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26 March 1800

In the Droxford Manor Court Baron book there is the copy of a letter (above date) from the Bishop of Winton (Winchester) to his Tenants at Bishops Waltham:-

“In regard to the Temporary Inclosures made by my Woodward for the Encouragement of the Growth of Timber - They are made in conformity with the Practices in other Places; and under the Authority of the General Act of Parliament upon that subject, of which last I have a copy at Farnham but not here. It is Merely a temporary Business for a few years, without any assumption to right of the Ground inclosed, and will of course be thrown open again”.

04 September 1800. M.C.B.

Presented: The Bishop of Winchester (Lord of the Manor!) for encroaching on common lands in Horders Wood without consent and contrary to Law and Custom of the Manor.

Rector, 1801 – 1831.

Rev. William GARNIER. “Buried at Wickham, to which place his family belonged. His monument may be said to consist of the Rectory garden, which he laid out, and of the Beech Walk, which he planted. ... His wife Lady Harriett GARNIER used to drive a ‘Four-in-Hand’, to which is due, according to tradition, the wide sweep of gravel in front of the house, ... so useful in the days of motors.

Rev. Mr. GARNIER was related to the then Rector of Meonstoke (Mr. POULTER) who was a great lover of trees and an expert in their culture. These two Rectors planted avenues of beeches on their respective Glebe lands in order that they might walk under pleasant shade to each others’ houses”. (“Memorabilia”).

Born at Rookesbury, near Wickham 1772, son of George GARNIER, armigerous. Educated Winchester 1785-1788 and New College, Oxford – matriculated 04 February 1790, aged 18. B.A. 1793 and M.A. 1797. Prebendary of Winchester 1810-1831.

Married 1797 Lady Harriett NORTH, dau. Of Bishop Brownlow NORTH, sister of Drancis, 6th Earl of Guildford.

1801-1835: Rector of Upham, Hants.

1814: Rector of Brightwell.

1824: Pulled down old mansion at Rookesbury (exact site not known) and built present house. (Per Miss F.B. Collins).

10 May 1801

Population of Droxford Parish (official census):-

	Males	Females	Uninhabited Tenements	Inhabited Tenements
Droxford Tything	120	184	3	53
Hill Tything	116	125	-	39
Swanmore Tything	135	118	1	42
Shidfield Tything	208	193	4	72
TOTALS:	579	620	8	206

Total population (males + females) - 1,199

(Back of Parish Register no.3).

22 September 1801. M.C.B.

Presented: The Death of Moses GOODIFF.

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Michaelmas, 1801 - Quarter Sessions (H.C.R.O.).

REBECCA HEAD, 20, committed to Quarter Sessions on July 22nd by Rev. EDMUND POULTER, Clerk, charged on oath with having feloniously stolen and carried away a muslin gown, a divinity petticoat, and other articles, the property of ELIZABETH CRISPO, in the parish of DROXFORD. ("True Bill"). Quarter Sessions list for Epiphany 1802 shows above REBECCA convicted at Quarter Sessions on 06 October 1801 and sentenced to one year's hard labour in the County Bridewell.

24 March 1802. M.C.B.

Jurors were:

Geo. WESTBROOK

Henry FOSTER

John GALE

Wm. PROWTING

John HIGGINS

John X ERWARKER

John GOODYER

1804

Abstract of Title (Mr. Peter BARFOOT disposing of land), refers to:-

"All that ... parcel of land called LITTLE CHURCH CLOSE situate on the North side of and adjoining to a Lane called CHURCH LANE leading from MIDLINGTON to the parish church of DROXFORD ... which said Close was part and parcel of the Manor of MIDLINGTON".

(H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/90).

Midsummer, 1804 - Quarter Sessions (H.C.R.O.).

BARTHOLOMEW CHALKER, 20, committed to Quarter Sessions on May 22nd by Rev. J DAMPIER and Rev. John BAYNES (curate of Droxford, born Bps. Waltham, 29 September 1754), Clerks, as a rogue and vagabond, being found wandering and begging in the parish of DROXFORD. ("Be passed to his Parish").

08 April 1807 (Easter Tuesday) - VESTRY MINUTES

→ ChurchWardens chosen:-

DROXFORD John FIGGINS

HILL Richd. COWDERY

SWANMORE Ezekiel DONNIGER, Esquire

SHIDFIELD Edward HURST

→ £8-10-0 owed to the Parish "for the use of the Water at Mislingford for the Benefit of the Meadows called Kings Mead, now in the Occupation of Mr. William HOAD, whereof the Earl of PORTSMOUTH is the Proprietor at ten Shillings pr. Annum being for Seventeen Years due at Michaelmas 1806". The Overseer of Hill Tything to "Immediately Demand the same of the said Earl of Portsmouth and at the same time give Notice that the Parish in General have Determined to raise the Rent ... to the sum of Five Guineas pr. Annum in Future".

→ Poor Relief rate for parish assessed at 1 shilling in the pound.

