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1602

31st July: HUMPHREY SMITH, tanner, of Wickham 3 or 4 years, before of SHEDFIELD 4 years, native of Marlborough (Wilts), age 46, and VAUGHAN CASTLE, tanner of SHEDFIELD 3 months, before of Romsey 3 months, native of Horsell (Surrey), age 22 and JOHN HOLT of Bishops Waltham 30 years, native of SWANMORE, age 50 – all deponents in Consistory Court (defamation) cause JOHN OKESHOTT v. PHILLISE (? PHILLIDA) BARRIE. (H.C.R.O., Court Book No. 67, pp. 445-447).

1606

DROXFORD Church - the third bell is made, inscribed "God be our guyd". (Reign of King James I0.

1607

Metropolitan Visitation of the Archdeaconry of Winchester.

Friday, 11th December 1607 (before Dr. RIDLEY, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese, in the Consistory Court):-

161. William CLEVERLIE and Thomas COLLINS of DROXFORD to pay the ChurchWardens 12d. for the poor harvest work on the Sabbath.

162. Elizabeth WHITE of DROXFORD with child. Reputed father Richard LITTLEFIELD.

163. Richard LITTLEFIELD of DROXFORD (see 162.). Intends to marry her if husband dead (not heard of for five years). Curate to enquire and report.

Saturday, 09 January 1607, afternoon (before DITTO):-

517/518. William CLEVERLIE and Thomas COLLINS, both of DROXFORD, for certificate of payment. No appearance of either. Both adjourned.

Saturday, 27 February 1607 (before DITTO):-

594/595. Thomas COLLINS and William CLEVERLY, both of DROXFORD, for punishment. Both adjourned.

(From "A Hampshire Miscellany" – Vol.I, by Arthur J. Willis).

A.D. 1608 (21 March, 6 James I).

WILLIAM FAWCONER settles the Manor of MIDDLEINGTON (amongst other Lands) upon WILLIAM FAWCONER then of WESTBURY (his Brother's Son) and to his HEIRS MALE.

(From an Abstract of Title dated 1770, held at HCRO, ref. 45M69/98 or 105).

1613 to 1628

CHRISTOPHER HURST. Incumbent of Droxford.

Born at Marlborough.

Married Margaret ALEXANDER, born 1586, daughter of John ALEXANDER of Hartley Wispall and Amy BILSON, 3rd. Child of Harman BILSON (N.B. 1583 – Thomas BILSON, Rector of Droxford). Memorial tablet to her in Broughton Church (nr. Stockbridge), full inscription given in Hants Field Club Proceedings, Vol. XIX, pt.1, pp.39/40.

1604. Incumbent of Bimpton, Somerset.

1604. Incumbent of Eling, Hants.

1609. Incumbent of Chilbolton, Hants.

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- 1612. Incumbent of Hambledon, Hants.
- 1613. Incumbent of Droxford, Hants.
- 1614. Prebendary of Winchester.
- 1628. Buried at Hambledon, Hants. (Three daughters).

(Per Miss F.B.Collins).

A.D. 1614 (12 James I).

Court Roll of Manor of MIDDLEINGTON shows:-

“JOHN FRY’s Wife and Son” [see A.D. 1598] admitted Tenants to the Premises aforesaid” [see A.D. 1558] “with Common of Pasture for 1 Bull and 12 Kine, 1 Ram and 100 Sheep and 12 Hogs with Pannage”.

(From an “Abstract of Title” dated 1770 at H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/98 or 105).
[See A.D. 1621].

1614

23 July: Consistory Court (matrimonial) cause between CLARA COLLINS of SWANMORE (plaintiff) and WILLIAM HOLT of SWANMORE (defendant).

(H.C.R.O. ref. C/2/A – 1(d), No.16).

A.D. 1621 (20 James I).

Court Roll of Manor of MIDDLEINGTON shows:-

“AGNES FRY and JOHN FRY” [see A.D. 1598] “surrendered the same Premises with the same Commons” [see A.D. 1558] “into the Hands of WILLIAM FAWCONER, Esquire, Lord of the Manor of MIDDLEINGTON”.

(Also) A.D. 1630 (6 Charles I).

“A Surrender and Admittance of the Lands called DENSHAMS and COURT GARDEN with Commons, ut supra”.

(Both entries from an “Abstract of Title” dated 1770 in H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/98 or 105).

A.D. 1622 - Droxford Manor House – Hants C.R.O.

By 1622 the farmer and lessee at the Manor was SIR RICHARD UVEDALE, Knight, who occurs in the Account Rolls until 1648 (ref. Dr. 201).

02 November A.D. 1626 (2 CHARLES I).

By a Deed of this date WILLIAM FAWCONER of WESTBURY grants the Manor of MIDDLEINGTON to JOHN TRATHERNE of GREENWICH, Kent, Gentleman “... to the Intent that a Common Recovery might be had and suffered thereof and be declared to be to the Use of him the said WILLIAM FAWCONER of WESTBURY and his Right Heirs for Ever”.

Michaelmas Term, 1635 (11 CHARLES I).

“... a Recovery was then suffered”.

(Both above from an Abstract of Title dated 1770, held at H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/98 or 105).

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1628 to 1642

RICHARD NEILE, Rector of Droxford.
(Per Miss F.B Collins).

Parish Register, 17 January 1642.

Buried "Mr. Richard NEILE, Rector of Droxford".

04 December 1630

Lease of site and farm called HAWLE COURT to PETER HAWKESWORTH.

(H.C.R.O., Wriothesley papers, ref. 5M53/506-8).

20 March A.D. 1630 (6 Charles I).

(Hants C.R.O., ref. 11M56/56).

An Indenture:

BETWEEN Sir Richard UVEDALE of DROXFORD, Knight, AND John ATHAZELL of EXTON, yeoman,
BY WHICH Sir Richard leases to John Athazell

... all that dwelling-house newly erected ... within the backside or gateroom of the farm of
DROXFORD and the barn and stable adjoining the garner house there ...

... the cow house with pens for 18 cows ...

... the barn called BARLY BARN and part of the backside ... to be inclosed from the South end of the
said barn to the post in the said gate room at the (?)wood pile there and from thence to the pales
toward the orchard ... lying in the East side of the said cow house together with the said orchard ...

... a close of land called INOX CLOSE containing 50 acres ...

... a close of land called (?UA)RNDELLS (36 acres) ...

... a close of land called GREAT NOBLES (31 acres) ...

... a close of land called LITTLE NOBLES (24 acres) ...

... a close of land called SOWRELAND (30 acres) ...

... a close of land called ROWDEANE AND THE (?)P-KES CROFT at th' upp(er) end of it (30 acres) ...

... a close of land called GIBBES CROFT (9 acres) ...

... all the crop, pasture and profit of the meadow called THE GREAT MEADE in DROXFORD ... ,not
belonging to the said FARM of DROXFORD and all such herbage of the meadow called THE [TENNTE]
MEADE as accustomedly belongeth to the said FARM ...

... All that close of pasture called YONDER [SHEEP HOWSE] CLOSE (10 acres) ...

... Ditto called MIDDLE [SHEEP HOWSE] CLOSE (26 acres) ...

... Ditto called [UTTER SHEEP HOWSE] CLOSE (16 acres) ...

... Ditto called FFARRDOWNE (4-score acres) ...

... All that pasture or down lying open and not enclosed from DROXFORD ... unto a certain house
called the LAWDAY HOUSE (200 acres) ...

