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To 1701.

THOMAS GOODWIN. Per Parish Burial Register: "Peter NOURSE, D.D., succeeded Thomas GOODWIN in the Rectory of Droxford and was inducted June 4th, 1701".

1700 - 1800. (1).

DROXFORD Church - ceilings and roofs are renewed, the clerestory windows are remodelled, two galleries are built.

1701 - 1722. Rector.

Doctor Peter NOURSE (see under 1722).

Per Parish Register (in 'Burials'): "Peter Nourse D.D. succeeded Thomas GOODWIN in the Rectory of Droxford and was inducted June 4th, 1701".

1704.

07 June: MARY COOPER of Droxford (plaintiff) cites HENRY LEE of Titchfield (defendant) in the Consistory Court in a cause of defamation.

(H.C.R.O., ref. C/1/A-6, No. 3).

1706. M.C.B.

Penalties imposed for digging Clay in Horders Wood.

October 1706. (MIDLINGTON).

By a Lease and Release between ROBERT BARTON of BISHOPS WALTHAM, Gentleman, Eldest Son and Heir of JOHN BARTON, late of Fareham, deceased and EDWARD BARTON, eldest son and heir apparent of said R.B.

AND ELIZABETH PERIN of Old Alresford, Hants, spinster

AND SARAH PERIN of Old Alresford, widow and mother of said E.P., GEORGE NEW of the City of London, Gentleman and CHARLES BARTON of Winchester, Gentleman:

The said R.B. and E.B. "... in Consideration of a Marriage then intended between the said EDWARD BARTON and ELIZABETH PERIN ... " (which later occurred) granted, etc., to the said S.P., G.N. and C.B. all the premises mentioned in the Deed of 1641 (q.v.)

To hold to the said S.P., G.N. and C.B. ...

In trust for the Benefit and Behoof of said ROBERT BARTON during his natural Life and after his death

To the Use of said EDWARD BARTON and ELIZABETH his Wife and after their deaths

To the Use and Behoof of the Right Heirs of said EDWARD BARTON for ever

By the Yearly Rent of 16s. 2d.

(By his last Will ROBERT BARTON bequeathed the Manor of MIDLINGTON to his son EDWARD BARTON - date not given).

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

1708 A.D.

"A particular of my Estate at MIDLINGTON and of the (?bills) - 1708. WILLIAM FFAWCONER of Lavestock in the County of Wilts Esquire long since deced -er---io pascho 38 Elize et Rot(l)o primo, suffered a Recovery of the Manor of Midlington unto Benedict Winchcombe and JOHN WEBB Esquire to the only use of him the said WILLIAM FFAWCONER and his right Heires forever ---- The

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said WILLIAM FFAWCNER standing soe seized thereof in ffee did by Indre dated 21: Martii Sexto Jacobi Regis settle the said Manor (amongst other lands) unto WILLIAM FFAWCNER now: i.e: (1641) of Westbury (his brothers son) and to the Heires males of his body lawfully to be begotten with diverse Remainders over ---- the said WILLIAM FFAWCNER of Westbury standing soe seized thereof did in Quindena past (hre) xii: Car Caroli primi settle the said Manor (amongst other lands) to the use of himself and his right Heires forever in which ffine Katherine his wife did joyn ... And the same Wm. FFAWCNER by his deed dated Secundo Novembris xi: Caroli primi did grant the said Manor unto one JOHN ERAHERNE [probably 'TRAHERNE'] of Greenwich in the County of Kent gent to the intent a ----- Recovery should be had thereof whereupon Tertio Michis xi Caroli primi Retula 46 JOHN PARKER did (amongst other Lands) recover the said Manor which recovery was to the only use of him the said WILLIAM FFAWCNER and his right Heires forever And the same WILLIAM FFAWCNER being soe seized in ffee did in x by his Indre of Ffeoffment dated the 29th of June xvii: Car pr settle some part of the Lands and Tenements of the said Manor on JOHN BARTON of Ffareham Merchant on whose death the same descended unto John Barton Esquire his son on whose death the same descended unto Robert BARTON Gent his son who settled the same the 10th of October 1706 on EDWARD BARTON Gent his son and ELIZABETH the daughter of XTOPHER PERIN Gent on their marriage for the terms of their lives and afterwards to his right Heires.

A pticular of the Estate:

A good dwelling house, two Barnes, a stable, a Carthouse, a ffodder house and the severall Closes of land following (Seeds - Acres) –

– One Close of Arrable Land called GRUBGROUND (RONTEYES)	7
– One called Stony Close	12
– One called gREAT BROOMES	13
– One called DELLCLOSE	10
– One called CHURCHCLOSE	5
– One called WHITLANDS	6
– One called NORTHFEILD	5
– One called HALE LANE	4
– One called HOPGARDEN	4
– One called HIND ADAMS	6
– One called HILLAMORCROFT	9
– One called HOWARDS BARNE	5
– One called HAMS PUDDOCK at the end of it:	1
The two ROWES belonging to them	2
– One in the GREENE LANE	2
– One upon SOUTHDOWNE	4
TOTAL:	95
– One coppice called BROOMES (Coppice is near 12 measured Acres - Gordon Hope measured it) One little purrock.	
Ffree Rents payable halfyearly	£ s d
– Of the Warden of St. Maryes College of Winton in Oxford for three Crofts of Land called HUGH CROFTS now in the possession of JOSEPH MADDISON	0. 9. 0.
– By MR. LEWIS 4s. 6d. and WILLIAM GODWIN 2s. 6d. for two gardens and Three Crofts called OLIVES DOEUNSHAMS and MOWETTS heretofore belong unto EDWARD RUSSELL	0. 7. 0.

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– By Mr. JAMES HAMPTON 5s. for two Closes called BARNECROFTE als
BROOMCLOSE and HOMECLOSE and a little purrocke heretofore belonging
unto HENRY COLLINS 0. 5. 0.
TOTAL: 1. 1. 0.
(See Gordon Hope's Court Roll No. 8. About these Rents).

This Estate has had Comon of pasture time immemorial in the Chace or Horders Wood for a Bull and twelve Kine and twelve hoggs and pannage for the hoggs in the Chace and Haselholt and Comon of pasture for a hundred Sheep and a Ram on Southdowne Poppyhill and all other Comons as usuall, PETER KNIGHT brother to JERMAN KNIGHT, Wm. SMITH, JOHN BUCKLAND and WILLIAM BUCKLAND and some others can prove a quiet Enjoyment of Comon for above ffifty yeares.

This Estate payes to the Bishop of Winton £0: 16s: 2d. a year it should pay but 5s. a year but One THOMAS COLPAS was Reeve a greate many yeares and collected it until he dyed and on his death bed he told me of it.

There is noe relief due to the Bishop of Winton upon Alienation or death nor any Recognition money due upon any Bishop's coming to the Bppricke.

When the Coppice is cut it payes Tyth to the Rector of Droxford in year 1702 or 1703 ... Doctor Nurse - £1: 15s: 0d. for the Tyth".

No signatures.

(Hampshire County Record Office, Winchester, document no. 45M69/50).

06 September 1708. M.C.B.

We present "a forfeit upon Dority STRUGNALL and hur Son Edward STRUGNALL for cooping a Sartain parseele of wild hoges the forfeit is 40 Shillings or to be tackin up by mickelmass".

We present "the Deere going in Horderes Wood and eating up the tennants herbage without having any Rite theare".

JURORS AT THIS COURT:-

John ARTHUR

Edward CLURE Senure

Edward CLEWER Juner

Edward KNIGHT

Richard PROUTING

John DEE

Jerman KNIGHT

Nickolas CLEVERLY

Will COSENS

John HATCH

Johnathan BARRE

PETER GOLDICK

(As signed).

(Some odd spelling at this time).

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1710. M.C.B.

Presented: "Pill Bridge is out of repair".

(Several enclosures and incroachments presented at Courts from this date onwards).

1710. No Date.

WILLIAM GODWIN of Droxford, aged 63 - a deponent in Consistory Court (faculty) cause STEWKLEY v. LACY.

(H.C.R.O., ref. C/10/A, No. 741).

1714. M.C.B.

2 We present RICHARD WATTS of SUBBERTON" for incroaching on the river at MISLINGFORD " ... by inclosing part of the said river and also making a Bay across the said river ... " (to be removed).

19th August 1715. Droxford Manor House.

(Hants CRO. (ref. 154492 7/14).

Leased to Charles MORLEY for the lives of Magdalen MORLEY (his mother), widow; himself; and Henry POWLETT, second son of Norton POWLETT of Rotherfield, Esquire, aged 8.

1716.

Gallery erected at West end of DROXFORD CHURCH (faculty obtained).

("Memarabilia").

01 April 1717. M.C.B.

"We present ye gate and stile belonging to ye Church Lane Adjinning to ye down out of Repaire and to be Repaired by Doctor NURSE, Capt. MINGS, Mr. BARTTON, Mrs. P(ECK), Peter BINSTED, Elisabeth KNIGHT, Sarah KNIGHT, John WITCOMB ... " by 01 September next - a pawn of 40 shillings if not done by then.

1718.

04 July: PETER NOURSE, rector of DROXFORD, cites SIMON HATCH of DROXFORD in the Consistory Court in a cause of tithe.

(HCRO ref. C/1/A-6, No. 95).

1722. M.C.B.

Presented:

- "Ho gate" out of repair.
- Likewise " ... ye gate at barryes".
- Richard SUEATT to be Howard

14 April 1722 - Death of Rector.

Peter NOURSE, buried beneath the altar of Droxford Church. Rector 1701 – 1722. Also Prebendary of Winchester and Chaplain in Ordinary to Queen Anne. His grave stone was moved from the altar to the belfry floor when the sanctuary was tile-floored (between 1868 and 1886). Inscription now

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(1934) badly worn by the feet of the bell-ringers but reads:-

H.S.E.

P.NOURSE

S.T.P.

Hujus Ecclesiae Rector

Obijit April 14

1722 Aetatis suae 59.

There is a wall tablet to his widow and one to his two daughters, Mary MYNGS and Elizabeth NOURSE, on the North wall behind the organ.

("Memorabilia").

1722.

On the instigation of Charles TRIMNEL (Bishop of Winchester 1721-1723) an Act of Parliament is passed making it " ... a felony without benefit of clergy to appear armed, disguised or with blackened faces in a warren, chase, forest or deer park and being so disguised either to kill deer, rob a warren or steal fish".

This Act arose from the activities of a gang of deer stealers in WALTHAM CHASE who terrorised that district before this date. Gilbert White (of Selborne) wrote that for a time no young man was thought to possess either manhood or gallantry unless he was a "Hunter" as the "Waltham Blacks" called themselves.