→ " ... 6d. pr Dozen should in future be paid for Sparrows as encouragement for the Distruction of that Kind of Virmin".

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– “ ... five Guineas a year should be paid into the County Hospital out of Rates made for the relief of the Poor”.

R. GOODLAD
John PAYNE
Robt. STARES
Richd. COWDERY
John COVEY
Thos. EDNEY
Peter DOLLAR
Henry PARRATT
John FIGGINS
Jeremiah KNIGHT
Ed. STONE
S. TAYLOR
Aaron SINGLETON

Easter Tuesday, 1807 (continued) - VESTRY MINUTES

– Farmer TAYLOR “by his Consent” to keep an Account of the sand taken from the sandpit at Shidfield “in the room of Edmd. RYVES”.

– Application by Mr. GOODLAD for consent “to stop up and turn away a Certain foot road which has for some time been a Nuisance to him by People that have trespassed therein by making it a Public road through ... Mr. GOODLAD’S yard and Fields adjoining; and upon our Examining the Premises (we) do hereby Unanimously Consent and agree that ... Mr. GOODLAD do at his Pleasure take into his own right and stop up and Turn away the said foot road.

Witness: Thomas HOLLAND, Vestry Clerk”.

29 April 1807 - VESTRY MINUTES

Determined “(in Consequence of Many persons having quitted their Lands and new Tenants now Occupying the same, who consider themselves as not Entitled to pay their share of the Demand made on this Parish for £35. 2s. 0d. by the Parish of Bps. Waltham for Arrears on the Militia Account) that only one half of the said Arrears shall be paid.

Present:

Richd. GOODLAD Esquire
The Revd. Edwd. NOTT
Robt. STARES
Richd. COWDERY - Churchwarden
John CHIDDELL
Henry PARRATT - Overseer
Peter DOLLAR
John COVEY - Overseer
John HIGGINS - Churchwarden

Signed by Order by me, Thos. HOLLAND, Vestry Clerk.

20 September 1807. (Last) M.C.B.

Presented: The “Forrest Gates ... out of repair”.

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11 May 1808 - VESTRY MINUTES

A Criminal Prosecution to be instituted against William STARES "late Guardian of the Poor of the Parish of Wickham for his illegal Conduct and the improper restraint and influence used by him in Causing a Marriage ... between John WINTER ... of this Parish and Elizth. KIRBY in order to throw the said Elizth. KIRBY and the Child with which she was then Pregnant as a Burden upon this Parish.

Present:

R. GOODLAD

Edward NOTT - Curate

Robt. STARES

John COVEY

Thos. EDNEY

Henry PARRATT

Henry SMITH".

Entry between 11 August 1808 and Easter Tuesday 1809 - VESTRY MINUTES

"Mr. GOODLAD desires the following entry may be made in the Vestry Book, that in case the Treasurer of the County should make any further demand on the Parish of Droxford respecting BENJAMIN SPICER the Parish Officers may know how to Act:-

Facts relating to BENJAMIN SPICER a pretended Substitute for Thos. HOLLAND in the Parish of Droxford:

THOMAS HOLLAND was balloted to serve in the South Hants Regiment of Militia in the year of our Lord 1793. After the said Thomas HOLLAND received a Summons for that purpose he paid into the hands of Mr. Richard HORNER the sum of Twelve Guineas, that the said Mr. HORNER should provide a Substitute for him (Mr. HORNER being at that time an Officer in the said South Hants Regit. Of Militia) after which time HOLLAND gave himself no more trouble about the Matter.

In the year 1797 a Demand was made by the Treasurer of the County of Hants for the sum of 14£ for the Maintenance of the Wife and Family of Benjamin SPICER a Person serving in the said Regiment. The Parish Officers not knowing who or what the person's name was that was Serving for HOLLAND the Money was accordingly paid by the late John PAGE then Overseer for the Tything of Hill in the Parish of Droxford.

In the year 1799 a further sum was demanded by the said Treasurer of £50: 6s: 2d, this sum was refused to be paid which Caused a Trial to be brought on at the General Quarter Sessions held at the Castle in Winchester. Benjn. SPICER was accordingly Summoned who declared upon Oath that he was hired to Serve as a Substitute for Benjamin BIDEN and that he knew nothing of HOLLAND, neither was he ever transfer'd on the Militia Rolls to his Knowledge. The Militia Rolls was accordingly examined and the said Benjamin SPICER stood enrolled for Benjn. BIDEN and no person could be found Enrolled to serve for HOLLAND. So therefore it was judged by the Court that the Treasurer could have no demand on the Parish of Droxford".