... All such profit in any second year's tilling, sowing and mowing [a certain parcel] of the down called
DROXFORD [TENNTE] DOWN as belongeth to the said FARM ...

... AND ALL AND SINGULAR the works and services of the said [tennte] of DROXFORD due or
accustomed to be done for or unto the [FERMER] or [TENNTE] of the said FARM and the Herbage
and feeding of all ... the coppices and wood called the SHEEP HOWSE COPSES to be had and taken at
such time and with such cattle as the same coppices and wood may not be [annoyed] and the mast
and pannage of the wood there.

ALL WHICH PREMISES are parcel of the said FARM of DROXFORD and are stuated ... in the parish of DROXFORD (EXCEPT the said Sir Richard, his executors, etc., the last year's crop of ... THE GREAT MEADE to be and layd up ten days before the Feast of the Annunciation ... in that year.

All wood and underwood ... upon the said premises (saving such herbage and pannage as aforesaid) and all Royalties and Liberties of fishing, fowling, hawking, and hunting and the game or beasts and fowls of free warren and the fishes in the water there with free ingress, egress and regress for him, etc., and his/their servants, cattle, horses, carts and carriages for the taking and using the same ...) And likewise (EXCEPT the usual way through the orchard demised unto the garden there called THE KYTCHYN GARDEN and unto THE HOP GARDEN there and unto and from the House called THE PRIVEY or HOUSE OF OFF-[RD] there and common of pasture for 4 beasts in HAZELL HOLT together with free ingress, etc., for the said Sir Richard, his servants and workmen, carts and carriages for making and finishing whatso[ever] buildings, houses or p'ticions upon any part of the demised premises)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the ... premises, etc., to said John Athazell, his executors, etc., from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel last past unto the end and term and for and during ... 21 years from thence next ensuing

YIELDING AND PAYING ... yearly ... to ... Sir Richard Uvedale ... fourscore and ten (£90) pounds lawfull money of England at the Feasts of the Annunciation and of St. Michael the Archangel or within 14 days next after ... by equal portions ...

JOHN ATHAZELL to maintain all houses, gates, pales, rails, hedges, ditches, [farms] and enclosures of premises AND TO pay all charges, duties, works, services, taxes, rates and assessments which at any time during the said term shall be imposed upon four yard land of the FARM aforesaid (all rents, services, duties, charges, or demands belonging to THE LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER or his successors by [force] of any ... condition or otherwise ... and all manner of charges of musters with horse and the Ryder and the arms for [footmen] always excepted

AND [MOREOVER] shall and will yearly and from time to time during the said term house him and lay all the hay, straw, pulse and fodder coming off the demised premises within the barns, houses and gaterooms of the said premises (except the hay coming off ... THE GREAT MEADE in the last year) and yearly (except for the said last year) spend with cattle the same hay, straw and fodder upon the said premises and bestow and leave all the compost and soil thereof ...

AND FURTHER shall and will yearly from and after harvest permit 2 hogs of Sir Richard Uvedale, etc., to go and feed with the hogs of the said John Athazell, etc., in the land aforesaid and in the said wood

AND FURTHER that the said John Athazell, etc., for the better preparing and fitting of a competent ... part of the arable land of the premises to be tilled and sown with wheat the next year after the expiration of the said 21 years shall and will for ... 2 years next before such and leave either the close called INOX, the close called UARNDELLS, the close called GREAT NOBLES, the close called LITTLE NOBLES or the close called SOWRELAND untilled and unsown and one other of them the last year unsown and that it shall be lawful for Sir Richard Uvedale, etc., from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist in the said last year to take all such soil as then shall be within the said gaterooms and ... carry and lay the same (BOTTOM OF LEASE ILLEGIBLE HERE) will and pleasure and to follow the said closes or either of them.

Signed: RICH. UVEDAILE.

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1631. (1).

DROXFORD Church – the second bell is made, inscribed “In God be our gude”. (Reign of King Charles I).

Easter Term, A.D. 1636 (12 CHARLES I).

WILLIAM FAWCONER of WESTBURY and CATHARINE his Wife levy a Fine and settle the Manor of MIDDLEINGTON “ ... To the Use of himself and his Right Heirs for ever”.

(From an Abstract of Title dated 1770, held by H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/98 or 105).

A.D. 1641.

Date of an INDENTURE OF FEOFMENT

Between WILLIAM FAWCONER THE ELDER of WESTBURY, Esquire, and WILLIAM FAWKONER his Son and Heir Apparent

AND JOHN BARTON of FAREHAM, Merchant

Whereby said W.F. and Son gave, granted, etc., to said J.B. for use of himself, his heirs and assigns for ever

A certain Copyhold or Customary Messuage or Tenement called COURT GARDEN with certain Closes of Land and Common of Pasture to the said premises belonging for one Bull, twelve Kine, one Hundred Sheep and one Ram and Twelve Hogs with Pannage in the CHASE and HASLEHOLT at Times accustomed and all other Commons to the said Premises belonging

And also one Croft called THE PARK, Two Crofts in NORTHFIELD, Two Acres lying against CHURCH LANE END, Two Acres called HILMORE CROFT, One Acre and a Half in SOUTHFIELD, One Acre and a Half called OAKLAND, Half an Acre lying against COOMB WAY, Seven Acres in NORTHFIELD, Four Acres in HILLMORE CROFT, Two Acres in THE SOUTHDOWN under HAYCROFT HEDGE for which Premises the Yearly Rent of Four Shillings was then payable then held by Copy of Court Roll by ELIZABETH the Wife of JOHN SMITH and JOHN FRY her Son for their Lives and the Life of the longer Liver of them;

Also one Rowlease Tenement called MARTINS and Four Closes of Land and also Fourteen Acres of land ... then late in the occupation of JOHN NORTON and then in the Occupation of WILLIAM SMITH, Two Acres and a Half in NORTHFIELD Some Time SIMON FRY’s and for which last Premises the Yearly Rent of Twelve Pence was payable then in the Occupation of the said WILLIAM SMITH with the best Heriot when it should happen,

Which said Customary Tenements and Premises are Parcel of the Manor of MIDDLINGTON and are situate within the Parish of DROXFORD and holden of the BISHOP OF WINTON of his MANOR OF DROXFORD by the Yearly Rent of Five Shillings ...

And Also one Coppice called SOUTHWOOD COPPICE containing by Estimation 10 Acres ... whereof the said WILLIAM FAWCONER and SON were then seized in Fee Simple and which Coppice was then in the Occupation of the said WILLIAM FAWCONER the ELDER.

And Also all those Free Rents ... Viz., of the WARDEN AND SCHOLARS of ST. MARY COLLEGE, WINTON in OXFORD nine Shillings for certain Crofts called HUGH CROFTS, of EDWARD RUSSELL Seven Shillings for two Gardens and certain Crofts called OLIVERS, DENISHAMS and MOWETTS, Also of HENRY COLLINS Five Shillings for Closes called BARN-CROFT, BROOM CLOSE, HOME CLOSE and LITTLE PURROCK.

Which said Premises and Rents are Parcel of the Manor of MIDDLINGTON and lying within the Parish of DROXFORD in the County of Southampton.

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Executed by WM. FAWCONER Senior and WM. FAWCONER Junior.

Endorsed that Livery and Seisin was made In the Presence of:-

THOMAS BENNETT, HEN: BOYES, JOHN BARRY, WM. HEISE and JOHN FOSTER.

(From an Abstract of Title dated 1770, held HCRO, ref. 45M69/98 or 105).

Mid – 1600's. (1).

DROXFORD MANOR HOUSE - is owned by the Morley family (who lived there for 100 years).