"During the coaching days WALTHAM CHASE was always looked upon with dread and suspicion and right glad were travellers to reach the hospitable refuge of The Crown or The King's Head at (Bishop's) Waltham".

About 20 years later, when urged to restock WALTHAM CHASE with deer, Bishop HOADLEY refused, saying "It had done mischief enough already".

(Frank H. Sargeant, 1961: "The Story of Bishop's Waltham Ancient and Modern").

1722 – 1746. Rector

Doctor Lewis STEPHENS. He was a man of some large private means and a cultured man of literary tastes, Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester. His grave, unidentified, is in the Churchyard. His monument is a large circular tablet let into the wall of the South chapel. ... It is possible that he built the Old Rectory (early Georgian in style). At its South corner there used to stand an old 'Brew House'. He bequeathed a chest of old books to the Parish, a number of works against popery, and an extract of his Will in the Parish Register bequeaths the books " ... to the Parish Church of Droxford to remain there for ever in a press made at my expense for that purpose to and for the use of the Curate of Droxford whenever the Rector of the Parish aforesaid does not reside in person. The press is to be kept in one of the "side isles" of the Church. (See next under Rev. Dr. CUTLER).

Dr. STEPHENS also bequeathed a piece of land called "Longmead" to the Rectory Glebe - "It is the narrow meadow between the River Meon and the ditch popularly called the "dead river" which rises in the middle of the field called "Town Meadow" and joins the River at the end of the Rectory property. "Longmead" is a useless piece of ground. It was bequested - subject to the lifetime of Mrs. Philadelphia STEPHENS to whom a rent of 30 shillings was to be paid - to his successors in the living for a term of 500 years. It was copy-hold land, held from the Lord of the Manor ("Memorabilia").

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1723.

JOHN SHERGOLD, Curate of Droxford, Clerk, age 33 - a deponent in Consistory Court (disciplinary) cause HENRY BARLOW of Hambledon v. JOHN COLLINS of same.
(H.C.R.O. ref. C/10/A, No. 52).

JOHN SHARRYER, bricklayer, of Droxford, age 37 - a deponent in Consistory Court (disciplinary) cause HENRY BARLOW, JOHN BINSTED and JOHN BUTLER (all of Hambledon) v. JOHN COLLINS and WILLIAM TREMEARNE (both of Hambledon).
(H.C.R.O. ref. C/10/A, No. 53).

06 March 1724. M.C.B.

Fine of 40 shillings imposed for the cutting of bushes on Sherill Heath without right.

28 September 1724. M.C.B.

Robert PROWTING and William NEWLAND appointed Howards.

14 March 1725. M.C.B.

- HILL POUND again out of repair - Lord to repair it by 10 May next on pain of £5 penalty if he does not.
- "The death of CRISTOPHER MINGS Esquire ... one of the Custumary tenants of this Mannor". (His widow is MARGRETT MINGS).

1726/1727. M.C.B.

Much Manor property out of repair.

30 September 1728. M.C.B.

"We present PHILLIP FISHER a forfeiter of twenty shillings for cutting of turf on SHORILES according to a presentment made in ye yeare 1723 and also we Do Duple ye penalty one any that shall Do ye same for ye futer".

Circa 1730 - "DROXFORD FEARME".

(H.C.R.O. ref. 58M71/E/B53).

"A very Good house, 4 roomes of a floor, a barne, a stable, a fodder-house and two or three little outhouses, upon 7 Coppys held of the Bpp. Of WINCHESTER, quit rent 29s., upon every alienation 30s. for a fine, 3 live Herriotts and 4 herriotts at 1s. each, 4.5 bushels of wheat yearly.

A Particular of the Copyhold Estate of SIMON HATCH.

The house, garden, orchard and Purrock		£9. 0. 0. p.a.
HIGHRAYLES	10 acres @ 6s. an acre	£3. 0. 0. p.a.
MILLBARTONS	2 acres @ 10s. an acre	£1. 0. 0. p.a.
GROVE	10 acres @ 10s. an acre	£5. 0. 0. p.a.
THE DOWNE	55 acres @ 4s. an acre	£11. 0.0. p.a.
STONY DEAN	3 acres @ 6s. 8d. an acre	£1. 0. 0. p.a.
HASELHOLT	4 acres @ 5s. an acre	£1. 0. 0. p.a.
TWENTY ACRES	20 acres @ 7s. an acre	£7. 0. 0. p.a.
NEW CLOSE	10 acres @ 10s. an acre	£5. 0. 0. p.a.
UPPER STANBURY	9 acres @ 10s. an acre	£3. 0. 0. p.a.
LOWER STANBURY	10 acres @ 8s. an acre	£4. 0. 0. p.a.

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BACON LINCHE	10 acres @ 8s. an acre	£4. 0. 0. p.a.
PULHACRES	5 acres @ 8s. an acre	£2. 0. 0. p.a.
SHILLS	2 acres @ 10s. an acre	£1. 0. 0. p.a.
BOTTOM ACRE	3 acres @ 10s. an acre	£1. 10. 0. p.a.
TOWNESEND CLOSE	7 acres @ 10s. an acre	£3. 10. 0. p.a.
NORTHERLONG ARABLE	5 acres @ 12s. an acre	£3. 0. 0. p.a.
NORTHERLONG MEADOW	6 acres @ £2 an acre	£12. 0. 0. p.a.
A MEADOW AT BROCKBRIDGE		£1. 0. 0. p.a.
A MEADOW NEAR THE MILLPOND	1 acre @ £4 an acre	£4. 0. 0. p.a.
THE TOWNE MEADOW	1 acre @ £1 an acre	£1. 0. 0. p.a.
TOTAL:		£83. 0. 0.

And at 20 yeares Purchase is £1,660. 0. 0.”

[See also 1751 for SIMON HATCH’s Will].

26 February 1732. M.C.B.

“We present No brick burners is to cut No bushes to burn in ye Kill in Horders Wood ye Penalty is twenty Shillings”.

27 March 1732. M.C.B.

“We present all Brick Burners under the penalty of to pound and ten shilling to Digg or Convey any part of the Soile out of Horders Wood with out the consent of the Lord and Tennants after mickie muss cort next and the moneys to be applied to the yuse of the Tennants as well as the Lord”.

10 January 1733.

EDWARD KNIGHT cites WILLIAM KNIGHT of Owslebury in the Consistory Court re. the Will of JOHN KNIGHT of Droxford.

(H.C.R.O. ref. C/1/A-4©, No. 26).

14 January 1733.

JANE WELSTED of Droxford and SARAH HOCKLEY of Droxford each cite JOHN HOBBS of South Stoneham in the Consistory Court in a cause of defamation.

(H.C.R.O. refs. C/1/A-4(c), Nos. 23 and 24).

24 August 1736 - Droxford Manor House

(Hants CRO (ref. 154492 9/14).

Leased to Charles MORLEY of Droxford, Esquire for the lives of his widowed mother Dame Magdalen Morley, of himself and of his son Henry MORLEY.

28 July 1737 - Droxford Manor House

(HCRO ref. 154492 10/14).

Leased to CHARLES MORLEY of DROXFORD, Esquire. For lives of himself, his son CHARLES M. and his daughter MAGDALEN M.

07 October 1740.

(HCRO ref. C/1/A-7, No. 128. See also C/1/A-7, No. 137 and C/4/A-1(b), No. 87).

PETER GOLDICK, parish clerk of DROXFORD, cites JOHN REEVES and WILLIAM STEETAPLE, both of DROXFORD, in the Consistory Court for payment of his fees.

September 1741.

“A Survey of the Several Mannors of SOBERTON, EAST HOE and FAULKNERS PLECK ... Late in the possession of THOMAS LEWIS, Esquire, Deceased Lord of the said Mannors ... Taken in September 1741” (by 2 Surveyors).

(N.B. Original lists all FIELD names and areas).

MANOR OF SOBERTON

a “A capital Messuage or Manor House, large and very convenient for a Numerous Family, and all the Offices, Stableing and Coach Houses, etc., very Good with large Gardens ...”.

b THE HOME FARM (Tenant JOHN LACY) (“E = “Enclosed”).

Two Barns, Two Stables, a Granary, etc.	83 acres arable “E”	£37: 7: 0
	16.5 acres watermead “E”	£33: 0: 0
	27 acres dry mead “E”	£40: 10: 0

c BROOM FARM (WIDOW ARNOLD)

A good Farm House, Garden, Backside, 3 Barns, Stables, etc.	445 acres arable “E”	£122: 7: 6
	1 acre pasture	£0: 15: 0
	5 acres meadow	£8: 15: 0
	“Depasturing for sheep On Broad Down”	£10: 0: 0

d INGLEFIELD FARM (CHRISTOPHER REEKS).

A good Farm House, Orchard, Garden, Backside, 3 Barns, a Stable, etc.	186 acres arable “E”	£83: 14: 0
	3 acres meadow	£3: 0: 0
	Sheep (ditto c)	£2: 0: 0

e LONGSPEERE FARM (EDWARD ANSELL).

A good Farm House, Garden, Backside, 2 Barns, a Stable, Carthouse, etc	150 acres arable “E”	£67: 10: 0
	3.5 acres meadow	£5: 5: 0
	Sheep (as c)	£3: 0: 0

f (JOHN PAFFORD).

A good Dwelling House, Garden, Brick-Kiln and “Two fforest Plotts	2 acres of land “E”	£9: 0: 0
	(4 acres meadow “E”)	£4: 0: 0

g BUSHEY DOWN FARM (SIMON HATCH).

A good Farm House, Orchard, Garden, Backside, 2 Barns, a Stable	250 acres arable	£75: 0: 0
	Sheep (as c)	£5: 0: 0

h LITTLE BEER FARM (WILLIAM FLEET).

A good Farm House, Orchard, Garden, Backside, Barn, Stable, Cow House, etc.	120 acres arable “E”	£45: 0: 0
	18 acres pasture “E”	£13: 10: 0
	24 acres meadow	£48: 0: 0

Commonage for Horse and Beast in forest of East Beer		£5: 0: 0
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i LAWRENCE GARDEN MEAD (JAMES STAIRS).

7 acres meadow “E”	£10: 10: 0
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j SOBERTON MILL (JOHN MAY).

A good Dwelling House, Garden, Stable, etc. A Water Grist Mill with Three pair of Stones Lately Built and in Good repair, worth p.a.		£30: 0: 0
Lower and Upper ffulling mead plots	2.5 acres meadow	£2: 10: 0
Coppices in hand (all listed by name)	118.3.19 acres	£35: 13: 3

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MANOR OF EAST HOE.

a HOE CROSS FARM (CHARLES ENTINGNAP).