Easter Tuesday 1809 - VESTRY MINUTES

Churchwardens appointed ("according to Ancient custom"):

Droxford Tything	John HIGGINS
Hill Tything	Richd. COWDERY
Swanmore Tything	Thomas EDNEY
Shidfield Tything	John CHIDDELL

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10 May 1809 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved "that an Order of the Magistrates having been ... carried into execution for Stopping the old Road at Swanmore and for Opening a new Road It Appears to this Vestry that the New Road is both wider and better than the Old Road and that therefore this Vestry does not see any reason for Calling in Question the Propriety of the Change that has taken place, particularly as the change has been made without any Expence to the Parish, and that a Penalty Bond has been given by Mr. SHEARER in the sum of two Hundred Pounds, binding Himself, his Heirs (etc.) ... to Keep the new Road in repair.

Present:

Edward NOTT - Curate

R. GOODLAD

Richd. COWDERY

E. DONNIGER

Tho. ROBINSON

Peter DOLLAR

Thos. EDNEY

John GOODYER

John WILTSHIRE

E. STONE

The mark x of Richd. LEEKBLADE"

18 June 1809 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed "that James WESTBROOK" (is) "a proper person to serve the Office of Sexton of this Parish" (and he was so elected).

21 December 1809.

The Cutler and Arthur charities' money distributed by Edward NOTT, Curate, and John HIGGINS, Churchwarden, in the presence of Richd. COWDERY.

(Distributed annually).

April 1810.

The 30 shillings Collins Charity is distributed to the following on "the Thursday before Easter" by Edward NOTT, Curate:-

William PARRATT 5s.

Phillip MILLARD, Senr. 5s.

Widow MOWL 5s.

Christr. WEBB 5s.

Widow SMART 5s.

Peter RYVES 5s.

All resident in the Tything of Swanmore

(Vestry Book).

24 April 1810 (see Vestry 1807)

Copy of letter to Mr. ETWELL: to pay the arrears for water used for Kings Meads at Misingford before 1st June next or the Vestry, " ... in the Name of the Parish have Determined to pull down and destroy the Hatches or Water Stops and that no more shall be Erected.

Thos. HOLLAND, Vestry Clerk". (Vestry Book).

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19 June 1810

Vestry empowers Henry PARRATT, Richard COWDERY, John CHIDDELL and Thomas EDNEY, "Overseers of this Parish, or any one of them ... to Meet Lord Portsmouth's Steward for the purpose of receiving and giving a legal discharge "for the above arrears, being £8-10-0d. due at Michaelmas 1806 (at 10s. a year) and £15-15-0d. due at Michaelmas 1809 (at 5 guineas a year). These due for the water at Mislingford.

1800 – 1850

The woman's effigy (? Mother of JOHN DE DROKENSFORD), now in the South chapel of Droxford Church, is recovered from the bottom of an old moat on its being filled in. This moat lay at the bottom of the field known as "Palace Meadow". ("Memorabilia").

27 May 1811

Population Census - Droxford Parish:

Males	Females	Uninhabited Tenements	Inhabited Tenements
673	705	10	238

Total population (males + females) - 1,378 (1,199 in 1801)

Total Tenements (uninhabited + inhabited) - 248 (214 in 1801)

(Back of Parish Register no. 3).

April 1811

COLLINS Charity distributed equally (5 shillings each) to:-

John BONE Senr.

Phillip MILLER Senr.

Christopher WEBB

Peter RYVES

Elizth. MOWL

Mary SMART

All of SWANMORE Tything. (Thos. EDNEY, Church Warden and Overseer).

(Droxford Vestry Minutes).

16 April 1811 (Easter Tuesday)

Church Wardens elected:-

John FIGGINS Droxford Tything

Richard COWDEY Hill Tything

Thos. EDNEY Swanmore Tything

John CHIDDELL Shidfield Tything

Vestry Meeting adjourned " ... to the poor House ... " of the Parish on Friday 26 April 1811.

Present:

Edward NOTT Curate

Richard COWDEY Overseer

Henry PARRATT Overseer

Robert STARES Inhabitant

(Droxford Vestry Minutes).

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26 April 1811 (Adjourned Vestry Meeting)

Agreed to send this letter:

“To Mr. Peter DOLLAR, Constable of the Upper half Hundred of Bps. Waltham.

Sir, In reply to the demand you have made on the Parish of DROXFORD by Order of the General Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Winchester in January last as Stated by Mr. Woodham, Deputy Clerk of the peace, for money paid by the Treasurer of the County on Account of the Family of BENJ’N. SPICER said to be serving as a Substitute in the South Hants Militia for Thos. HOLLAND of the Parish of Droxford, We beg leave to state to you for the information of the Deputy Clerk ... that the Treasurer of the County has no demand whatsoever on this Parish on account of Benj’n. SPICER, that in the year 1799 the demand of the Treasurer being Disputed by the Parish the Cause was tried at the General Quarter Sessions of that year, where Benj’n. SPICER being Summoned and the Militia roll examined it Appeared by the Oath of the former that he was serving as a Substitute for BENJAMIN BIDEN then of the Parish of WARNFORD ... and that no person was enrolled to serve for THOMAS HOLLAND and the Court Decreed ... that the Treasurer ... had no demand on the Parish of Droxford ... and we trust that this Explanation will prevent any further demand being made ... on this Account.