Rector, 1642-1664.

Doctor Nicholas PRESTON (see 1664).

Born St. Michael's in St. Albans, Herts (see Clutterbuck's History of Herts, I, 99).

Married daughter of Francis ALEXANDER L.L.D. (see HURST 1613-1628), who was incumbent of Birdham, Sussex (1606), Crawley, Sussex (1609), Overton (1610), Houghton (1613) and Prebendary of Winchester (1613). She was buried 1689 in Winchester Cathedral.

1625: Matriculated at Cambridge.

1640: Incumbent of Bishopstoke, Hants.

1642: Incumbent of Droxford, Hants.

1645: Prebendary of Winchester.

1650: Sequestered from incumbency of Droxford.

1660: Restored to incumbency of Droxford.

(1650 to 1660 - Robert Webb, Independent).

1664: Died and buried in Droxford Church, South aisle.

(Per Miss F.B. Collins).

(SEE ALSO: 1660 and 1664).

December 1643 (4).

A petition "To the Honorable Committee for ye County of Southampton" shewing "That your petitioners have beene great sufferers and are much impoverished by the late troubles ... " and asking for £100 " ... out of Dean and Chapter ... toward ye reparaire of ye ... church ... " so that they can again meet therein " ... to partake of God's ordinances with convenience (and) safetie ...". Signed by:-

Peter Hawkesworth

William Barrey

Richard Frinde

Edward Markes (yeoman, Droxford)

Peter Heath

Edward Cluere (Swanmore)

Simon Hatch (Droxford)

Nic Paxton

Edward Arthur (St. Clair)

John Heasler

Edward Searle (yeoman, Droxford)

Richard Brewer (yeoman, Swanmore)

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John Knight (Hill)
Robert Barefoot (yeoman, Hill)
William Bensteade (yeoman, Droxford)
Edward Cleverly (Hill)
John Knight (Hill)
Tho: Clewer (Swanmore)
Henry Prowting (Hill)
William Strugnell (Droxford)
William Smith
German Knight (yeoman, Droxford)

29 March 1644. (2).

Sir William Waller, Parliamentary general, having advanced through Havant, Catherington and Petersfield (from Chichester and Arundel) with a train of artillery was to meet with other forces of his at Tichborne Down. Lord Hopton, commander of 13,000 – 14,000 Royalists marched out of Winchester to meet him. His advanced guard occupied West Meon on Saturday evening, 23 March. There was some skirmishing with the London Parliamentary Brigade advancing from ALTON. On the evening of Tuesday 26 March Waller's outposts occupied WEST MEON. Next day Waller ordered Major-General Browne to move northwards towards WEST TISTED. About one mile north of WEST MEON the Cavaliers attacked and some on both sides were killed. On Friday 29 March the two main armies came to a decisive battle at CHERITON.

(Site of above ambush was where "a new broad turnpike road" for the Gosport coaches was cut sometime prior to 1840 - 3 skeletons, some armour and a halberd found in a field involved in this roadmaking).

Survey of DROXFORD Manor - 02 March 1647:

Jury's Presentments at a Court of Survey there.

(HCRO ref. 45M69/27).

a) No castles, manors, lordships, etc., in this Manor and formerly belonging to "ye Late Bishop of Wintown" except the Manor of DROXFORD with its "perquisites and profittes".

b) Mentions Lease of Manor granted by Thomas "heretofore Bishop of Wintown to ye Late Queen Elizabeth" on 08 July 30 Eliz. To run from Mickelmas 1617 for 50 years. Interest on this Lease now in Sir Richard UVEDALE Knight – yearly rental £15:2s:3d.

ALSO: one other farm called "SINKLARS FARM", now in the possession of Edward ARTHUR.

ALSO: one mill in DROXFORD worth £20 per annum.

ALSO: "a parcel of ye Late Bishop's Demears leased to and now in the posesion of John MUNDAY, the Rent and profit of which sd Last recited farm and mill are now paid to ye use of ye State".

c) No "pention Rent Charge or other sums ... payable out of ye said Late Bishops Lands belonging to this manor ... " and the same is not chargeable " ... with any pious or Charitable Uses but onely for ye payment of ye fees of ye Late Bishops officers for collecting of ye Rents fines and ameracements Due to ye Lord of ye mannour as heretofore hath bin paid".

ALSO: "the Lord ... ought and time out of mind hath bin alt ye Charge of making and maintaining the greater part of MISLINGFORD BRIDGE and all HILL POUND".

ALSO: The Lord "hath allowed timber for ye making and Repairing all bridges and pounds within the mannour which ye tenants are to Repair".

d) The farm of DROXFORD "Containeth bt Estimation" 240 acres, of which approx.. 30 are " ... Copice ground which will but make and maintain ye fences and find firewood for ye farme ..." (value of timber is not known).

The which farm is bounded:-

- From DROXFORD LANE END upon POPYHILL DOWN and the highway leading from DROXFORD to MAYHILL on the S.W.
- From there on the land of Richard BREWER, Peter HATCH, Mr. Francis UVEDALE, widow HORNER and Thomas STRUGNELL to DAMSONHILL upon the S.W.
- From there " ... upon the Lane Leading to a place called DUNDRIGE ... ".
- From there upon the land of widow BINSTEAD to the LADY HOUSE "on ye west upon ye Copices called HASELHOLD and STONY DEAN and the Land of William BINSTEAD to ye SHEEP HOUSE CORNER on ye north and upon ye highway Leading to DROXFORD STREET on ye East Except three or four purrakes which Lay mixt between some of ye farme Lands".

"SINKCLARES" farm estimated at 200 acres, of which 60 are coppice and wood (value of timber not known). Farm now let at £70 per annum and is bounded:-

- Against WALTHAM CHASE on the S.
- "Against the Tything of HILL on ye wesr and ye north part against ye mannor of SUBERTON laying and a tenement called HOLLIWELL part of ye mannour of SUBERTON laying within this mannour".

ALSO: " ... by ye Custom of this Mannour these persons heirafter mencioned being tenants of ye mannor of SUBERTON Claims to have and time out of mind have had out of ye mead called BULL MEAD parcel of ye sd farme ... SINKCLARES grass ... ", as follows – Doctor CURL one acre, John HASTER two acres, John COSENS one acre.

ALSO: These tenants of HILL Tything claim etc., etc. "out of ye meadow called FULLINGMILL MEADOW grass ... " as follows – Simon PROWTING and Henery PROUTING one acre, Edward BREWER one acre, Edward RUSSELL half an acre" ... from the feast of ye Annunciation of ye Blessed virgin mary until Lamas day following.

ALSO: There are certain Coppices called "HASELHOLT COPICES part of ye Late Bishop's Demeasne Laying part within this mannour and part within the mannour of WALTHAM and Also one Comon called STONEY DEAN" and these coppices contain about 100 acres and every acre thereof" ... when it comes fit to be cut is worth xx vi viii in which Copices after they are cut and have binn Enclosed seven years" all the tenants of DROXFORD and the tenants of SWANMORE "that dwell above MEERPOND" have always had common of pasture for all manner of commonable cattle whatsoever "for so many as they can keep upon their Copyhold Lands without stint or number from Saint Martinstide until Mayday following". These coppices bounded:-

- Against Capt. COLLINS' land on the N.
- Against the land of William BINSTED and the farm land of DROXFORD on the E.
- Against "some other part" of the farm land on the W. and S.