A good Farm House, Garden, Backside, 2 Barns, Cart House, Stables, etc.	166 acres arable "E"	£58: 2: 0
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b HOE CROFT (WIDOW ARNOLD).

3 acres arable "E"	£0: 18: 0
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c HOE GATE FARM (JAMES STAIRS).

A good Farm House, Orchard, Garden, Backside, 2 Barns, Stables, Cart Houses, etc.	174 acres arable "E"	£78: 6: 0
	Common of pasture for Horse and beast in forest of East Beer	£10: 0: 0

d HOE FARM (THOMAS KNIGHT).

The Mansion House, Garden, Backside, ffive Barns, Two Stables, Granary House, Pigeon House, Cart House, etc.	560 acres arable "E"	£210: 0: 0
	12 acres coppice "E"	£3: 12: 0

MANOR OF FAULKNERS PLECK.

a (HENRY HALL).

A good Dwelling House, Orchard, Garden,
Barn, Stables, Backside, etc.

Six Little Closes	16 acres arable "E"	£10: 0: 0
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b HOLYWELL FARM (Freehold, JOHN KNIGHT).

Barn and Backside.	69.5 acres arable "E"	£34: 15: 0
	6 acres meadow "E"	£7: 10: 0
	36.5 acres coppices	£10: 19: 0

c St.CLARES FARM ... Held by a Freehold Lease under the Bishop of Winchester for Lives (JOHN KNIGHT for part).

(Part let with HOME FARM, SOBERTON).

A good ffarme House, Garden, Backside, Orchard, Four Barns, Two Stables, Cart House, Pigeon House, etc.

Ridge Close	19 acres
Rushey West Lands	12 acres
West Lands	40 acres
Hamson Croft	15 acres
Brooms	8 acres
Bushey Croft	4 acres
Little Noare	4 acres
Maid Lands	10 acres
Hunthedge Ffield	24 acres
ffulling Mill ffield	20 acres
South ffield	20 acres
Home ffield	33 acres
Marriage ffield	10 acres
Ragg Knowle	30 acres
Adams Croft	7.5 acres
West ffield	34 acres

TOTAL: 290.5 acres arable "E" @ 8 shillings = £116: 0: 0

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Goore Mead	2 acres	
Hunthedge Mead	4.5 acres	
Lower ffulling Mill Mead	1 acre	
Upper ffulling Mill Mead	1 acre	
The Coneygray Mead	3 acres	
In Bull Mead a Comon Piece with the	2 acres	
Other Tenants		
Mill Meade	2 acres	
TOTAL: 15.5 acres meadow (E) @ £1: 10: 0 =	£23: 5: 0	
Comon of Pasture in Waltham Chace for Horses and Beast		£10: 0: 0
ffeedings in the Woods and Cutting the Underwood (not mentioned in his Lease		£25: 0: 0
which he claims)		

St. Clare's Downfield	26 acres
Parsons Land	14 acres
Two Clap-Gate ffields	33 acres
Middle Field	34 acres
TOTAL: 107 acres arable (E) at 8 shillings =	£42: 16: 0

DROXFORD MILL (THOMAS BIGGS) (included under ST. CLARES FARM)

A Good Dwelling House, Garden, Backside, Stables,
A Water Grist Mill with 3 pairs of Stones, worth p.a. £20: 0: 0.
TOTAL for ST. CLARES FARM = £237: 1: 0.

(Later in Survey).

"Quit Rents paid out of ST. CLARES FARM to the Bishop of Winchester	£10: 3: 0
Do. to the Bishop's Reeve	£1:19: 4.5
Do. 5 Gallons of Wheat in Kind and 2 Quarters of Oats in Kind."	

d COCKS STREET ... A Little Estate Copyhold of Inheritance held under the Bishop of Winchester (JOHN KNIGHT).

One Messuage, Barn, Orchard, Backside, etc.		
Hopp Ground	half an acre	£1: 0: 0
Cleverleys Ground	11 acres arable (E)	£5: 10: 0

NOTES FROM SURVEY.

- Surveyors recommend increasing rents by about 50% and say " ... we may venture to say 'tis One of the Best Conditioned Estates in England ... "
- SOBERTON MANOR also contains some 3 houses and 23 cottages (some with yards).
- EAST HOE MANOR also contains 10 cottages, a mill and a smith's shop and cottage.
- FAULKNERS PLECK MANOR owns " ... a Purlieu of about 50 Acres in the fforest of East Beer and a Right of Comon without Stint AND a Right of a ffee Buck and ffee Doe yearly".

Rector, 1746 - 1782.

Doctor James CUTLER. (Also Rector of Bishops Waltham).

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Wife CATHARINE (daughter of John NEWAY, S.T.P., Dean of Chichester) died 12 December 1770, aged 50, and is buried with him in the South aisle of the Church (black stones). He died 15 March 1782, aged 65. He endowed a Charity (see board in Church belfry).

On account of the damp Dr. CUTLER tried to move his predecessor's bequest of old books from the Church to the Rectory, but the lawyers of his day were of the opinion that the strict letter of the Will must be adhered to. He therefore notes in the Parish Register: "The lawyers are of opinion that the press and books could not be removed into the Parsonage House, so that they will be in great danger of being damaged by the damp. Let not therefore such inconvenience be imputed to the negligence of the succeeding Rector, who differed in opinion and would have taken greater care of them".

(However, some later person did remove them to the Old Rectory dining-room where they lay in a chest until 1930 at least).

("Memorabilia").

28 September 1741. M.C.B.

Presented: "John ERWAKER for Burning Charcoll in Horders Wood which is a prejiduce to the Tennants herbage". (A £5 penalty imposed on further Presentment of 28 March 1742).

31 August 1742.

ANN SILVER of DROXFORD cites JAMES DAW of same in Consistory Court for defamation.

(HCRO. Ref. C/1/A-8, No. 30).

13 April 1747. M.C.B.

Death presented of LEWIS STEPHENS, Rector of Droxford.

1752 (MIDLINGTON).

(See A.D. 1706).

His wife ELIZABETH having died earlier, EDWARD BARTON now dies leaving two surviving sons: EDWARD BARTON and PERIN BARTON.

The Manor of MIDLINGTON apparently descends to EDWARD BARTON (Junior).

(See A.D. 1756).

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

30 November 1752 - Droxford Manor House

(Hants CRO (ref. 154492 11/14).

Leased to Elizabeth MORLEY, widow, for the lives of William BENNET of Fareham, Esquire, of Henry MORLEY and of Magdalen MORLEY.

11 September 1754. M.C.B.

Court Baron Book noted:-

"John TITTLE Howard for Horders Wood impounded Six Cows the property of Farmer PAY at Steeple Court.

13 September 1754. Farmer PAY paid the Howard six shillings and took his Cows out of ye pound likewise out of the Forrest".

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1756 (MIDLINGTON).

(See A.D. 1752).

EDWARD BARTON, Eldest Son and Heir of EDWARD BARTON deceased (1752), dies intestate and unmarried and the Manor of MIDLINGTON descends to PERIN BARTON as his only Brother and Heir (see 1764).

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

12 April 1756. M.C.B.

Presented: Thomas BIGGS for “ ... oppressing the Comon of South Down and Poppy Hill ... ” - fine of 40 shillings.

03 October 1757.

“We present a Pound Breach by JOHN SHARYER”.

(He was fined £5 for a repeat of this offence in 1763).

03 April 1758. M.C.B.

“We present THOMAS BIGGS for putting Sheep to pasture upon South Down and Poppy Hill, not having a right”.

16 March 1761.

(Abstract of Title - COT STREET - H.C.R.O. ref. 45M/69/92).

On this date BETTY, wife of JAMES BRIXEY (lately BETTY CLEVERLEY, spinster, youngest sister and heir of MARY CLEVERLEY, spinster, deceased), was admitted at the Manor Court to:-

a One messuage and half a yard of Bondland in the Tithing of Hill, viz. 2 closes called BROADCROFT, with another close called NORE, and 1 other close called LITTLE CLOSE, and 1 close called THE YONDER CLOSE. (Fine - 10s.).

b 1 close of land (estimated 3 acres) called PINCROFTS, parcel of one messuage and one farthing of Bondland in the Tithing of Hill. (Fine - 2s.).

[Admission given on JAMES BRIXEY paying half the above fines - i.e. 6s. - as is the custom of the Manor].

1761. (1).

At DROXFORD MANOR Court Baron this year it is stated that “ ... all lands that did heretofore belong to the Manor of Droxford have no right of common” (i.e. grazing) “in Waltham Chase”.

10 March 1761.

NICHOLAS PURDUE SMITH cites ELIZABETH IRELAND of Droxford in the Consistory Court re. the Will of GEORGE IRELAND of Droxford.

(H.C.R.O. ref. C/1/A-5(g), No. 6).

28 March 1763. M.C.B. (full copy).

“DROXFORD MANOR. The Presentments of the Homage of the Court Barron holden the 28th Day of March 1763.

– We present the Timber growing in Horders Wood to belong to the Lord of the Manor and the Bushes Herbage Pannages and all underwoods to belong to the Tenants of the said Manor according to the Custom of the said Manor.

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- We present the Timber growing upon our Copyhold Estates to be part of our Inheritance according to the Custom of the said Manor.
- We present no Person shall put more Cattle into Horders Wood nor Comon Meadows than they can Couch upon their Comonable Bond Lands.
- We present the Manor of Midlington to have no right of Common upon South Down Poppy Hill and Horders Wood.
- We present Hall Court Farm to have no right of Common in Horders Wood.
- We present Steeple Court Farm to have no right of Common in Horders Wood.
- We present all Lands that did heretofore belong to the Manor of Midlington to have no right of Common in Horders Wood.
- We present Hollowes "(i.e. Holywell, 02 October 1759) "Land to have no right of Common in Horders Wood.
- We present Purpesture Land to have no right of Common in Horders Wood.
- We present Steers Asses Sheep and Goats are not commonable Cattle in Horders Wood.
- We present Leasehold Estates to have no right of Common in Horders Wood, or elsewhere within this Manor.
- We present no Person shall put any Horse, Mare, etc., into Horders Wood Infested with Scabb or Mange upon pain to forfeit Ten Shillings.
- We present no Person shall Cutt Bushes and underwood in Horders Wood not having a right of Common upon pain to forfeit Five Pound per Load.
- We present no Person shall take up Stool Moars in Horders Wood except being hired by a proper Tenant and for use of a proper Tenant.
- We present the Cows going in our Lands without a Driver and the owner thereof to pay One Shilling per Head.
- We present the Hoggs going in our lands and Commons unringed and the owners thereof to pay One Shilling per Head.
- We present the Tenants of ye Manor of Bishops Waltham have no right to cut Bushes and Under Stuff in or upon the Manor of Droxford.
- We present no Tenant shall Cut Bushes in Horders Wood to make a Property thereof, only to make and mend their Hedges and Fences to their finable Bond Land Tenements belonging.
- We present the Earle of Portsmouths Tenants Phillip PAFORD and Tho: KNIGHT have made an incroachment upon ye Lords Waste and annex it to Kings Meade and if not laid open by the next Court to forfeit forty Pounds.
- We present John SMITH Benj. DENNETT and John MILLS for Cutting and faggoting Bushes and under Stuff in Horders Wood contrary to the Custom of the Manor and to forfeit Ten Pounds for so doing.

