



# Burton Rectory

Sometimes called Bryanston



## **General information**

The Old Rectory is the former rectory of the parish of Nettleton, Burton and West Kington, and sits next to the C13 church of St Mary's in the tiny village of Burton. Burton was added to Nettleton in 1934. And this was a separate parish until the 1960s, when it joined with Littleton Drew to cover a bigger area.

Since it was part of the church living, the bulk of the former residents have been vicars. The earliest parts of the existing building date from 1605, according to church and village lore – although a document that proves this has not come to light. Therefore, despite knowing the names of the incumbent rectors before this date, we will start with whoever was in the property in 1605.

The church is Grade I listed, as are other houses in the area – including Chestnut Cottage, which was formerly the village forge. Various 18<sup>th</sup> century monuments in the churchyard are Grade II listed. The Rectory is not listed. This may have been due to the vast changes made to the building in 1872 and 1937, and the state of the building in the late 1970s when the initial listings system was decided upon.

The oldest part of the house is what is currently used as the kitchen, which runs parallel to Church Lane. The rest of this portion of the house was presumably added later in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century, although no document or dating brick proves this.

The lands extended from the church wall to the rear wall of the Old House at Home pub. This included a series of outbuildings as part of the property. One of these was a coach house, which later became separated from the house.

A two-storey extension was added to the rear of the house in 1872/3 by Rector Woodman. Colloquially, this was intended to add extra rooms to house his many daughters.

In 1937, possibly due to a dilapidated condition, the forward part of the older portion of the house was removed. An internal wall became an external wall, with the original windows reused and inserted. The main entrance to the building was moved around the corner from its original place, and now is a former minor entrance to the building.

The building was sold in c1960, as the parish was amalgamated with Littleton Drew, which had its own rectory and the housing for the vicar was no longer needed. It has been in private ownership since.

One family owned the house from c1960 through until the earlier 21<sup>st</sup> century, with parents in the main house and daughter and her husband in the coach house.

From a book of photographs and leaflets on the church, compiled c1992:

*The Old Rectory was substantially altered and added to in 1873 and it is thought that The Coach House dates from this period. It is substantially constructed mainly of natural stone under a slate tiled roof with an attractive front elevation of a typical Coach House with a wide doorway, two dormer windows over, one being the old hay loft access and parapeted gable ends surmounted by stone ball finials. The rear elevation is rendered over brickwork. It extends in all to about 1750 sq ft overall and it is considered that the first floor accommodation could be re-arranged to provide three or four bedrooms if required subject to any necessary consents. There is also sufficient space within the grounds for an addition subject to any necessary consents.*

The house was sold again in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, where the new owners renovated the grounds and put in a swimming pool and stables.

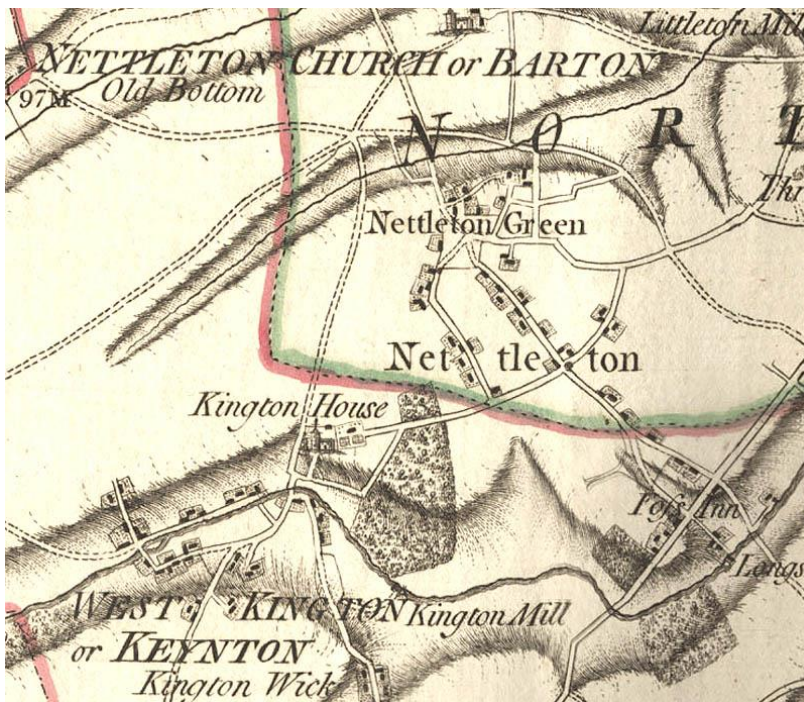
Alastair McKee bought the property at auction c2014, and further renovated the grounds and inside the house.

The only old picture of the house is this one. The original façade of the house can be seen, along with several trees that now no longer exist.

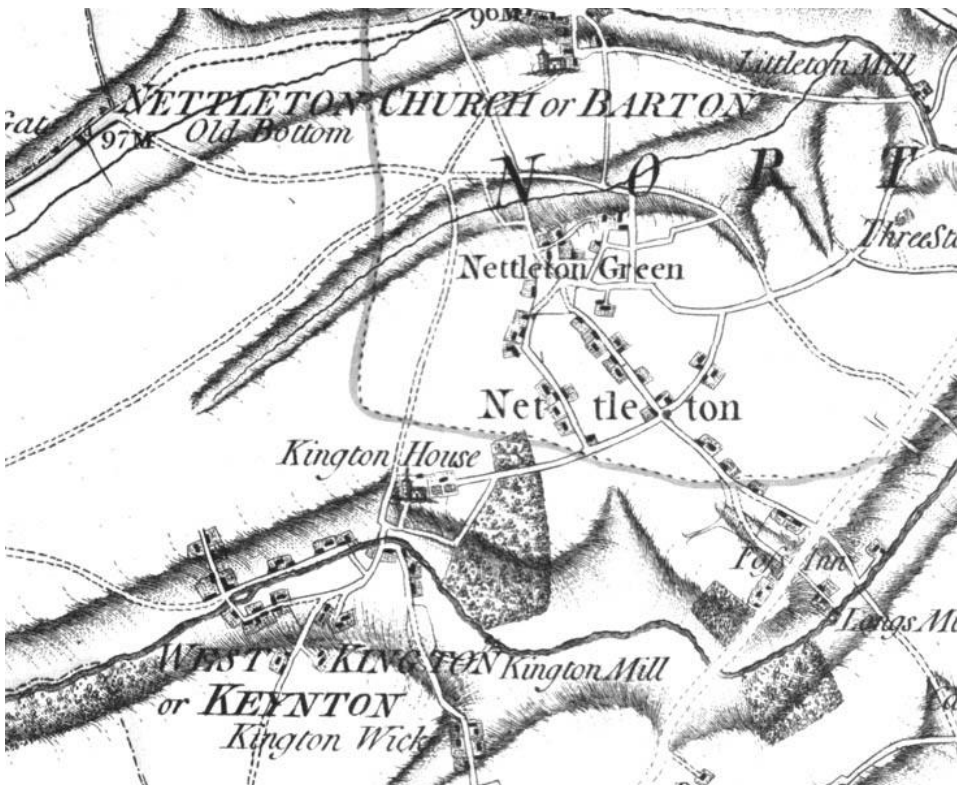


Presumably this is a picture of a rector and his wife. The length of the woman's skirt puts the date of the picture at post-1914, both of the couple's hats would indicate possibly early 1920s. My best guess is that this is Walter Brook Rickards and Mary Rickards, who were incumbent in 1921-1923.

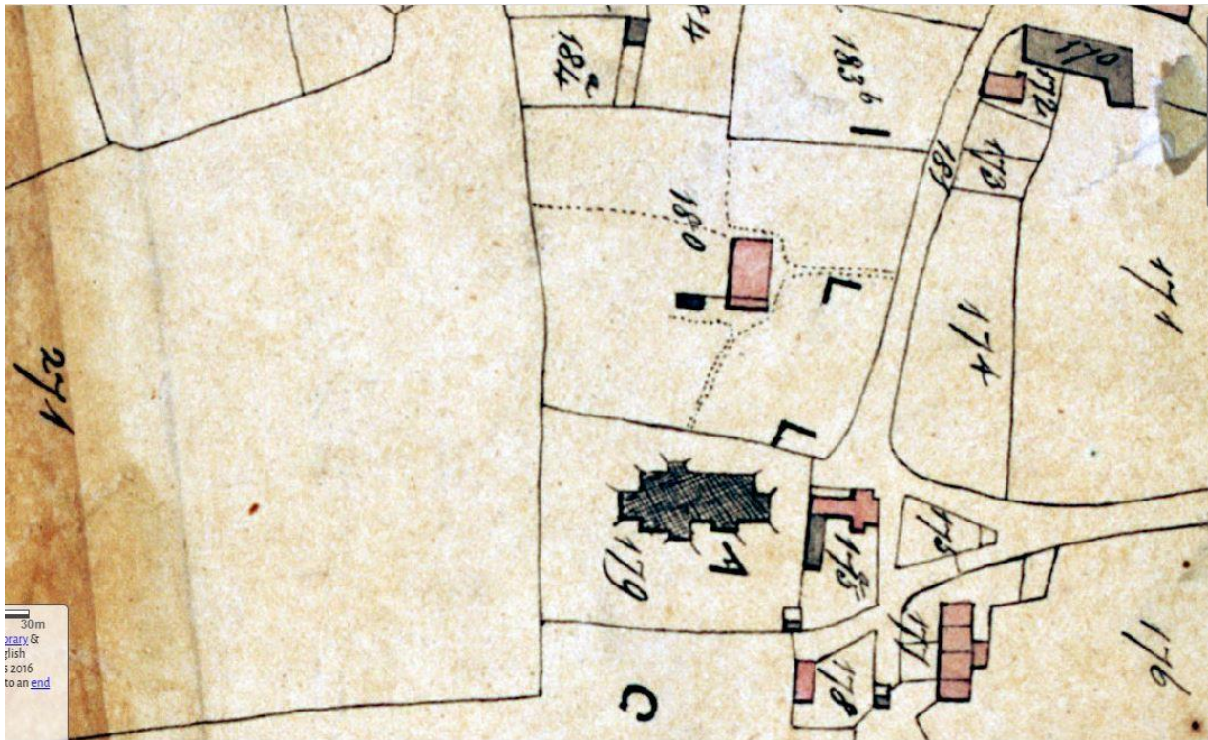
## Maps



The first map to feature the church is from 1773. The church can be seen at the top of the image. The rectory exists, but is not marked.

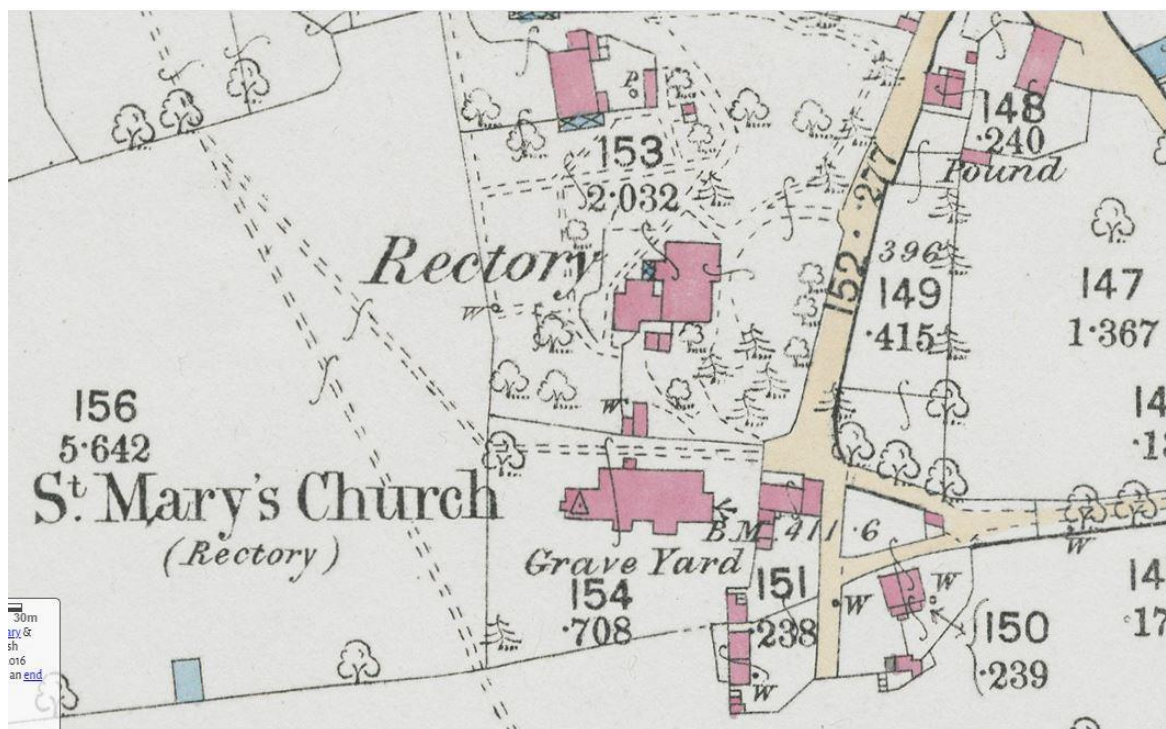


The situation is similar on the updated 1810 map. The church is visible, but the rectory is not.

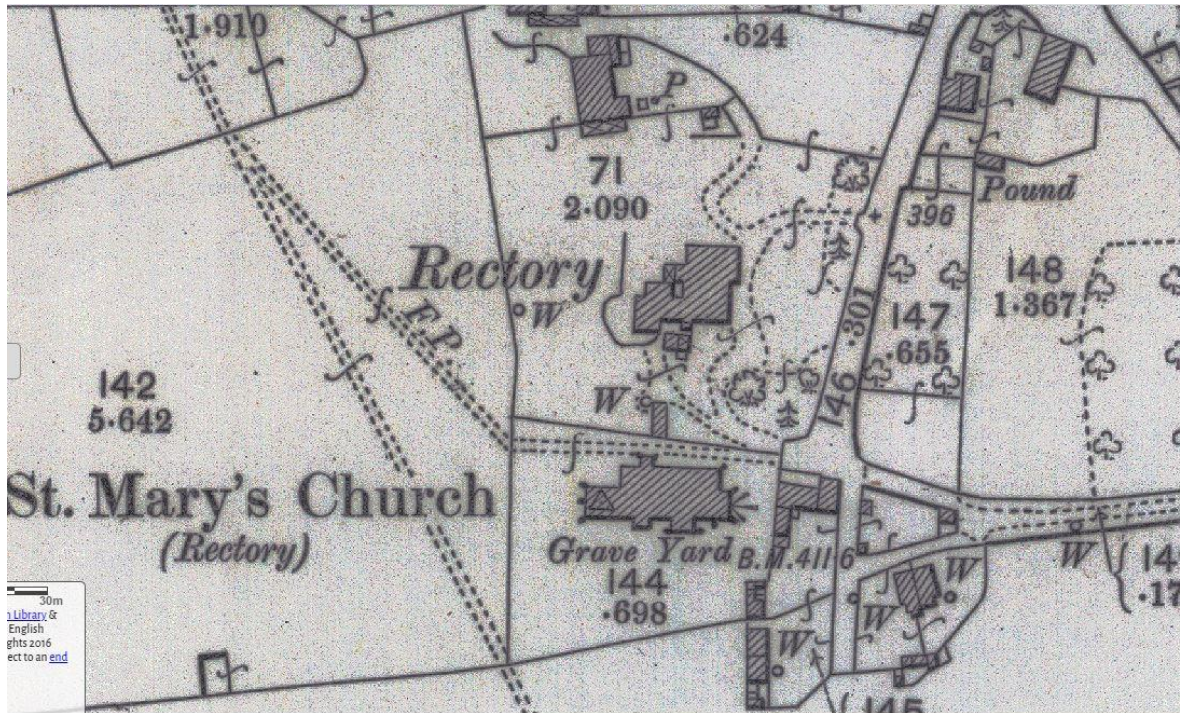


The tithe awards map of c1840 shows both the church, in black as an uninhabited building, and the rectory in pink as it is inhabited. The house is clearly rectangular, as the extension has not yet been built.

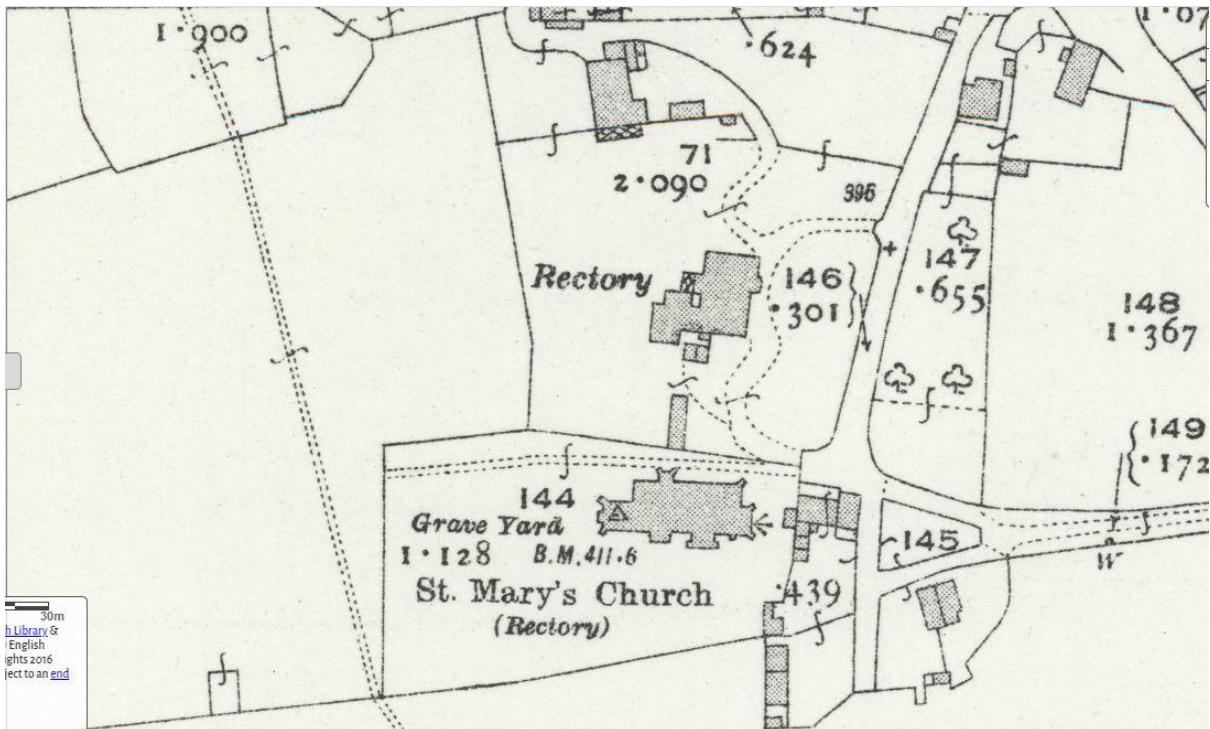
The parcels of land, marked 179 and 180, are owned by the church in the tithe awards records. There were other nearby lands that the church (and therefore the diocese) owned.



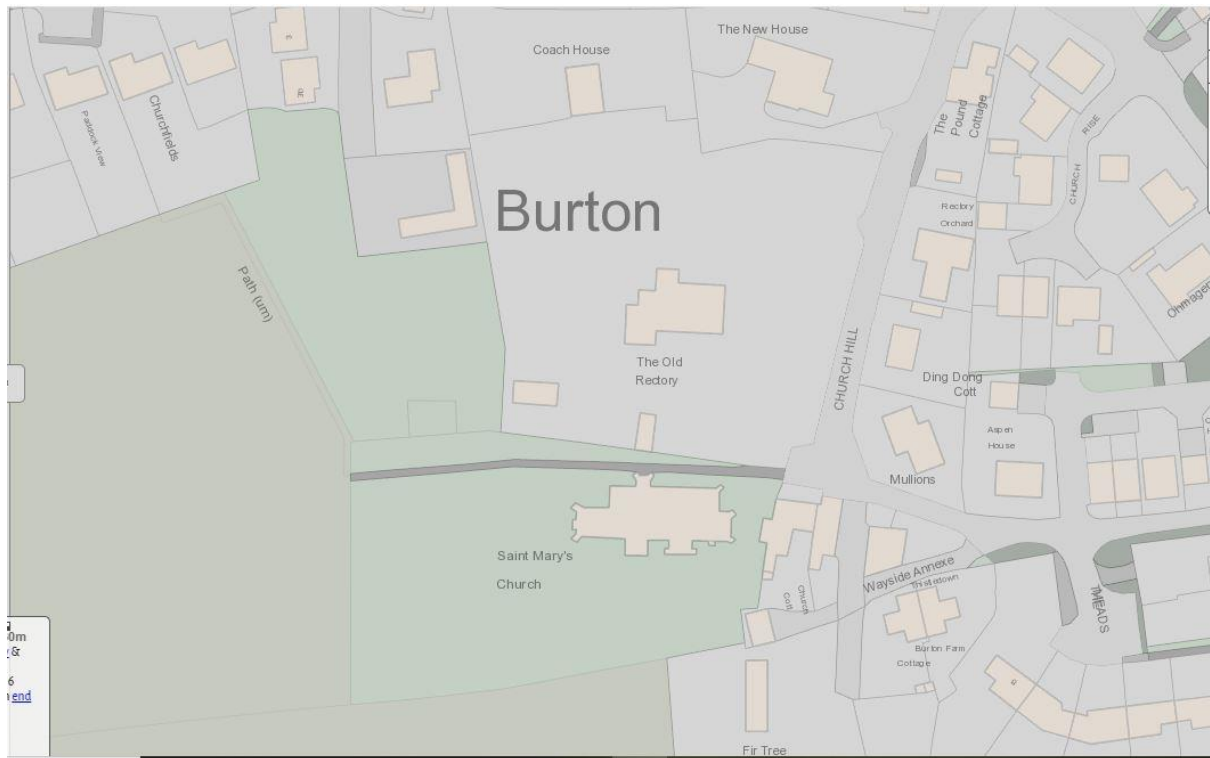
The first OS map, surveyed in 1884 and published in 1889, shows the rectory with the 1872/3 extension clearly marked. The glass roof of the back porch – now the main entrance to the house – is also visible. The coach house has been added, across the garden.