" ... and ... there is one mound or Dich Leading through ye said Copices from ye south to ye north that divides this mannour from ye mannour of WALTHAM but how many timber trees and other trees are growing theiron and what they are Realy worth we know not but Esteemate those trees that grow in the Copices which are in this mannour to be worth one hundred and fifty pounds" (£150).

e) " ... one Common called WALLTHAM CHASE Laying part within this mannour and part within ye mannour of WALLTHAM ... held in Common by ye tenants of this mannour and sum of ye tenants of that mannour ... " (and that all of them) " ... time out of mind have binn intercomoners together in ye

said Chase ... and have had ye feeding and herbage their of for all manor of Commonable Cattel ... att all times of ye year for so many as they can keep upon their several Copyhold tenements without stint or number ... and they are not stinted by ye plow land yeard land acres or otherwise ...”.

ALSO: “ ... by ye Custom of this manor ye tenants of HILL Hereafter named time out of mind have had Sheep Common upon the Downs called popyhill and SOUTH DOWN near DROXFORD in such mannour and for such number of sheep as hath been hereto fore used by the yard Land”, viz. the widow KNIGHT, John KNIGHT, Edward ARTHUR, Mary CLEVERLY, Widow FRY, Henery CROWCHER, Edward CLEVERLY, Edward WILLISON, Thomas DEAR, John BREWER, Amy CLEVERLY and Robart BAREFOOT ...

ALSO: In Waltham CHASE the Lord ought to make no purpresture nor feed any manner of cattle as intercommoner with the said tenants.

“ ... how many beasts ye sd. CHASE ... will Keep and what the feeding of a beast is worth by ye year we know not ...”

“ ... this manor and ye manor of WALLTHAM have time out of mind been held inseparable by ye Bishops ... heretofore Lords of boath manors and theirfore we know not ye bounds that Devide the sd manors by ye bounds that Devide the parish of DROXFORD and WALLTHAM are ... “described at (k) below.

f) The trees in WALTHAM CHASE “ ... ye Lord may cut and dispose of att his pleasure but ye Lord can make no other improvements of woods nether ought he BY OUR CUSTOM to Enclose or intermeddle with any part of our Comons”.

g) “ ... one mill in DROXFORD ... and ye fishing in ye River from the uperend of the mead belonging to STOAK personage to a place called CLOASEWOOD CORNER ... belongs to ye Lord of this mannour ... but what the same is worth we know not.

h) “ ... we Cannot Certainly Express how much Land Every Customary tenant holdeth but ye same appears by their Copies and deeds produced att this Court unto the which for ye more Certainty we Refer ourselves ... “. “ ... we know (not) of any Customary tenant of this mannour that owe or ought to do any work to ye Lord of (it) other than paying the Rent of Asize for ye hole manor, officers fees being deducted, which comes to yearly £40:09:2d., also paying the Lord yearly ten quarters five bushels two pecks of wheat and 2 quarters and two pecks of Rye”.

i) “ ... out of the forrest or Chase their belongs to ye Lord andly the Royalty (? From the) soil and Timber trees and ye herbage feeding and understuffs and bushes theirin appertains to the tennants that hold bond land by fine as aforesaid”.

j) “ ... there is only ye parish Church of DROXFORD within this manor which was formerly in the Gift of ye Late Bishop Lord of this manor, which personage is worth £160 per (?”annum” missed out) and is now in the possession of NICKLAS PRESTON”.

k) “ ... ye mannour of DROXFORD According to our antient possession is bounded as followeth ... from the North towards the South –

– upon part of ye Land belonging to the parsonage of MEAN STOKE the mannour of SUBERTON the farme called BEER FARME. Mr. WALLOPS Lands called KINGSMEADS upon ye East –

– against Sir William IVUDALES mannour of WICKHAM one ye South –

– against ye EARLE of SOUTHAMTONS mannour called FAIRTHORN one ye Southwest –

– upon SILVERS LAKE one the West and upon ye mannour of WALTHAM to DUNDRIDGE LANE END upon the West –

– and from thence to ye North Corner of Mr. CROWCHERS land called WOOD CROFT one ye West –

– and from thence upon a strait line to LYONS CORNER in YE CHACE –

– and from thence upon the highway leading to MARWELL GATE –

– and from thence upon the tenants Lands of ye mannour of WALTHAM to ye LADY HOUSE –

- and from thence to CLEAVERLY DOWN one ye west part –
- and from thence upon Cap. COLLINS his mannour of CORHAMPTON unto ye River that Runeth from CORHAMPTON to DROXFORD one ye north.

There are also two Copyholds messuages or tennements ... parcel of this Mannour the one in the possession of EDWARD MARKS the other of HENERY DORSETT Lying beyond BOTLEY bounding upon the sea one ye East the EARLE OF SOUTHAMPTONS Land one ye Southwest and ye mannour of WALSASH one ye north part.

l) “ ... some small part of ye mannour of SUBBERTON now Doctor CURLES lays within this mannour, videll a tenement or parcel of Land called HOLLWELL in the parish of DROXFORD now in ye possession of William STRUGNELL one Copyhold of Mr. Henery CROWCHERS and two purakes and a Little meadow of free Land belonging to ye mannour of SUBBERTON held by Thomas CLEVERLY in ye Tything of SWANMORE. There are also sartain Lands lying within ye Tythings of MIDLINGTON HILL and SWANMORE which ware heretofore Copyholds which whare Heretofore belonging to Mr. FAWKNERS mannour of MIDLINGTON but now freed as by their deeds produced att this Court We know not of any part of this mannour that extendeth into any other mannour.

m) “ ... Edward CLEVERLY Peter HATCH Andrew STRUGNELL Widow COOPER Mr. John PRIOR have made some small incroachments upon ye Lords wast in ye Tything of SWANMORE and at SHIDFIELD”.

n) No-one in this manor “ ... hath pluckt up any hedge Rows plourd up any bank or Landmark Removed any meerstones or other bounds between the Lords Desmesnes and ye tenants free Land or Customery Land and free Land or between this or any other mannour or Lordship to our ... Knowledge”.

o) These cottages erected heretofore (with some small inclosures to them) upon the Lord’s waste, being the tenants’ Common – “Edward PERSONS John COLES Edward STRUGNELL and Thomas HORN have Erected several Cottages upon SHERILL HEARTH ... also Thomas TURNER ... one Cottage one SWANMORE HERTH part of WALLTHAM CHACE”.

p) “ ... upon ye Dearth or Surrender of Every Copyholder there is a Herriot dew ... by our Custom ... and upon ye Dearth or Alination of Every freeholder There is a Relife due to ye Lord of this mannour and also all fines and amerciments and other perquisites of Court as of Custom ought to be paid”.

q) “ ... we nor any of us have any deeds Credences Courtrolls Suitrowles book of Survay or any other Escrip or Touching or Concerning this mannour in any of our Custodies Neither do we Know of any person that hath any”.

“These words were incerted after the presentments Delivered:

That ye tenants of DROXFORD that hold by Cobby of Court Role Claime to have and time out of mind have had the Grass and herbage of ye meadow Called TOWN MEADOW from ye feast of ye Anunciation of ye Blessed virgin mary until Candlemas following Except of two acres which ye parson of ye parish is to have the first Cutt only and from Candlemas until our Lady Day the farmer of DROXFORD is to have the feeding Thereof and no Longer”.

“The Custom of ye Mannour of DROXFORD” (1647).

The Customary Tennants of ye mannour ... Time out of mind have held there Cobbyhold Lands and tennements to them and their heires ... by ye precedent fine in their Coppies Expressed ...