We are

Your Obedient Servants

John CHIDDELL

Richd. COWDREY

Thos. EDNEY

Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Droxford”.

24 May 1811 - VESTRY MINUTES

Peter DOLLAR of SWANMORE appointed “ ... to take an Accurate Account of the Population of the Parish on the 27th of May and following days”.

13 August 1811 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved: “ ... that the respective Surveyors ... shall Collect their Rates according to Ancient Custom in their Separate tythings for the Re-imburements of their different Accounts.

Present:

Edward NOTT - Curate

Surveyors of the Highways of the Tythings of Droxford, Hill and Swanmore:

Richd. COWDERY

Rob’t STARES

Wm. PROWTING”

21 December 1811 - VESTRY MINUTES

DEE and CUTLER Charities (£6-9-0d) distributed.
(Droxford Vestry Minutes).

March 1812

COLLINS Charity paid out (5 shillings each) to:-

Elizabeth MOWL

William PARRAT

Christopher WEBB

Phillip MILLARD Senr.

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Peter REEVES

Mary SMART

All of SWANMORE Tything (by Thos. EDNEY, Church Warden and Overseer).
(Droxford Vestry Minutes).

March 31 1812 (Easter Tuesday) - VESTRY MINUTES

→ Church Wardens appointed:-

John FIGGINS Droxford Tything

Richd. COWDERY Hill Tything

Peter DOLLAR Swanmore Tything

John CHIDDELL Shidfield Tything

→ Agreed: " ... that the Annual Meeting (to appoint) Overseers and Church Wardens shall in Future be held on Easter Tuesday as usual and from thence adjourned to the Poor House of this Parish to settle all Parish Accounts on the Friday following".

21 December 1812 - VESTRY MINUTES

Charities distributed.

(Droxford Vestry Minutes).

28 January 1813 - VESTRY MINUTES

Meeting held " ... respecting MR. COBBETT'S indictment against Certain Road situated in the Tything of SHIDFIELD We ... belonging to the Tythings of DROXFORD, HILL and SWANMORE do declare that we have nothing to do with the roads ... in ... SHIDFIELD, that Tything haveing from time immemorial repair'd its Own Roads the Surveyors of DROXFORD, HILL and SWANMORE are desired to unite with the Surveyor of SHIDFIELD and Employ such legal Person as they may think proper to Defend the said Action.

DROXFORD Tything:

Edward NOTT

Rob't STARES

John AYLWARD, Surveyor

HILL Tything:

Rich'd COWDERY, Surveyor

Aaron SINGLETON

SWANMORE Tything:

Wm. PROWTING, Surveyor

Thomas EDNEY"

15 April 1813

COLLINS Charity paid (5 shillings each) to:-

Mary SMART

Ann MESSAM

Peter REEVES

Jesse LEE

Phillip MILLARD Senr.

Phillip MILLARD Junr.

All of SWANMORE Tything (by Peter DOLLAR, Church Warden and Overseer).

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26 July 1813 (5). - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed at a Vestry Meeting " ... that no further steps should be taken for the detection and conviction of the persons who are suspected of having stolen the Communion Plate from this Church ... (and) ... that the said Communion Plate should be replaced by subscription".

21 January 1813

At the request of Richard COWDERY, Mr. Peter BARFOOT agrees to the erection by Richard COWDERY and Edmund RYVES of SHIDFIELD (millwright) of " ... a Thrashing Machine in the Great Barn of the said Peter BARFOOT at MIDLINGTON, now rented by him to the said Richard COWDERY". Also, Richard COWDERY to erect at his own cost a Winnowing Fan to winnow the corn so thrashed. (H.C.R.O., ref. 45M69/80).

1814

(Memorial Stone, South inside wall, Droxford Church).

"TO THE MEMORY

OF PETER BARFOOT, ESQUIRE.,

WHO DIED ON THE 6TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1814,

IN THE 84TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.

HIS EARTHLY REMAINS ARE DEPOSITED

IN THE SOUTH WEST PART OF THE CHURCHYARD,

WITHIN THE VAULT BUILT BY HIS EXECUTORS;

WHO, UNDER A SENSE OF DUTY,

AND THE FEELINGS OF AFFECTION,

INSCRIBE THIS TABLET."

(This vault is under the flat stone by the path and the second stone from the swing-gate out of the churchyard – next to the large "BOWERS" tomb).

(Memorial Stone, South inside wall, Droxford Church).

"MRS. FRANCES BARFOOT, Relict

Of PETER BARFOOT, Esqre.,

Late of Midlington Place,

Died 11 November 1835,

Aged 75."

12 April 1817 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: To enclose the gravel-pits "near HILL POUND" at the parish expense.

The digging of gravel in these pits to be at the option of the Overseer of HILL Tything.

This Overseer to employ "such Labourers as may be out of employ".

He is to charge 9/0d. per wagon-load and 1/6d. per cart load.

