii.

Thos Rawlin, vicar of Alton. 1 Jan. 1610-1.

The (utensils of) pewter and brass, 1*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*; bedsteads and bedding, 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*; 4 coffers, 10*s.*; 1 table, 1 cupboard, a dishboard and all wooden ware in the house, 10*s.*; painted clothes, 1*s.* 4*d.*; iron ware, 2*s.*; his apparel, 2*l.*; 3 kine and 1 calf, 7*l.*; hay, 1*l.*; 10 hens, 1*s.*; total, 14*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

John Tunstall, curate of Whitmore chapel. 11 June 1597.

Furniture to a bed, 13*s.* 4*d.*; his apparel, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; his books, 19*s.*; 6 ewe hogs, 1*l.*; 1 lamb or hogget, 2*s.* 0*d.*; total, 4*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* Tunstall owed to 6 different people various sums of money amounting in all to 3*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.*

Roger Fynney, incumbent of Caidon. 29 Ap. 1600.

8 oxen and steers, 20*l.*; 7 kine, 13*l.*; two year old beasts, 4*l.*; 5 calves, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; 4 mares and 2 colts, 8*l.*; 40 sheep, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; 1 old mare and 2 colts, 3*l.*; 4 oxen, 11*l.*; 5 kine, 6*l.*; 1 heffer? calf, 6*s.* 8*d.*; 2 swine, 13*s.* 4*d.*; all implements of husbandry whatsoever, 2*l.*; corn and hay, 3*l.*; furniture to his horse, 10*s.*; pewter and brass, 3*l.*; household stuff, bedding and napery ware, 3*l.*; wooden and iron ware, 1*l.*; (in) the larder, 13*s.* 4*d.*; meal and malt, 2*l.*; his apparel, 3*l.*; total after adjusting certain sums of money due to and from him, 89*l.*

Nicholas Steademan, rector of Kingsley. 17 Jan. 1606-7.

Corn and hay, 5*l.*; 1 wain, 1 plow with yokes, "temes" (i.e., ox chains), axes, hatchets and all other implements of husbandry ware, 10*s.*; 1 cutting of timber, 3*s.* 4*d.*; all the poultry, 5*s.*; 2 live swine, 13*s.* 4*d.*; 6 fitches of bacon, 1*l.*; bedsteads, 13*s.* 4*d.*; 2 feather beds with all the coverlids,

blankets, sheets, and all the other bedding and napery ware, 3*l.*; brass and pewter, 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; all the arks, coffers and chests, 13*s.* 4*d.*; all the boards, forms, trestles and all other implements of wooden ware, 13*s.* 4*d.*; "bantes" (benches?), looms, barrels, vats, "turnells" (spinningwheels?), "compes" and all other implements of wooden ware, 8*s.* 6*d.*; 2 grates, 1 pair of tongs, a fire funnel pot, hooks and all other iron ware, 5*s.*; all the painted clothes, 12*d.*; cushions, "sekes" (sacks?), and window sheets, 3*s.*; his apparel and books, 3*l.*; total, 19*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Edward Kynaston, vicar of Rushall. 14 Feb. 1598-9.

One mare, 4*l.*; 1 three year old filly, 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; 1 cow, 2*l.*; 1 pig, 3*s.* 4*d.*; 18 sheep at 4*s.*, 3*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*; 4 sheep at 3*s.*, 12*s.*; corn, 1*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*; hay, 1*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*; 1 saddle and furniture, 3*s.*; 1 pack saddle, 1*s.* 4*d.*; 1 horse lock and 1 pair of fetters, 1*s.*; 1 pitch fork and iron mark, 1*s.*; 1 "troule" (truck?), 4*s.*; household stuff, 2*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*; books, 5*l.*; his apparel, 7*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; various sums of money due to him, 55*l.*; total, 84*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

Thos Sale, rector of Eckington, Derbs., 3 Dec. 1614. (*Not complete.*)

6 oxen, 24*l.*; 1 old horse and 1 mare, 3*l.* 10*s.*; 1 gelding, 5*l.*; 8 kine and 1 bull, 17*l.*; 4 steers, 5*l.*; 4 little heiffers and 1 bull calf, 5*l.*; 7 young calves, 4*l.*; 30 old sheep and 27 young sheep, 10*l.*; 6 acres of sown corn, 4*l.*; 3 bays of hay, 8*l.*; 14 doz. of table napkins, 4*l.*; 7 linen towels and 2 diaper towels, 10*s.*; 18 hemp towels, 18*s.*; 13 linen pillow "cases" (cases), 1*l.*; 7 large linen table cloths and 6 cupboard cloths, 1*l.* 5*s.*; 1 trundle bed, 1 feather bed, 2 bolsters, 1 mattress, and 1 press, 10*s.*; 5 tapestry counterpoints (counterpanes), 10*l.*; 1 silk quilt, 15*s.*; 1 pair of "Daille" serge curtains, 1*l.*; 1 trundle bed in the parlour, 3*s.*; 30 pair of coarse sheets, 3*l.*; 10 pairs great and small, 10*l.*; 11 candlesticks, 9 of brass, 2 of pewter, 10*s.*; 1 brass mortar and pestle, 10*s.*; 21 silver spoons, 10*l.*; 2 gilt salts with covers, 5*l.*; 1 little salt without cover, 16*s.*; 1 gilt cup, 2*l.*; 2 silver bowls, 3*l.*; 6 stone jugs garnished with silver and partly gilt, 3*l.*; etc.; total, 345*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