... upon ye Death or surrender of Every tenant they pay a Herriot ...

... that all woods and Timber trees growing upon their Cobbyhold fineable Lands are their own ... and have binn by them time out of mind Enjoyed ...

... and (they) do hold ... with fineable bond Lands Certain Commons of pasture and feeding for all manour of Commonable Cattell whatsoever att all times of ye year without stint or number as appurtenant to their sd Coppyhold tennements for so many as they can winter upon ye same ... Allso every (such) tenant ... may for the better mannureing of their Lands and Repairing of their tennements and mending ye Kings high ways take in ye Commons and wast belonging to this mannour Clay, marle, Chalke, Earth and Sand without Licence of ye Lord ...

And ... ye Commons of pasture belong only to ye (bond) tenants and ... ye Lords freeholders and those that hold free purpresture Land ought not to have any Common ... in the sd Commons or wast And that ye Lord is only to have ye Royalty over the sd soil and Timber trees growing upon ye sd Commons or wast

And that all (bond) tenants may Take ... att seasonable Times Bushes and understufe in the sd Commons or wast for ye making and mending and maintaining of their hedges and fences ... without committing Wast or Spoil

Allso (they) may ... att any time and as often as they please drive The sd Chace without ye Lords bailiff and may impound all forainers Cattell and such as have no Common in the sd Chace and Detain them until they have paid for the trespass

Allso every (bond) tenant ... may surrender ye same in or without ye mannour in any part of the Kingdom or beyond ye seas into ye Lords hands before two Lawfull men although they be not tenants of ye mannour in Extremity of Sicknes So as ye same surrender after the Death of such tenant be presented att ye next Court or within three Court days fowlowing

Allso a tenant in perill of Death may surrender upon Condition that if he Live until the next Court ye surrender to be void

Allso every absolute surrender ought to be presented att ye next Court and Entered upon ye paper of fines and proclamation made in ye next Court according to ye nature of ye tenure and ye Custom of ye Court

Allso proclamation shall continue ye second and third Court for ye tennant to come in and if he come not in upon ye third proclamation to pay his fine if he be not beyond the seas, in wars, imprisoned or otherwise in Case of necessity or Extremity hindered that by any means he Cannot Come the land shall Escheat to ye Lord of ye mannour

Allso if any Coppyhold tennant ... dye seised of any Coppyhold Lands or tennements his wife shall have her widows Estate paying a peny or her Life paying the half fine, so as she enter her fine within three Court days after the Death of her husband

Allso Every Customary tennant ... may Entail his Land to his heir generall or special provided the Lord Loose no fine or Heriott theirby and Likewise by a Recovery in the Lords Court may cut of ye same Entail

Allso if any tennant ... holdeth any yard Land more or Less by ye antient accustomed fine, if he surrender half or any part thereof the fine of ye same shall be porportioned according to ye fine accostomed for ye Custom is that if Lands holden under one Entire fine be Devided so must also ye Entire fine ... be Devided ... (in) Like mannour as ye Land is Devided

Allso ... Every tennant may Lett his Coppyhold Lands, (etc). for one year without licence but if he be to Leace it out for any number of years He ought to take a Licence from ye Lord, who upon putting in pledge to ye Court to answer ye Lord his Herriott and other dues is to grant him a Licence ...

Allso ... the assessors Sworn in Court shall assess and mitigate all fines and Amerciments sett or imposed upon any tennant for any offence or misdemeanour Committed as time out of mind hath been used

Allso upon ye Avoidance of every Customary tennant the Sworn men of the mannour shall present their fines att ye next Court and who is the next heir and what profit comes to ye Lord by ye same

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Avoidance that ye next heir may be Called in to pay fine and take up ye Land and if he Come in within three Court days ye Lord is to admit him tennant and deliver him his Copy, he paying for making ye same two shillings and for Every Condition therein twelve pence; if any woman heir do fine and after marry her husband afterwards shall not be Compeled to fine againe with her; if any tennant ... impleadeth another upon any action under forty shillings in any foraign Court it is no forfiture but only fineable.

Allso it is a principall Custom in this mannour that if any Decease, his heirs being under age and boath father and mother being dead, then the next of Kin and farthest from the Land shall have ye tution and gardianship of such an heir untill he Comes to ye age of fourteen years and then ye heir may Enter and put first out his gardient and Chuse another gardient at his own pleasure but a gardient may not make wast in any of ye heir's woods, underwoods or tenements nor any part theirot and shall Make an account to ye heir of all the profitts of his Land (etc.) dureing ye Time he was gardient and theirupon shall be alowed all nessary Cost and Charges for ye Education of ye heir and Reparation of his tenement; but if any that of Custom ought to be gardient be insuficent by Defect of Nature or otherwise Then the Court by ye Consent and advice of ye Homage may appoint another meet tennant to have the gardianship ...

Allso ... ye Lord ought to keep and time out of mind hath kept Every year two Court barrons, one ovis Court and two Court Leets within this mannour att usall places and Times Accustomed for ye Keeping theirot, at which said Courts all ye tennants of this mannour to make their severall appearances and to do their Suit and Services for ye Lands and tenements they Claime to hold of ye Lord ... and to Chuse a Reeve to Collect and gather ye Lord's Rent for one year who, after he is Chosen, presented and sworn, standeth Charged with the whole account for that year and is bound to Answer ye Lord or his officers appointed to take ye same; and if any tennant shall Refuse to pay his Rent ye Reeve may call ye Beedle to aid and assist him and they both may distraint for ye same: for which year's service of ye Reeve ye Lord is to allow him vi shillings and iii pence; the tennants ... are Likewise ... to Chuse a Beedle to Collect ye fines (etc.) belonging to ye Lord, who may distraint any tennant ... for non-payment of ye sd fines ... and for his pains ye Lord is to allow him five shillings for that year; they are likewise ... to make Choice of a hayward and all other officers whatsoever belonging to ye sd mannour as have been heretofore.

THIS IS THE CUSTOM OF THE MANNOUR OF DROXFORD HOLDEN BY A COURT OF SURVEY THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH IN YE TWO AND TWENTIETH YEAR OF YE RAIGNE OF OUR SOVERAIGNE LORD KING CHARLES ANNO DOMNI 1647.

Circa 1650. (1).

The "Long Parliament" sells DROXFORD MANOR to a layman, Mr. Francis Alle(i)n for £7,675:13s:7d.

1650 to 1660.

ROBERT WEBB. 'Independent' Incumbent of Droxford on sequestration of Dr. Nicholas Preston (see 1642).

1645: Vicar of Hursley, Hants. Assistant to Hampshire Commission.

1650: Appointed to Droxford.

1660: Violently ejected by former incumbent.

1675: Died August 14th. Very poor and a large family.

Cf. Calamy Revised: Ejection of Non-Conformist Ministers (A.G.Matthews, O.U.P., 1934).

Cf: Hawarden notes.

(Per Miss F.B. Collins).

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“Richard CROMWELL and his relative by marriage, S. DUNCH, Esquire, sheltered at Hursley (Hants) and gave an annuity of £10 a year to the Rev. Robert WEBB, the ejected Puritan minister of Droxford, who is said to have been a good scholar and eminent preacher”.
 (“The Civil War in Hampshire” by G.N.Godwin, p.381).

1657 – 1703: Quaker Burials at Swanmore.