The Turnpike and Highway contractors to be allowed to dig their own gravel.

(Signed)

Richard GOODLAD Esq., Jeremiah KNIGHT, Thomas HOAD, John DOLLAR, Peter DOLLAR, Richard PEARCE, Thos. HOLLAND (Vestry Clerk).

30th May 1817 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: To contact with the Commissioners of the Gosport Turnpike Road "for the Lowering of GRAVEL HILL in this Parish, according to the ... specification delivered by them, for the sum of Two

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Hundred and twelve Pounds and that the work be set about immediately and that Ralph SHEPHERD be Employ'd as Surveyor of the said works."

30 July 1818 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: Some pews to be repaired and Mr. John DOLLAR to be asked to give an estimate for repairs to the Church Tower.

All encroachments within the Manor to be thrown open - notice to be given to John ERWARKER "the Hayward of Hill, Swanmore and Shidfield to attend at the Poor House tomorrow to receive instructions "regarding this.

Present:

W. GARNIER, Rector

R. Goodlad

James Daysh, Churchwarden

Rich'd Cowdery, Churchwarden

(see under 1821 - Cobbett's remarks).

14 November 1818 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: " ... that the best means of employing the Poor of this Parish who are unable to get work would be by enclosing ten Acres of Waste Land as by Law allow'd ...". Copyholders to meet to consider petition for same to the Lord of the Manor. Overseers to make application to Justices in Petty Sessions for direction " ... that that part of the Act of 22nd of George the third Chap. 83 Section 27 be observed and executed within this Parish as provided by 49 of George the third Chap. 124 Section 5".

21 November 1818 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed:

To postpone petition to Lord of the Manor.

To empower the Overseers to rent not more than ten Acres of land ... for employing the Poor of this Parish.

11 November 1819 - VESTRY MINUTES

John DOLLAR appointed assistant Overseer at salary of £10 per quarter. He is to collect all the Parish rates. He is to pay expenses and give relief under control of the Overseers. He is to enquire into the circumstances and character of persons seeking relief and inform the Overseers. He is to keep a book of the Overseers' directions and produce it at their meetings.

Each Overseer to give DOLLAR a list of persons on permanent relief and the amount received by each. No Overseer to give DOLLAR orders except through the Overseers' Meeting.

Such Meetings to be at least fortnightly and each Overseer to attend in person (unless ill). Quorum of two or more.

All future relief to be given partly in Bread and partly in Money.

Assistant Overseer to be Superintendent of the Poor House and to account to the Overseers. If called for, he is to give Security for parish monies in his care. He will only have a vote in the Overseers' Meeting if the votes otherwise are equal in number.

Signed by:

R. GOODLAD, Robt. H. STARES, Robt. STARES, John AYLWARD, Rich'd. COWDERY.

(Peter DOLLAR mentioned as Treasurer to the Overseers).

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04 April 1820 - VESTRY MINUTES

Church Wardens appointed:-

DROXFORD Tithing (by the Rector)	James DAYSH
HILL & SWANMORE Tythings	John DOLLAR
SHIDFIELD Tything	John CHIDDELL

05 May 1820 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: That the present Poor House be (rented) from year to year from 1st January 1821 at £40 p.a. and Mrs Hoad (the owner) is to keep it in repair liable to 6 months notice (? of quitting).

1821 - Death of Richard GOODLAD

(Memorial Stone, South inside wall, Droxford Church).

TO RICHARD GOODLAD Esquire

of Hill Place,

died 11 January 1821,

aged 65:

and to FRANCES LEONORA, his second wife,

died 19 January 1821,

aged 53.

→ (Dr. Andrew's slips at HCRO): Richard GOODLAD - Sheriff of Hampshire in 1818. Married 1803 at Bathford (Somerset) to Frances Leonora (daughter of John WHITE of Fairlee, Whippingham), bapt. 1767.

→ (William COBBETT, "Rural Rides" Vol. 2, 22nd October 1826):-

"In coming along yesterday from WALTHAM CHASE to SOBERTON DOWN we passed by a big white house upon a hill that was, when I lived at BOTLEY, occupied by one GOODLAD, who was a cock justice of the peace and who had been a chap of some sort or other in India. There was a man of the name of SINGLETON who lived in Waltham Chase and who was deemed to be a great poacher [see Vestry Minutes 30 July 1818]. This man, having been forcibly ousted by the order of this GOODLAD and some others from an encroachment that he had made in the forest, threatened revenge. Soon after this a horse ... was stabbed or shot in the night-time in a field. SINGLETON was taken up, tried at Winchester, convicted and transported. ... I remember that there were some curious circumstances attending the conviction of this man. ... but GOODLAD and his wife were both dead and buried in less, I believe, than three months after the departure of poor SINGLETON. I do not know that any injustice really was done; but I do know that a great impression was produced, and a very sorrowful impression, too, on the minds of the people in that neighbourhood."