The second OS map was surveyed for in 1899 and published in 1901. Nothing much has changed, save the layout of a few outbuildings.



The third OS map dates from 1921 to 1922, published in 1926. Again, there is no real difference to the layout of the house.



The 2019 plan has the smaller version of the rectory, and the outbuildings to the left.



The current view of the house if looking towards the church. This was an original internal wall, which became an external wall in 1937. The house's original windows were reused in this renovation.

## **List of vicars**

The register of incumbents lists Johannes de Montecute as rector in 1305.

The church belonged to Glastonbury Abbey until dissolution of the monasteries. It then belonged to the diocese of Salisbury or Sarum.

- **Pre-1547:** William Boyton (died 16.7.1547)
- **1547-1554:** George Bancroft (died 5.7.1573). Was rector at Grittleton 1545, moved to Bromham 1554, then Yatton Keynell 1561.
- **1554-5:** George Ballard (died 11.10.1555)
- **?-1597:** George Worsley (died 1597)
- **1597-1629:** Edward Hutchins (died 1628). He had an MA, was also vicar at Brinkworth 1603. Probably the first vicar to live in what is now the rectory, as the oldest part dates from 1605.
- **1621-1637:** Laurentius/Laurence Barlow (died 1637). Went to Brasenose, Oxford, was Schoolmaster at Adderbury with Milton in 1619.
- **1637-1687:** John Fabian (died 1687). Went to Christ Church, Oxford. Was vicar at Chew Magna, Somerset 1639.
- **1687- 1714:** Joseph Richards (died 23.11.1714). Had MA.
- **1714-1753:** Samuel Arnold (died 12.5.1753). Was rector at Boxwell with Leighterton 1743.
- **1753-1786:** Daniel Elliot Mills (died 28.12.1786). Curate at West Kington 1783.
- **Record in the accounts book from 1777 of money given to a wounded soldier.** Church wardens were Zachariah Higgins and Joseph Hall. Later Joseph Buckle. Wrote the account books. Church was whitewashed every few years, but nothing said of the rectory.
- **1786-1802:** Thomas Compton (Robert Trotman Coates was curate from 1789)
- **1802-1813:** James Eyre. BA at Oxford, MA at Cambridge, schoolmaster at Solihull Free Grammar school 1802 and 1816 (Robert Dennison curate from 1803)
- **1813-1842:** Henry Frederick Bythesea. Went to Brasenose, Oxford. Curate at Rhode 1812. (curates were Daniel Race Godfrey from 1814 and William Batchelor from 1822)
- **1842-1851:** Charles Jowell Watts
- **1851-1870:** Charles Compton Domville (he returned 1892-97)
- **1870-1891:** Frederick Thomas Woodman, MA (died 19.11.1891 at Nettleton)
- **1892-1898:** Charles Compton Domville (died 16.5.1898 at WSM)
- **1899-1907:** William Fergusson Steele
- **1907-1919:** Charles Stafford Jones
- **1920-1921:** F W Walker
- **1921-1923:** Walter Brook Rickards and Mary C Rickards



- **1924-1933:** David Hutchinson (with Grace A Hutchinson, Gerald A Hutchinson and Cyril D Hutchinson. Gerald and Cyril disappeared 1929 but Marjorie Grace Hutchinson added that year, then Kathleen Violet added 1931)
- **1934-1935:** Henry Lloyd Jukes (with Ethel Annie Jukes, Henry Augustus Jukes, Evelyn Ann Harris. Ronald Elvet Jones added 1935).
- **1936-1959:** Ralph John Bryant. (Edwin Minty and Judith M Minty added 1947 but have left by 1952, later the Goodchilds also rented). Retired on grounds of ill health.
- **Gerald A Hutchison was rector from c1961 until at least c1979.** He did not live in the building. He was son of earlier vicar David Hutchison. The parish had joined with Littleton Drew c1960, and he was based there.

### **Other residents**

- **1960-c2000:** Robert William Edwin Upward, Joan Frances Upward née Dodimead, and family. Joan died in 1989, Robert in 1996. Their daughter Vivienne and her husband Robert had lived in the Coach House, but moved into the Old Rectory for a couple of years.
- **c2000-2007:** Christopher and Josephine Vercoe, and daughter Coco
- **2007-c2018:** Andrew (Andie) Steele-Smith, Rachel Steele-Smith, and children Dean and Kaytlyn. Vacated after 2012, but property rented and then empty under their tenure.
- **2018-present:** Alastair McKee and family



## Residents' stories

### Edward Hutchins

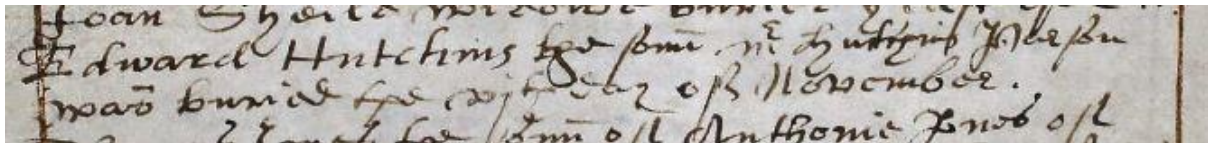
Edward was rector or parson of Nettleton from 1597 until 1628

The diocese says that he had an MA. This may have been from Brasenose College in Oxford.

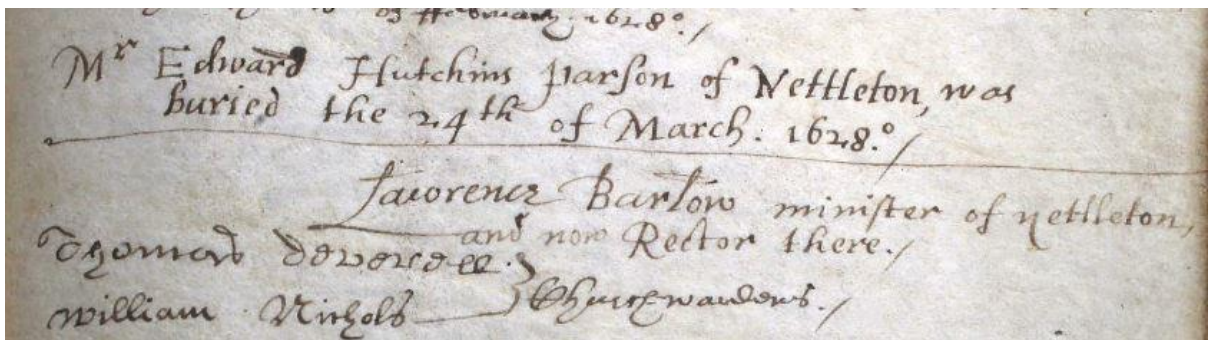
The diocese says he was also vicar at Brinkworth in 1603.

He was probably the first vicar to live in the building that is now the rectory, as the oldest part dates from 1605.

There was an Edward Hutchins buried in Nettleton in 1609. He is clearly some relative, but the exact nature is unreadable.



Edward Hutchins died at Nettleton in 1628, and was buried that March by Laurence Barlow, the new rector.



### Laurentius (Laurence) Barlow

Laurence (given as Laurentius in ecclesiastical Latin) was apparently rector of Nettleton from 1621 until 1637.

He attended Brasenose College, Oxford.

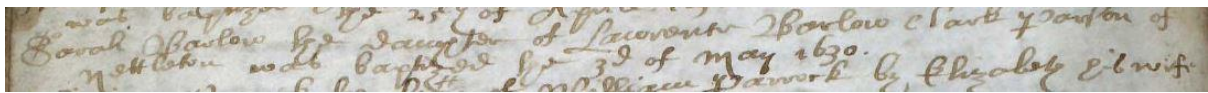
aged 19 ; B.A. 23 Oct., 1633, M.A. 30 June, 1637.  
**Barlow, Laurence**, of co. Lancaster, pleb. BRASE-  
NOSE COLL., matric. 3 Nov., 1615, aged 18 ; B.A.  
4 Feb., 1618-19, M.A. 2 Nov., 1621, rector of Nettle-  
ton, Wilts, 1629. See Foster's *Index Ecclesiasticus*.  
**Barlow, Paul**. s. Rowland. of Jefferson. co. Pembroke

The note to see Foster's Index Ecclesiasticus is redundant, as an electronic copy of the first volume from 1540 to 1800 is not available.

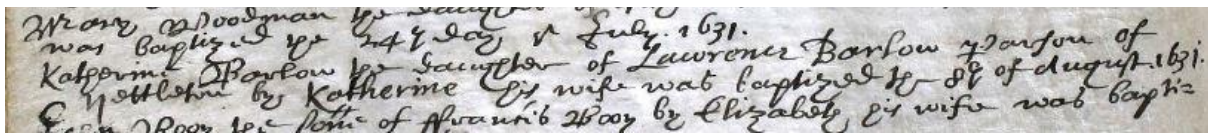
The diocese says that he was schoolmaster at Adderbury with Milton in 1619.

He married Katharine, at some point before 1630. They may have previously lived in Salisbury, as there are children of Laurence Barlow born there.

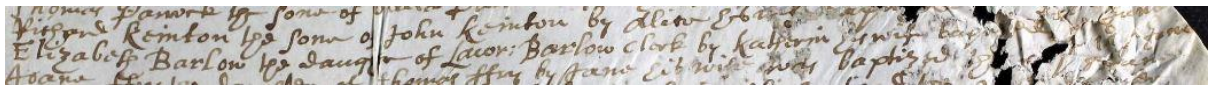
His daughter Sarah was baptised in May 1630 at Nettleton.



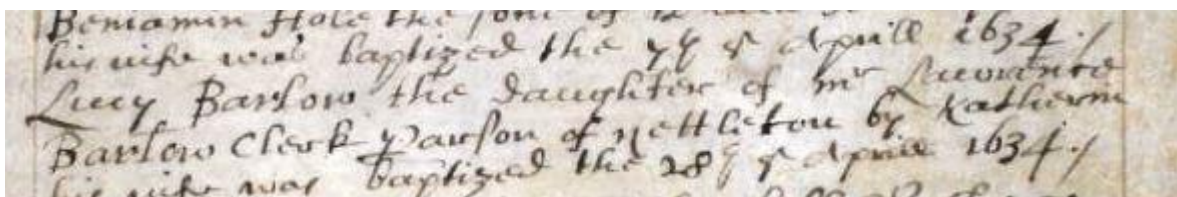
His daughter Katherine was baptised in August 1631 in Nettleton.



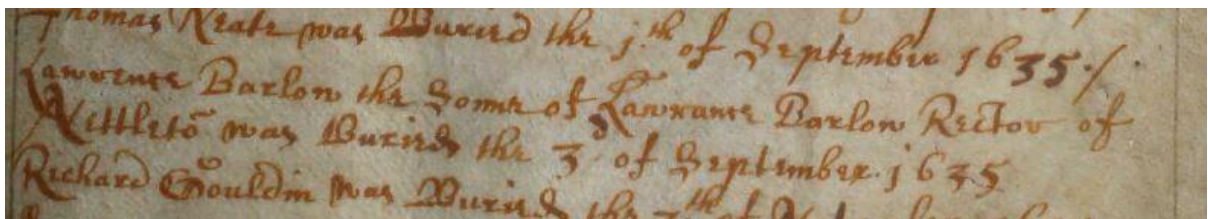
His daughter Elizabeth was baptised in June 1632 in Nettleton.



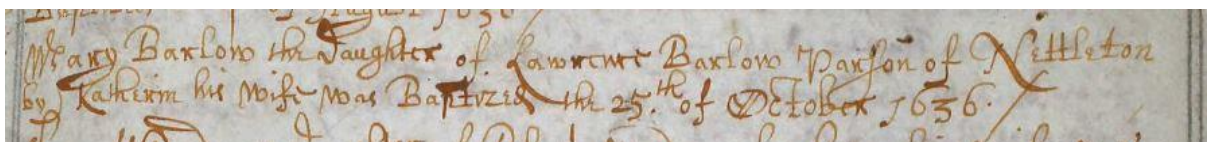
His daughter Lucy was baptised in April 1634 in Nettleton.



His son Laurence died in 1635 and was buried at Nettleton.



His daughter Mary was baptised at Nettleton in October 1636.



The diocese records say he died in 1637, but this does not appear to have been at Nettleton as he is not in the burial records.

### John Fabian

John was the rector from 1637 until 1687.

According to diocese records, he attended Christ Church, Oxford.

The diocese also says that he was vicar at Chew Magna, Somerset, from 1639. This would appear to be an earlier position according to his Oxford Alumni record, which says he was rector there from 1628.

regis. deus, 1591. See Foster's *Index Eccl.*  
**Fabian, John**, born in Middlesex, s. Thomas, of Langley, Bucks, gent. CHRIST CHURCH, matric. 3 Feb., 1625-6, aged 18; B.A.; M.A. 5 June, 1632, rector of Chew Magna, Somerset, 1628, and of Nettleton, Wilts, 1637. See Foster's *Index Eccl. & Alumni West.* 97.

He married Barbara, at some point before 1639. There is no obvious marriage record to determine her original surname.

Their daughter Eleanor Fabian was baptised at Nettleton in 1639.

Their daughter Lucy Fabian was baptised at Nettleton in 1640.

Their daughter Barbara was baptised at Nettleton in 1642.

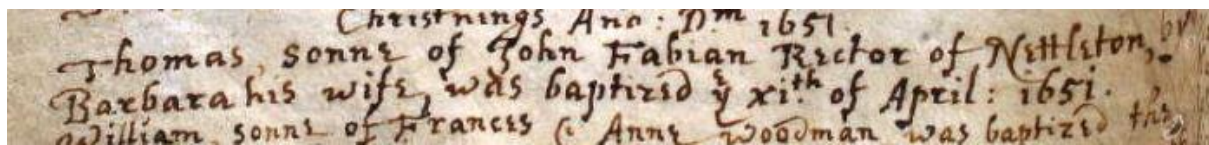
Their daughter Catherine was baptised at Nettleton in 1644.

Their son St John Fabian was baptised at Nettleton in 1646.

St John married Elizabeth Deverell in Nettleton in 1675.

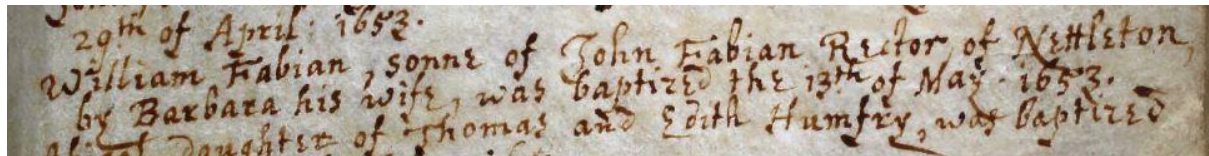
Their son John Fabian was baptised at Nettleton in 1648.

Their son Thomas was baptised at Nettleton in 1651.



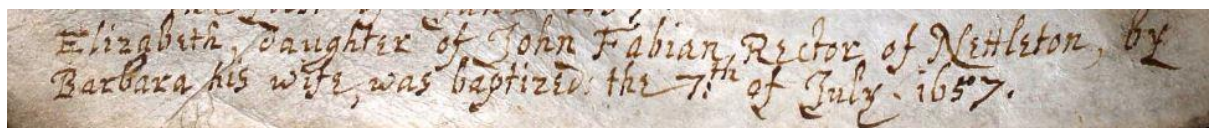
Christnings Anno: D<sup>m</sup> 1651.  
Thomas sonne of John Fabian Rector of Nettleton,  
Barbara his wife, was baptized y<sup>e</sup> xi<sup>th</sup> of April: 1651.  
William sonne of Francis & Anne Woodman was baptized the

Their son William was baptised at Nettleton in 1653.



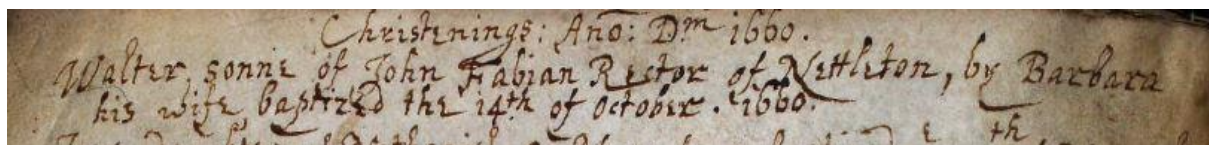
20<sup>th</sup> of April: 1653.  
William Fabian, sonne of John Fabian Rector of Nettleton,  
by Barbara his wife, was baptized the 13<sup>th</sup> of May: 1653.  
Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Edith Humfrey, was baptized

Their daughter Elizabeth was baptised at Nettleton in 1657.



Elizabeth daughter of John Fabian, Rector of Nettleton, by  
Barbara his wife, was baptized the 7<sup>th</sup> of July: 1657.

Their son Walter was baptised at Nettleton in 1660.



Christnings: Anno: D<sup>m</sup> 1660.  
Walter sonne of John Fabian Rector of Nettleton, by Barbara  
his wife baptized the 14<sup>th</sup> of October: 1660.

The diocese says that John Fabian died in 1687. This should have been recorded at Nettleton, but has not come up in any searches. The records from 1686 to 1695 have not been preserved, so this may explain that problem.

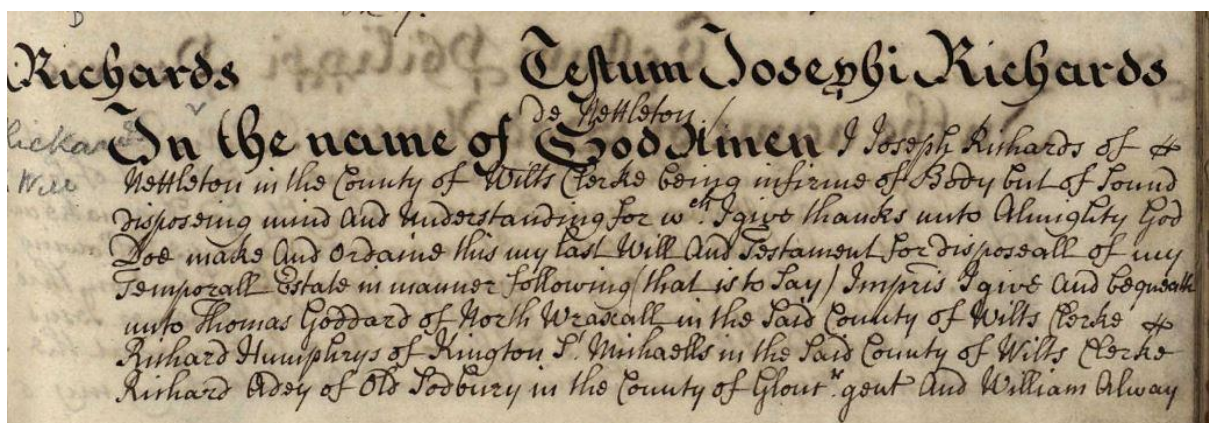
### Joseph Richards

The rector of Burton and Nettleton from 1687 until 1714 was Joseph Richards.

He gained an MA in theology from a university, but this does not appear to have been Oxford or Cambridge as he does not appear in their alumni lists.

According to official diocese records Joseph died on the 23 November 1714. However, records from 1700 to late 1714 have not been preserved from the church.

There is a will that was compiled in 1707 and proved in 1715. Much of Joseph's money goes to servants and to Mary Richards, who appears to be a niece.