Buried at SWANMORE FRIENDS' Burial Ground, UPPER SWANMORE:-

JOHN ASTIN - 1667

Joanna ASTIN - 1679

____ BASSET (the wife of JOHN) 1664

STEPHEN BENIS, Junior - 1672

____ BARNES (the wife of JOHN) - 1664

THOS. COSINS - 1664

THOS. DENNET - 1664

JOHN COSINS - 1672

MARY GOFF - 1672

JOANE GRINGE - 1671

ROGER GRINGE - 1703

JOHN MORING - 1668

MARTHA NEWMAN - 1672

ANN RINES - 1662

JOHN ORCHARD - 1674

THOS. PENFOLD - 1668

ELIZABETH PENFOLD - 1672

RICHARD POET, Junior - 1672

ANN RINESTEED - 1669

JOSEPH SUET - 1661

RICHARD SUET - 1672

ELIZABETH SMITH - 1672

JOHN SMALE - 1673

JOHN WALTER - 1662

MARY WHEELER - 1670

HANNAH GODDINE - 1657

REBECCA, daughter of EDWARD and REBECCA _____ - 1668

(From Notice at the Burial Ground).

The burial-ground originally belonged to RICHARD SEWETT, cordwainer of Swanmore, and in 1663 it was sold, together with access, for £1:8s:0d. to ROBERT REEVES of Swanmore, and THOMAS WALTER and THOMAS PENFOLD, of Bishops Waltham. By tradition the ground (then an orchard) was first used for burial during the Commonwealth period, when the unnamed owner of the adjoining cottages buried there his little son, JOSEPH. Meeting House was near an archway at Jervis Court Farm, nearby.

31 August 1657.

From ST. CLEER'S FARM, DROXFORD - William ROWE writes to Col. Edward SALMON, Admiralty Commissioner: He (W.R.) is staying at DROXFORD with his uncle, Alderman (?Francis) ALLEN. There

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is a problem there over paying the countrymen whose carts and waggons “ ... carried the Spanish plate from Portsmouth to London ...”. Some will not pay their share for the teams who went and are being sued accordingly by the owners of those teams.
(Cal. Of State Papers, 1657 – 1658).

1660.

“DROXFORD, [R.S. 300 I.]. MR ROBERT WEBB.

The former incumbent, DR. NICKOLAS PRESTON, D.D., immediately upon the Restoration, came to take possession of this living, and thrust out MR. R. WEBB and his family with their goods in a rough and violent manner. A gentleman in the neighbourhood (a Papist), out of humanity, was concerned at such severity and received them for the present into his own house, till in a little time the wife of RICHARD CROMWELL, Esq., sent a coach for them and brought them to a house of theirs. MRS. WEBB, being big with child, fell in labour in the coach. MR. WEBB had a great family and was very poor. S. DUNCH, Esq., of BADSLY was kind to him as long as he lived; and at his death left him £10 a year during life. He was a good scholar and an eminent preacher. He died August 14th, 1675, aged 42”. (See under 1650 - he was vicar of HURSLEY in 1645 (?at age 12!))
(from “The Nonconformists’ Memorial” by Rev. Edmund CALAMY, 1775 - copy at Hants C.R.O.).

1660. (1).

Dr. Nickolas Preston D.D. is restored to his Living and does a lot to repair the Church. He has the present Jacobean altar-rails made. DROXFORD MANOR returns to Church ownership (and remains there till 1869).

Parish Register shows:

30 April 1662: Bapt. “Mrs Francis PRESTON, dau. of (?Edward)”.

05 May 1663: Bapt. “William PRESTON, son of Nicklas”.

02 October 1660.

Bishop DUPPA (of Winchester) appoints William HANCOCK and Francis NICHOLLS of SOBERTON as Bailiffs of the Bailwick of SOUTH WALTHAM, DROXFORD and BITTERNE. 10 marks (£6:13s:4d) p.a.
(from ‘A Hampshire Miscellany’ by Arthur J. WILLIS, Vol. IV, page 277, no. 5a.).

25 May 1661.

(Hampshire Record Office, Lease Book No. 155643).

Leased by the Bishop of Winchester to Leonard BILSON [of Westmapledurham, BURITON, Esq.]:
The Manor of DROXFORD (“DROKENSFORD”) and all houses there and all lands arable and pasture, etc., “And all works of the Tenants there, not extended into money, Together with a Dovehouse, and ffishing of the Water neare the Mill there ...” plus “ ... three Crofts of Land in the Woods inclosed ...” and 18 acres of land “ ... lying in the Comon feild there ...” plus all live and dead Stock “ ... particularly specified ... in a certain Indenture bearing date the seaven and twentieth day of ... July in the first and second yeares of the Reignes of Philipp and Mary late King and Queen of England between Stephen late Bishopp of Winton ... and Philipp BENSTED then of Drokensford ... Yeoman ... then ... in the occupation of one Edward BENSTED ...
EXCEPT ... “(reserved for the Bishop)” ... the Advowson of the p’ish Church of Drokensford ... the Rents of Assize of all the Tennants of the Mannor ... and Workes of Tenants in money there extended, ffines Herriotts Warde Marriages and Releises, Perquisites, Turnes and Courts there,

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Woods, Escheats and forfeitures whatsoever and all other things to the Court, Turne, or view of ffranckpledge there ... belonging ... “.

FOR 21 YEARS on payment for the site and premises of £6:13s:4d. at the Feasts of “ ... Saint Michael Tharchangell and Thannunciation of our blessed Virgin St. Mary by even and equall portions ...” to the Bishop of Winchester at the Exchequer at his Palace of Wolvesey, near Winton.

ALSO TO PAY, for the Farm and Stock, £8:7s:11d. yearly as aforesaid AND, for the Fishing, 12 pence at “Saint Michael Tharchangell’s Day”.

BILSON to pay regularly and keep all in good repair.

THE BISHOP to allow out of his Wood “ ... sufficient and rough Timber upon the Stemme for Houseboote, Hayboote, Cartboote, Ploughboote and ffireboote ...” (to be used upon the said Manor only).

BILSON, “twice in the yeare at two Turnes ... “ (St. Martin and Hock)” ... to provide ... one Dinner at every View of Ffranckpledge ... “ for the Bishop, his Officers, Steward, Surveyor, Clerks and Servants” ... and others coming with them: And also sufficient Hay, Oates and Litter for their Horses during their stay at every (such) Court”.

Witnesses:

Anth. BOLD, Osmund BILSON,
John BOLD, Will. GAMMAN

1664.

(Memorial Stone, floor of South aisle, Droxford Church).

“HEERE LIES THE BODY OF NICHOLAS PRESTON DR IN DIVINITY AND RECTOR OF THIS CHVRCH INSTITUTED AND INDVCTED IN THE YEERE 162 BY THE TYRANNY OF THE LATE VSARPER FOR HIS EMINENT LOYALTY AND ZEALE SEQUESTERED IN THE YEERE 1650 BY THE MIRACVLOUS AND HAPPY RETVRNE OF THE KING RESTORED IN THE YEERE 1660 HEE SPENT HIS DAYES IN A PIOVS AND PAINFVLL MINISTRY HEE LIVED BELOVED AND DIED DESIRED VPON THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEERE 1664 IN ASSVRANCE OF A JOYFVL RESVRECTION”.

Parish Register, 16 September 1664.

“Doctor PRESTON [Rector of this parish] buried”

(words in brackets added above entry in a different hand and ink).

Parish Register, 18 December 1664.

“Sir Richard UDALLES” (UVEDALE) buried (of the Manor House).

1664 to 1691.

WILLIAM HAWKINS. Rector of Droxford

(Per Miss F.B Collins).

3rd October 1665. Droxford Manor House

(Hants C.R.O. (ref. 155644, p. 5).