(?P). WOODS

John RYVES

John STRUGNELL

Edward BUDD

John HOLLAND

William KNIGHT

Richard PROUTING

John EDWARDS

William NEWLYN

John KNIGHT

Richd. BARHAM

John COSSENS"

19 May 1763. - Vestry Minutes.

Resolved: To make a list of all poor children aged 8 to 15 to be put out as apprentices and also of all farms in the Parish as are more than half a Ploughland in occupation and consequently chargeable.

Present - Mr. CUTLER (Rector), Henry MORLEY, N.P. SMITH (Overseer for Droxford), James LEEKBLADE, Thomas BIGGS, John RYVES, John SHAYER, Edwd. STONE, John LOCKEY, Willm. MESSAM, John COOPER, George GROVE (ChurchWarden of Droxford and Overseer of Hill), John COSSENS, Willm. KNIGHT, John KNIGHT, George PAY.

02 June 1763. - DROXFORD PARISH Vestry Minutes.

"Mem. A New Common Prayer Book is this day received and allow'd for the use of the Rector: The Clerk to use the old one".

Resolved: To put out the following children as apprentices-

WIDOW SHAYER's son, aged 8, to JOHN MILLS at Hill pound.

MICHAEL DREDGE, aged 8, to JOSEPH JAMES, Butcher (for Mr. BARTON's land).

JANE SUATT, aged 8, to Mrs DASH at Shidfield (for Mr. MISSING's land).

ANN CARDY (otherwise MAYBEE), aged 9, to Farmer PAY at Hill (for Mr. KNIGHT's land).

WILLM. HOWARD, aged about 8, to JOHN [CLACE/CLARE], Thatcher, of Meonstoke (for 7 years on payment of £3).

Eldest of STEPHEN WILLIS's children, aged 8, to Farmer GILBERT at Midlington.

Youngest daughter of STEPHEN WILLIS, aged ? , to Wm. NEWLYN (for CARTER's land) and to JESSE HELLIER (for KNIGHT's land) jointly.

Resolved: "... that all non-certificated sojourners in ye several Tythings of this parish be warn'd to attend the next Parish meeting with proper Certificates ...".

16 June 1763. - Vestry Minutes.

Resolved: That STEPHEN WILLIS's youngest child ELIZABETH be apprenticed to JOHN RYVES JUNIOR instead of to Messrs. Newlyn and Hellier as John Ryves has had no Apprentices "for near fifty years".

"That SARAH WILLIS be first cloath'd and then plac'd immediately to Farmer GEORGE GILBERT of Midlington".

"That a New Parish – Cloth, for Funerals, be provided by the Church Wardens".

NOTE: At this point there is a note that the Minutes thus far have been copied from "the old small Quarto Parish-Memorandum Book".

03 July 1763. - Vestry Minutes.

Memoranda: Certificate received from the Parish Officers of Houghton, Hampshire, accepting JOHN CLARK and his family, now in Droxford, as legally settled at Houghton. Witnessed by two Justices, Mr. HUGH NORRIS of Rumsey and Mr. MATTHEW IMBER of Winchester, and placed in the Parish Chest.

Certificate received from the Parish Officers of Exton, Hants, accepting RICHARD STRUGNEL and his family as legally settled at Exton. Witnessed by Sir Wm. GARDINER and Mr. RICHARD BARGUS, both of Fareham, and placed in the Parish Chest.

02 October 1763. - Vestry Minutes.

Memoranda: Certificates re. JOHN NEWMAN (of Bishops Waltham), GEORGE EPP and family (of Fareleigh) and EDWARD HOBBS and family (of Soberton).

Originals "in the Parish Chest".

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03 November 1763. - Vestry Minutes.

Resolved: To apprentice out-

RICHD. FISH - aged about 12 - to Mr. SMITH.

BENJN. FISH - aged about 9 - to JOHN MILLS at Hill Pound, "the Widow SHARYER not being willing that her son should go to John Mills at Hill Pound".

ELIZ. LITTLEFEILD - aged about 12 - to Farmer RYVES (as tenant of Farmer PROWTING).

WILLM. LITTLEFEILD - aged about 10 - to BENJN. DENNETT (tenant of Mr. CLEWER's land at Shidfield).

1764 (MIDLINGTON).

(See A.D. 1756).

PERIN BARTON dies and by his Will dated 23 April 1763 leaves the Manor of MIDLINGTON "to the two Daughters of my late Cousin CHARLES BARTON deceased ... chargeable nevertheless with the sum of £100 which I give ... thereout to their Brother, but the Names of the said Daughters of my said late Cousin or of their Brother I do not at present know".

(See A.D. 1765).

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

24 April 1764 (Easter Tuesday) - Vestry Minutes.

Parish Officers chosen:

Overseers:-

Mr. JOHN KNIGHT of St. Clairs. (Droxford).

Mr. JAMES LEEKBLADE. (Swanmore and Hill).

Mr. EDWARD SMITH. (Shidfield).

ChurchWardens:-

Mr. N. P. SMITH. (Droxford).

Mr. GEORGE GROVES. (Hill).

Mr. JOHN WOODS. (Swanmore).

Mr. JOHN COSENS. (Shidfield).

Agreed: To pay JOHN HOLLAND £2-2-0 annually as Vestry Clerk.

Accounts: Overseers' and ChurchWardens' Accounts balanced and £9-6-0 paid over to the new Overseers. On the ChurchWardens' Accounts there is £5-17-3 to be repaid to GEORGE GROVES out of the Church Rate. The next Easter Vestry for settling the Parish Accounts is to be held "immediately after Morning Service".

Rates: Vestry called for 28 May 1764 to deal with objections to poor rate by some inhabitants (who allege others liable are not charged).

28 May 1764 - Vestry Minutes.

Resolved: To confirm the old Poor Rate as " ... the Persons who thought themselves over-rated in Proportion to others did not chuse to attend ... ".

16 April 1764. M.C.B.

"We present the Death of Margaret MYNGS and Christopher MYNGS " ... the heir we know not".

01 October 1764. M.C.B.

"We present the Death of Margt. MYNGS and that she in her widowhood purchased two Copyholds within this Manr. Of Wm. MADDISON and Frances BIGGS Spinster respectively and died seized in fee

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thereof and that Christopher MYNGS was her son and heir who survd. His Mother only a few days and then died and that Sr. John OGLANDER Bart. Is next heir ... that is to say Nephew of the sd. Margt. MYNGS and Cousin German of the sd. Christopher MYNGS”.

(NOTE: From this time onward there begins to be much incroaching on Sherril Heath and Horders Wood).

19 July 1764 - DROXFORD PARISH VESTRY MINUTES.

Resolved: To place out the following children:-

Hannah HOWARD - to Mr. CUTLER (Rector).

Elizabeth WILLIS - to Farmer LEEKBLADE for William HORNER's Land at Swanmore.

Henry DREDGE - to Farmer DENNETT of Shidfield for Mr. CLEWER's Lands.

“Jane SUATT's second girl” - to ???.

1765 (MIDLINGTON).

(See A.D. 1764).

By a Decree in the High Court of Chancery the Manor of MIDLINGTON passes to MARY FUTCHER (wife of THOMAS FUTCHER) and SARAH BARTON (spinster), the 2 daughters of the late CHARLES BARTON, cousin of the late PERIN BARTON (see A.D. 1767, 18 & 19 Dec.).

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

09 April 1765 (Easter Tuesday) - VESTRY MINUTES.

- The Parish Officers' Accounts are dealt with.

- Resolved: That “a new Pulpit and Reading Desk (shall be) erected in the Church at the expense of the Parish”.

25 April 1765 - VESTRY MINUTES.

Poor Rate fixed at 6d. in the £.

25 July 1765 - VESTRY MINUTES.

Children placed out are:-

Sarah HART - to Mr. MORLEY for Droxford Farm.

Mary THOMAS - to Farmer STONE at Hill for Cleverly's Lands. (Tudor Cottage in Dod(well) Lane is 'Stones' on the 1841 tithe map).

----- WILLIS - to John PAIN for Row ashes at Shidfield.

18 and 23 October 1765 - VESTRY MINUTES.

Settlement Certificate to Alverstoke, Hants, re. Wm. And Elizabeth COALES and family (18 October 1765).

Ditto. From Corhampton, Hants, re. Wm. WEBB and family (23 October 1765).

(Many other such Certificates follow).

Note: That £68 principal of John DEE's money is in the Rector's hands and he is to pay £2-14-0 interest to the Poor of Droxford on each St. Thomas' Day.

30 September 1765. M.C.B.

Presented: The Stocks at Droxford and the Pound there are out of repair and the Lord of the Manor should repair both.

31 October 1766.

Deposition of THOMAS HOBBS of SOBERTON, carpenter, aged 60, in Consistory Court cause ELIZABETH GOODIFF, wife of MOSES GOODIFF v. THOMAS MAYHEW for Defamation. He states that:- About 05 April last he went to GOODIFF's dwelling-house on business. This done they went to the "White Horse" at Droxford, just opened by JOHN COLE, the new Landlord, to drink a pint of beer with him. As soon as they came into the kitchen THOMAS MAYHEW addressed GOODIFF and began calling ELIZABETH GOODIFF "Whore" and abusing her in a gross manner, intimating "that she ... had committed the Sin of Adultery or Fornication with the said THOMAS MAYHEW" and another. These words were spoken between 4p.m. and 6p.m. on that day. JOHN SHAWYER of Droxford, bricklayer, and one other person (not known to HOBBS) were also there. MAYHEW was so abusive that his company stopped drinking with him. HOBBS knows of no past or present indebtedness of the GOODIFF's to MAYHEW. He believes E.G.'s good name and reputation have been harmed amongst her neighbours. She was never esteemed quarrelsome or litigious by them. HOBBS has no particular friendship with the GOODIFF's "other than every good Neighbour ought to have for another". He has not been promised any reward by them for his testimony, nor is he in debt to them, nor is he interested in this matter, other than in the cause of justice.