Richards *Testum Josephi Richards*  
In the name of God Amen I Joseph Richards of Nettleton in the County of Wilts (Corks being infirm of Body but of Sound disposing mind and Understanding for w<sup>ch</sup> I give thanks unto Almighty God Doe make And Ordaine this my last Will And Testament For disposall of my Temporall Estate in maner following (that is to say) I give And bequeath unto Thomas Goddard of North Woadcall in the Said County of Wilts (Corks & Richard Humphrys of Kingston P. Minshalls in the Said County of Wilts (Corks & Richard Doby of Old Lodbury in the County of Glouc<sup>r</sup> & William Blway

of Yate in the Said County of Glouc. gunt their Executors Administrat<sup>rs</sup>  
 And Assignes And to the Survivours And Survivour of them and Every of  
 them and Either of them All my goods household Stuffs utensils Implem<sup>ts</sup>  
 of Household Bedding Linnen Woollen Brass pewter plate Stock of  
 Cattle Corn hay And all other my Goods both moveable & moveable uppon  
 Trust that they And the Survivours and Survivour of them And the Exec<sup>rs</sup>  
 Adm<sup>rs</sup>. And Assignes of the Survivour of them shall with all convenient  
 speed within the Space of One Year after my Decease make Sale of All or  
 any part of the Aforesaid Goods and Cattle to raise moneys for payment &  
 Satisfaction of all such Just Debts as I shall owe at the time of my Death  
 And the remainder of all such Goods Stock of Cattle And Moneys as shall be  
 raised by Sale of the Aforesaid Goods and Stock of Cattle or that shall be left  
 unsold after my said Debts paid to be disposed of as I shall herein after appoint  
 I am I gunt unto my Brother William Richards one Shilling of Lawfull moneys  
 of England to be paid unto him when he Demands it I am All the Rest Money  
 And Remains of my Goods Cattle and personall Estate with the overplus (if any  
 shall be of that Money raised by Sale of my said Goods and Stock of Cattle

or that shall be left unsold my Debts and Legacies being paid And Generall  
 Expences Discharged I gunt And bequeath unto my Dear And Loving Wife  
 Mary And I do make And constitute the Aforesaid Thomas Goddard Richards  
 Humphreys Richards Dooey and William Alway Executors in trust of this  
 my last Will And Testament And do give them And every of them a quene  
 Appear to buy them Mourning Rings And my Will is that my Executors  
 shall out of any part of my Goods Cattle And Estate which shall come to  
 their hands reimburse and Satisfy themselves of all Costs And Expences  
 w<sup>ch</sup> they shall Expound or be at in or about the Execution of this my Will  
 In witness whereof I the said Joseph Richards have hereunto sett my  
 hand And Seale the two And twentieth day of July in the Sixth Year of  
 the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne now of Great Brittain  
 France And Ireland Defender of the Faith &c Annoq<sup>ue</sup> Dni 1707.

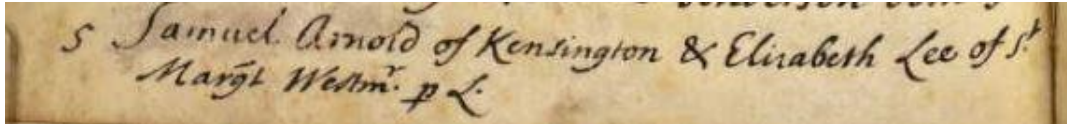
Joseph Richards. Signed Sealed published And Delivered by the Testator  
 to be his last Will And Testament in presence of us Thomas Burnett  
 Nathaniel Hooks the marks of Mary Richards Daughter of W<sup>m</sup> Richards,  
 Mortuo Richards Humphreys uno Executorum in lino Teste  
 Notat st Rommuntibus primitus Thomas Goddard Richards  
 Dooey st Willmo Alway Ceteris Executoribus in eodem Teste  
 Notatis Curiosa fuit Doro Bonon - &c &c &c &c &c &c &c &c &c  
 Innoto dotti rum dro Teste Luo Amudo Apud Sarum 13<sup>no</sup> die  
 July 1715<sup>o</sup> p<sup>o</sup> Innum Carum Dist Sarum Maria Richards  
 Vidua Relicta Dri Dotti Jurata primitus de Veritate &c de  
 perimplendo &c st solvendo debita &c quousq<sup>ue</sup> &c dda<sup>o</sup> usru  
 & factis Ino<sup>o</sup> st Compo &c - J. Goddard Rogat.

**Samuel Arnold**

Samuel was rector of Nettleton and Burton from 1714 until 1753.

He was also rector at Boxwell with Leighterton from 1743 onwards, according to the diocese.

He married Elizabeth. This may have been Elizabeth Lee, in which case it took place in London in 1707.



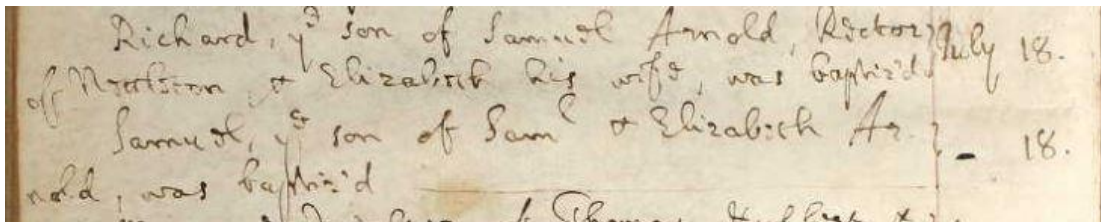
From his later will, we know he had two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, who both married clergymen.

Elizabeth Arnold was born in 1710.

Name:	Elisabeth Arnold
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	15 Jun 1710
Baptism Place:	Sidlesham, Sussex, England
Father:	Samuel Arnold
Mother:	Elisabeth
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She later married Rev Richard Glasse, had a son, and died at Purton in 1747.

There were twins, Richard and Samuel, who were born at Nettleton in 1715.

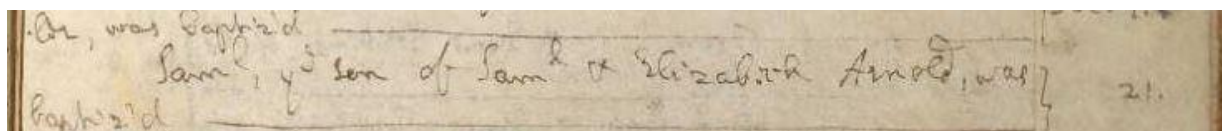


Samuel died not long after birth.

Name:	Samuel Arnold
Gender:	Male
Christening Date:	18 Jul 1715
Christening Place:	Nettleton, Wiltshire, England
Death Date:	22 Jul 1715
Phillimore Ecclesiastical Parish Map:	<a href="#">View this parish</a>
Father:	Samuel Arnold
Mother:	Elizabeth Arnold

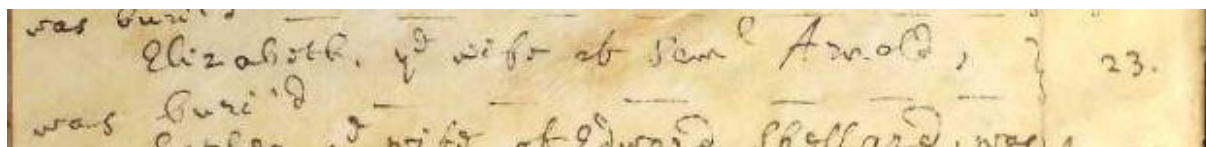
Richard also died a week later.

They had another son called Samuel in 1718.



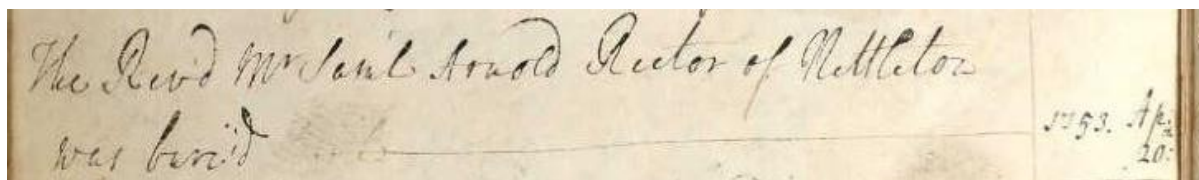
He appears to have lived.

Elizabeth Arnold died in 1733, and was buried at Nettleton.



Samuel Arnold proved the will of a John Fabian, probably descendent of an early rector, in Nettleton in 1739.

Rev Samuel Arnold died 12 May 1753 according to diocese records. He was buried at Nettleton.



There is a will, dated 1741 and proved in 1753.

**In the Name of God, Amen** Samuel Arnold.  
I Samuel Arnold of Nettleton in the County of Wilts Clerk, do  
this Eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand  
Seven hundred forty one, make and Publish this my last Will and  
Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I give to  
my Daughter Elizabeth now the Wife of the Reverend Richard <sup>1741</sup>  
Glas Ten Pounds for Mourning, and to my Daughter Sarah Wife  
of the Reverend Mr Potter Cole the like Sum of Ten Pounds for  
Mourning. And pursuant to the Desire of my late Wife, I give unto  
the Person who shall be Minister of the Church of Wakenow in  
Aient at the time of my death the Sum of Ten Pounds to be laid out  
in the Beautifying and Adorning the Chancel of the said Church or  
about the Communion Table in such manner as my son and the  
said Minister shall direct. I will that the above Legacies be paid  
within six Months after my decease. And I subject all my Estate with  
the Payment thereof, and also of such Debts as I shall owe at my  
death And Subject thereto I give, devise and bequeath all my Money,  
Goods, Chattels and Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever  
And also all my Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Real Estate  
whatsoever unto my son Henry Arnold his Heirs, Executors and  
Administrators for ever and I make and appoint my said son  
sole Executor of this my Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal the Day and year first above written. - Samuel  
Arnold. Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Samuel  
Arnold as and for his last Will in the Presence of us, who signed  
our Names in the Presence of the Testator, and of each other. Elisha  
Biscoe, Joseph Stanynough, John Watsson.



Sep. 2: 1752.

**Whereas** in my Will, dated the eighteenth of June One thousand seven hundred and forty one I left to my Daughter Glaston Ten Pounds for Mourning, in case she survived me; and Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take her away before me; I leave the said Ten Pounds to my Executors to give to my Grandson Richard

Glaston in a twelve Months time, or to dispose of otherwise or to apply to his own use as he shall think fit. Witness my hand Sam<sup>l</sup> Arnold. sealed and delivered in the presence of Will. Lacy, C<sup>l</sup> Lacy.

**This Will** was proved at London, with a Codicil annexed, the Twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty three, before the Worshipfull Arthur Collier, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate to the Right Honourable Sir George Lee Knight, also Doctor of Laws, Master, Preceptor or Commissary of the Court of Cantebury, lawfully constituted by the Oath of Henry Arnold the son of the deceased, and sole executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the goods, Chattels and Credits of the said deceased being first sworn duly to administer.

**Daniel Elliot Mills**

The rector from 1753 to 1786 was Daniel Elliot Mills

Daniel was born c1717, and baptised on the 17 February that year in Cheltenham. His father was Daniel Mills.

Bapt: y<sup>e</sup>: 20: 1717: call the daughter of John first son  
 Bapt: y<sup>e</sup>: 18: Daniell Elliot son of Daniell Mills  
 Bapt: y<sup>e</sup>: 20: Sarah daughter of Sarah Davison Widdow

Daniel married Mary Cook on 5 July 1757 at North Wraxall. This was by license, not banns, and it was her home parish church.

1757. No 8

**Daniel Elliott Mills** of [the] parish of **Nettleton** in the County of **Wilt** and **Mary Cook** of [this] parish were

Married in this [Church] by [Licence] this **Fifth** Day of **July** in the Year One Thousand **Seven** hundred and **Fifty** seven by me **Will. Lacy** [Rector]

This Marriage was solemnized between Us **Daniel Elliott Mills** and **Mary Cook**

In the Presence of **Philip Mills** and **J. Mason**

Daniel, as rector, presided over the accounts books for the church. There's a record in the accounts book from 1777 of money given to a wounded soldier. Church wardens were Zachariah Higgins and

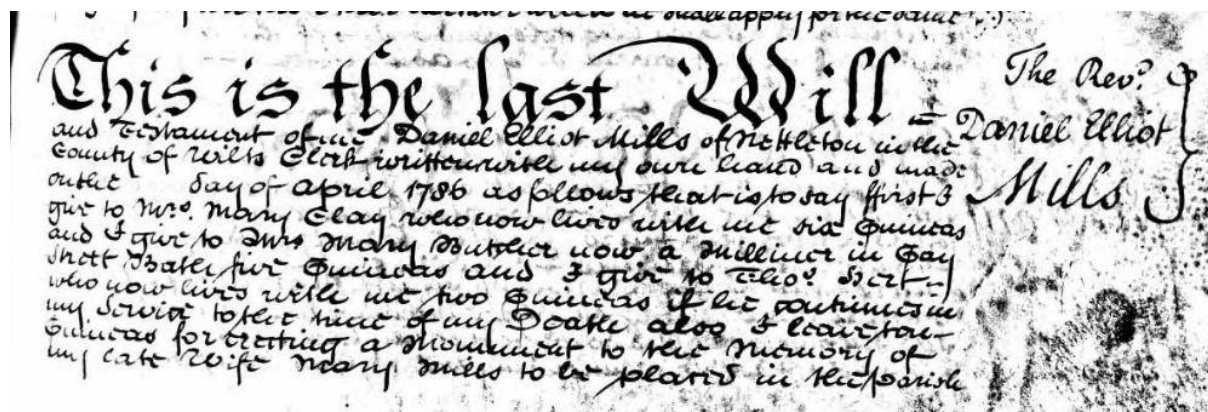
Joseph Hall. Later Joseph Buckle. Wrote the account books. Church was whitewashed every few years, but nothing said of the rectory.

He also, according to the diocese, held a curate's position at West Kington from 1783.

Official diocese records give Daniel's death as 28 December 1786, while he was still rector of Burton and Nettleton. However, the Wiltshire memorial inscription has his death as 18 July 1786. He was buried at Burton.

Name:	Danl. Elliott Mills
Gender:	Male
Death Date:	abt 1786
Burial Date:	22 Jul 1786
Burial Place:	Nettleton, Wiltshire, England
FHL Film Number:	1279417
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There is a will of August 1786. Mary is not mentioned in that will, so she probably pre-deceased him. There are also no children mentioned. He gives various amounts to loyal servants. The rest goes to his brother Lawrence Mills.



Churoch of Nettleton in case I should neglect to erect a monument for her in my life time also I give a Ring to Mrs Louisa Pallott of Critteton Wilts and a Ring to Mrs Elizabeth Duggins of Nettleton in the said County of Wilts and a Ring to Mrs Mary Lawrence widow of the late Robert Lawrence Esquire of Sherington Gloucestershire and a Ring to Mr Sumnerford Esquire of Dingley in Northamptonshire and a Ring to the Reverend Mr Nathaniel Sumner of Bromhill Wilts also I give mourning to my servants who shall live with me to the time of my Death I give my real and personal Estate (after the payment of my Debts and funeral Expences) to my Brother in Law Laurence Mills of Wypliroth in the County of Essex Gloucester and to his Heirs Executors and Administrators for ever except those Debts and money otherwise disposed of and mentioned in this my Will lastly I constitute and appoint my said Brother Laurence Mills my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1796 I give my Dog Bont to the Rev. Mr. Dr. Sumner.

Sanctus Elliot Mills Esq signed Sealed, published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in his and each others presence and by his own request April 12<sup>th</sup> 1796 Joseph Hill  
Cornelius Palmer Esq Isaac Hall Esq

**This Will** was proved at London the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six before the worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissioner of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Laurence Mills the Brother of the Testator and sole Executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn July to administer

**Thomas Compton**

We know from diocese records that the rector from 1786 until 1802 was Thomas Compton. However, he does not appear to have matriculated at either Oxford or Cambridge (which was very unusual for the time), and there is no further obvious record of him. His time at the house is therefore currently unknown.

**James Eyre and family**

James Eyre was rector at Nettleton from 1802 until 1813. He was born in 1748, but it is unclear where he was born.

Diocese records have him as gaining a BA at Oxford, but he is not listed in the dictionary of Oxford Alumni published 1886. This may be because he gained an MA at Cambridge, and is included in their records instead.

The diocese also records that he was a schoolmaster at Solihull Free Grammar school for 1802 and 1816, which would have occurred while he was rector at Nettleton.

Much of his time as rector he seems to have spent in Solihull. At the same time, he also seems to have been vicar of Winterborne Stoke, so must have been either spread very thinly or they were honorary positions that he held rather than practical ones. Therefore, his curate Robert Dennison probably doing most of the church work in Nettleton, and may even have lived in the house instead of James. However, we have no way of knowing, and James is given as the rector so we have to assume that James spent some time in the house.

The dictionary of Cambridge Alumni has this to say about James:

Name: the Rev. James. Eyre

College: CAIUS

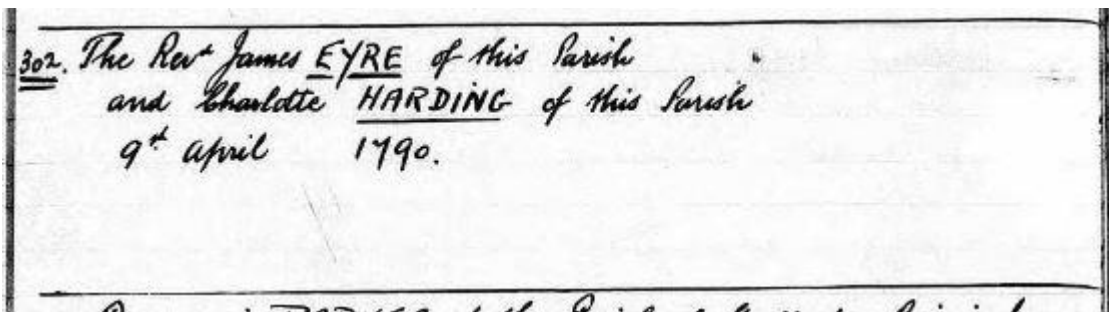
Entered: Nov. 13, 1771

Died: 10 Mar 1813

More Information: B.A. incorp. from Oxford, 1802; M.A. 1802. [Adm.](#) at CAIUS, 1802. S. of John, of Coventry. [Matric.](#) from Trinity College, Oxford, Nov. 13, 1771, age 20; B.A. (Oxford) 1775. Ord. deacon (Oxford) June 11, 1775; priest (Worcester) Sept. 15, 1776. V. of Winterbourne Stoke, Wilts., Nov. 6, 1801-13. R. of Nettleton, Dec. 20, 1802-13. Head Master of the Grammar School, Solihull, Birmingham, for 30 years until his death. 'Equally distinguished by the solidity of his understanding and the benevolence of his heart.' Philologist. Annotated Johnson's *English Dictionary* in MSS., his notes being incorporated by Todd in his edition of Johnson. Died Mar. 10, 1813, at Solihull Schoolhouse. Father of Samuel P. H. (1822). (*G. Mag.*, 1813, I. 499; *D.N.B.*, which states 'educated at St Catharine Hall, Cambridge'; *Venn*, II. 139; Foster, *Index Eccles.*; *Al. Oxon.*)

If he died in 1813, he cannot have been headmaster of Solihull Grammar until 1816 as the diocese records claim.

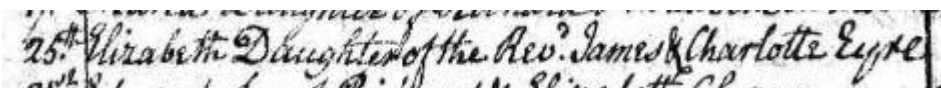
He married Charlotte Harding in Solihull in 1790.



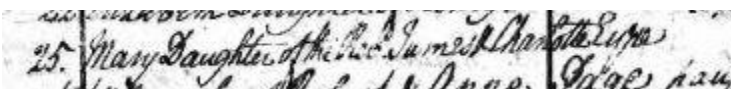
Their son James William Eyre was baptised in February 1792.

Name:	James William Eyre
Event Type:	Baptism
Baptism Date:	19 Feb 1792
Baptism Place:	Solihull, Warwickshire, England
Parish:	Solihull
Phillimore Ecclesiastical Parish Map:	<a href="#">View this parish</a>
Father:	<a href="#">James Eyre</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Charlotte Eyre</a>

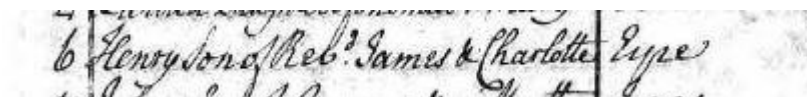
Their daughter Elizabeth Eyre was baptised in June 1793 in Solihull.



Their daughter Mary was baptised in March 1795 in Solihull.



Their son Henry was baptised in Solihull in May 1797.

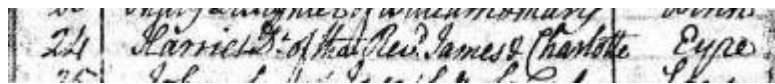


Their daughter Charlotte Catharine Eyre was baptised in 1798 in Solihull.

## Detail Source

Name:	Charlotte Catharine Eyre
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	30 Oct 1798
Baptism Place:	Solihull, Warwick, England
Father:	James Eyre
Mother:	Charlotte
FHL Film Number:	0234507-508, 234505

Their daughter Harriet was baptised in Solihull in December 1800.



They had twins, Ann and Susannah, who were baptised in Solihull in 1802.

Name:	Susannan Eyre
Event Type:	Baptism
Baptism Date:	18 Sep 1802
Baptism Place:	Solihull, Warwickshire, England
Parish:	Solihull
Phillimore Ecclesiastical Parish Map:	<a href="#">View this parish</a>
Father:	James Eyre
Mother:	Charlotte Eyre

Name:	Ann Eyre
Event Type:	Baptism
Baptism Date:	18 Sep 1802
Baptism Place:	Solihull, Warwickshire, England
Parish:	Solihull
Phillimore Ecclesiastical Parish Map:	<a href="#">View this parish</a>
Father:	James Eyre
Mother:	Charlotte Eyre

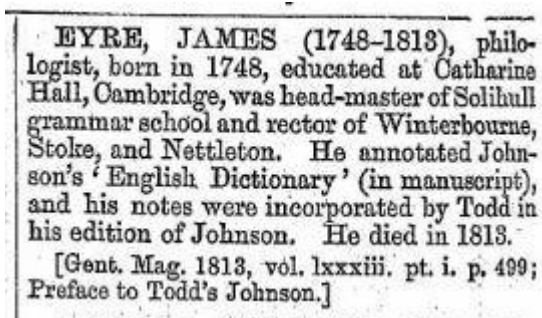
Their son, Samuel Parr Howe Eyre was also baptised in Solihull in 1804.