APPENDIX V

*INTERREGNUM ADMISSION ORDER**Charnes Vicarage.*

“Know all men by these presents That the 10th day of November in the year 1657 There was exhibited to the Commissioners for approbation of Public Preachers A Presentation of Thomas Bowyer, Clerke to the Vicarage of Charnes in the County of Stafford Made to him by Katherine Young, widow, the Patroness thereof Together with a testimony in the behalfe of the said Thomas Bowyer, of his holy and good Conversation Upon perusall and due consideration of the premisses and finding him to be a person qualified as in and by the Ordinance for such approbation is required The Commissioners above mentioned have adjudged and approved the said Thomas Bowyer to be a fit person to preach the Gospel, and have graunted him admission and doe admitt the said Thomas Bowyer to the Vicarage of Charnes aforesaid to be full and perfect possessor and Incumbent thereof And doe hereby signify to all persons concerned therein that he is hereby intituled to the profitts and perquisits and all Rights and dues incident and belonging to the said Vicarage as fully and effectually as if he had been instituted and inducted according to any such Laws and Customes as have in this Case formerly been made had or used in this Realme.

In witness whereof they have caused the common seal to be hereunto affixed and the same to be attested by the hand of the Register by his Highness in that behalf appointed. Dated at Whitehall the 12th day of February, 1657.

. Jo: HUE ? REGR.”

NOTE.—Only about one-third of the red wax seal now remains. It was about two inches in diameter, in the centre a plain S. George’s cross, with an ornamented border. On the circumference the only words now left are “approbation of.” Probably the full legend was Commissioners for approbation of public preachers.

APPENDIX VI

AUTHORITIES

(1) *The episcopal registers of the See of Lichfield.*

These contain particulars of the inductions or institutions to nearly all the rectories within the diocese and to some vicarages. The registers are missing for nearly all the years between 1578 and 1618, 1631 and 1662, 1670 and 1692.

(2) *The Chapter Act Books at Lichfield. (Act Book.)*

These are described in *S. H. C.*, vi, pt. ii, pp. 86-95. They record a few presentations to the "peculiar" of the dean and chapter.

(3) *The certificates of the induction of clerks to livings made by the bishop to the barons of the exchequer from 1559. (Exchequer, First Fruits and Tenths Department, Bishops' Certificates.)*

(4) *The Composition Books. (Exchequer, First Fruits and Tenths.)*

These give the date when the composition for the first fruits was paid by incumbents after their presentation to a living. They are not referred to in the present work unless (1) it was paid before institution, or (2) there is no other record of the appointment. In these cases the letters ff. follow the date.

(5) *Institution Books. (Exchequer, First Fruits and Tenths Department.)*

These are abstracts and contain a few Staffordshire institutions between 1597 and 1650 that are not recorded elsewhere.

(6) *Parish Registers.*

The writer has consulted all the printed registers, most of those which are still unprinted, many transcripts of them at Lichfield, and extracts from them at the William Salt Library. They are sometimes useful for fixing dates, but do not contain much information about the incumbents.

(7) *Crown presentations to benefices.*

These are entered on the Patent Rolls, which are not yet calendared, so those mentioned in this work are taken from the diocesan register or in the reign of Elizabeth from the Lansdowne MS. 443 in the British Museum, in the reign of Charles I from the 43rd and 48th reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, and in the reign of Charles II from the 46th report of the same.

(8) *Return of 1563. (At the British Museum, Harl. MS. 594, pp. 172, 155.)*

These are two certificates of the state and regiment of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield. The first is dated 27 July 1563; the second is undated. Both appear to be contemporary copies of returns made by Bishop Bentham in or about this year, although there are some slight variations and the undated return is far fuller and more complete than the dated return. Almost all¹ the parishes and parochial districts in the archdeaconry and county of Stafford are given in the second of these returns and are arranged as follows: (1) The deanery of Stone and Newcastle, (x) The parochial churches which have annexed to them chapels of ease with cure, (y) The churches and chapels with cure but without institution, (z) The parish churches, which have not any chapels of ease annexed to them. (2) The Lapley deanery, (x) (y) and (z) as before. (3) The Tamworth and Tipton deanery, (x), (y) and (z) as before. (4) The Alton and Leek deanery, (x), (y) and (z) as before. (5) The peculiars² of the dean of Lichfield, the dean and chapter, the prebends of Alrewas, Hansacre, Freeford, Whittington and Berkswich, Prees, Eccleshall, Weeford, Longdon, Colwich, Offley, and the college of Wolverhampton. The number of households in each place is also given.

(9) *Clergy Lists.*

More or less complete lists of the clergy of Staffordshire are given in the following returns, which are referred to by the

¹ The following districts are omitted from this return: Bilston chapel, Calton, Codsall, Croxden, Haselour, Maer, Okeover, Sheen, Statfold, Tamhorn, Tettenhall, Tipton and Willenhall chapel.

² These peculiars were parochial churches with cure, which were exempt from the jurisdiction of the bishop and subject to that of the dean, prebend, chapter or college.

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