07 November 1766.

Deposition of JOHN SHAWYER of Droxford, bricklayer, aged about 45 in C.C. cause GOODIFF v. MAYHEW. He states that:-

About 05 April last he was drinking a glass of beer with THOMAS MAYHEW at the "White Horse", Droxford (landlord JOHN COLE). MOSES GOODIFF and THOMAS HOBBS came in to drink a glass of beer. Whilst GOODIFF and MAYHEW were drinking "a conversation passed between them and they abused each other very much (but I) did not hear (MAYHEW) call ELIZABETH GOODIFF Whore or say that he or HARRY BARBER had laid with her (but I) was then a good deal in Liquor and right forget what passed ... ". The quarrel happened in the kitchen during the afternoon - exact time not known. "The quarrel arose about the Stranger's refusing to pay his reckoning and upon MAYHEW's falling upon the Stranger ... MOSES GOODIFF interposed and took the Stranger's part (and I have) heard that MOSES GOODIFF owed THOMAS MAYHEW some money (at that time) but that He paid him the Monday following".

(H.C.R.O. ref. C/10/A, No. 357).

04 December 1766 - VESTRY MINUTES

Show the plan below of the Gallery Pews at the West End of the Church, erected by the owners shown below "at their joint expense":-

Christopher MYNGS Esquire
(No. 1)

Mr. James HARMAN
(No. 2)

John ADAMS
William BINSTEAD
(No. 3)

Christopher MYNGS Esquire
Mr. James HARMAN
(No. 6)

John ADAMS
William BINSTEAD
(No. 4)

Christopher MYNGS Esquire
(No. 7)

Mr. James HARMAN
(No. 5)

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14 December 1766 - VESTRY MINUTES

"The new Cushion of Crimson Velvet, together with a Crimson Cloth, laced and fringed, for the Pulpit and Reading Desk (Pr. £7:19:1.5) are the Gift of the Rector (The Revd Mr. Cutler) as a proof of his readiness to promote a decent provision for the Publick Worship; and a small token of his respect for a Parish with whom He hath been so many years connected".

20 April 1767 (Easter Tuesday) - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: to buy "a new Surplice for the Use of the Minister and such a one as the Rector shall think most proper and also a Book of the Church offices".

Churchwardens appointed:

Mr. Thomas SHEPHERD (Droxford)

John SALKIELD (Hill)

John SHARYER (Swanmore)

Edward DASH (Shidfield)

Sundry Certificates noted (re. settlement).

[*]

11 May 1768 - VESTRY MINUTES

Details of Children put out.

Details of Poor Rate.

13 April 1767. M.C.B.

Presented: The Stocks at Droxford and the Pound there are out of repair and the Lord of the Manor should repair both.

18 and 19 December 1767 (MIDLINGTON).

Lease and Release between THOMAS FUTCHER of TWYFORD, Hants, and MARY his wife (late MARY BARTON, spinster)

AND WILLIAM PISTELL of St. John's parish, WINCHESTER, and SARAH his wife (late SARAH BARTON, spinster and infant)

AND HENRY WHITEAR of NEW ALRESFORD, Hants

AND ROBERT BOYES of NEW ALRESFORD, Hants

MENTIONS EDWARD BARTON THE ELDER, late of NEW ALRESFORD, and ELIZABETH his wife, both deceased [see October 1706]

AND ALSO: All that Messuage or Tenement called COURT GARDEN,

Two Crofts called DENSHAMS,

One Croft called THE PARK,

Two Crofts in the NORTH FIELD,

Two Acres lying against CHURCH LANE END,

Two Acres called HILLMORE CROFT,

One Acre and a Half called OAKLAND,

Half an Acre lying against COOMB WAY,

Seven Acres in NORTHFIELD,

Four Acres in HILLMORE CROFT,

One Acre and a Half in SOUTH FIELD,

Two Acres in the SOUTH DOWN under HAYCROFT HEDGE,

A Croft, formerly a Rowlease Tenement called MARTINS,

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And four Closes of Land and Fourteen Acres of Land formerly in the Occupation of WILLIAM SMITH, Two Acres and a Half in NORTH FIELD.

AND ALSO SOUTH WOOD COPPICE (10 acres) with Common of Pasture ... for other Beasts, Sheep and Hogs, for one bull and 12 kine and 12 hogs with pannage in the CHACE, otherwise called HORDER'S WOOD, and (in) HASLEHOLT

AND ALSO Common of pasture for 100 sheep and one ram on SOUTH DOWN, POPPY HILL and all other Commonable Places within the Parish of DROXFORD, otherwise DROXFORD

AND WHICH said Premises (i.e. those listed above) were in the Tenure or Occupation of THOMAS BIGGS, his Undertenants or Assigns

AND ALSO all those free Rents and Payments, viz:

2s. 6d. p.a. for a Messuage and Lands at HILL late in the tenure of ADMIRAL MARTINS;

6d. p.a. for ... FRY'S PURROCK late held by FRANCIS NICHOLLS;

5s. 0d. p.a. for certain Lands called WEST WOOD CLOSE and FRY'S PURROCK, late held by MR. IRELAND;

3s. 6d. p.a. for certain Lands called WESTWOOD COPPICE, late held by RICHARD PROWTING;

5s. 0d. p.a. payable out of certain Lands called BARN CROFT and BROOM CLOSE and one Close called HOME CLOSE and one purrock called LITTLE PURROCK, late held by WILLIAM HORNER, Esquire;

4s. 6d. p.a. for certain Lands called OLIVERS, DENSHAMS and MOWLETTS late held by THOMAS ANSON, Esquire.

ALL WHICH premises are situate within the Parish of DROXFORD.

ALLOCATES all these parts of the MANOR OF MIDLINGTON

TO the Use of THOMAS FUTCHER and his Assigns for his lifetime,

AND AFTER HIS DEATH to the Use of MARY FUTCHER his Wife for her life

AND after the death of the longer liver of these two

TO the Use of their lawfully begotten Heirs equally and for want of such Heirs

TO the Use of the Right Heirs of the said MARY FUTCHER for ever.

[See A.D. 1770].

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

1770 (MIDLINGTON).

[See 18 and 19 December 1767].

As at 12 July 1770 MR. P(ETER) BARFOOT is trying to purchase the MANOR OF MIDLINGTON from MR. THOMAS and MRS. MARY FUTCHER (husband and wife).

(See "Abstract of Title" dated 12 July 1770, held at HCRO, ref. 45M69/98 or 105).

Circa 1770. (1).

DROXFORD'S "Beech Walk" is planted, allegedly by the Rector of Droxford and his friend the Vicar of Meonstoke, to mark their favourite walk.

16 April 1770. M.C.B.

"We present that the Beadle has not been paid for two years past".

18 June 1771 - VESTRY MINUTES

(note - this is on page 37 of the Minute Book: the Minutes for 11 May 1768 are on pages 35 and 36 - were there any Vestry Meetings between 11 May 1768 and 18 June 1771?).

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Resolved: " ... that ----- TOTERDIL be forthwith Indicted for bringing Edmund SILVESTER and his Family to Droxford when they all had the small Pox upon them and knowing that they then had it".

Resolved: " ... that John DENNETT the Church Warden of Shidfield be cited into the Spiritual Court for not making up his Accounts for last year".

Resolved: " ... that Edmund SILVESTER be Indicted for coming into the Parish with the small Pox on himself and Family to demand money to defray the expenses of inoculation".

25 March 1771. M.C.B.

"We present Edward WHITINGHAM for Erecting a House upon the Lords wast without ye consent of the Tenants".

(This same man was made the Howard for Horders Wood at M.C.B. of 07 October 1771 - and was again presented for the above offence!).

10 March 1772 - VESTRY MINUTES.

Agreed: " ... that the south Chancel should be repaired at the expence of the Parish as soon as it can be conveniently done". (Page 39).

There follows a list of children "put out". (Pages 40 – 43).

18 October 1777. M.C.B.

"We present Jerman KNIGHT, Farmer, with Breaking up the pound in the ... tything of Droxford".

30 March 1778 (xerox held by Gordon Hope). M.C.B.

Presentments: Much as on 28 March 1763, with the following fresh additions-

"We present the Tenants of Curdridge to have no right of Common in Horders Wood".

"We present that no Person shall Dig pitts, etc., etc. in Horders Wood to the prejudice of ye Tenants neither Sand or Clay Pits, etc.".

"We present all the Encroachments mentioned in our last Presentments: Viz: by John SMITH, William LUTMAN, Mary EDWARDS, Thomas DASH, John STRUGNELL, John COLES, Edward HORN, William SIMMONDS, Edmund RYVES, Thomas CHURCHER, John CASTLEMAN, John COOKE, John SHARYER and George GIBBS".

"We present this Mannor to have been always seperated and divided from the Manr: of Bps. Waltham, and that the Copyholds within the same, have ever been held at a Certain Fine, and not att the Will of the Lord".

"We present that no free and Customary Tennant of this Mannor can Forfeit his Estate, but by the Laws of the Land".

"We present the Lord of the Manr: to have no right of Common for Cattle in the Horders Wood, nor in any waste or Common in the Sd: Mannor NOR can without leave and Consent of the Tennants make any Purpresture Lands".

"We present the Bounds of ye Parish of Droxford to be the Bounds of the Mannor and that the Tennants of the Manr: of Bips Waltham ('till very lately) never exercised or pretended to have right to cut Bushes or underwood in that part of Horders Wood Situate in the Parish and Mannor of Droxford".

"We present the Ld. of the Mannor is to give the Reeve that may be chosen to collect the Quit rents not only a rent Roll proper to Collect it by, but to allow him Satisfaction for his trouble and Service".

"We present that the Lord of the Mannor does by the Carriage of his Timber very much Injure and Damage the Roads; and therefore in Justice ought to allow His Quota in Money or otherwise towards their amendment thereof".

“We present the Bridge at Brewers Lake impassable in Horders Wood”.

“We present that Geese, etc., are not to go in Horders Wood”.

“We present that every Tennant paying twenty Shillings Quit rent to be allow’d the Land Tax adequate thereto from the Lord of the Manor”.

JURORS:

Edwd. STRUGNEL.

Jno. SHARYER.

John GOODYER.

John EDWARDS.

Jno. BEDFORD.

John HOLLAND.

Thomas HOLMES.

Danl. CALLAWAY.

Moses GOODIFF.