Name:	Samuel Parr Howe Eyre
Gender:	Male
Baptism Date:	7 Oct 1804
Baptism Place:	Solihull, Warwick, England
Father:	James Eyre
Mother:	Charlotte
FHL Film Number:	0234507-508, 234505

This makes nine children in all, and there may well have been others. Harriet lived and married. His oldest son went into the army.

Charlotte Eyre died in Solihull in 1812, aged 49.

James Eyre died in Solihull in 1813. The Dictionary of National Biography had this to say about him:

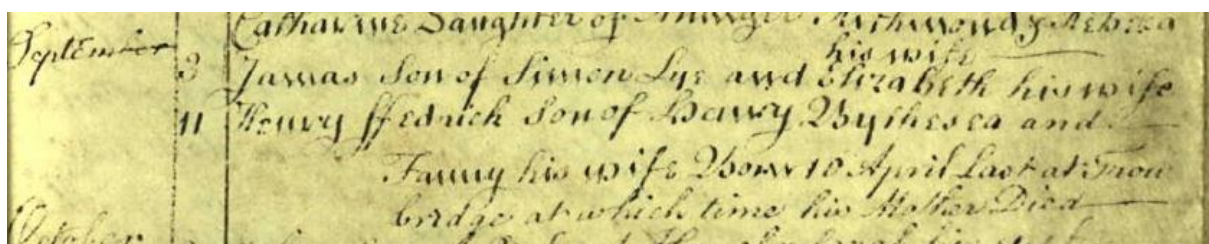


### **Henry Frederick Bythesea and family**

Henry was rector of Nettleton from 1813 until 1842. He lived in the rectory with his wife Eliza and son Henry.

Henry was born 10 April 1779, to Henry Bythesea and his second wife Fanny, possibly nee Whitaker, and was baptised at Road in Somerset that September.

His mother, Fanny, died at his birth. There had been an earlier son, Henry William Bythesea, born in 1777, when the couple were living at North Bradley near Trowbridge. Presumably this earlier child died to enable our Henry to take the name. His father married again, to Ann, and there was another brother – Richard – born in 1790.

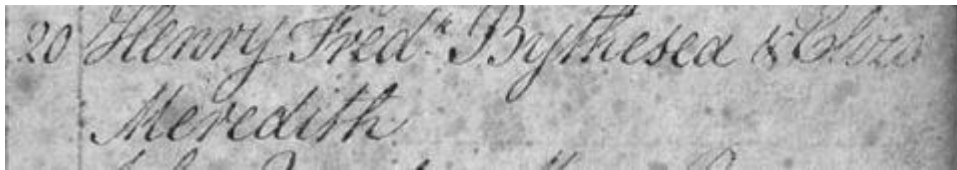


Henry was brought up by his father, described as a gentleman. They presumably lived in Trowbridge, given his entry in the book of Oxford University Alumni published in 1886. He entered Brasenose College in 1799 when he was 18.

**Bythesea, Henry Frederick, s. Henry, of Trowbridge, Wilts, gent. BRASENOSE COLL., matric. 2 March, 1799, aged 18; B.A. 1802, rector of Nettleton, Wilts, died July, 1850.**

According to the Wiltshire Council website, the Bythesea family were clothiers and lived at Wyke House. Henry Bythesea, Reverend Henry's father, owned Bridge House in Trowbridge's Stallard Street, and this was presumably where Rev Henry grew up.

He married Eliza Meredith at St Andrew's, Plymouth, in 1808.



Their son Henry Edmund Frederick Bythesea was born in 1809.

Church of England diocese records say he was a curate at Rode, Somerset (possibly the same place as Road, under a different spelling) from 1812. The same records show that he was sent to be rector at Nettleton in 1813.

Their son was baptised in Nettleton church, by one of Rev Henry's curates.

	Baptized.	Christian Name.	Christian.	Surname.		
Born July 11 <sup>th</sup> 1809	1813. Nov <sup>r</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Edmund Frederick	Henry Frederick and Eliza	Bythesea	Nettleton	Claydon J R Godfrey Curate
No. 9.						According to the

Henry Bythesea the elder died in 1814 and was buried in Trowbridge. In the same year, Rev Henry was mentioned in an inclosure (sp?) document at Nettleton in Wiltshire.

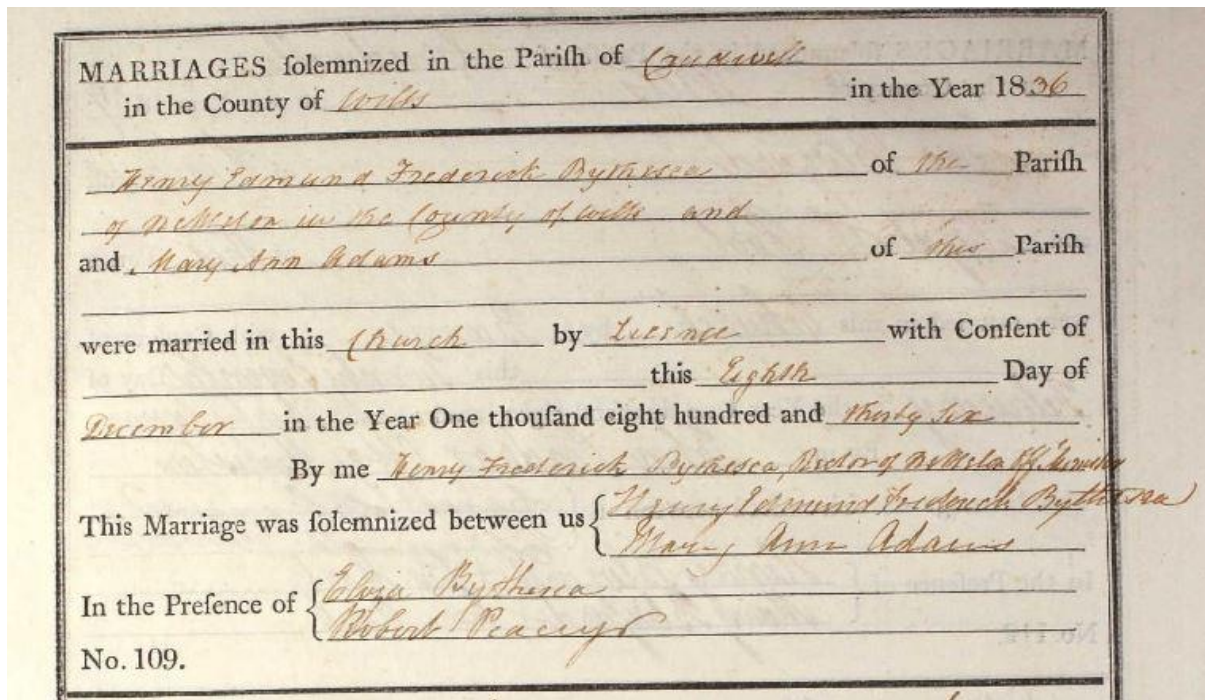
Rev Henry and Eliza do not appear to have had any more children.

The 1818 voters book features Rev Henry as one of the few people in Nettleton that have a vote in the general election.

<b>Nettleton</b>	John Marsh	Nettleton	1	1	-
	William Gibbs	Ditto	1	1	-
	Daniel Lessater	Alderton	1	1	-
	William Wickham	Didmartin	1	-	1
	Thomas Shapland	Marshfield	1	1	-
	Rev. H. F. Bythesea	Nettleton	1	1	-
	William Coats	Ditto	1	-	1
	Michael West	Ditto	1	-	1
	John Goulter	Petti France, Gloster	1	-	1

His son, Henry Edmund Frederick Bythesea, married at Crudwell in 1836 to Mary Ann Adams. Rev Henry performed the ceremony.





They did not live in Netleton thereafter.

Henry Frederick Bythesea is given as owner of church lands on the tithe awards taken September 1840.

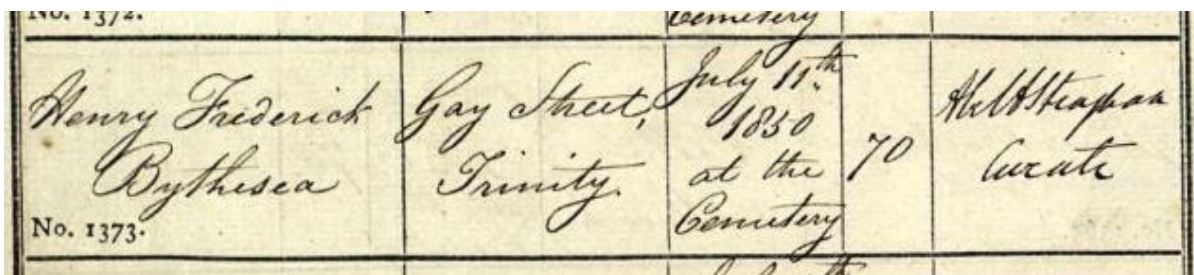
Netleton is not listed as a census district on the 1841 census. Neither is Burton. Henry and Eliza are undoubtedly in the Rectory, but the document showing it is not visible.

Henry Edmund Frederick Bythesea was living in Bath in 1841. He was a lieutenant in the Wiltshire Militia. At this time, he and Mary had two children.

90	H. E. F. Bythesea	30	Surgey M <sup>r</sup>	No
	Eliza Bythesea	30		No
	F. E. H. Bythesea	3		No
	Robert E. Bythesea	2		Yes
	Maria Brooking	15	M <sup>r</sup>	No

Reverend Henry Frederick Bythesea stopped being rector of Netleton in 1842, and did not take another position in the church. Instead, he and Eliza moved to Bath, presumably to be closer to their son and grandchildren.

Henry died there in 1850, aged 70. He was buried at Bath Abbey cemetery, which is not next to the abbey itself.



Name:	Rev Henry Frederick Bythesea
Birth Date:	1780
Birth Place:	Wiltshire, England
Death Date:	2 Jul 1850
Cemetery:	Bath Abbey Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Widcombe, Bath and North East Somerset Unitary Authority, Somerset, England
Has Bio?:	Y
Spouse:	Eliza Bythesea
URL:	<a href="https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/207313124/henry-frederick-bythesea">https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/207313124/henry-frederick-bythesea</a>

## Rev Henry Frederick Bythesea

<b>BIRTH</b>	1780 Wiltshire, England
<b>DEATH</b>	2 Jul 1850 (aged 69–70)
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Bath Abbey Cemetery</u> Widcombe, Bath and North East Somerset Unitary Authority, Somerset, England
<b>PLOT</b>	1.B.3
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	207313124 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

Henry's will outlines his plans for the future of his finances and possessions.

# This is the last Will and Testament

of me **Henry Frederick** Duke of Rothesay eldest son of King James the sixth and first of Scotland  
 in the County of Wiltshire but now residing at Oxford in the County of Oxford  
 do hereby declare all my just debts and duties and other charges to be fully paid  
 and satisfied and give and bequeath all my lands tenements goods and furniture at a  
 place to be named hereafter to my wife **Elizabeth** also I give and bequeath to her my said wife  
 the County of Devonshire for twenty years per annum certain of the value in the  
 Royal Exchange Assurance Office for her sole use and benefit I also give and be-  
 queath to her the sum of our annuals provided out of my other County of a  
 Assurance of our tenements and eight thousand pounds certain of the value in the  
 Royal Exchange Assurance Office And I direct that every one of our children  
 shall be paid to her as soon as they shall be born or otherwise by any means  
 shall be received from our Office I give and bequeath all the residue of  
 the aforesaid tenements by the last mentioned County of Devonshire and all the  
 other my possessions Estate and Effects whatsoever and whatsoever not before  
 mentioned of (subject to the payment of my just debts and duties and other  
 charges expressed) unto the Countess Dowager of Devonshire in the said County of a  
 Wiltshire to be held to her and her heirs and assigns upon Trust to a-  
 void and from time to time as she shall think fit to alter and change at  
 and discretion or discretions and to pay the interest dividends or annuities in  
 proceeds arising thereupon to my said wife Elizabeth or her assigns or as she or  
 they appoint for and during her natural life and from and immediately  
 after her decease upon Trust to stand possessed of the said trust monies and  
 annuities for my grand daughter **Elizabeth** Mary Elizabeth daughter of  
 her issue to be born in the lifetime of my said wife in equal proportions and  
 to be payable at such time or times and under such conditions and limitations  
 and conditions as all except as my said wife Elizabeth shall by any ca-  
 tter or deeds writing or writings (written or otherwise) power of appointment and a-  
 ny appointment or by the last Will and Testament to be by her or by her ex-  
 ecutors and assigns limited or appoint and in default of such direction li-  
 mitation or appointment upon Trust for my grand daughter **Elizabeth**  
**Mary Elizabeth** daughter of her issue the said monies to be enjoyed and dispo-  
 sed of by her as she shall see proper and to be paid to her from the receipt of any a-  
 nnuities or other monies which shall happen to be received and for which she shall be  
 allowed to be a sufficient discharge and in case of the death of the said  
**Elizabeth Mary Elizabeth** daughter of her issue the said monies to be paid upon  
 Trust for such issue in equal shares and proportions but in case my said  
 grand daughter shall depart this life in the lifetime of my said wife and  
 without leaving issue then upon Trust for my said wife Elizabeth and  
 her executors administrators and assigns for her and their sole absolute  
 use and benefit And I direct by nomination and appoint my said wife and  
 the said Countess Dowager joint **Executors** and **Executrices** of this my last Will  
 and Testament And I direct that the Executors and Executrices of this my Will  
 shall be allowed only such and such monies as she or they shall actually receive  
 and receive and receive and receive or joining in giving receipt or other

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 The Reverend  
**Henry Frederick**  
**Bythesca**  
 Clerk  
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shall be charged with any such duties as they shall actually perform  
 notwithstanding any such giving or joining in giving, except in cases  
 and for the sake of convenience only and shall not be answerable or liable  
 for any damage or loss or other person with whom or in whose name  
 the said trust or any part thereof shall be placed for safe custody  
 or otherwise nor for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon a  
 contract for the same or any part thereof shall be in whole or for any other  
 loss or damage or injury which may happen in the execution of the said  
 trust or any of them or in relation thereto unless the same  
 shall happen by the negligence or willful default or neglect and  
 that it shall be lawful for him and them to retain all charges and expences  
 which shall be put to in the execution of the trusts hereof or in  
 relation thereto. In witness whereof the said Henry Frederick Pythesea  
 have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal at my  
 house in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty  
 nine Henry Frederick Pythesea signed by the said  
 Henry Frederick Pythesea the Testator and published and declared by him  
 as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us present at the  
 execution of the same in his presence and at his request and in his sight and  
 presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
West & Sedgwick of Bath Francis Wilkinson of Bath  
Wm. Pythesea  
 Proved at London 8<sup>th</sup> August 1850 before the Deeds by the said Eliza  
 Pythesea Widow the said Henry Frederick Pythesea's wife and  
 Eliza Pythesea having been just sworn by her own oath to administer

Eliza continued living in Bath after Henry's death. She is alone and living as a lodger on the 1851 census.

126	29 Sydney Buildings	William Phillips	Widow	76	Annuitant	Wm. Pythesea
		Margaret do	Widow	72	House Servant	Wm. Pythesea
		Emily do	Widow	70	House Servant	Wm. Pythesea
		Ann do	Widow	68	House Servant	Wm. Pythesea
133		Eliza Pythesea	Lodger	73	Annuitant	Wm. Pythesea

Eliza died in 1878, at the age of 92. She was still living in Bath at the time, and was buried beside her husband at Bath Abbey cemetery.

No. 1851	Eliza Pythesea	S. George's Buildings Walter	7 <sup>th</sup> February 1878	92.	J. S. Henning. Curate
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## Eliza Bythesea

BIRTH	1785 Hampshire, England
DEATH	4 Feb 1878 (aged 92–93)
BURIAL	<a href="#">Bath Abbey Cemetery</a> Widcombe, Bath and North East Somerset Unitary Authority, Somerset, England
PLOT	1.B.3
MEMORIAL ID	207313169 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

### BYTHESEA Eliza.

Personal Estate under £50.

27 March. The Will of Eliza Bythesea formerly of St. Andrew's-terrace but late of 4 St. George's-buildings Lower-Bristol-road both in the City of Bath Widow who died 4 February 1878 at 4 St. George's-buildings was proved at the Principal Registry by West Awdry and Frederick Awdry both of Chippenham in the County of Wilts Gentlemen the Executors.

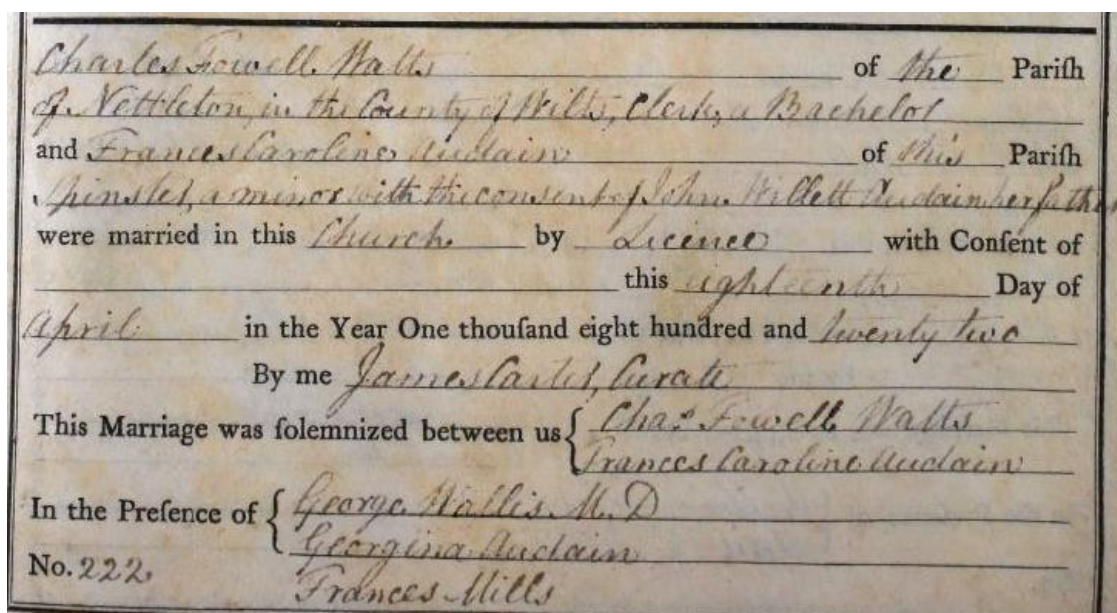
### Charles Fowell Watts, Eliza Frances Caroline Glanville Audain, and family

Charles was rector from 1842 to 1851, but had clearly been based in Burton for much longer, so was probably a curate under Henry Frederick Bythesea.

He was born around 1797, in Bath, the first son of George Watts. His baptism isn't visible.

He went to Queens College, probably the one at Oxford, from 1817.

He married Eliza Frances Caroline Glanville Audain (who regularly used any one of those names in records) at St Augustine The Less in Bristol in 1822.



Eliza Frances Caroline Glanville Audain was the daughter of John Willett Audain and Margaret Audain. She was born in Bantry Bay, Ireland, in about 1803.

John Willett Audain was in the army. Her mother Margaret died in Sri Lanka, presumably where her father had been posted, in 1824. John Willett Audain died at Corsham in 1833.

Their first child, Fanny Caroline Elmina Watts, was born at Nettleton in January 1823. She was baptised at Nettleton that September.

13 Jan	Sept. 10	Fanny Caroline Elmina Watts	Mr Geo Charles Watts	Nettleton	Clerk	F. F. Bythorn
No. 150.						

Their next child, Charles Fowell Willett Watts, was baptised in Bristol in May 1824. There is a photograph of him on Ancestry. He went to New Zealand, according to family.



Their next child, daughter Margaret Elizabeth Macgregor Watts, was baptised at Nettleton in 1825. Charles was given as a clerk – presumably of the parish – on this record.

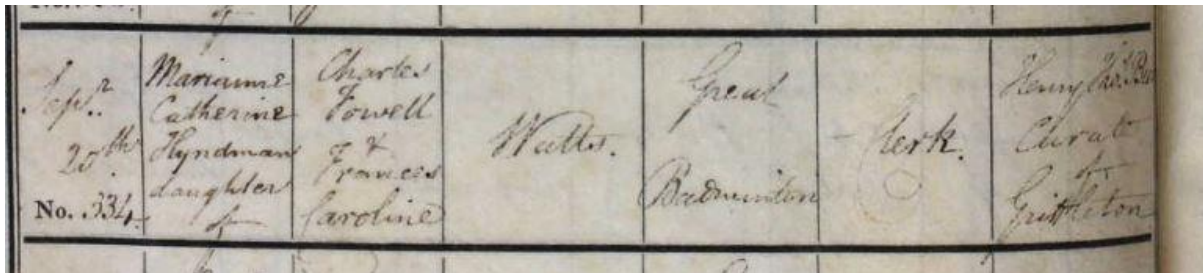
23 Jan	Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Elizabeth Macgregor Daughter of	Charles Fowell Watts & Caroline	Nettleton	Clerk.	F. F. Bythorn
No. 170.						