Lease for 21 years to Leonard BILSON (see 25th May 1661).

1666. Droxford Church – South Chapel.

“Heare lyeth the body of Iames BETTES Gent. Who died the 29th of Iune in the yeare 1666”.

(In floor - per E.J.J.’s notes).

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1666. Per Parish Register
Buried 03 July 1666 - Mr. James BETTS.

25 March 1672. M.C.B.
Presentments basically as Nos. 1,2,16 and 17 of M.C.B. on 28 March 1763.
Jurors of this Court (1672):-
Edward ARTHUR
Simon HATCH
Edward HATCH
Richard FFRY
Henry SMITH
Phillip LIDWELL
John JONAS
Edward CLUER
Richard CLEVERLY
Thomas KNIGHT
William BARNETT
Edward KNIGHT
Edward SEARLE

19 September 1672. M.C.B.
Unwringed "hoges" " ... in anye of our Commons ..." subject to impounding and " ... a payne of 4d. for every one".
William Stares to make up his fences by 02 November next under "payne of 40s." (fine).

Droxford Church
The 9.75 cwt. Tenor Bell and the fourth Bell are cast by Henry Knight II of Reading.
(Reign of King Charles II).

Lady Frances UVEDALE.
Leaves her daughter, also Frances, in her Will the Lease of Droxford Manor Farm, valued at £1,800.
(See 1683 A.D.).
See: copy of her Will below.
Parish Register 04 October 1672: Buried "The Lady Frances UVEDALE".

25 March 1664. Hearth Tax Return – DROXFORD
(Public Record Office – ref. E.179/176/564).
WALTHAM HUNDRED.
DROXFORD. (First 4 names erased).
William BILSON - 7 hearths
Peter HAWKSWORTH - 4 hearths
Edward SEARLE - 4 hearths
William BENSTED - 4 hearths
Simon HATCH - 4 hearths
Richard GAMMON - 4 hearths
William SMITH - 3 hearths
John BOUREMAN - 3 hearths

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John SPARSHOTT - 3 hearths
John PROWTING - 3 hearths
John HONYMAN, sen. - 3 hearths
John HONYMAN, jun. - 3 hearths
John ADDAMS - 3 hearths
Stephen HATCH - 3 hearths
Widow LYDALL - 3 hearths
Daniel LEE - 3 hearths
John WHEELER - 2 hearths
Richard NOCKLY - 2 hearths
Edward KNIGHT - 2 hearths
Peter KNIGHT - 2 hearths
Anthony WITCOMBE - 2 hearths
Edward HATCH - 2 hearths
Thomas ADDAMS - 1 hearth
Peter LYDALL - 1 hearth
Richard SMITH - 1 hearth

Returned to the tythingmen of DROXFORD that Edward STRUGNELL's house was burnt down to the ground - 2 hearths, and John CROOKE a very poor man - 4 hearths, and no (?drestrers) [probably "distress"] can be found.

Edward KNIGHT, tythingman of DROXFORD. 108 hearths.

1674. Hearth Tax Return - DROXFORD
(Public Record Office - ref. E.179/247/30).

DROXFORD PARISH, DROXFORD Tithing.

Lady UVEDALL - 15 hearths
Doctor HAWKINS - 10 hearths
Mr. STOCK - 10 hearths
John (?)BURLT-- - 7 hearths
John HONYWOOD - 5 hearths
Thomas CLEVERLY - 4 hearths
Symon HATCH - 4 hearths
Antony WITCOMBE - 4 hearths
Edward SEARLE - 4 hearths
Henry BOTTAM - 3 hearths
Widow SMITH - 3 hearths
Thomas ADAMS - 3 hearths
James ADAMS - 3 hearths
John BODMAN - 3 hearths
William ANSELL - 3 hearths
Widow LYDELL - 3 hearths
Thomas FISHER - 3 hearths
John SPARTIOT - 3 hearths
Peter LYDALL - 3 hearths
John (?) HACHE - 3 hearths
John ADAMS - 3 hearths
Edward ARTHUR - 3 hearths

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Edward HAWKSWORTH - 3 hearths
Peter KNIGHT - 2 hearths
Edward KNIGHT - 2 hearths
Edward HATCH - 2 hearths
Widow HATCH - 2 hearths
Peter CROSWELL - 2 hearths
Thomas ADAMS - 2 hearths
William HAMON - 2 hearths
William STARES - 2 hearths
John FULLER - 2 hearths
William BINSTED - 1 hearth
TOTAL: 124 hearths

05 March 1673. M.C.B.

"We present PETER KNIGHT for oppressing the common of Southdown and Popy Hill and wee pawn him forty shillings for soe doing".

05 April 1675. M.C.B.

"Paynes" of 6d. each imposed for beasts " ... in our lanes ... " without "drivers" and 6d. for "unwringed hoges".

"Poppihill gate and pales" to be made good by all responsible by 01 May next under "payne" of 10s. (fine).

"We present that the Bridge called Mislingford Bridge is out of repayre and the Lord of this Manor is to repayre him".

"Hill Pound" ditto.

07 September 1675. M.C.B.

"We present ... Mr.Mathew STOCK for letting his land without A licence".

"Mr. CURLLE for taking in A lane called by the name of Haile Lane which have been an ancient high way and doe get A payne of 2s. if it be not drew up between this and the last day of November next".

1676.

Religious Census of all persons aged 16 or over.

(Hants Field Club, 1907 – 1910, page 70):-

PARISH	CONFORMISTS	PAPISTS	NON-CONFORMISTS
Titchfield	869	2	47
East Meon	544	7	3
DROXFORD	345	2	20
Soberton	266	10	4
Wickham	259	2	0
West Meon	225	0	16
Meonstoke	143	2	2
Exton	118	4	1
Warnford	103	0	10
Corhampton	94	0	0
TOTALS	2,966	29	103

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Grand total: 3,098

Add (Say) 25% = 775, for children under 16

So, approx. total population for these 10 parishes is 3,873 (3,098 + 775)

TAKE DROXFORD: over 16's = 367

+25% = 92

So, approx.. total population 459 in 1676.

1676 – 1683 A.D. (4).

Izaak Walton, aged 83, comes to DROXFORD in 1676 on the marriage of his daughter Anne to Dr. William Hawkins, Rector of Droxford and a Prebendary of Winchester Cathedral (where Walton was buried in 1683). He had close friendships with Mr. John Darbyshire (Curate of DROXFORD) and with Mr. Francis Morley (living at DROXFORD Manor House). Francis Morley had married Jane Tancred in 1652 and their eldest son Charles Morley married Magdalene Herbert circa 1683 (daughter of Sir Henry Herbert and niece of Lord Herbert of Cherbury).

IZAACK WALTON.

1593: Born 09 August at Stafford. Came to London. Apprenticed to a haberdasher. Heard John DONNE preach and through him met Sir Henry WOOTTON, an ardent fisherman.

1646: Married Anne KEN, stepsister to Thomas KEN, as his second wife (first was Rachel FLOUD, a descendent of Archbishop CRANMER).

1651: Published WOOTTON's writings ("Reliquae Wottoniae").

1653: "The Compleat Angler".

1660: Asked by George Morley to be Steward or Oeconomus of Hartlebury Castle, Worcester.

1662: Wife Anne died soon after they went to Worcester and is buried in Worcester (tablet in Cathedral). MORLEY translated to Winchester and Walton lives with him at Farnham, Hants.

1664: Publishes Life of Hooker.

1675: Publishes Life of George Herbert.