29 March 1779. M.C.B.

“We present that ye Constables and Tything man be sworn at ye Court Baron and not at Waltham at Court Leet at Droxford”.

Circa 1780 - At back of first M.C.B. record book.

“Taken from Mr. Barfoot’s Printed Coppy”.

“FORASMUCH as of late great Complaint has been made of the Exaction in relation to the ffees due to the Clerk of the Lands and Steward of the Bishop; the following Table is therefore published for Information of the Several Tenants, who on comparing their Bill with the Underwritten Tables, may prevent any further Exaction.

NB. The said Table is taken and extracted from the Records in the Bishop’s Palace.

Be sure to pay no Money without a Bill and Receipt, which cannot be refused.

A list of the Fees due to the Officers of the Bishoprick of Winton done at the Several Courts of the several Manors within the said Bishoprick, 1747:

All above is Extortion:

For every Surrender)	
Examination of a (?Feme) Covert)	
New ffine Set)	£0: 6s: 8d.
Forfeited Mortgage)	each
Surrender before Tythingman, or Tenant in Extremity)	
Licence to lett or other Licence)	
Search in the Court Rolls)	
For every Death)	
Admittance)	£0: 2s: 6d.
Copy)	each
Claim entred)	

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For every Recovery	£1: 13s: 4d.
And for drawing, ingrossing and inrolling thereof, 10s. apiece	£1: 10s: 0d.
To the Auditor for examining the roll	£0: 3s: 4d.
To the Bailiff	£0: 2s: 6d.
To the Common Voucher	£0: 2s: 6d.
To the Clerk of Expedition	£0: 5s: 0d.
TOTAL:	£3: 16s: 8d.
For every Custody, new Grant	£0: 13s: 4d.
For every Entail	£0: 3s: 4d.
For every Condition)
Limitation)
Remainder) £0: 1s: 0d.
Salvo Jure) each
Expedition)
For every Proclamation on the Death of a Tenant	£0: 1s: 0d.
For every divided Fine	£0: 0s: 8d.
For every Inrolment (according to the Length) or at least	£0: 6s: 8d.
For vacating every Mortgage	£0: 1s: 0d.
For every Copy in Court to the Cryer	£0: 0s: 4d.

P.S. Mr BARFOOT takes this Opportunity to acquaint his Friends, the Bishop's Tenants, that he holds several Patent Places under the Bishop, VIZ. the Office of Clerk and Bailiff of the several Manors of Bishop's Waltham, Bitterne and Droxford and Clerk of Eastmeon, Fareham and Hambledon, within which said several Manors he has an equal Right with the Steward to take Surrenders either absolute or Conditional or to the Use of Will, by Virtue of the Patents aforesaid".

09 October 1780. M.C.B.

"We present the Death of N. Purdue Smith Esquire".

(Note: At this time also both Droxford and Hill Pounds and all the gates " ... about Horders Wood ... " are out of repair).

Easter Tuesday 1781 - VESTRY MINUTES

(Note – these are on page 44 of the Minute Book. Page 43 relates to a Vestry on 10 March 1772.

What happened about the Minutes in the intervening 9 years?).

Mr. Peter BARFOOT is asked to become one of the Overseers of the Parish (with Farmer William SPARSHATT and Farmer JOHN COLES). The Parish Rates are to be accounted to him " ... every Month Sunday and his consent to be obtained before either of his brother Officers shall give or relieve any poor Person of the ... Parish".

08 October 1781 - Manor "Court Leet and Court Baron" (both Courts from now on).

"We present that no Tenant is not by the ancient Custom of the ... Manor obliged to collect the Quitrents without being paid for his trouble, as appears by records in the hands of some of the (?) of was 200 years standing".

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Rector, 1782 – 1801.

Doctor James CHELSUM. "A Cameo, portrait of him is in the Church Vestry. The Burial Register has this entry: "Buried May 1st 1801 Rev. James CHELSUM, D.D., Rector of this parish, aged 63 years". His grave is not identified and no monument exists in the Churchyard. ... (He) appears to have been rather a pugnacious gentleman who was not a 'persona grata' with his parishoners and they perhaps desired to forget him quickly".

In 1789 Dr. CHELSUM erected the stone monument at the end of the terrace walk in the Old Rectory garden "To the memory of Lewis STEPHENS, D.D." (Q.V. 1722) In gratitude for his donation of Longmead To the Rectorial Glebe of Droxford JAMES CHELSUM, D.D., Rector, For himself and posterity dedicates this tribute In the year of our Lord 1789". ("Memorabilia").

18 February 1782 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: " ... that John SHARYER the Howard appointed for Horders Wood" (i.e. Waltham Chase) "shall be supported in the action now brought against him by Mr. John BIDEN for pounding his cattle, at the expence of the Parish".

28th February 1782 - Droxford Manor House
(Hants CRO (ref. 154492 13/14).

Leased to Magdalen MORLEY, dau. of Henry Morley HERBERT of Droxford, Esquire deceased, son of Elizabeth MORLEY for the lives of herself, of Sir William BENNETT of Fareham and of Charles Ingolsby POWLETT (18), son of George POWLETT of Amport.

1782

(Black Memerial Stone, South aisle, Droxford Church).

"JACOBI CUTLER, A.M.

Hujusce Ecclesiae per sex & triginta Anni

Rectoris

Obiit quindecimo die Martii

A.D. 1782

Aetatis sexagesimo quinto".

(The stone of CATHARINA CUTLER his Wife, and daughter of JOHN NEWWEY, S.T.P., is also black and next to the above in a reverse position. She died 12 December 1770, aged "quinquagesimo").

15 July 1783 - VESTRY MINUTES

The new Rector, Dr. CHELSUM, takes in Trust £50-0-0 bequeathed by the late Rector, Mr. CUTLER. He promises to pay the interest of £4.50 per cent per annum to the poor " ... from Midsummer day last past".

Agreed: " ... that whereas great offence has lately been given to well disposed Persons by the profaning of the Sabbath by persons openly playing at different Sports on the Sabbath-day, in opposition to the established Laws of the Land, proper extracts of the Laws in force against persons absenting themselves from public worship and profaning the Lord's day, be transcribed and affixed to the Church Doors, signed by the principal Parishioners; they declaring at the same time their resolution to correct and suppress such abuses and profanations.

I CHELSUM, Rector.

Josh. WINKWORTH.

THOMAS PARRATT.

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William WASSELL.
John HOLLANDS.
John SHARYER.
Thomas BIGGS.”

31 March 1783. M.C.B.

Presented: Droxford’s stocks again out of repair.

11 October 1784.

Presented: Five men for not attending the Court Leet and Court Baron this day - each fined 2s. 6d.
(Note: A George TOVERY was among the Jurors this day - shown as George TOLFREE at previous Court).

27 July 1785 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: “ ... that no organ shall be set up or erected in the ... Parish Church and that the organ now there shall be immediately returned to the Donor GEORGE POWLETT, Esquire, with our thanks for his liberal Intentions”.

(Signed by 47 “principal inhabitants”).

[Last Vestries were 23 December 1783 - Poor Rate set at 1 shilling in the £. 20 July 1784 - Children “put out”].

26 September 1785. M.C.B.

“We present the reverend James CHELSUM for Digging Down the Church Way Leading from Poppy Hill to the parish Church of Droxford opposit to the Dwelling House and Garden of the aforesaid on the West of the river Leading from Droxford to Soberton to Droxford and for Locking the Gate of the said Way”.

10th September 1785 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES.

Agreed: “ ... not to retain or employ any person or persons, who are not Parishioners; and to use their utmost endeavours to set to Work such Poor of the said Parish as are able to work in taking up Stool Moors, Diging Mould, and other Manure, as shall from time to time be thought usefull and beneficial to the said Parishioners: ... “.

Further resolved: “ ... that no person or persons not being Parishioners shall be suffer’d to take up Stool Moors, or dig Mould, Manure, or pick up Dung, etc. and that they shall be Prosecuted for taking that Liberty, at the expense of the Parish ... “.

Signed: ChurchWardens

John PAGE

John COLES

Edward DAYSH

John SHAYER

Signed: Overseers

Wm. WASSELL

John EDNEY

Henry SMITH

Signed: “other principal Inhabitants of the said Parish”.

Simon ANTRAM

R. PORTER

P. BARFOOT
Peter WOODS
Edmd. FIELDER
Isaac. X. MOODY
Jno. BEDFORD
Wm. ROGERS
William RYVES
John COMPLIN
Jerman KNIGHT

17 December 1785 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES.

Agreed: " ... that the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor ... shall receive ... the Principal and Interest Money ... owing from the Executors of the late Revd. Mr. James CUTLER decd. The same being trust Money and was by ... the consent of the said Officers and Parishioners deposited in the hands of the said late Rector ... under the respective Wills of Mr. John DEE and Mr. ARTHUR long since deceased, and the said Trust Mony now amounting to ... Ninety Eight Pounds, exclusive of the Interest now due thereon, shall from henceforward be put ... out in the names of the Rector, ... ChurchWardens and Overseers for the time being, in Trust for the said Parish, and for the purpose only, that they ... shall ... with the same erect and Build ... upon some part ... of the Waste in Horders Wood Five Cottages for the better accommodation of the Poor of the said Parish who shall Inhabit ... the said Cottages and be removed as occasion may require; and that ... the said ChurchWardens and Overseers of the Poor, and their successors shall ... , as the annual Interest ... shall become due, pay the same to the Poor of such Tythings of the Parish as are mentioned ... in the Wills of the respective donors, according to their Interest and Meaning ... ".

Further agreed: if the above money is inadequate or if it is thought " ... better to Erect more Cottages than five; then ... they are hereby enabled to call in the fifty Pounds Trust Money, now in Doctor CHELSUM'S hands, left the Poor of the Parish ... by the Will of the late Rector, provided that "(it shall)" immediately, after the receipt, be ... expended as well in building and finishing the said five Cottages, as also two or more Cottages for the further accommodation of the Poor and in augmentation and addition to the said five Cottages ... ".

Further agreed: "that as well as Interest of the said ... fifty Pounds as the Interest of the said ... Ninety Eight Pounds shall be annually paid by the said ChurchWardens and Overseers or their successors out of the Poor rates of the said Parish at ... the rate of Four Pounds and ten shillings per cent per annum as it shall become due; as Witness our hands", etc., etc.

Signed: ChurchWardens

John SHAYER

John LACY

Signed: Overseers

John EDNEY

Wm. WASSELL

Henry SMITH

Signed: Other Inhabitants

Pr. BARFOOT

Simon ANTRAM

R. PORTER

John PAGE

John COMPLIN

Henry PARRATT
Jno. BEDFORD
Henry GROVE
Edmd. FIELDER
John BARRATT
Thomas FOSTER
John RYVES
Peter WOODS

1786

“A Particular of the several Donations bequeathed to the Poor of the Parish of Droxford, up to the present Year 1786.