There may have been another child or two that followed Margaret, but their baptisms have remained elusive.

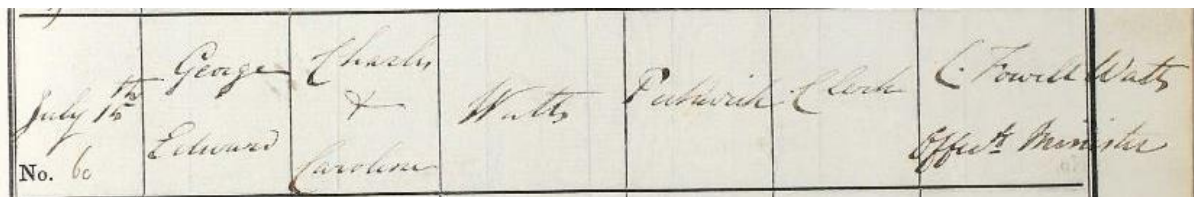
Their next child was John Willett Audain Watts, who was baptised at Great Badminton (part of the local area) in December 1830.

Decem. 16	John Willett Audain Son of	Charles Fowell & Frances Caroline	Watts	Great Badminton	Clerk	M. Neilson Officiating Minister
No. 317.						

Next daughter Marianne Catherine Hyndman Watts was also baptised at Great Badminton in 1831.



Another son, George Edward Watts, was baptised in 1834 at Pickwick, near Corsham. Presumably Charles and Caroline had a residence in the area at the time. He is the only one of their children that we know definitely lived in the house, since he's there on the 1851 census. The rest could have resided there.



Their next son, John Augustus Hyndman Watts, was also baptised at Pickwick in 1836. He died in 1837, aged 18 months. They had another son, Stephen Ralph Payne Watts, in the summer of 1837, but he died shortly after birth.

Their final son, Ralph Willett Payne Watts, was baptised in Bath in 1840.



This means that Charles and Caroline had at least 9 children together, not all of whom survived childhood.

The 1841 census has the family at Kingswood Street, on the outskirts of modern Bristol. Charles was a clerk. Frances Caroline wasn't with the family. Five children were living at home.

Kingswood Street	Williams D <sup>o</sup>	1				
	Charles Watts	40		clerk		N
	Margaret D <sup>o</sup>	15				N
	Marianne D <sup>o</sup>	9				N
	John D <sup>o</sup>	11				N
	George D <sup>o</sup>	8				N
	Willett D <sup>o</sup>	1				N
	Fanny Burchill	20		maid		N

The following year, Charles was made the vicar of Burton and the family moved into the rectory. He was still there for the taking of the 1851 census, where he gave his birthplace as Bath. He says that he is only the curate, however his baptismal and burial records say he was the rector. His son

George, aged 17, was also with him. They also had a visiting clergyman with them, and one household servant to help maintain the large house.

Head, and name of No. of House	on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Head of Family	Sex	Age	Profession	Place of Birth
Rectory, Burton	C. Fowell Watts	Head	Mar	50	Clergyman (Curate)	Bath, Somerset
	Ge Watts	Son	M	17		Bath, Somerset
	WJ Bennett	Visitor	M	34	Clergyman	Sturton, Gloucestershire
	Henrietta Johnson	Servant	W	40	General Servant	Marblehead, Gloucestershire
					Richard Lamb	Wiltshire, Wilt

Frances Caroline was not at home for that record. In 1851 she was visiting a family of another clergyman in Bath.

No. of House	on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Head of Family	Sex	Age	Profession	Place of Birth
10 8 Clarendon Place	Arthur Watley	Head	Mar	48	Minister of the Catholic Apostolic Church - Graduate of the University of Oxford, B.D.	Gloucestershire, Stone
	Anna G. do	Wife	W	46		Wiltshire, British Isles
	Elizabeth do	Daughter	W	19		Wiltshire, British Isles
	Georgina do	do	W	14	Scholar at home	Somerset, Bath
	Frances B. Watts	Visitor	Mar	42		Ireland
	Sarah Gear	Servant	W	24		Wiltshire, Wiltshire
11 C. M. ...	John ...	Head	Mar	67	Landed Proprietor Abroad	Wiltshire, Wiltshire

Later in 1851, around the spring, Charles and family left Burton and Charles Compton Domville – who had been appointed at the time of the census – moved into the Rectory.

Charles Fowell Watts probably had another position as a clerk or curate, and then in 1856 he was made vicar of Stoke Gifford near Bristol.

His daughter Margaret got married in 1857, and at that stage was living at Cheltenham. This may have been with her parents, or other relatives.

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1857. Marriage solemnized at St. Luke's Church in the Parish of St. Luke in the County of Gloucester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
41	October 30 <sup>th</sup> 1857	Edward Howard Watts	26	Bachelor	Gun-timer	London	William Watts	Surveyor of Customs
		Margaret Elizabeth Bennett	21	Spinster		Bath, Wiltshire	Charles Fowell Watts	Clerk

Marrried in the Church of St. Luke according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Edward Howard Watts in the Presence of us, Arthur Charles Mallett Margaret Elizabeth Bennett Charles Fowell Watts

Charles Fowell Watts died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1859, presumably at Stoke Gifford vicarage.

Name:	Charles Fowell Watts
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep
Death Registration Place:	Clifton, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
Death Date:	Sep 1859
Inferred Death Place:	Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
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**Watts, Charles Fowell, s. George, of Bath, Somerset, gent. QUEEN'S COLL., matric. 6 March, 1817, aged 20; vicar of Stoke Gifford, near Bristol, 1856, until his death 10 Aug., 1859. See Foster's *Our Noble and Gentle Families*, vol. ii.**

Frances Caroline, and her unmarried children, would have to have moved out of the vicarage. She had enough money to live comfortably though, and in 1861 was with Marianne, George and Ralph in Redland, Bristol.

129			Para	"	"	54			
			Francis Caroline	Daughter	18		Accumulation		Bath
			George	Son	27		Gentleman		Bath
			Marianne	Daughter	21		General		Bath
			Charles	Son	21		General		Bath

The family had a house called Alboin Villa, in Redland, and it was here that Frances Caroline lived until her own death.

The 1871 census has her at Alboin Villa.

89	Redland Vale Alboin Villa	1	Francis C F Watts	Head	11	68	Gentleman	Redland Vicarage Bath
			Marianne	Daughter	11	38		Gloucester Badminton
			Ralph W	Son	11	31	Banister Clerk	Gloucester Bath
			Charles A	Son	11	19		Bath
			Margaret Thomas	Serv	11	30	Serv	Bristol Redland

As does the 1881 census:

29	Alboin Redland Vale	1	Francis C F Watts	Head	11	79	(Income) Interest of Money	Redland Vicarage Bath
			Ralph W	Son	11	35		Somerset Bath
			Mary A F Watts	Serv	11	37	(Income) Interest of Money	Gloucester; Bath
			Anna Fiddiford	Serv	11	37	General Serv	Bath Bristol

Frances Caroline died in 1882, aged 79, and was buried in Clifton.

No. 146						1882
Eliza Frances Caroline Glanville Watts		Alboin Villa Redland		May 25 <sup>th</sup>	79	H G Walsh Vicar
No. 147						1881

Daughter Marianne Catherine Hyndman Watts never married, and died herself at Alboin Villa, which was clearly still in the family, in 1916.

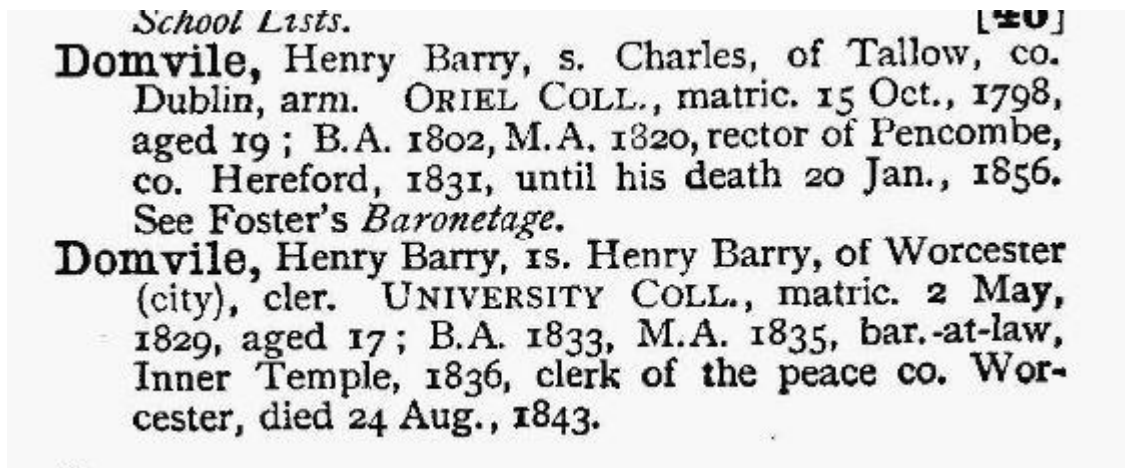
**WATTS** Mary Anne Catherine Hyndman of Alboin Clyde-road Redland **Bristol** spinster died 8 March 1916 Probate **Bristol** 29 May to Edmund Louis Dudley surgeon dentist. Effects £203 16s. 4d.

**Charles Compton Domville, Augusta Pratt Russell Oldnall and family**

Charles Compton Domville (sometimes spelt with two Ls) was resident in the rectory from 1851 until 1870, and then returned in 1892 after the death of Rev Woodman to be rector until 1897. A newspaper article covering his return to the parish says that his period there during the 1850s and

60s was as curate, but on all other documents he's referred to as rector – so it could be that the newspaper got it wrong.

He was born in around 1817. Documents give various different places of birth for him – one says at the Bay Cape of Good Hope, another says Worcester, and others say Dublin. He was from an Irish gentry (for that read “English installed”) family, but not the branch that carried the title. His father was Henry Barry Domville of Worcester, first son of Henry Barry Domville – which may be where the confusion arises. He was a nephew of Sir Compton Domville, baronet.



Charles Compton Domville seems to have gone to university at Oxford, like his father and grandfather before him. He then undertook various curate roles, mostly in Herefordshire. He was living at Cheltenham at the time of his marriage in 1851. He said, on his marriage certificate, that he was the son of Henry Barry Domville, a clerk in orders.

He married Augusta Pratt Oldnall Erskine, née Russell, a widow. She was the daughter of William Oldnall Russell, late chief justice of Bengal. She'd been born in London in 1824, while her father was a barrister.

No. 3557.	Mary						
June 4.	Augusta	William	Oldnall	21. Feb. 1824.	14. Gower Street.	Barrister at Law.	Charles W. Erskine
No. 3558.	Pratt	(219.) Louisa Maria	Russell				
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Augusta had previously been married, in 1846, to Archibald Erskine. At the time she was living in Cheltenham, at Montpellier House.

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1846. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
3	March 31. 1846.	Archibald Erskine	full of age	Bachelor	Major	Queen's Hotel Cheltenham	James Erskine	Col. C.P.
		Augusta Pratt Oldnall Russell	full of age	Spinster	45 <sup>th</sup> Regt	Montpellier House Cheltenham	Wm. Oldnall Russell	Chief Justice of Bengal

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence by me, Jas. Will. Russell Off. Min.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, } Archibald Erskine } In the Presence of us, } J. Will. Russell } Wm. Oldnall Russell } Mary Oldnall

Archibald was a major in the army, and served in South Africa – so took Augusta with him after they married.

In 1847, Augusta gave birth to a daughter, Augusta Erskine, at Simon's Town, presumably close to the Cape of Good Hope.

Name:	Agusta Pratt
Gender:	Female
Residence Date:	1847
Residence Place:	South Africa
Notes:	His Wife
Spouse:	Archibald Erskine
Child:	Augusta Erskine
Church:	St. Francis, Simon's Town
Officiant:	MA Colonial Chaplin Edward Judge
Collection:	St. Francis Simon's Town Baptisms, 1813 - 1932

Archibald died at the Cape of Good Hope on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1848. Augusta then returned to England with her infant daughter.

(1) Archibald, Lieut.-Col. 45th Regt., m. 31 March, 1846, Augusta Pratt, dau. of Sir William Oldnall Russell, Chief Justice of Bengal (see BURKE'S Landed Gentry, RUSSELL, of Stone). Col. Erskine d. at the Cape of Good Hope, 18 July, 1848, leaving one dau. who d. unm. His widow m. 2ndly, 13 Feb. 1851, the Rev. Charles Compton Domville, rector of Nettleton, Wilts, nephew of Sir Compton Domville, Bart. (see BURKE'S Peerage and Baronetage). She d. 25 April, 1890.

On marrying Charles Compton Domville, Augusta was resident in Cheltenham. She was living at a house called Loretto (sp?). This took place in February 1851.

1851. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
372	February 13 <sup>th</sup> 1851	Charles Compton Domville	Full age	Bachelor	Att in Orders	Cheltenham	Henry Barry Domville	Att in Orders
		Augusta Pratt Oldnall Erskine	Full age	Widow		Loretto Cheltenham	William Oldnall Russell	Late Chief Justice of Bengal

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me, James T. C. Saunders

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Charles Compton Domville in the Presence of us, Wm<sup>o</sup> Oldnall Russell Henry Barry Domville James T. C. Saunders Minister

Just six weeks later, on the 1851 census, Charles and Augusta were living at 10 Seymour Street, Walcot, Bath. Augusta's daughter Augusta Erskine was with them, aged 4. Charles gave himself as the rector of Burton and Nettleton on that document – but probably had only just been appointed and hadn't moved there yet. The rectory is occupied by the previous incumbent. He started doing baptisms that June. Their household also had a lady's maid.

197	10	Lynnon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Compton	Head	Mar	24	Rector of Burton	Worcester 4 <sup>th</sup> Regd
			Augusta P do	Wife	Mar	24		Worcester 4 <sup>th</sup> Regd
			Augusta Estline	Step dau		4		Worcester 4 <sup>th</sup> Regd
			Emma Braton	Serv	W	24	Lady's maid	Worcester 4 <sup>th</sup> Regd

Their first daughter, Louisa, was born in 1852 but doesn't appear to have been officially registered. She was baptised in Cheltenham in March 1852, despite the family living at Burton Rectory.

185	March	18	Louisa	Charles Compton	Domville	13	Mart. Spa	Clerk in Orders	Henry B. Domville
No. 432			daughter of	Augusta					off <sup>r</sup> Minister

Their second daughter Emma Florence Domville was born in Cheltenham in 1853. She is in official records as Emily Florence on her birth, but is given as Emma thereafter. There is no visible baptism record for her.

Name:	Emily Florence Domville
Registration Year:	1853
Registration Quarter:	Apr-May-Jun
Registration District:	Cheltenham
Parishes for this Registration District:	<a href="#">View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District</a>
Inferred County:	Gloucestershire
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Their third daughter, Rosa Mary Domville, was born at Cheltenham in 1855. She was baptised in Cheltenham later that year.

No. 2050	1855	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosa	Charles Compton	Domville	Loretto	Clerk in Orders	James F. C. Saunders
		March	Mary	Augusta Pratt		Cheltenham		off <sup>r</sup> Minister
No. 2051	18							

A son, John Russell Compton Domville followed in 1856, who was born at Weston-super-Mare. He was baptised there. Presumably, the Domville family were at their summer residence on the Somerset coast at the time – this was relatively common behaviour for the upper classes at the time.

1856	August	14	John Russell Compton	Charles Compton	Domville	Weston	Clerk	W. Knapp
No. 666			son of	Augusta Pratt		Mare		Curate

Next daughter, Henrietta Emily Domvile, was born at the family home in Wiltshire, and baptised there in 1858 by her father.

June 20 No. 683.	Henrietta Emily	Charles Compton (and) Augusta Pratt	Domvile	Nettleton Rectory	Clerk in Orders	Chas C Domvile Rector
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Their second son, Charles William Barry Domvile, was born at Nettleton rectory in 1860, and baptised in the church by his father.

August 22 No. 726.	Charles, William, Barry.	Charles Compton <del>Domvile</del> Augusta Pratt	Domvile	Nettleton Rectory	Clerk in Orders	Charles C Domvile Rector
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The 1861 census finds most of the family living at the Burton Rectory.

Charles Compton Domvile's birthplace on this document is given as the Cape of Good Hope, but I think this is a mix up on the part of the census enumerator, as that was the birthplace of his stepdaughter Augusta on the line below him, at this stage aged 14. The older children, Louisa, Emma and Rosa are also in the household, alongside a governess, cook and housemaid.

60	Rectory	1	Charles Compton Domvile	Head	Mar	44	Rectory Nettleton	Scholar	Wiltshire
			Augusta Erskine	Step dau		14		Scholar	Wiltshire
			Louisa Domvile	Serv		17		Scholar	Wiltshire
			Emma Flower Domvile	Serv		17		Scholar	Wiltshire
			Rosa Domvile	Serv		17		Scholar	Wiltshire
			Robert Doolley	Governess	Mar	24		Governess	Birmingham
			Henry C. Hutchings	Cook	Mar	21		House Servant	Wiltshire
			John Jones	Housemaid	Mar	24		House Servant	Wiltshire

Augusta, and her three younger children, are with her widowed mother in Cheltenham on the 1861 census.

215	Cheltenham House 1	Henry Mallow	Serv	Mar	15	18	Page	Wiltshire
		Louisa P. Russell	Head	Wid	69	69	Widow	Wiltshire
		Emily	Serv	Mar	37	37	Rector's Wife	Wiltshire
		Augusta Domvile	Serv	Mar	14	14	Rector's Wife	Wiltshire
		Harriet Piggott	Serv	Mar	20	20	Lady's Maid	Wiltshire
		Louisa Piggott	Serv	Mar	24	24	Housemaid	Wiltshire
		Sarah Lewis	Serv	Mar	27	27	Cook	Wiltshire
		John Matthews	Serv	Mar	15	15	Page	Wiltshire
		Mary Humphreys	Serv	Mar	45	45	Steward	Wiltshire
		Rosa Thellard	Serv	Mar	16	16	do	Wiltshire
		John R. Tompkins	Head	Mar	4	4	Rectory Serv	Wiltshire
		Henrietta	do	Mar	2	2	do	Wiltshire
		Charles P. M.	do	Mar	1	1	do	Wiltshire

In December 1861, Augusta Erskine, Charles' stepdaughter, died at the age of 15. This happened at Clevedon, in December. Presumably she had been sent to the coast for her health, and it had not improved, and she died there.

Augusta Erskine	Clevedon.	Dec 17	15	Stephen H. Sarch
No. 13				

**ERSKINE Augusta.**  
Effects under £800.

28 January.

Letters of Administration of the Personal estate and effects of Augusta Erskine late of Nettleton Rectory in the County of Wilts Spinster deceased who died 11 December 1861 at Clevedon in the County of Somerset were granted at the **Principal Registry** to Augusta Pratt Domville (Wife of the Reverend Charles Compton Domville, Clerk) of Nettleton Rectory aforesaid the Mother and only Next of Kin of the said Deceased she having been first sworn.

The next Domville child, Henry Lloyd Erskine Domville, was born at Nettleton in 1862, and was baptised by his father.

9/31 July No. 760.	Henry Lloyd Erskine	Charles Compton & Augusta Pratt	Domville	Nettleton Rectory	Rector of Nettleton	C.C. Domville Rector
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Another son, Victor Beauchamp Santry Domville, followed in early 1864 and was baptised by his father at Burton/Nettleton.

March 10 No. 783.	Victor Beauchamp Santry	Charles Compton & Augusta Pratt	Domville	Nettleton Rectory	Clerk. in Orders	C.C. Domville Rector
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Their youngest son, Edwin Arthur Barry Domville, was born in 1866, but there does not appear to be a baptism record for him at Nettleton or elsewhere.

Name:	Edwin A B Domville
Registration Year:	1866
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration District:	Chippenham
Parishes for this Registration District:	<a href="#">View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District</a>
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Their final child was Eva Kathleen Domvile, who was born in early 1868 at Nettleton. Again, there appears to be no obvious baptism record for her, but she was probably baptised by her father at his church.

Name:	Eva Kathleen Domvile
Registration Year:	1868
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration District:	Chippenham
Parishes for this Registration District:	<a href="#">View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District</a>
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This means that, including Augusta Erskine, Charles and Augusta had 11 children. Except Augusta, all the children had their baptisms recorded at the Domvile family seat in Newry, County Down, Ireland, but there is no evidence that this actually occurred.

Henry Lloyd Erskine Domvile, their third son, died in 1869 at Cheltenham. He was 7 years old, and was presumably visiting his grandmother at the time.

Name:	Henry Erskine L Domvile
Age:	7
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1862
Registration Quarter:	Oct-Nov-Dec
Death Registration Place:	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
Death Date:	Dec 1869
Inferred Death Place:	Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
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In 1870, Charles gave up being rector of Nettleton, and the family left the rectory. The 1871 census has them in Exeter, and Charles did not have a parish church at that time. They had four servants, however, which would have helped Augusta with the huge number of children that needed looking after. Second son Charles is at home on that record, but older son John would have been away at school.