(A "note" to this states that "the cogent evidence against SINGLETON, on the charge of wounding a mare, the property of a person named EARWAKER, by shooting, was asserted to have been a distorted statement of his own, made to a fellow-prisoner while awaiting his trial." He was " ... one of a number of countrymen who contended for prizes on the stage for single-stick established at BOTLEY and was noted for his indomitable courage under the blows of the stick." "He was transported for life but was permitted to return at the end of 18 years to his old place of residence. And, although he had lost a leg while abroad, being a man of great energy he had, when he died in the winter of 1852, managed to acquire some property in land.").

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20 May 1821

Population Census - Droxford Parish:

Males	Females	Inhabited Tenements	Uninhabited Tenements
693	717	246	7

Total population (males + females) - 1,410 (1,378 in 1811 and 1,199 in 1801)

Total tenements (inhabited + uninhabited) - 253 (248 in 1811 and 214 in 1801)

Families - 267, being:

“Agricultural” 170

“Trade” 55

“Other” 42

TOTAL: 267

(Back of Parish Register no. 3).

April 3rd 1822 - VESTRY MINUTES

Present: Revd. Robt. GRANT, Wm. WHATELY, Esqr., Henry GLASSE, Esqr., Jeremiah KNIGHT (Churchwarden), William STONE (Overseer), Thos. BEDFORD (Overseer), James DAYSH (Churchwarden), Robt. H. STARES, John CHIDDELL, Senr. (Churchwarden), John CHIDDELL, Junr. (Overseer), John AYLWARD and Richard PENFOLD (Overseers). Thos. HOLLAND (Vestry Clerk).

“Resolved that the said Vestry should be immediately adjourned to the White Horse inn.”

This done they resolved:-

- ... the Overseers and other inhabitants to meet Mr. John DOLLAR at Widow HOLMES' in HILL to point out alterations needed “ ... to convert the same into a House fit for the reception of the Poor of this Parish.”
- “that Saml. WARREN shall not keep any of his children at the Poor House and that his sallary shall in future be £15 per annum from the 25th day of March last and ... that three months' notice shall be given him in case the Parish should think proper to appoint another person to act in his room.”

1st May 1822 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved:

- To rent a House for the use of the Poor “near HILL POUND at the yearly rent of 30s for the term of 14 years.”
 - To give Legal Notice to Quit the present Poor House (at SHIDFIELD) “to Mrs. HOAD, Mr. George HOAD or to whom it may concern on the first day of January 1823.”
- (Present: The Curate, 4 Overseers, 3 Churchwardens and 29 other parishioners, also the Vestry Clerk).

29 September 1825 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved:

- To elect Bracy WIGGINS to fill the combined situations of Master of the Poor House and Assistant Overseer at salary of £40 p.a. from 16 November 1825.
 - To discharge John DOLLAR from his post as Assistant Overseer on 16 November 1825.
 - To request Samuel WARREN to quit his post as Master of the Workhouse on 16 November 1825, paying his salary up to 01 January 1826.
- (At Vestry of 01 December 1825 - repeat of instructions to new Assistant Overseer).

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15 June 1826 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved:

- Not to appeal against Order to remove Widow EDNEY and her 4 children from NURSLING Parish to DROXFORD.
- To obtain a copy " ... of the examination of Elizabeth PURKINS on the 18th day of May last in a case of Bastardy against John DOLLAR [? The former Assistant Overseer] ... "(and to seek Counsel's Opinion on this).

21 December 1826 - VESTRY MINUTES

Meeting adjourned forthwith " ... to the House of Harry READING at the White Horse Inn in DROXFORD in Consequence of a Funeral now pending."

1820's (2).

William Cobbett ("Rural Rides") theorizes that HAMBLEDON and EAST MEON Churches are so big that these 2 villages (and others) must once have been thriving townships.

22 October 1826 (Sunday)

William COBBETT writes ("Rural Rides", Vol. II):-

"I cannot quit WALTHAM CHASE without observing that I heard last year that a Bill was about to be petitioned for to enclose that chase! Never was so monstrous proposition in this world. ... here are a couple of hundred acres of land worth ten thousand acres of land in the NEW FOREST. This is as fine timber land as any in the wealds of Surrey, Sussex or Kent. There are two enclosures of about 40 acres each, perhaps, that were simply surrounded by a bank being thrown up about twenty years ago ... and on the poorest part of the chase too; and these are now as beautiful plantations of young oak-trees as man ever set his eyes on; ... Therefore, besides the sweeping away of two or three hundred cottages; besides plunging into ruin and misery all these numerous families, here is one of the finest pieces of timberland in the whole Kingdom, going to be cut up into miserable clay fields, for no earthly purpose but that of gratifying the stupid greediness of those who think that they must gain, if they add to the breadth of their private fields."

17th October 1827 - Droxford Manor House

(Hants CRO – ref. 1 9638).

Leased to the Marquis of Winchester (on surrender of Lease of 28th February 1782).