A.D. 1679. Henry COLLINS, Gent., of Swanmore bequeathed unto James HAMPTON of Waltham, Forty Pounds, to buy a piece of Land to pay five Shillings a piece to six of the poorest people of Swanmore in this Parish to the Worlds end, on Tuesday before Easter.

A.D. 1722. Mr. John ARTHUR of Midlington bequeathed Thirty Pounds to the Poor, the Interest of which to be distributed Annually on St. Thomas’s Day among the Poor of the two Tythings of Droxford and Hill.

A.D. 1749. Mr. John DEE of Swanmore bequeathed Fifty Pounds in Trust to the Rector, ChurchWardens and Overseers of Droxford, the Interest whereof to be divided Annually among such Poor persons, as they shall think most deserving the Charity.

A.D. 1782. The Revd. Mr. James CUTLER, late Rector of this Parish, bequeathed Fifty Pounds to be divided among the Poor.

Donation of Mr. COLLINS	£40
Donation of Mr. ARTHUR	£30
Donation of Mr. DEE	£50
Donation of Revd. CUTLER	£50
Interest accumulated on DEE’S £50	£18
TOTAL:	£188

The sum of £40 (COLLINS’ donation) was laid out in the purchase of Cleavers Close in the Parish of Waltham and is now in the possession of R. STARES Esq. of Botley who pays 30s. p.ann. according to the Will of the Donor. These remaining sums, amounting to £148 the Rector of the Parish hath in his possession, as follows £50 on a Note of hand in the Vestry book dated July 15th 1783, and the remaining £98 upon a Note of hand dated Decr. 17th 1785, now in the possession of me.

Wm. ROGERS

John LACY - Church Warden

John SHAYER - Church Warden”

Easter Tuesday 1786 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES

“At a Vestry Meeting this day held, the several persons whose names are hereunder mentioned were chosen and appointed Church Wardens for the several Tythings of the said Parish for the present Year.

By the Reverend Dr. CHELSUM for the Tything of Droxford - Mosses GOODIFF

For the Tything of Hill - John EDNEY

For the Tything of Swanmore - Simon ANTRAM

For the Tything of Shidfield - Henry SMITH”.

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2nd April 1787 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES.

"It was unanimously agreed that an appeal should be commenc'd and prosecuted against an order of Sir Willm. Bennett and Richd. [?Barque] Esqr. For the removal of William Strotten and his Wife into this Parish, they not being on enquiry, Parishioners of or belonging to this Parish; and that Charles Maratt Esqr. Be employ'd to carry on the same".

Likewise agreed: "that Mr. John Clark, in consideration of the sum of Twenty Pounds, now in hand paid or secured to be paid by a Note under his hand of this date, shall from the payment thereof be acquitted and discharged from supporting and maintaining of a Bastard Child begotten on the body of Mary Sandy a Singe (sic) Woman and likely to become chargeable to this Parish".

Likewise agreed: "that a Church rate at Three halfpence on the Pound shall be made for the repairs of the Church and other usual matters".

Further agreed: "that Willm. Burgess, a Pauper of this Parish, should be bound an apprentice to a Shoe-maker; and that the Parish shall pay the Consideration Money, as may be agreed upon".

"And it was also unanimously agreed ... that the publick thanks of this Parish be given to Peter Barfoot of Midlington Place Esqr. For his frequent advice and disinterested attention to the welfare of this Parish; and for defending us from all innovations and arbitrary proceedings tending to disturb the harmony of this Parish".

"N.B. It was also resolved at the sd. Vestry that the Church Plate belonging to this Parish, as well as the Vestry books, be deposited for greater safety in the hands of the sd. Peter Barfoot Esqr.".

Signed: Overseers

R. Porter

Jno. Ryves

Jno. Houghton

Richd. Homer Junr.

Signed: Churchwardens

Simon Antram

John Edney

Moses Goodiff

Signed: Other inhabitants

Jno. Barratt

John Page

W. Ryves

Wm. Rogers

Robt. Stares

John Bedford

Thomas Parratt

Thos. Prior

Thos. Foster

John Shayer

Henry Parratt

Henry Grove

John Complin

April 10th 1787 (Easter Tuesday) - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES.

"Resolved" to send following Notice "to the Revd. Dr. Chelsum, this day.

Revd. Sir

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In pursuance of a Vestry held for this Parish on the 17th Decr. 1785 it was then resolved that all the Charity Money should be received by the Church Wardens and Overseers of the said Parish and laid out in building a certain number of cottages in Horders Wood for the accommodation of the poor, as far as such Money would amount unto, and that Security should be given in the name of the Church Wardens, Overseers and you the sd. Rector: but as that resolve has not been carried into execution; and as you have possess'd yourself of that Money without having given proper Security: We the Church Wardens and Overseers of the sd. Parish do hereby give you Notice to pay to them the sd. Charity Money within Three Months from the date hereof to enable Them the better to carry into Execution the sd. Order of the 17th Decr. 1785. As Witness our hands:

Church Wardens:

Simon Antram

Moses Goodiff

Henry Smith

John Edney

Overseers:

R. Porter

John Ryves

John Houghton

To the Revd. Dr. Chelsum".

(Copy of Dr. Chelsum's reply of 16 April 1787 is on page 79 of this Vestry Minute book).

Easter Tuesday 1787 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES

Appointment of Church Wardens.

"By the Revd. Dr. Chelsum for Droxford Tything - Moses Goodiff

For the Township of Hill - Robert Porter

For the Tything of Swanmore - Thomas Foster

For the Tything of Shidfield - Mr. John Houghton".

17 September 1787 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES

Unanimously agreed "that a rate of one Shilling in the pound ... be made immediately for the relief of the Poor ... and that a Summons ... be forthwith applied for to compell Doctor Chelsum to pay his Quota of the Poor Rate made in the year 1786 and ending at Easter last for the Township of Hill, he is now in arrears. And that a like summons should be got for Messrs. Lacy and Wassell for refusing and neglecting to pay their Quota of the last rate made for the division of Swanmore, as Farmers of the Tythes within that limit; And that the Parish children should be ... placed out apprentices to such Farmers within the same Parish whose turn it was to take them".

Peter Barfoot

Symon Antram

John Complin

Thos. Parratt

John Bedford

Richard Horner

John Shayer

John Edney

Robert Porter (Church Warden of Hill)

Robert Stares (Overseer of Droxford)

Moses Goodiff (Church Warden)

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Thos. Foster (Church Warden of Swanmore)

John Goodyer (Overseer of Swanmore)

Henry Grove (Overseer of Hill).

08 October 1787. M.C.B.

Presented: "Hill Pound ought to be kept in repair by the Lord of this Manor, that it has sometime past been repaired at the sole expence of the Tenants of Hill Tything, the cost of which came to near 9 li ..." (and they have requested repayment for two years past - without result).

"... the Gate at Sandy Lane ... quite down and gone ...".

12th January 1788 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES.

Agreed "that a Rate of one Shilling in the Pound shall forthwith be made for the relief of the Poor and that the Children of such Poor, whose Parents are maintained by the Parish, shall be at Easter next put out as Parish Apprentices to ... persons ... thought fit and proper Masters for them; And ... that all the Monies rais'd in the four districts of the Parish ... shall, at Easter next, be vested in the hands of Mr. Robert Porter, in Trust for the Parish, to be by him ... expended towards relieving and maintaining such Poor of the sd. Parish as are unable to Work; whose names shall be inserted in the Parish books, setting forth Their inability; and also providing Work for such other Poor ... as may by Their labour maintain and support Themselves; And ... that the sd. Robert Porter and all of us will, in the Management of the Poor and in raising Money for their relief, be solely guided and directed by Peter Barfoot of Midlington Esqr.; And that no Money from Easter next forward shall be rais'd in the four districts ... or laid out otherways than the said Peter Barfoot shall direct; And ... that four Overseers shall be Nominated at Easter as usual to collect the Rates of the Parish; And Then, they are to pay them (to the said) Robert Porter for the further relief of the Poor ...".

Signed Overseers:

Robt. Stares

Henry Grove

Edward Hurst

John Goodyer

Signed Church Wardens:

Thos. Foster

R. Porter

Signed Other Inhabitants:

John Complin

Henry Parratt

John Holland

Simon Antram

John Edney

13th February 1788 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES

"... It was agreed by all the Officers and Parishioners present, Moses Goodiff the Rector's Church Warden only excepted, that a Rate of Three Pence on the Pound shall be made for the necessary repairs of the Church and the expenses that may attend the repairs of the Parish Bible and other usual charges; and also that the said Bible which is now in the Custody of Moses Goodiff a Church Warden of the sd. Parish and of whom it has been demanded shall forthwith be sent to Mr. Blagden a printer at Winchester, agreeable to directions given by us at a former Vestry; And ... that if the sd. Moses Goodiff or any other person or persons who may by or thro' his means or procurement have

gotten possession of the sd. Bible shall refuse or neglect to deliver up the same (then) the other Church Wardens of the sd. Parish shall, without further demand or delay, commence and Prosecute an action at Law against him, them or any of them for detaining and refusing to deliver up the sd. Book; And ... that all expenses and Charges that may or shall attend carrying on such Suit ... or (that may) be commenc'd against any of the Parishioners by the Rector of the sd. Parish or any person under him, by or thro' his means or procurement, shall be bourn and paid by ... the Parishioners out of the Poor Rates ... "

Signed Church Wardens:

R. Porter

Thos. Foster

Signed Overseers:

Henry Grove

John Goodyer

Signed Other Inhabitants:

Pr. Barfoot

Simon Antram

John Complin

Jno. Ryves

Thomas Parratt

John Edney

John Shyer

N.B. Sunday the 3rd February a Notice of the above Vestry was given by the Curate of the sd. Parish; a copy demanded of the Rector's Church Warden but could not be obtain'd.

Witness: Peter Dollar

(N.B. It was agreed that John Holland should no longer be Vestry Clerk).

Easter Tuesday 1788 - Droxford Parish VESTRY MINUTES

Appointment of Church Wardens for 1788/9.

"By the Revd. Dr. Chelsum for Droxford Tything - Mr. Robert Stares

For the Township of Hill - Mr. Robert Porter

For the Tything of Swanmore - Thomas Foster

For the Tything of Shidfield - John Houghton".

05 April 1788 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved: To appeal at the next Quarter Sessions against the appointment of Overseers of the Poor by two local Justices of the Peace, employing as Attorney "Mr. John DOWNES of Winton".