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
1	Charles C. Domville	Head	Mar	53	Gloggman, without cure of souls
	Augusta P. D.	Wife	Mar	44	Dorset, Dorset
	John A. D.	Son	Unm	19	Cheltenham, Gloucester
	Anna F. D.	Son	Unm	17	Dorset, Dorset
	John M. D.	Son	Unm	16	Dorset, Dorset
	Henrietta M. D.	Son	Unm	12	Netleton, Wilts
	Charles H. D.	Son	Unm	10	Clifton, Gloucester
	Beauchamp D.	Son	Unm	7	Netleton, Wilts
	Edwin G. D.	Son	Unm	5	Dorset, Dorset
	Anna F.	Son	Unm	3	Dorset, Dorset
	Susan Curtis	Serv	Unm	28	Parson Maid
	Josephine	Serv	Unm	25	Worcester, Somerset
	Maria Davies	Serv	Unm	24	Worcester, Somerset
	Emma Sabden	Serv	Unm	18	Worcester, Somerset
				10	Worcester, Somerset

At some point after this, Charles became rector of Chickereil in Dorset, close to Weymouth. His family grew up, went through education, and started to marry off. The boys looked to go into the military in most cases, though Edwin became a solicitor.

Their son Charles William Barry Domville died at Weymouth in 1880, aged 20. He had been in the navy since he was 13.

The 1881 census has Charles and Augusta at the rectory in Chickereil, with four of their children, and three servants.

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
1	Charles C. Domville	Head	Mar	48	Rector of Chickereil
	Augusta P. D.	Wife	Mar	43	Wife of Rector
	John A. D.	Son	Unm	14	1st. Lieut. 4th. Regt. Horse
	Beauchamp D.	Son	Unm	27	Cheltenham
	Henrietta D.	Son	Unm	20	Netleton, Chippenham
	Edwin G. D.	Son	Unm	12	Day Scholar
	Josephine	Serv	Unm	38	Domestic Serv. Cook
	Maria Davies	Serv	Unm	24	Domestic Serv. Housemaid
	Emma Sabden	Serv	Unm	18	Do

In 1890, Augusta died at Chickereil Rectory. She was 61 and was buried at Melcombe Regis, Dorset. Charles did not officiate.

**DOMVILLE Augusta Pratt.**

Personal Estate £1,016 12s. 6d.  
Resworn January 1891 £2,306 12s. 6d.

29 July. The Will of Augusta Pratt Domville (Wife of the Reverend Charles Compton Domville, Clerk) late of Chickereil Rectory Weymouth in the County of Dorset who died 25 April 1890 at Chickereil Rectory was proved at Blandford by the said Reverend Charles Compton Domville of Chickereil Rectory and Edwin Burnett of Dorchester in the said County Solicitor the Executors.

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Charles remained at Chickereil as rector for a while after Augusta died. He was still there on the 1891 census, with son Beauchamp – who at that point was in the military – and daughter Henrietta.

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
164	Charles C. Domville	Head	Mar	53	Clergman, Rector of Chickereil
	Beauchamp Domville	Son	Unm	29	Capt. 4th. Buffs
	Henrietta Domville	Daughter	Unm	29	Housemistress
	Mary, Maria	Serv	Unm	50	Housekeeper
				20	

In 1891, Frederick Thomas Woodman – who had replaced Charles at Burton – died. Charles went back to the rectory at Burton to be rector, from 1892.

A dictionary of clergy published at about this time gives Charles and details of his career to this point.



ford, Alford, Lincs.  
**Domville, Chas. Compton, M.A. Wadh. Coll. Ox. ; d 1838, p 1839 (Ex.); cur. of Humber, Herefs. 1843-6; perp. cur. of Marston Stannett 1846-50; cur. of Docklow, Herefs. 1846-8; Nettleton, Wilts. 1851-70; cur. of St. Stephen, Walworth, S.E. 1878-9; rect. of W. Chickerell, Dorset. 1878-92; Nettleton, Wilts. from 1892.**  
**Donald. Chas. Stuart. B.A. Keble Coll. Ox. ;**

Eldest son John Russell Compton Domville served in India, in the cavalry. He married Constance Elphinstone in 1889, and had at least one daughter who was born in India. He died in Arabia in 1893, aged 36. He's commemorated in St Mary's Churchyard, next to the rectory.

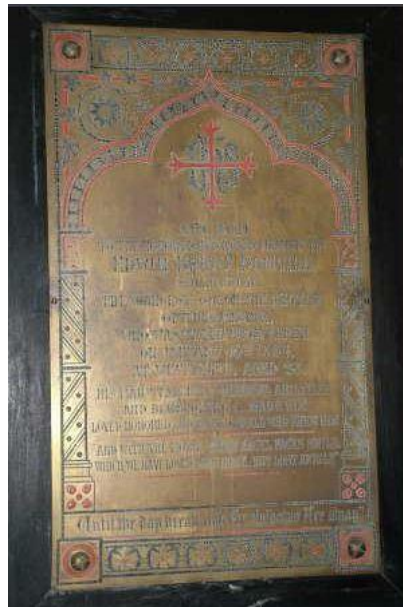
There is also a memorial to him and his brother Charles within the church itself.



Sacred to the honoured and cherished memory of John Russell Compton Domville, Captain 7th Bombay Cavalry, and commandant of the Aden troop, and Arab levy, obiit July 1st 1893 aged 36. And Charles William Barry Domville, Lieutenant Royal Navy, obiit June 20th 1880, aged 20. The dearly loved sons of the rector of this parish. They fell asleep trusting in their divine redeemer. Hanc tabellam posuit pater mærens carolus compton domville m.a. hujusce parochiæ rector

The Latin translation means "this tablet was placed by their father, Charles Compton Domville MA, rector of this parish".

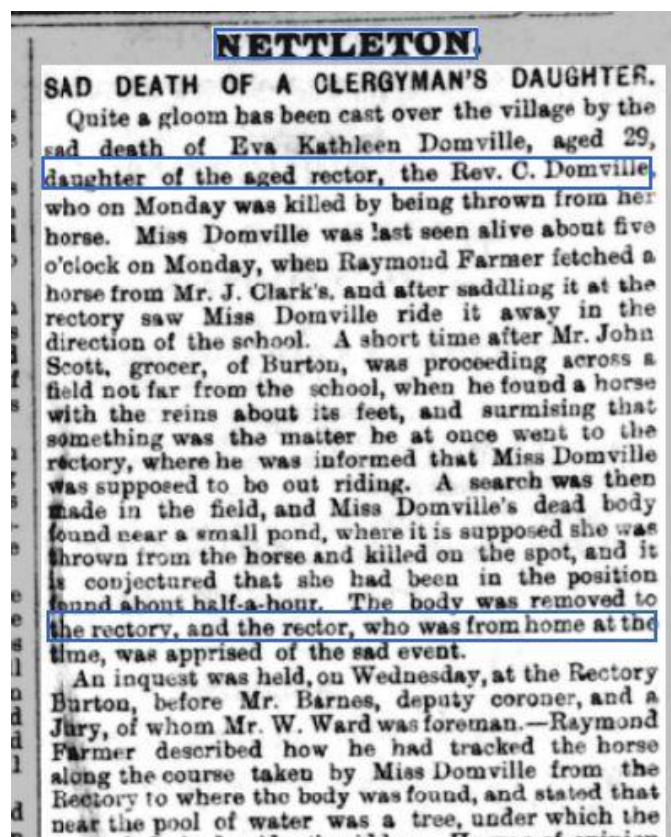
Another memorial was placed in the church by Charles in 1894, after the death of his son Edwin Barry Domville.



Sacred to the honoured and loved memory of Edwin Barry Domville, Solicitor, the youngest son of the rector of this parish. Who was taken from earth on January 10th 1894, at Weymouth, aged 23. His many talents, musical abilities, and benevolence, made him loved, honoured and valued by all who knew him "and with the morn, those angel faces smile, which we have loved long since, but lost awhile" "until the day break and the shadows flee away".

Charles had now buried four of his sons. Daughter Louisa did not marry. Daughters Rosa, Emma, and Henrietta did.

Youngest daughter Eva Kathleen returned to Wiltshire with her father in 1892 and had a tragic accident in the village in September 1897.



near the pool of water was a tree, under which the young lady had evidently ridden. He was of opinion that in riding under the tree Miss Domville lost her balance, and the horse giving a swerve at the bank by the pond threw her off.—John Scott spoke to finding the horse as described, and of afterwards searching for the body, which was found at the edge of the pond, the feet lying close to the water.—Dr. Higge, of Castle Coombe, deposed to being called, and of finding the young lady dead. He had examined the body and found a bruise on the temple, also a bruise on the left side of the neck, which was much swollen, but the neck was not broken. On the left arm there were bruises, and these might have been caused by deceased putting up her arm to defend herself from the branches of the tree. Without making a *post mortem* examination he was unable to state the immediate cause of death. The jury returned a verdict of accidentally killed by being thrown from a horse, and expressed their condolence with the bereaved father, for whom much sympathy is felt.—The Rev. C. Domville has been rector of the parish for a few years only, but he was formerly curate of Nettleton. Miss Domville had resided at home with her father, who is a widower, and she had endeared herself to the parishioners by her many acts of kindness and the great interest she took in parish matters.

Her effects were left to her father, who was reputedly too ill to attend her funeral. She was buried next to the stone for her brother John, in St Mary's churchyard.

**DOMVILE** Eva Kathleen of Nettleton-rectory Chippenham Wiltshire spinster died 13 September 1897 Administration London 14 December to the reverend Charles Compton Domville clerk Effects £455 6s. 8d.

Charles died himself the following May, when he was at Weston-super-Mare. He'd given up the rectorship but not the rectory a little while before.

Charles Compton Domville No. 304	York House Netton, S. Mare	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	81 Years	J. H. G. Hales Rector
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**DOMVILE** the reverend Charles Compton of Nettleton-rectory near Chippenham Wiltshire clerk died 16 May 1898 at York-house Weston-super-Mare Probate London 27 May to Louisa Alberta Domville spinster Henrietta Emily Davies (wife of the reverend Arthur Vaughan Davies clerk) and Rosa Mary Rogers (wife of the reverend George Edmund Rogers clerk) Effects £3729 4s. 6d.



A memorial was placed in St Mary's Church to Charles. It reads:

In memoriam to the much loved and honoured memory of the Reverend Charles Compton Domville. M.A. Oxon. Rector of this parish. Who for 58 years was a faithful pastor of his flock. And true servant of God. And has gained a "crown of glory that fadeth not away." He was "as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." He was Rector of Nettleton from 1851 to 1870. And for many years rector of Chickerell, Dorset. And again Rector of Nettleton from 1892 to 1898. He fell asleep in Christ May 15th 1898. Greatly loved and deeply mourned by all who knew him. This tablet is erected by his very loving daughter Louisa.

His remaining son, Victor Beauchamp Domville, rose to become a major in the army and died in Egypt in WW2.

**Frederick Thomas Woodman, MA; wife Mary Matilda Woodman (Riches) and family**

Frederick was rector of Nettleton with Burton from 1870 to 1891, and lived at The Rectory.

Frederick was the son of Reverend Thomas Shore Woodman, who died in October 1822 (possibly before his birth), and Betsy Woodman nee Fairbrother. They had married 1816 at Willesden. Frederick was baptised 1823 at Kilburn.

He studied at Hertford College, Oxford, and received an MA – probably in theology.

On the 1851 census he's living in Paddington with his widowed mother, and gives himself as a clergyman without a parish.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
2	1854	Frederick Thomas Woodman	31	Bachelor	Clergyman	Albion Street	Thomas Shaw Woodman	Clergyman
		Mary Matilda Riches	21	Spinster		Burwood Place	Jonathan Riches	Gentleman
		Henry Williams	43	Head	Taylor	Wormwood St. Ragland		
		Bianch R - do -	49	Wife		Wormwood		
		Barthim do	12	Son		Middlesex. Paddington		
		Henry do	11	Son	Scholar	do do		
		Edgar do	10	Son	Scholar	do do		
		India do	9	Son	Scholar	do do		
		Frederic do	7	Son		do do		
		Emma Bolton	23	Serv		Surrey. Brompton		
3		Betsy Woodman	61	Head	Gentlewoman.	Bathampton St. Helmsley		
		Frederick Woodman	28	Son	Clergyman (without cure)	Middlesex. Kilburn		
		John Woodman	11	Son	Traveller	Middlesex. London		

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 1854, he married Mary Matilda Riches at St John's, Paddington.

1854. Marriage solemnized at Saint John's Church in the Parish of Paddington in the County of Middlesex

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
289	21 <sup>st</sup> September	Frederick Thomas Woodman	31	Bachelor	Clergyman	Albion Street	Thomas Shaw Woodman	Clergyman
		Mary Matilda Riches	21	Spinster		Burwood Place	Jonathan Riches	Gentleman

Married in the Saint John's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Frederick Thomas Woodman in the Presence of us, Chas. Riches Mary B. Riches Mary Matilda Riches John Woodman

Mary Matilda, daughter of Jonathan and Mary, was baptised at Paddington in 1829. She'd lost her father before she was 20, and on the 1851 census was living at Burwood Place with her house proprietor mother and solicitor brother and other siblings.

Their first daughter, Laura Matilda Woodman (the only one to be named in official birth records) was born on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1855 at Kensington, London.

At some point after this, Frederick was appointed to the rectory at Bradwell, Oxfordshire.

Their second daughter, Rosina Marian Woodman, was born in the spring of 1857 at Bradwell, registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1857. May 10 <sup>th</sup> No. 149.	Rosina Marian	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman. Bradwell	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
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Their third daughter, Gertrude Lilian Woodman, was born 16<sup>th</sup> August 1858 at Bradwell, registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1858. October 10 <sup>th</sup> No. 156.	Gertrude Lilian	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman. Bradwell	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
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Frederick's mother Betsy died in August 1858, aged 70.

On the 11th inst., at her residence, 2, Seymour-street West, Hyde Park, Mrs. **Woodman** widow of the Rev. **Thomas Shore Woodman**, of the Elms, Kilburn.

Their fourth daughter, Bertha Mabel, was born in the spring of 1860 at Bradwell, registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

Bertha was baptised by her father, 15<sup>th</sup> July 1860, at Bradwell.

1860. July 15 <sup>th</sup> No. 169.	Bertha Mabel	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman. Bradwell	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
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The 1861 census has Frederick, Mary, Laura, Rosina, Gertrude and Bertha living at the rectory in Bradwell, Oxfordshire. They have two house servants and a nursemaid in the household.

112	1	Frederick Woodman	Head	Mar 18	Near of Bradwell	Middleton Hillars
		Mary M	Wife	"	"	Bradwell
		Laura	Daughter	5	Scholar	"
		Thomas M	"	4	"	Near Bradwell
		Edward	"	2	"	"
		Bertha	"	10	"	"
		Ada Adams	Servant	16	"	Berke Basset
		Agnes Ann	"	21	"	Wells Basset
		Emma (Cochet)	"	19	Nursemaid	Near Bradwell
113	1	William Barker	Head	Mar 18	Near of Bradwell	Berke Chelvey

Their fifth daughter, Mildred Madeline Woodman, was born 5<sup>th</sup> October 1861 at Bradwell, registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1861.	Mildred Madeline	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman, Bradwell.	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
November 17 <sup>th</sup>					
No. 178.					

Their sixth daughter, Ada Frederica Woodman, was born in the winter of 1863 at Bradwell, registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

She was baptised 15<sup>th</sup> February 1863 at Bradwell, by her father.

1863	Ada Frederica	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman, Bradwell.	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
Febre 15 <sup>th</sup>					
No. 183.					

Their seventh daughter, Emily Geraldine Woodman, was born in the spring of 1865 at Bradwell, and registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1865.	Emily Geraldine	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman, Bradwell.	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
February 24 <sup>th</sup>					
No. 197.					

Their eighth daughter, Blanche Ethel Woodman, was born 28<sup>th</sup> September 1866 at Bradwell and registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1866. November 25 <sup>th</sup> No. 204.	Blanche Ethel daughter of	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman, Bradwell	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
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Their ninth daughter, Beatrice Mary Woodman, was born 16<sup>th</sup> April 1868 at Bradwell, and registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1868 July 4 No. 210.	Beatrice Mary daughter of	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman, Bradwell	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar
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Their tenth daughter, Maud Gwendoline Woodman, was born 28<sup>th</sup> March 1870 at Bradwell, and was registered at Witney. Her birth is given as unnamed in the birth records, which would normally indicate that the child did not survive long enough to be officially named, but this is clearly not the case.

1870 May 29 <sup>th</sup> No. 221.	Maud Gwendoline daughter of	Frederick Thomas & Mary Matilda	Woodman, Bradwell	Clerk in Holy Orders	F. J. Woodman Vicar.
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Later in 1870, Frederick was appointed to the rectory of Nettleton, by Henry J Riches – probably a relative of his wife.

recognised in the forthcoming scheme.”

The Lord Bishop of the diocese has instituted the Rev. John Edward Carter, B. A., to the rectory of Castle Eaton, Wilts, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. E. C. Bowley, on the presentation of John Moses Carter, Esq., of Springfield-house, Beccles; and has instituted the Rev. **Frederick Thomas Woodman**, M. A., to the rectory of Nettleton, Wilts, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. C. C. Dornvill, on the presentation of Henry J. Riches, Esq., of the Temple, London. His lordship has also licensed the following gentlemen to curacies:—Rev. Ebenezer Humphrey Jones, to St. Paul's, Bristol; Rev. Henry Rudge, to St. John the Evangelist, Clifton, and the Rev. William Charles Simons, to Bedminster.

The 1871 census has the family living at Nettleton Rectory, in Burton, with a lot of domestic staff to support them.

Rectory	1	George Wood James	Son	4	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		Fredrick Woodman	Wife	4	Rectory of Burton	Middlesex
		Mary Ann Woodman	Wife	4	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		Rosina Marian Woodman	Daughter	16	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		M. Maria Woodman	Daughter	9	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		John Frederick Woodman	Daughter	8	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		Emily Susan Woodman	Daughter	6	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		Elizabeth Woodman	Daughter	4	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		Beatrice Mary Woodman	Daughter	3	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
		Charles Frederick Woodman	Daughter	1	Scholar	W. De Nettleton
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Rectory continued	29	Emma Robbins	Wife	29	Widow	W. De Nettleton
		John Robbins	Wife	29	Widow	W. De Nettleton
		Mary Robbins	Wife	29	Widow	W. De Nettleton
		William Robbins	Wife	29	Widow	W. De Nettleton
		Mary Anne Broad	Wife	29	Widow	W. De Nettleton
		Charles Frederick Woodman	Wife	29	Widow	W. De Nettleton

Their daughters Laura, Gertrude and Bertha were boarding at Lullington near Frome with another clergyman's family, being educated. Rosena, the second daughter, is at home, however, but still regarded as a scholar.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 1872 their ninth daughter, Beatrice Mary, died at the age of 4, and was buried at her father's church. She had had meningitis.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham</u>									
Registrar's District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
1872. DEATHS in the District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilts.</u>									
No.	When Died	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
495	Sixth June 1872 Nettleton	Beatrice Mary Woodman	Female	4 years	Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman Rector of Nettleton	meningitis 1 week Hydrocephalus 3 days Certified	Emma Robbins Present at the death Nettleton	June 1872	John Howell Gale Registrar

A year later, on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1873, their second daughter Rosina Marian was also buried at Burton, aged 16. Her father performed the service.

Rosina Marian Woodman	Burton Nettleton	June 10 <sup>th</sup> 1873	16 years	F. J. Woodman Rector
No. 478.				

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham</u>									
Registrar's District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
1873. DEATHS in the District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilts.</u>									
No.	When and Where Died	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
33	Third June 1873 Nettleton	Rosina Marian Woodman	Female	16 years	Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman Rector of Nettleton	Miliary Tubercle 1 Year Certified	Mary Broad Present at the death Nettleton	June 1873	John Howell Gale Registrar



She was the first of the daughters to die of tuberculosis. Miliary tuberculosis is a form that has spread from the lungs to other organs in the body.

Frederick's wife Mary Matilda Woodman died at Nettleton in April 1874. She was 44. She was buried 17<sup>th</sup> April 1874, but her husband did not perform the ceremony.

BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Nettleton</u> in the County of <u>Wilt</u> in the Year 18 <u>74</u>				
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Mary Matilda Woodman No. 489.	Nettleton Rectory	April 17 <sup>th</sup> 1874	44 yrs	G. Lawson off & his wife

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham</u>									
Registrar's District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
18 <u>74</u> . DEATHS in the District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilt</u> .									
No.	When Died	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
84.	17 <sup>th</sup> April 1874 Nettleton.	Mary Matilda Woodman.	Female	43 Years.	Wife of Frederick Thomas Woodman, Rector of Nettleton.	Gastric Fever 1 month Pneumonia, 7 months Certified.	Emma Robins, Present at the death. Nettleton.	April 1874.	John Howell Gale Registrar

She had had a form of pneumonia for seven months, and then this had progressed to gastric fever. Emma Robins, who was given as a visitor on the 1871 census, was there to report her death. On that census, Emma says she has no calling, but her husband and parents-in-law are working at the rectory as staff, so it appears she had some role in the household – probably housekeeper-come-companion. She had also reported the death of four-year-old Beatrice.