05 September 1827 - VESTRY MINUTES

Agreed: " ... that more air should be given to the Church by Casements, etc., to the windows and that in the course of the ensuing spring the Church be whitewashed."

Thos. WHITE (Curate), James DAYSH, William STONE, John DOLLAR, Thos. DELLER.

15 December 1831 - VESTRY MEETING

Present: Peter BARFOOT, Esquire, Chairman, George BUTLER Esq., Jeremiah KNIGHT, John KENNETT, George PENFOLD, John APPLEBY, George APPLEBY, Aaron HATCH, Charles BEDFORD, William DELLER, James DAYSH, George HEWLETT, Charles NEWMAN and William PROWTING (17 persons).

Resolved: To advertise for a Surveyor (from outside Hampshire) to survey the Parish and value it for the purpose of fixing future Poor Rates. Committee appointed:

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DROXFORD Tithing	Robert Hatch STARES - Overseer James DAYSH - Churchwarden Jeremiah KNIGHT - Churchwarden William DELLER - Committee Charles BEDFORD - Committee
HILL Tything	George PENFOLD - Overseer John KENNETT - Committee George BUTLER, Esq. - Committee Peter BARFOOT, Esq. - Committee
SWANMORE Tything	John APPLEBY - Overseer Richard HINXMAN - Committee George APPLEBY - Committee Charles ROBINSON, Esq., R.N. - Committee
SHEDFIELD Tything	James WARNER - Overseer James CRABB, Esq. - Committee John COLSON - Committee Aaron HATCH - Committee John Cooper HOAD - Churchwarden

Droxford Parish is said to contain “about 5000 Acres and about 300 houses, including Eight Mansions and One Water Corn Mill. The Land comprises 4000 Acres Arable, 200 Meadow and the remainder Wood ... you will be expected to ... Value Separately ... Each and Every field, Meadow, Hedge Row, Coppice, Dell, etc. It is right to observe that halfe the above number of Houses Are at Present Occupied by Tenants unable to pay Rates ... The Survey to be completed on or before the 25th day of March next, the Parish undertaking to Provide Sufficient Guides to give Every facility ... ” (copy of Circular to Surveyors for tenders).

(Survey done by a Mr. WRIGHT).

(Vestry Clerk at this time - Bracy WIGGINS).

1831 to 1868 - Rector

Rev. J. A. Griffith COLPOYS. “Non-resident Rector for many years, living at St. Leonards-on-Sea, where he died and was buried. He lived there for the sake of his wife’s health. She was a daughter of John Bird SUMNER, Archbishop of Canterbury, who married them in Droxford Church. Mrs. COLPOYS and son are buried near the East wall of the Church”.

(“Memorabilia”).

Exeter College, Oxford. B.A. 1824. M.A. 1824. Deac. 1825. Pr. 1826.

(Per Miss F.B.Collins).

23 September 1833 - VESTRY MINUTES

First minute noting appointment of 12 Surveyors of the Highway (3 for each Tything).

1834 (1)

The National School (now Village Hall) is built to accommodate 106 children with two teachers and several “monitors/pupil teachers” in two rooms. Teachers have to be “female, over eighteen and of good health”. Childrens’ playground is the (then) literal green outside (now “The Square”).

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29 January 1835 - VESTRY MINUTES

"It is resolved unanimously with the exception of one (John FAITHFUL) that the proposed Union of the Parish with other Parishes in the Division of DROXFORD and the building of a Work House in or near the Village of DROXFORD, as proposed by the Commissioner at a Meeting held at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday the 21st Instant, will be beneficial and is hereby agreed to.

Signed on behalf of the Vestry,
Robt. H. STARES, Chairman".

21 April 1835 - VESTRY MINUTES

James WARNER of Steeple Court Farm (later replaced by George Habin APPLEBY of Swanmore) and Robert Hatch STARES of Droxford elected first 2 Guardians of the Poor for DROXFORD Parish.

25 March 1836 - VESTRY MINUTES

Resolved: To recommend the following persons to the Magistrates as fit and proper persons to be excused from the payment of their rates on the ground of their inability to pay:-

John BOSWELL

Thos. HOLLAND

Lewis MARSH

Richard HATCH

George WESTBROOK

John BATCHELOR

John BLACKMAN

Henry BROWN

Elizabeth HA(R)(L)E.

(Robt. H STARES, Chairman).

1837 (1)

DROXFORD Union House is built on five acres of ground for £4500. The "Droxford Union" (covering eleven Parishes had been formed in 1835).

1840 TITHE MAP.

Shows whole area around "Gravel Hill" as "The Chase" (nearby to Midlington).

- The road from Swanmore Church to Hill (i.e. now the "Hunters Inn" crossroads) is marked as "DODD LANE".
- "Hill Pound Gate" is at Hill Pound crossroads.
- All area south of Dodd Lane to a point south of Gravel Hill and west to the Bishops Waltham boundary and east to the River Meon is shown as "THE CHASE" with only the single Droxford-Hill-Shedfield-Sherril Heath road crossing it from North to South.
- Allcourt Farm (south of Row Ash) is probably Hall Court Farm in the Manor Court Baron presentments.
- There is a road marked along the ridge from Cot Street Farm to Midlington, parallel and west of the present A.32.