1676: His daughter Anne marries Prebendary Hawkins, who became Treasurer to the Chapter of Winchester Cathedral in 1675. (Walton's son, Isaac, went to Christ Church College, Oxford, then on the Grand Tour with KEN in 1675. He was ordained by MORLEY in 1677. He worked in the diocese of Salisbury and died in 1719).

1678: Publishes Life of Dr. Sanderson.

1683: Dies - buried in Prior Silkstede's chapel in the South transept of Winchester Cathedral. Winchester Cathedral Record, 1965.

(Per Miss F.B Collins).

12 October 1676. - Droxford Manor House.

Marginal note of Lease to Francis MORLEY, Esquire (renewed 1690 and 1697).

(Hants C.R.O. (ref. 155643, p.82).

25 August 1677. M.C.B.

"We present ... Mr. CURELE "(as 07 September 1675)" ... payne of five pounds if it be not drew up before the furst of November next".

" ... Peter HAUCKESWORTH for putting his hoges into our Common from Hall Cort ffarme which have noe Common ... payne of Tenn shillings if hee doth soe anye more".

" ... James (B)EARD to be Howard to looke to our Commons".

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11 March 1677. M.C.B.

"We present ... William COSEN of Shiedfeild being About the age of sixteen yeares doth make Choice of Henry SMITH in the same tything to bee his garthon "(guardian)" which we psent As our costam".
" ... Hallowell Land hath noe Common in Horders Wood".
(Mention made of land belonging to Hugh GRANTHAM and called "Sopers").

02(5) September 1678. M.C.B.

Presentments include:

- Wm. COSSEN again choosing Henry SMITH for his "Gardian" (as 11 March 1677).
- The gate at Shidfield " ... Leading to Waltham ... " is out of repair " ... ye Lord to find tymber and the Tennants of Shidfield to find wormaship".

06 September 1679. M.C.B.

"We present the Death of Sir (W)ater CURLE And his Dafter to be his Nixt Heire".

1679 - Droxford Church, South Chapel.

"Here lieth the bodie of Henrie COLLINS Gent who died December 19th 1679" (and alongside him):-
"Here lyeth intered the body of Iane COLLINS wife of Henry COLLINS who departed this life the 29th day of March Anno Domini 1671".

(In floor - per E.J.J.'s notes).

Parish Register:

Buried 01 April 1671: "Mrs. Jane COLLENS".

Buried 23 December 1679: "Mr. Henry COLLINS was buried ... and noe affidavit thereof was brought".

19 April 1680. M.C.B.

"We present

... Widd. SMITH for usurping ye Common and have noe Wright and do get a paurne".

... Widd. HORNER and her son John HORNER for Annoying ye (sone) of John CLEWER Sen. By Diging Chawk 4d".

1680.

Papist Recusants:-

Thomas BOTTOM of DROXFORD and MARGARET his Wife.

(H.C.R.O., Box 5 of Hampshire Pamphlets - in Map Room - "Hampshire Papist Recusants 16802).

1683 A.D. (4).

Frances UVEDALE (of DROXFORD Manor House) marries John DARBYSHIRE, curate of DROXFORD (and close friend of Izaak WALTON).

(per Parish Register:- Married 29 November 1683, second wife).

30 March 1683. M.C.B.

Presentments:-

- The Pound at Droxford is out of repair - Tenants to repair it, the Lord allowing Timber
- Edward PEARSON, Henry RENNETT and Hugh GRANTHAM for incroaching on part of Horders Wood.

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– Andrew and Peter STRUGNELL to repair their hedge at Damson Hill by 01 May next - 5s. “payne” if they do not.

1684

“The Presentments of the Churchwardens of the Parish of DROXFORD for the yeare 1684:

... all is well ... saveing ... that the rooffe of our Church and some of the Windows want some small mending which shall be done forthwith.

We have a Register booke but it is of Paper.

Wee have noe Paper booke for the registering of Preachers but it shall be provided ...

Wee have a Chest which is at present out of use ...

Wee have noe such Terrier as is ... mentioned ...

The Minister of the place hath usually beene absent 3 (partes) of the yeare and present one att several seasons ...

The Perambulation hath not been yearly observed but with intermission; ...

John PERRIN, Thomas CLEVERLEY and his wife, Simon FFRYE and his wife, Cutbert REAVES and Mary his wife come very seldom to Church ... Cutbert REAVES came into the Church in the time of Divine Service with his hatt on and Kept it on all the time he stayed there; ...

Wee believe that there are several persons above sixteene yeares old that doe not communicate according as is required; there is also an infant of Thomas CLEVERLEYS unbaptized and the children of Simon FFRYE unbaptized as far as wee know.

Wee present that some of the persons within mentioned have beene denounced excommunicate above (tenne years since) and that Hannah ADDAMS the Wife of John ADDAMS --- ever --- to Church or out of her house and that the Wife of Thomas CLEVERLEY hath not beene as yet Churched.

Wm. HAWKINS Rector and Churchwardens:

Simon HATCH

John CLUER

The marke of John X[PIERRE]”.

01 October 1685. M.C.B.

Presentments:-

Same as 18 March 1684 (about the deer) – “ ... this was not soe done before Waltham Parke was made Earable land”.

:- three persons warned to remove “one in mate”, taken into each of their houses by 21 December 1685.

23 March 1685. M.C.B.

Present:- Hill Pound again out of repair and the Lord of the Manor to repair it.

19 September 1687. M.C.B.

Presentments:-

– Hill Pound again out of repair.

– Mentions “ ... land of Nicholas CLEVERLY called Highcrosse”.

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17 September 1688. M.C.B.

Presentment:-

Hill Pound again out of repair.

1689.

Date stone on South wall of Droxford Manor House.

(On the North side is Manor Farm - entrance to Manor House now blocked).

1689. Droxford Church South Aisle

"Iohn KING who was servant to ye honourable Charles MORLEY esquire nine years died ye 24th of Iune 1689 in the 26th year of his age in hope of a ioyful resurrection".

(In floor, close to wall - per E.J.J.'s notes).

(Buried 26 June 1689 - per Parish Register).

31 March 1690. M.C.B.

Presented:

- Mr. Hugh GRANTHAM for incroaching on Horders Wood and building a barn there
- Mislingford Bridge out of repair - Lord of Manor to repair it.

1694. M.C.B.

Presented:

"Brodbridge", Hill Pound and " ... Horders Wood gate at Hill Pound and Shidfield Hill ... " all out of repair.

1695. M.C.B.

Presented:

Swanmore Gate is out of repair.

1st February 1696. Droxford Manor House

(Hants C.R.O. (ref. 154492 5/14).

Leased to SIR CHARLES MORLEY of Droxford, Knight, for the lives of himself, his wife Dame Magdalen and their son Charles.

22 March 1696. M.C.B.

Presented:-

- " ... that all the Gates belonging to Horderswood are out of repair and that the Lord of the Manor is to allow Timber to repair the same which hath been a long time neglected to the great prejudice of the Ten'ts".
- " ... that Peter HAWKSWORTH of Hall Court hath noe right of Comon in Horders Wood for the said ffarme" - pawne of twelve pence for every head of Cattle seen in Horders Wood.

20 September 1697. M.C.B.

"Wee present that Sir Charles MORLEY deceased since the Last Court and that Charles MORLEY his son next heir".

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27 August 1697. - Parish Register.

Buried "Sir Charles MORLEY a Member of Parliament and formerly Mr of Request to King Ch: 2nd and Chancellor of the Diocese of Winton ... An. At. 45".