Fourth daughter Bertha Mabel Woodman died on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1878, aged 17. She was buried at Burton.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham</u>									
Registrar's District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
18 <u>77</u> - <u>8</u> . DEATHS in the District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilt</u> .									
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
280.	31 <sup>st</sup> January 1878. Nettleton.	Bertha Mabel Woodman.	Female	17 Years.	Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman, Rector of Nettleton.	Phthisis 10 months Certified by W. F. Minter, Dist. M.B. &c.	Mary Budd, Present at the death. Nettleton.	February 1878.	John Howell Gale Registrar

She had had phthisis, which is an archaic word for tuberculosis, and had suffered for 10 months. Mary Budd, who was nurse to her younger sisters and had probably had a hand in bringing up Bertha too, was there at her death.

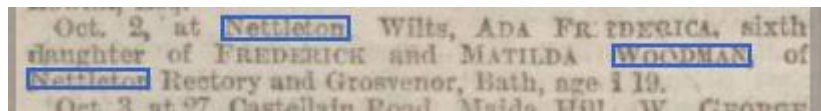
The 1881 census has Frederick living at Burton & Nettleton Rectory with his daughters Gertrude, Blanche and Maud. He is 58 and a widower.

46	Rectory	1	<del>Marga Jane</del> Frederick Woodman	58	Widow	25	<del>Grosvenor Place Bath</del>
			Gertrude Woodman	22	Unm	22	Rectory Nettleton
			Blanche Woodman	14	Unm	14	Rectory Nettleton
			Maud Woodman	11	Unm	11	Rectory Nettleton

The other four remaining daughters were living at 35 Grosvenor Place in Bath on the 1881 census. It appears that Frederick also kept this residence, as eldest daughter Laura is not given as the head of the household. Mildred, Ada and Emily are given as scholars in their teenage years, and they have a cook and housemaid to support them.

128	35	1	Elizabeth Fellowes	42	Unm	42	35 Grosvenor Place Bath
			Laura M Woodman	25	Unm	25	35 Grosvenor Place Bath
			Mildred M Woodman	19	Unm	19	35 Grosvenor Place Bath
			Ada F Woodman	18	Unm	18	35 Grosvenor Place Bath
			Emily F Woodman	17	Unm	17	35 Grosvenor Place Bath
			Louisa F Woodman	16	Unm	16	35 Grosvenor Place Bath
			Stephy Smith	4	Unm	4	35 Grosvenor Place Bath

Sixth daughter Ada Frederica Woodman died on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1882 at the rectory in Nettleton. She was 19. She was buried alongside her mother and sisters at the Burton church.



Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham</u>									
Registrar's Sub-District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
1882 DEATHS in the Sub-District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilts</u>									
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
473	Second October 1882. Nettleton R.S.D.	Ada Frederica Woodman,	Female.	19 Years.	Daughter of Frederic Thomas Woodman Rector of Nettleton.	Acute Pneumonia Phthisis 3 months. Exhaustion. Certified by Ceremial Heald M.D. R.C.S.	Emma Robbins, Attendant. Present at the death Nettleton.	Fifth October 1882.	John Howell Dale Registrar.

Ada had also had phthisis, for three months. Emma Robbins, despite not being with the household in 1881, was present at her death.

Two more of the daughters – Blanche Ethel Woodman (the 8<sup>th</sup>) and Mildred Madeline Woodman (the 5<sup>th</sup>) – died in May 1883, both at 35 Grosvenor Place, Bath. Blanche was 16, and Mildred was 21. Blanche was buried by her father on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1883. Mildred was buried by someone else on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1883. They were both buried at Burton.

Blanche Ethel Woodman No. 542.	Nettleton Rectory in Burton in Nettleton died at 35 Grosvenor Place Bath	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 1883	16 years	F. J. Woodman Rector.
Mildred Madeline Woodman No. 543.	Nettleton Rectory in Burton in Nettleton died at 35 Grosvenor Place Bath	May 21 <sup>st</sup> 1883	21 years	Pitt Johnson off. min.

RICHARD DARTMOUTH, 1816 or 1817, DOCK, AGED 70  
 May 6, at 35, Grosvenor-place, Bath, Blanche Ethel,  
 aged 16 years, eighth daughter of Frederick Thomas  
 Woodman Rector of Nettleton, Wilts, and Matilda, his  
 wife.  
 May 7 at Nettleton Rectory, George James, late Dis-

keaves, in his 63rd year.  
 May 22, at 35, Grosvenor-place, Bath, Mildred Madeline,  
 fifth daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman, Rector of  
 Nettleton, Wilts.  
 May 23 at Nettleton Rectory, Bath, Mrs. Blanche

Superintendent Registrar's District Bath									
Registrar's Sub-District Nalcot									
1883. DEATHS in the Sub-District of Nalcot in the County of Somerset									
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
221	16th May 1883 35 Grosvenor Place Bath	Blanche Ethel Woodman	Female	16 years	Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman Rector of Nettleton Wilts	Pulmonary Tuberculosis Contracted by the late Mr. D.	Henry Riches Nucle, present at death 35 Grosvenor Place Bath	16th May 1883	Francis Glover Registrar

Superintendent Registrar's District Bath									
Registrar's Sub-District Nalcot									
1883. DEATHS in the Sub-District of Nalcot in the County of Somerset									
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
220	16th May 1883 35 Grosvenor Place Bath	Mildred Madeline Woodman	Female	21 years	Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman Rector of Nettleton Wilts	Pulmonary Tuberculosis Contracted by the late Mr. D.	Henry Riches Nucle, present at death 35 Grosvenor Place Bath	16th May 1883	Francis Glover Registrar

Both of them had their maternal uncle, Henry Riches, present at the death. He was responsible for having their father appointed as rector in the first place. Presumably he had been brought into Grosvenor Place so that the dying girls had someone to support them.

Both of them had pulmonary tuberculosis, a particularly infectious form, which sits in the lungs. One of them probably gave it to the other, or it was passed on by another household member.

Eldest daughter Laura Matilda Woodman died 29<sup>th</sup> January 1885 at Burton Rectory. She was 29 years old. Her memorial sits with that of her mother and sisters at the church.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham.</u>									
Registrar's District <u>Castle Combe.</u> E.									
1885. DEATHS in the District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilts.</u>									
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
102	<u>Twenty-fourth January 1885. Nettleton R.S.D.</u>	<u>Laura Matilda Woodman.</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>29 Years.</u>	<u>Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman, Rector of Nettleton.</u>	<u>Phtisis Pulmonalis, 6 years. Exhaustion 2 months. Certified by General Practitioner.</u>	<u>Emma Robbins, In attendance. Present at the death. Nettleton.</u>	<u>Twenty-eighth January 1885.</u>	<u>John Howell Gale, Registrar.</u>

Laura died of pulmonary phtisis. She had had it for six years, so was roughly starting to suffer from it in 1879. It was possibly her that had passed it on to her sisters Mildred and Blanche. Emma Robbins was there at her death.

Third daughter Gertrude Lilian Woodman died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1886, aged 28. She was buried at Burton and Nettleton.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham.</u>									
Registrar's Sub-District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
1886. DEATHS in the Sub-District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilts.</u>									
Columns —	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
186	<u>Twelfth August 1886. Nettleton R.S.D.</u>	<u>Gertrude Lilian Woodman.</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>27 Years.</u>	<u>Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman, Rector of Nettleton.</u>	<u>Phtisis 11 months. Certified by W. J. Driscoll, M.D.</u>	<u>Emma Robbins, Present at the death. Nettleton.</u>	<u>Fourteenth August 1886.</u>	<u>John Howell Gale, Registrar.</u>

She also had phtisis, suffering for nearly a year. Emma Robbins was again present when she died.

Youngest daughter Maud Gwendoline Woodman died 10<sup>th</sup> June 1888, aged 18. She was buried at Burton and Nettleton, alongside her mother and sisters.

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Chippenham</u>									
Registrar's Sub-District <u>Castle Combe</u>									
1888. DEATHS in the Sub-District of <u>Castle Combe</u> in the County of <u>Wilts.</u>									
Columns —	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
274	<u>Tenth June 1888. Nettleton R.S.D.</u>	<u>Maud Gwendoline Woodman.</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>18 Years.</u>	<u>Daughter of Frederick Thomas Woodman, Rector of Nettleton.</u>	<u>Phtisis Diarrhoea Debility. Certified by W. J. Driscoll, M.D.</u>	<u>Emma Robbins, Present at the death. Nettleton.</u>	<u>Twelfth June 1888.</u>	<u>John Howell Gale, Registrar.</u>

She, yet again, had had phtisis. Emma Robbins had also been there when she died, making her a particularly faithful attendant.

The fact that so many daughters died of tuberculosis points to there being a common point of infection, possibly within the home itself. This could be an animal, for example an infected cow providing milk for the household, or something else within the home. This idea is borne out by the fact that the daughter who left the rectory managed to live until she was in her 90s.

The Kelly's Directory (a trade directory) of 1889 describes the parish and makes reference to Frederick:

BURTON hamlet, in which the church is situated, forms the most important part of the parish. The church of St. Mary is an ancient edifice of stone, in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel, nave of five bays, north aisle, north and south porches and embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing 6 bells, and has several stained windows: a reredos in terra cotta, representing the Last Supper has been placed over the communion table at the expense of the present rector: there are about 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1570. The living is a rectory, tithe rentcharge £443, gross yearly value £4731 including 14 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of H. J. Riches esq. and held since 1870 by the Rev. Frederick Thomas Woodman M.A. Hertford College, Oxford. Edward Chaddock Lowndes esq. M.A., D.L., J.P. of Castle Combe, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is brash; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat and barley, with pasture land. The area is 1,911 acres; rateable value, £2,538; the population in 1881 was 405. Parish Clerk, H. J. Riches esq.; deputy, Richard Strange.

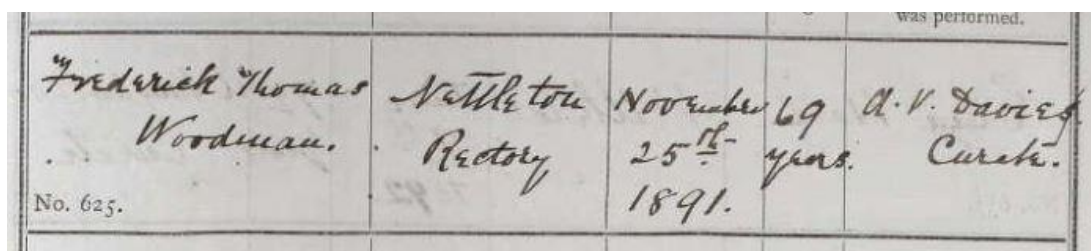
A newspaper report from February 1889 makes reference to a Miss Woodman being part of a musical entertainment held at Barton Nettleton. Given she was the only daughter left, this can only be Emily Geraldine Woodman.



The 1891 census has Frederick living at the Rectory House, aged 69, with his remaining daughter Emily. They have a cook and housemaid to help them run the house.

89 Rectory House	Frederick Thomas Woodman	69	Scholar	978 Barton Under Blagden
	Emily Woodman	26	Widow	Miss Woodman
	Walter Churchill	20	Book-keeper	Walter Churchill
	Walter Giles	20	Housemaid	Walter Giles

Frederick died on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1891 at Burton Rectory. He was 69 years old. He was buried alongside his wife and daughters in the churchyard. He left a huge amount of money to his daughter Emily.



WOODMAN { The Reverend  
Frederick Thomas.

Personal Estate £58,893 1s. 10d.

24 December. The Will of the Reverend Frederick Thomas Woodman late of Nettleton Rectory in the County of Wilts Clerk who died 19 November 1891 at Nettleton Rectory was proved at the Principal Registry by Emily Geraldine Woodman of Nettleton Rectory Spinster the Daughter the sole Executrix.

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Emily left the rectory in 1892, to much sorrow from the parishioners, as a newspaper reported:

**NETTLETON.**

On Monday the parishioners of Nettleton met together at the Church schools to perform a pleasing, though painful duty, namely the presentation of a dressing-case to Miss Woodman the daughter of the late rector, who is leaving the parish where she has spent many years in active work, relieving the distressed, comforting the afflicted, and also in rendering valuable aid in the musical portion of the church services. The curate (the Rev. A. V. Davies) acted as chairman of the proceedings, which consisted of a concert. The opening symphony, a march from Mozart, was effectively played by Miss Woodman who also entertained the audience by singing the two songs, "Swinging" and "The Last Dream," in her sweet mezzo-soprano voice, and elicited well merited applause. Mr. Riches contributed "John Brown," "The Jolly Young Waterman," and "Blow High, Blow Low," in a manner which met with a hearty reception. The Rev. A. V. Davies' songs comprised "I cannot sing the old songs," "Tom Bowling," and "Dream Faces." He rendered each in a manner which pleased the audience greatly. Mrs. Wedge sang "The Better Land" and "The Star of Bethlehem," and each met with hearty applause. Mademoiselle Tripplin sang "Comé à gentil," and afforded the audience extreme pleasure with her bright tones. Vocal duets were given by Miss Woodman and Mdlle. Tripplin, viz. "What are the wild waves saying?" and "Fly, little dove." Mr. J.C. Neale fairly brought down the house with his two songs, "In the morning," and "I love to think of the days when I was young." In the interval the Rev. A. V. Davies, in a short and effective address, told the audience that they had met under circumstances mingled with joy and sorrow. Joy because they had assembled together for the purpose of giving expression to their loyal regard and sincere attachment towards Miss Woodman; and sorrow because grief was borne in upon their minds at her departure from their midst. In addition to the dressing-case, the chairman handed to Miss Woodman a written testification of the sentiments of the parishioners, which ran as follows:—"Presented to Miss Woodman, April 18th, 1892, by the parishioners of Nettleton, and over their names, in token of their appreciation of her valuable services rendered in connection with the musical portion of the church services, and as a souvenir of their warm regard and sincere attachment towards her." Following this were the names of the majority of the parishioners. Miss Woodman thanked the audience through the medium of her uncle, Mr. Riches, in a well chosen speech. He especially pointed out that as Miss Woodman's initials were engraved on the silver mounting of each article, so would that night, and the expressions of love and esteem be engraved indelibly upon her heart. The National Anthem terminated a very pleasant social evening, and one that will be remembered by all for many years.

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Emily never married. She lived in London, in Sloane Gardens, in the 1920s and 30s. She died in 1960, aged 92, while living in a nursing home in Sussex. She was buried alongside the rest of the family at Burton.

**WOODMAN Emily Geraldine of The Albany Nursing Home**  
17/19 Albany Villas Hove Sussex spinster died 4 January  
1960 Probate London 11 April to Messrs Hoare Trustees.  
Effects £74302 5s. 10d.

A plaque to the whole Woodman family sits on the church wall, detailing the names and ages and deaths of all the daughters. They lie in a special plot together behind the church. Emily Geraldine was added in 1963. She seems to have continued to make an annual donation to the parish, which is mentioned at parish council meetings.

A side note should be added here about **Emma Robbins**, resident in the house in 1871 with her husband and parents-in-law, and present at many of the Woodman daughters' deaths. She was born about 1842 in Langford, Berkshire, and was originally Emma Tripp. She married William Robbins – a labourer and sometimes servant in 1870 at Bradwell in Oxfordshire, officiated by F T Woodman. It appears that the whole family, Emma, William and his parents John and Mary, were brought to Burton by the Woodman family to accompany them in their new life. In 1871 Emma is said to be "following no calling", but the enumerator has crossed it out, William was a groom, Mary a housemaid, and John a gardener. They didn't appear to live with the family for long. William set himself up as a coachman, and they eventually lived just down the lane from the rectory. Emma worked as a laundress and occasionally a servant. Both William's parents died in the 1880s. After the Woodmans vacated the rectory, Emma went on to Chelsea in London with William to work for a barrister as servants. Then when she was widowed, she came back to Burton and lived with William's sister. Emma died in the spring of 1919 at Burton.

(NB, after Frederick Woodman died, Charles Compton Domville came back – read about him earlier in the document)

### William Fergusson Steele

William Fergusson Steele replaced the dead Charles Compton Domville at the rectory from 1899 until 1907. He would have been relatively elderly when he took the position.

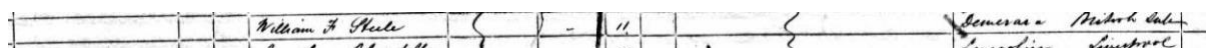
He was born in 1848 in Georgetown, Demerara-Mahaica, Guyana. This is on the coast of South America, and would have been an important port for merchants at the time.

His parents were Matthew Steele, who was from a prominent Liverpool family and had a home in Demerara, and Sophia Charlotte Bagot – who had been born in Demerara herself.

There is a memorial to his grandparents in St James' Garden Cemetery in Liverpool, that mentions that his paternal grandparents were Matthew Steele and Isabella. His father, Matthew Steele, mentioned as being "of Demerara", died at Seaforth in the UK on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1860.

Matthew Steele is given as a merchant on William Fergusson Steele's siblings' birth records. After his death, his wife and children remained in the UK.

On the 1861 census, William's mother and siblings were living in Lancashire, but William was at school in Everton.



He then appears to have attended university at a Cambridge college.

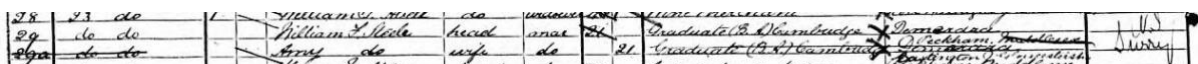
In 1870, at the age of 22, he married Amelia Thomson in Lewisham, London. She was born in 1849 in Peckham, London, and her father was a landlord and house proprietor. She was known to family as "Amy".

Name:	William Fergusson Steele					
Registration Year:	1870					
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep					
Registration District:	Lewisham					
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Amy and William Steele, at some point before they came to Burton.

On the 1871 census, William and Amy were living in Gloucester. He did not appear to have secured himself a position at this time, so refers to himself as merely a graduate with a BA.





Their first daughter, Amy Trevor Steele, was born shortly after the census was taken, in April 1871. She went on to hold a M.A. in the study of pedagogy from the University of London and achieved that in 1904, worked as a head teacher at various schools, and therefore never married. She had probably left home before William took up the position at Burton, however, so – like all of their children – probably never lived in the Rectory.

Their other children were: William Bruce Steele (1872-1967); Horace Ralph Steele (1873-1947); Arthur Steele (born and died 1874); Francis Edward Steele (born and died 1875); Florence Mary Steele (1876-1925); Seton Andrew Steele (1877-1940); Violet Steele (1878-1939); Ethel Steele (1879-1954); Mabel Norton Steele (1880-1968); and William Ferguson Steele (1882-1936). This is 11 children in all.

William went on to be Curate of St Simon's Church, Bristol. This parish was close to St Paul's and St Agnes in the city, but was abolished in 1956. The church building is now used by the Greek Orthodox community.

The 1881 census has the family at Number 3 Ashley Court Villas in Bristol. These are large, tall and ornate town houses. Eldest daughter Amy is away with family in Runcorn, but William and Amy had six of their children with them at that time. They also had a cook and a nurse to help Amy raise the children.

No.	Age	Sex	Name	Relationship	Mar.	Prof.	Place of Birth
130	11 <sup>24</sup>	M	William F. Steele	Head	✓		Church of St Simon's Bristol
	11 <sup>24</sup>	F	Amelia d.	Wife	✓		Bath Guiana Demerara
		M	William B. d.	Son	✓	Scholar	Middlesex Scotland
		F	Florence M. d.	Daughter	✓		Glasgow Glasto
		F	Mabel N. d.	Daughter	✓		Sydney
		F	Ethel d.	Daughter	✓		Cybarton
		F	Amelia d.	Daughter	✓		"
		F	Mabel A. d.	Daughter	✓		"
		F	Catherine King	Servant	Thru		"
		F	Ann C. King	Servant	Thru		"

William's mother Sophia died in Birkenhead, on the Wirral, in December 1884.

An 1889 trade directory for Bristol gives Reverend William Ferguson Steele at St Andrew's Vicarage (another church close to St Simon's). This is presumably a vicar position, not that of curate, so shows his career progression.

**St. Andrew's road, Montpelier, continuation of Bath buildings.**

.ho Bale Joseph, proprietor of Rennie's baths

.ho Old England tavern, Andrew Beattie

lg- Williams Edward Charles (Walnut house)

.ho Steele Rev. William Ferguson

ho B.A. (St. Andrew's vicarage)

ho St. Andrew's School

se ...here is Montpelier Railway station.....

ho St. Andrew's Vicarage

The 1891 census also has the family at St Andrew's Vicarage. William is given as a clerk in holy orders and vicar of St Andrew's Church. Amelia is with him, as are three of his sons. Daughters Florence and Violet were at a school for daughters of the clergy in St Augustine's parish, Bristol, while Ethel and Mabel were at Stratford Abbey College, a girls' boarding school, in Stroud. Presumably Seton Andrew is at school somewhere else.