4th June 1788 - Vestry Minutes

A loose minute (the Vestry Book having been mislaid!) records the acceptance of a proposal "... to erect a Gallery at the East End of the Church for the Accommodation of the Singers of the Parish by private subscription ...".

(Over the Chancel Arch, per "Memorabilia").

28th July 1788 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved: That Mr. Robert PORTER shall succeed John HOLLAND as Vestry Clerk "... who has resigned: And it is also agreed that if John HOLLAND does not keep the Church Clock in better order he shall be discharged". (Clerk's salary agreed at £5-5s-0d. per annum on 11 May 1789).

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02 September 1788. M.C.B.

Presented: " ... the Gate at Sandy Lane ... quite down and gone ... " and " ... the post and rails at the bridg at Dagwells at the end of Sheril heath to be Down and Gone and present it to be very Dangerous place".

17 November 1788 - VESTRY MINUTES

Long list of potential Apprentice Masters and Mistresses.

22 December 1788 - VESTRY MINUTES

List of children put out to the above.

East Tuesday 1789 - VESTRY MINUTES

Appointment of Churchwardens.

22 July 1789 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved: " ... that the offer of the Revd. Dr. Chelsum ... to present the Parish with an Organ ... (capable of being so fitted up as to need no Organist and to cause no Expencc whatsoever to the Parish in general) be thankfully accepted ... " (to be paid for by private subscription. [20 signatures, including a shaky but neat "Mary MYNGS"].

(Organ "with Two Barrels", per "Memorabilia").

("It stood at the West end, on the floor. There was no entrance then to the Church through the Belfry. The West entrance was made at this time", per "Memorabilia").

29 September 1789. M.C.B.

Presented: Humphry MINCHIN Esquire for making a new road "from his House, lately erected at Hollywell, into and thro' Horderswood to the Turnpike Road leading from Hill Pound to Gosport and into the Turnpike Road leading from Gosport ... to Bps Waltham ... an encroachment on our rights and very great injury to the Herbage ... may ... become a parochial road to be maintained hereafter at our and the Parish's Expences".

Easter Tuesday 1790 - VESTRY MINUTES

Appointment of Church Wardens.

Resolved: " ... that whereas it hath hitherto been the custom in this Parish that the Parish Clerk should receive at each Sacrament one shilling out of the Alms given for ... the Poor ... the said Custom do henceforth cease and that the Parish Clerk do receive in lieu the sum of five shillings annually at the expense of the Parish".

Resolved: To get an estimate of the cost of " ... inclosing with a wooden Screen that part of the Church hitherto used for a Vestry and of introducing a Fire-Place into the same ... ".

19 July 1790 - VESTRY MINUTES

Poor Rate still 1 shilling in the £.

Resolved: To erect " ... a moveable Partition ... of the height of eight feet from the western part of the window on the north side of the ... Church".

03 August 1790 - VESTRY MINUTES

Minute refers to resolution of 13 February 1788 and goes on " ... the said part of the said Resolution" (i.e. re. expenses of the suit)" is hereby deem'd improper and indefensible, of a nature unjustly

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reflecting on the Character of the present Rector as seemingly litigious ... and is hereby Expressly Protested Against.

By Order of the Vestry, Signed Thomas HOLLAND, Vestry Clerk

02 November 1790 - VESTRY MINUTES
Apprentices List.

26 April 1791 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: " ... that Peter Dollar be Appointed ... to Collect of Every Person who may be found digging on Sherril Heath two Shillings for Every Load of Sand that should be digged by Persons not Inhabitants in the Parish of Droxford".

Monday 16 May 1791 - VESTRY MINUTES

Dr. Chelsum (Rector) asks that the present Crimson-coloured Altar Cloth and Stools be now dyed purple " ... as being more suitable".

30 March 1792. M.C.B.

Presented: A very long list of encroachments.

Tuesday 17 April 1793 - VESTRY MINUTES

Robert Woodley is elected Sexton in place of John Holland deceased. (Thomas Holland is now Vestry Clerk).

Wednesday 18 December 1793 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved:

- To borrow £300 to be " ... layed out in the most Advantageous Manner in Building a (Parish) Poor House in Horderswood ... ".
- To accept £20 from John Boswell of Hill (thus indemnifying himself) for his recent Bastard Child by Rebecca Childs.

01 October 1794 - VESTRY MINUTES

Poor Rate still 1 shilling in the pound.

26 November 1794 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: To buy as the Parish Poor House " ... the House or Tenement that belonged to Benjimen Clement deceased Now in the Occupation of Jane Woodman and Situate in Horderswood in the Parish of Droxford".

28 September 1795. M.C.B.

"We present William BURGESS for cutting up the Pasture in Horders Wood and burning it and making a property of Selling the Ashes".

16 August 1796. M.C.B. Extraordinary.

"We present that the Pannage Herbage Bushes Underwoods and Trees of every sort (Oak, Ash and Crab Tree excepted) to belong to the Tenants of (Droxford) Manor and have done so time out of mind".

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20 September 1796. M.C.B.

Presented: A yet longer list of those now encroaching (including the old "customary tenant" families who, as Jurors, used to present others for this very offence!).

13 May 1797 - BARFOOTS'S, DALE'S, IRELAND'S AND WHITCOMB FARMS
(H.C.R.O. ref. 7M54/172).

To be sold: "A very desirable Copyhold Estate of Inheritance ... at DROXFORD ... divided by the High Mail Road consisting of BARDOOT'S, DALE'S, IRELAND'S and WHITCOMB Farms, containing 376a. 3r. 7p. ... of Meadow, pasture and arable Land; a very considerable part lying within a Ring Fence; with a convenient Farm House and Barns, Stabling, Yard, Outbuildings and Garden; in the possession of MR. ROBERT STARES under a Lease for 8 or 12 Years from the 10th October 1796 at an easy Corn Rent ... always ... equal to the price of 497.5 statute Bushels of Wheat by the average price in (Hampshire) according to the Prices in the London Gazette. Also several pieces of arable Land adjoining, containing 30a. 3r. 11p. let to the Revd. MR. POULTER ... at £20 per Annum. Quit Rents for these Estates, with a Mansion House and Five Acres of Land now or late in the Occupation of the Honble. Captain HAMILTON; and also with 38a. 1r. 3p. sold off at and near May's Hill, is £2: 2: 10 per Annum. The last fine paid on a death amounted to only £4 : 18: 2; and the Heriots of £4 for every Yard Land amounted to £18: 5 for the whole of this Estate, viz:-

(N.B. The original gives references on an Estate Map, now missing).

NAMES OF LANDS	Quality	Quantity
House, Yard, Outbuildings, etc.	-----	1-3-0
Townsend's Close	Arable	14-1-11
Townsend's Close	Arable	5-0-21
Further Townsend's Close	Arable	9-2-13
Great White Whistle	Arable	10-3-28
Little White Whistle	Arable	9-1-14
Twenty Acres	Arable	15-3-20
Lower Grove	Arable	10-3-0
Great Rails	Arable	23-3-10
Little Rails	Arable	6-0-10
Great Grove	Arable	29-1-0
Sheep Down	Down	56-1-6
Further and Middle Down	Arable	24-3-32
Upper Down	Arable	13-2-15
Further Peck's Down	Arable	6-2-38
Hither Peck's Down	Arable	7-1-31
Bush Down	Arable	13-2-20
New Close	Arable	4-0-0
Parker's Field (A bit late Merig's).	Arable	18-3-38
Great Stanbury	Arable	22-2-15
Beacon Lynch and Bottom Acre	Arable	27-1-12
A Melcott Close	Arable	2-2-35
Lower Mill Croft	Arable	7-1-0
Upper Mill Croft	Arable	3-2-9
Shield's Close	Arable	3-0-37
Shield's Close	Arable	1-1-20
Nether Long Paddock	Arable	3-0-20

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Nether Long Mead.	Mead	3-1-33
Nether Long Mead.	Mead	4-2-8
Five pieces in Brockbridge Meadow	Mead	2-1-16
Three pieces in Town Meadow	Mead	1-2-23
Palace Meadow and part of Brooklings	Pasture	5-3-17
Brooklings	Arable	2-1-15
Delm Plat.	Arable	0-2-5
Parsley Paddock, or Little Barton	Arable	1-1-8
Rails Mead adjoining Mill Pond	Mead	1-0-27
TOTAL Acres:		376-3-7

Also the Feed on Hunger down containing 36a. 1r. 20p. ... for which the Tenant now has (by agreement with the other Tenants) about 15a. of the best side, being about half of the down in value.

Let to the Revd. MR. POULTER.

Hither 14 Acres	Arable	9-1-36
Hilly Close	Arable	11-0-12
Eight Melcott Closes	Arable	7-2-32
Nether Long Paddock Close	Arable	2-2-11
TOTAL Acres:		30-3-11

A printed "Particulars" from which the above seems to have been prepared also refers to:-

"A Very desirable COPYHOLD ESTATE of INHERITANCE, equal in Value to Freehold, delightfully situate on an Eminence, at the Entrance of the Town of DROXFORD;

COMPRISING

A genteel commodious uniform substantial Brick Dwelling House

CONTAINING ON THE

ATTIC STORY - Four Servants Bed Chambers

SECOND STORY - Four good Bed Chambers, with Bow Windows, Two Dressing Rooms and a Store Room

GROUND STORY - A genteel Drawing Room, 18 by 15; A Dining Parlour, 17.5 by 14.5; A Breakfast Parlour, and Study, neatly fitted up and Bow Windows; Entrance Hall, Butler's Pantry, Housekeeper's Room, convenient Kitchen, and Brew House.

BASEMENT STORY - A Laundry, Dairy, good Wine Vaults, Ale and Beer Cellars.

A Courtyard, with Coach House for two Carriages, Four Stall Stable, an open Harness Room, Coachman's Chamber, and Loft.

A Fore Court, Shrubby, Pleasure Ground, and Garden, planted with a Variety of Fruit Trees;

AND Two Paddocks, containing Five Acres and Twenty-four Perches ...

In the Possession of the Hon. Captain HAMILTON, but on Lease to Richard EATON, Esq., for an unexpired Term of 4 Years from Lady Day 1795 at a low Rent of per Annum, nett £50: 0: 0."

ENDS

09 October 1797. M.C.B.

The Jurors, now dwindled in number, are:-

Robt. STARES

John GOODYER

(?)Henry (?)DIAPER

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The Mark X of Robt. SPENCER

Peter DOLLAR ("dollar")

Henry FOSTER

Robert WOODLEY