1842 - Last year of VESTRY MINUTES

Overseers of the Poor elected (26 March):-

Droxford Tything - Henry HALL, William POOR, Thomas PA(RR)ETT

Hill Tything - Henry WAY, George REEVES, Thomas HOLMES

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Swanmore Tything - George COBBETT (Jnr.), Bettesworth Pitt SHEARER, William GILES

Shidfield Tything - James WARNER (Steeple Court), William SMITH, William RICH

Surveyors ("Waywardens") appointed (26 March):-

Droxford Tything - Robert Hatch STARES

Swanmore Tything - George APPLEBY

Hill Tything - George PENFOLD

Shidfield Tything - John HATCH

Churchwardens elected (29 March):-

Droxford (Rector's nominee) - Thos. Sloane MOODY

Droxford - George Porter COSIER

Swanmore and Hill - Joseph HENDY

Shidfield - John HATCH

Distribution of the Mr. DEE, Rev. CUTLER and Farmer ARTHUR charities on 21 December 1842 - the interest of £6:9:0 was distributed "as directed" among the poor people of the tythings of Droxford and Hill (this had been done in every previous year).

1847

- New pews throughout the Church, much ancient oak being cast out and sold.

- Both Galleries removed.

- New roof and ceiling - plaster cornices.

("Memorabilia").

1848 - Extract from KELLYS DIRECTORY for that year

"DROXFORD is a large village, 4 miles east-south-east of Bishops Waltham, 8 miles north-north-east of Fareham, in the Hundred of Bishops Waltham, and diocese of Winchester, pleasantly situate on a small rivulet. The church is an ancient building, of stone, in the mixed style of architecture, with square tower, containing six bells and a clock. The living is a rectory, value £1,160 in the gift of the Bishop of the diocese; the Rev. James Adair Griffiths Colpoys, M.A., is the present incumbent. In 1841 the population was 1,642; and the acreage 6,080; the Bishop of Winchester is lord of the manor.

GENTRY.

Barfoot Peter, esq. Midlington House

Colpoys Rev. Jas. Adair Griffiths, M.A

Glass Mrs, Ann

Hall Mr. Henry

Moody Samuel Hogarth, esq

TRADERS.

Baker Thomas, surgeon

??? John, draper & grocer

??? the Missrs Betsy & Jane, seminary

??? George Porter, corndealer

Freemantle Charles, shopkeeper

Goodiff William, tailor

Hatchstares Robert, farmer

Hayden Thomas, relieving officer

Knight Peter Jeremiah, farmer

Langtree William, shopkeeper

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Poore William, maltster
Pratt William, saddler
Pressick Barnabas, master of workhouse
Reading Alfred, draper & grocer
Reading Elizabeth, 'White Horse'
Rogers John, surgeon
Smith James, shoemaker
Smith Mrs. Sarah, post office
Wedge Charles, ???
Westbrook Mrs. Elizabeth, ???, plumber etc
Westbrook George, shoemaker
Westbrook ???, painter
Westbrook William, ???
Woodley Robert, ???
POST OFFICE. - Mrs. Sarah Smith, receiver. Letters are received from Bishops Waltham at 8 a.m.
Post sent out at half past 6 p.m."

30 December 1848 - Droxford Manor House
(Hants C.R.O. ref. 19640).

Licence from the Bishop of Winchester for the Marquis of Winchester (the Lessee) to sublet to Robert Hatch STARES.

1st December 1856 - Droxford Manor House
(Hants CRO ref. 1 9641).

Reconveyance from the Marquis of Winchester to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

1868 to 1886

- Rev. Stephen BRIDGE, Rector.
- Four square windows cut in north and south walls of the chancel.
- Gift of Brass Eagle Lectern by Mr. Richard Redfearn GOODLAD of Hill Place in memory of his wife (died 1867).
- Present pulpit placed in Church (from Rector's old Church, St. Matthews at Denmark Hill). ("Memorabilia").

"For a long period the character of the Church services in Droxford Church was that of the extreme Evangelical type.

The Rev. Stephen BRIDGE was of that type of Churchmanship, while he liked the services to be decently and reverently conducted and was jealous for the appearance of the Church".

("Memorabilia").

He is buried in the Churchyard, near the south porch.

1869 (1).

By the "Bishops' Resignation Act" DROXFORD MANOR passes from Church ownership to that of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

1873.

- New organ at East end of the North aisle.
- Font moved from East to West end of the North aisle to accommodate it.

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1886 to 1902

Rev. R. G. Harrison, Rector. He “was a stalwart Protestant & Evening Communion prevailed in his day, but was discontinued by Canon Vaughn” (q.v.).

(“Memorabilia”).

He is buried in the Churchyard under the wooden paling of the Rectory garden.