86	St Andrew Vicarage	1	Elizabeth Steele	Wife	47	47	William F Steele	Head	M	44	44	Amelia Steele	Wife	M	42	42	William B Steele	Son	19	19	Horace R Steele	Son	18	18	William F Steele	Son	17	17	James M Salisbury	Servant	Wid	63	63	Sammy Howell	Servant	Wid	78	78

William was appointed rector of Burton and Nettleton in around 1899 (Charles Compton Domville died in May 1898), so the first census to feature him at the Rectory is the 1901. William and Amy have two of their unmarried daughters with them – Violet and Ethel – and two servants.

William F Steele	Head	M	53	53	Amelia Steele	Wife	M	52	52	Violet Steele	Daughter	S	18	18	Ethel Steele	Daughter	S	17	17	Alice Balch	Servant	S	20	20	Yvonne Pike	Servant	S	20	20
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He wrote to Charles Henry Fox Talbot of Lacock Abbey in the spring of 1900 asking for funds to help restore Nettleton Church. Fox Talbot did send a contribution.

Their son Seton was in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, as an assistant schoolmaster. Amy Trevor was studying at Bedford College in London. William Bruce was in Canada with his wife, working as a banker. Horace was also in Canada. Florence had recently married and was living in Lancashire with her husband, while Mabel was working as a bookkeeper in Bristol (and she also went to Canada later on). Youngest son William Ferguson Steele was presumably at school. He eventually went to Argentina, married out there, and died in Chile in 1936.

In 1903, Amelia Steele died at Nettleton Rectory. She was buried at St Andrew's, Bristol, alongside the two sons who had died in infancy.

Name:	Amelia Steele
Birth Date:	1850
Birth Place:	Peckham, London Borough of Southwark, Greater London, England
Death Date:	13 Jan 1903
Death Place:	Chippenham, Wiltshire Unitary Authority, Wiltshire, England
Cemetery:	St Andrew Montpelier
Burial or Cremation Place:	Bristol, Bristol Unitary Authority, Bristol, England
Has Bio?:	N
Mother:	Eliza Thomson
Spouse:	William Ferguson Steele
Children:	Arthur Steele Francis Edward Steele
URL:	<a href="https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/133090409/amelia-steele">https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/133090409/amelia-steele</a>

William Fergusson Steele lived on at Nettleton for a while as a widower. He died in January 1908, at Nettleton.





Charles and Gladys were living at The Rectory throughout the First World War, but as a clergyman Charles would have not been required to serve.

The first wider electoral register, from 1918, has them both at The Rectory – albeit under inaccurate names (Mary Frances G Jones and Arthur Jones), but these are corrected by 1919. They then have left before the 1921 electoral register is taken.

After they left Burton, it appears Charles' next parish was at Stoke Goldington, in Buckinghamshire. A shipping record from 1926 has them both living in that village, as they headed back to Southampton from Cherbourg in France.

do	do	13	JONES CHARLES STAFFORD	The Rectory, Stoke Goldington, Bucks.	do	Clergyman	48	EN	England	1
do	do	14	JONES GLADYS STAFFORD	do do	do	Housewife	43		England	1
				1 Minerva Terrace,						

The 1939 register, taken in late September that year, has Charles and Gladys now using Stafford-Jones with a hyphen as their surname. They were living at Byeway Erton, at Hambleton in Surrey – so presumably this was Charles's next parish after Buckinghamshire. They had several members of house staff.

Byeway, Erton	99/1	Stafford Jones Charles	-	M	29 Sep 77	40	1	Ecclia & Paper House	
"	99/2	Stafford Jones Gladys	-	F	13 Sep 85	42	1	Domestic Duties	
"	99/3	Waller Florence	-	F	3 Aug 53	44	1	"	
"	99/4	Edmonds Sarah A	-	F	21 Oct 87	41	1	Domestic Service	
"	99/5	Warren Lily E	-	F	27 Jan 07	42	1	Nurse	
"	99/6	Corn. Eva K	-	F	31 Dec 07	41	1	Domestic Duties	
This record is officially closed.									
WICKHAM	99/8	Stafford Jones Gladys	-	F	2 Mar 20	5	1	Domestic Service	

Charles died in September 1952 at Chartnole, Erton Green, near Godalming in Surrey. He left his money to his widow Gladys.

**STAFFORD-**  
**JONES** the reverend Charles Stafford of Chartnole Erton Green Godalming Surrey clerk died 23 September 1952 Probate London 29 October to Mary Frances Gladys Stafford-Jones widow. Effects £15019 14s. 11d.

Gladys, who was still living at the same house, died nearly two years later at a nearby nursing home. She left considerably more money, mostly to solicitors. Some was left to Barbara Stafford Cook, who could have been a daughter, but she has no birth record in the UK.

**STAFFORD-**  
**JONES** Mary Frances Gladys of Chartnole Erton Green Godalming Surrey widow died 8 August 1954 at St. Thomas Hospital Hydestile Godalming Probate London 16 September to Julian Strode and Charles Kenneth Ouin solicitors and Barbara Stafford Cook married woman. Effects £30162 1s. 9d.

**Rev F W Walker**

He was briefly there from 1920-1921, but his first names have proved elusive.

His main act appears to have been to have organised a great war memorial for the church.

**Walter Brook Rickards and Mary Christini Rickards**

Walter and Mary were only in the rectory for about two years, from 1921-1923.

Walter was born in Manchester on 10 May 1864.

1864 June 22. Born	Walter Brook	William Henry + Sophia	Rickards	Moss Side	Merchant	J. C. Woodhead
No. 45 1877						

He was the son of William Henry Rickards, a merchant, and his second wife Sophia Munton. William Rickards' father was a cotton spinner (probably someone who owned the cotton mill, rather than someone who spun the cotton himself), while Sophia's father was a corn merchant. His parents had married in 1862.

On the 1871 census, Walter has three younger brothers, and he was living at Dudley Road in Moss Side, Manchester, with his parents. Two of his older half siblings from his father's first marriage were also with the family.

1	William H. Rickards	Head	Man	53	Merch	J. C. Woodhead
	Sophia	Wife	W	41		Blount
	Lily	Son	Bo	23		Blount
	Fanny	Son	Bo	4		Blount
	Walter B.	Son	Bo	6		Blount
	Oliver R.	Son	Bo	14		Blount
	Robert B.	Son	Bo	2		Blount
	Harold H.	Son	Bo	3		Blount
	Edw. Robinson	Servant	Bo	35		Blount
	Reuben Lanson	Son	Bo	5		Blount
	Benjamin	Son	Bo	5		Blount
	David	Son	Bo	5		Blount
	Amelia	Son	Bo	5		Blount
	Sarah	Son	Bo	5		Blount

Walter was sent to school, probably around the age of 9. He attended a boarding school in Rutland, and can be found there on the 1881 census.

106	School Lane	1	Edward Thring	Head	Man	60	Worcestershire
			Maria D.	Wife	W	60	Worcestershire
			Maria G.	Serv	W	41	Worcestershire
			Dyna C. K.	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Ellie	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Frank G.	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			William E.	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Henry	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			George B.	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Walter B.	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Hugh	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Arthur	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire
			Therley	Serv	W	15	Worcestershire

After school he went to Trinity College, Cambridge (we know this from later clergy records), and probably studied theology.

He was appointed clergyman of Long Ditton in Surrey in 1890, and is there on the 1891 census. His younger sister Dorothy is living with him, probably helping him with the parish in the absence of a wife to do that role.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
104	No 12	Robert L. Vothie	Head	Widr	79	Delphic Wine Merchant	Surrey Thames Ditton	
105	No 13	Elizabeth Chapman	Serv	Wid	56	Domestic Servant	Bedfordshire	
		Walter B. Richards	Head	Wid	36	Chapman off Long Ditton	Manchester	
		Dorothy do	Sister	Wid	18		do do	
106	No 14	Marion Scott	Serv	Wid	34	Domestic Servant	Middlesex London	
		Elizabeth Wright	Head	Wid	64	Living on own means	London Westminster	

Walter's father William died in the spring of 1891 at Manchester. His mother moved to Bedfordshire.

In the July of 1893, Walter married Mary Christini Wardrop at his church in Long Ditton. Another clergyman performed the ceremony for them.

1893 Marriage solemnized at <i>St Mary's</i> in the <i>Parish of Long Ditton</i> in the County of <i>Surrey</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
14	July 20 1893	Walter Brooke Richards	full	Bachelor	Clerk in Holy Orders	Long Ditton	William Henry Richards	Merchant
		Mary Christini Wardrop	full	Spinster		Thames Ditton	Hew Dalrymple Hamilton Hamilton Wardrop	Gentleman

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Cecil Hughes* or after *Banns* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Walter Brooke Richards* in the presence of *Mary Richards*, *Mrs Dalrymple Hamilton* *Hew Dalrymple Hamilton* *Mrs Dalrymple Hamilton*

Mary came from Long Ditton.

She'd been born there in 1863.

No 14 22	1863	Mary	Hew Dalrymple Hamilton	Wardrop	Thames Ditton	Clerk in the Privy Council Office	17 Gibbald
		Christini	Susanna Hailey Tabor				Rector
		18 daughters					

Her father, Hew Dalrymple Hamilton Wardrop, was a clerk in the Privy Council Office and son of a doctor, and her mother Susanna Hailey Tabor Tabor (yes, really) was the daughter of a gentleman. Mary grew up in a large manor house. She had two younger sisters, and an older sister and brother.

The 1871 census has her in Thames Ditton with her family and a huge number of servants.

ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Inhabitants	NAME and Surname of Person	to Head of Family	SEX	AGE	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, or TRADE	RESIDENCE
Manor Farm House	1	Hew D. H. Wardrop	Head	Male	42	Clerk Privy Council Office	Middlesex Edgware
		Susanna W. Tabor	Wife	Female	35	Wife	Essex Southwell
		Luce M. G.	Serv	Female	11	Serv	Surrey Thames Ditton
		Luce M. G.	Serv	Female	10	Serv	do do
		Mary C.	Serv	Female	4	Serv	do do
		Maria T.	Serv	Female	4	Serv	Middlesex London
		Isabella G.	Serv	Female	1	Serv	do do
		Jane Simmonds	Serv	Female	32	Nurse (Domestic Serv)	Surrey, Cranham
		Elizabeth Lockham	Serv	Female	28	Serv (do)	Surrey Thames Ditton
		Mary	Serv	Female	24	Cook (do)	do do
		Liza Simmonds	Serv	Female	21	Housemaid (do)	do Guildford
		Elizabeth	Serv	Female	17	Nurse (do)	do do
		James Gibson	Serv	Male	24	Gardener	Essex Bocking
			Serv	Male	16	Assistant Shareholder	Yorkshire Wetherby

She appears to have been educated at home, alongside her siblings.

Having married Walter in 1893, the couple moved to Newton Hall, Stocksfield-on-Tyne in 1894. They were still there in 1896, as this dictionary of the clergy published that year has them there.





The family were still in Filgrave on the 1911 census. Barbara was the only child living at home at the time.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Walter Brooke Rickards	Head	46	Married	77					Clk in Holy Doves 421				Cheshire: Manchester	059
2	Mary Christine Rickards	Wife	45	Married	17	3	3							Sherr: Thame & Ditch	190
3	Barbara Rickards	Daughter	4	Single										Rucks: Topham-on-Syde	330
4	Melba Lydia Hodgkinson	Servant	30	Widow	13	2	2			Nurse (Domestic) 010	77-8-0			Northants: Heyford	330
5	Horace Beatrice Capell	Servant	21	Single						Nurse: Parlourmaid (Domestic)				Northants: Heyford	
6	Daisy Nora Dwyer	Servant	21	Single						Cook: (Domestic)				Northants: Heyford	

Walter's mother Sophia died in 1911. Mary's father Hew died in 1914.

At some point after 1911 and before 1917, Walter took a new position as rector of Sanderstead in Surrey.

In 1917, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, their son Hew Rickards died after an air battle over France.

**RICKARDS, HEW WARDROP BROOKE**, Lieut., Royal Field Artillery, attd. Royal Flying Corps, only s. of the Rev. Walter Brooke Rickards, Rector of Sanderstead, co. Surrey, by his wife, Mary Christini, dau. of Hew Hamilton Dalrymple Wardrop; b. Newton Hall Rectory, Stocksfield-on-Tyne, 21 May, 1896; educ. Henley-in-Arden Preparatory School (Mr. Oswald Nelson's) and Uppingham, which he left in 1914 and went to a tutor in France, in order to learn the language, with a view to entering the Egyptian Civil Service. On the outbreak of war in the Aug. of that year, he at once enlisted in the French Army, being attached to the Foreign Legion, with which he saw nearly six months' active service; was transferred to the Home Army in Feb. 1915, receiving a commission, which was subsequently made permanent in the R.F.A.; served with the Expeditionary Force in France from the following July, and in Aug. 1916, at his own request, was transferred to the R.F.C.; was wounded in Nov., while flying close to the enemy's trenches, and invalided home. On leaving hospital he went through his training at various flying schools in England, obtaining his Wings in May, 1917; returned to France in June; was reported missing after an aerial action near Courtrai 28 July, 1917, and is now assumed to have been killed in action that day, as he was last seen in combat with a German squadron. His Squadron Commander wrote: "I cannot tell you how much I shall miss your son, not only as one of my very best service pilots, but also as a friend. He was one of my junior officers, to whom I was particularly attached, because of his great keenness and unflinching cheeriness. Such comrades are hard to replace," and the General commanding his division of the R.F.A.: "He was one of my best; a fine, cheery officer, always keen, and full of work and fun. I was very sorry to lose him, but he was keen to go to fly, although sorry to leave his old friends in the division. A fine, gallant soldier, and a fine gentleman." *Unm.*



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Walter and Mary came to live at Burton Rectory in 1921, and then left in 1923. It's possible that their daughter Barbara lived with them there, as she was unmarried at the time.

Walter made an application for a memorial plaque to his son Hew Wardrop Rickards to be placed on the church in 1921.

Walter made an application for a mortgage to the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty in October 1921, asking for £83. This was for the rectory of Nettleton, in order to make improvements to the parsonage house and offices and paying the architect's charges and the diocesan costs.

At some point after that, they moved to a new position at Albury in Surrey.

Barbara married Frederick Prescott in 1935, and had three children with him.

Their daughter Mary Gwendolyn Rickards lived with a man called Leonard Thorne for many years. She could not marry him as his first wife refused to divorce him, so she eventually changed her name

to his for respectability purposes, at some point after 1939. They had no children, and both died in the 1970s.

Mary Christini Rickards died in September 1932.

**RICKARDS** Mary Christini of Rose Hill Albury **Surrey** (wife of the reverend Walter Brooke Rickards) died 1 September 1932 at Fitzroy-square St. Pancras London Administration **London** 2 July to Frederick John Oliver Prescott solicitor and Mary Gwendolen Rickards spinster. Effects £795.

Walter lived at Rose Hill, which was near Guildford, with his two daughters in the early 1930s. He died in early 1939.

**RICKARDS** reverend Walter Brooke of 16 Unwin Mansions Queens Club-gardens Fulham **Middlesex** died 24 January 1939 Probate **London** 22 February to Frederick John Oliver Prescott solicitor and Mary Gwendolen Rickards spinster. Effects £4469 4s. 8d.

**David Hutchison and Grace Adeline Boodle, and family**

David Hutchison and his wife Grace, and their family, were living at Burton Rectory from 1924 until 1933.

David was born in Desertmartin, Derry, Ireland, in around 1865, and his father was William Hutchison. His name is sometimes spelt Hutchinson in the records.

He first appears on the England and Wales records on the 1891 census in Hull, boarding with an architect and his family. He is unmarried, and working as curate of St Matthew, in Hull.

Elizabeth Mackay	serv	16	62	Widow					
William Lewis	read	16	62	<del>Architect</del>				X	do do
Emma do	Wife	16	64						Staffordshire, Minton
H. H. Boleos	Drum	16	66	Widow's Wife					Derbyshire, Micklethorp
Capt. A. Lewis	do	8	79	Widow's Son					Yorkshire, York
Broda M. do	do	8	16	Scholar					do York
David Hutchison	Boards	8	26	Clerk in Holy Trinity				X	Ireland
Emma M. Lewis	Drum	8	27						Yorkshire, Hull

He was curate at St Matthew until 1892. He then moved to St James at Halifax.

He married Jane Rylett in Sheffield in 1893. She had been married before, and her original surname was Boyden. She had at least two sons by her first husband, both of whom went to America. She definitely died, as he's given on the marriage record to Grace as a widower – but a death of a Jane Hutchi(n)son is elusive in the records for around that time.

Their daughter Frances Mary Hutchison was born in late 1893. She was baptised in Halifax.

1893 Nov 29 No. 1536	Frances Jane	David a Jane	Hutchison	29 Milton St.	Clerk in Holy Orders	Seip Streeten - Semi
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Their son David Cyril Hutchison, known as Cyril, was born in Halifax in 1896.

1896 April 22 No. 1807	Dani Cyril	Dani Jane	Hutchison	29 Milton St.	Clerk in Holy Orders	Seip Streeten
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Jane appears to have died having Cyril, as she died in the first quarter of 1896.

That same year, the UK Clergy List was published. David's entry read:

Hutchison, David, St. Bees; b 1880, p 1890 (York); cur. of St. Matthew, Hull, Yorks. 1880-02; St. James, Halifax, Yorks. from 1893: 20, Milton-st., Halifax.

At some point after this, David took a new job in Birmingham.

In January 1899, David married Grace Adeline Boodle.

1899. Marriage solemnized at Christ Church in the Parish of Sparkbrook in the County of Birmingham								
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
224	Jan'y 24 <sup>th</sup> 1899	David Hutchison	33	Widower	Clerk in Holy Orders	Palmerston Road	William Hutchison	Manufacturer
		Grace Adeline Boodle	27	Spinster		Claremont Swinden	Alfred William Boodle	Solicitor

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me,  
*David Hutchison* in the Presence of us, *Alfred William Boodle* *William Lord*  
*Grace Adeline Boodle* *Fanny Maria Boodle* Curate

Grace was born in Cheltenham, in Gloucestershire. She had grown up in "New Swindon" (the Victorian name for the part of Swindon around the railway line, as opposed to Old Swindon or Old Town, up on the hill), and in addition to her solicitor father had many siblings and several household servants. Her parents started divorce proceedings in around 1880, but it's unclear whether it carried through. Her mother went off to live in Chicago.

David and Grace's first son, Gerald Alfred, was born in late 1899 in Aston, Birmingham.

Their daughter Marjory Grace was born in early 1901 in Aston, Birmingham.

On the 1901 census, the family are at Aston, Warwickshire.

Sk.	Age	Sex	Relationship	Married	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Abroad
152	43	M	David Hutchison	Head	A	36		Staplewood, Church of England
	18	F	Grace A. do.	Wife	A	24		Staplewood, Church of England
		F	Frances A. do.	Servant	S			Staplewood, Church of England
		M	David C. do.	Son	S	5		Staplewood, Church of England
		M	Gerald A. do.	do.	S	1		Staplewood, Church of England
		F	Marjory G. do.	Daughter	S	1		Staplewood, Church of England
		F	Fanny Boodle	Servant	S	17		General Servant, Church of England

Their daughter Kathleen Violet was born in the spring of 1904 at King's Norton, Warwickshire.

At some point after this, David took a new job at Buckland in Gloucestershire. The family were there on the 1911 census.

										place or rank of occupation		education		religion		affiliation	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	David Hutchison	Head	46		Married	Hutchison	3			Chapman (Establishment)	Rector	ma. acc.	Buckland	030	Bristol		
2	Grace Adeline Hutchison	Wife	39	39	Married	Hutchison	3	3					Buckland		Bristol		
3	Gerald Alfred Hutchison	Son	11							School	390		Birmingham		Birmingham		
4	Marjorie Grace Hutchison	Daughter	10										Birmingham		Birmingham		
5	Kathleen Violet Hutchison	Daughter	7										Birmingham		Birmingham		
6	Elsie Maud	Servant	25		Single					governess	11.12		Wolverhampton		Wolverhampton		
7	Lucy Dora Holmes	Servant	20		Single					general domestic	0.10		Wolverhampton		Wolverhampton		

The family first appear on the electoral register at the Burton rectory in 1924. The register was taken in the October of 1923, so they arrived that year.

Initially, it is David, Grace, Gerald and Cyril listed at the house. Gerald and Cyril leave in 1929, but Marjorie – who had reached the age of 21 – is added that year. Kathleen is added to the electoral register in 1931.

David was still officially the vicar of Nettleton when he died in 1933, and the family disappear from the electoral register.

**HUTCHISON** the reverend David of Nettleton Rectory Chippenham **Wiltshire** clerk died 7 November 1933 at St. Lukes Nursing Home Fitzroy-square Middlesex Probate **Bristol** 24 January to Grace Adeline Hutchison widow. Effects £800 5s. 3d.

Grace died in 1951. Cyril, who appears to have had an accident at work, died the same year. There is nothing in the newspapers about his death, however.

**HUTCHISON** David Cyril of 31 Coburg-road Dorchester **Dorset** died 25 May 1951 at The Beam Wireless Station Bradford Peverell **Dorset** Probate **Birmingham** 26 September to Muriel Ruby Hutchison widow. Effects £1491 13s. 5d.

A tablet for David Hutchison was applied for and approved for the sanctuary of the church in 1954. Gerald Alfred Hutchison was the reverend of Littleton Drew Church, and it was applied for by him. A wooden screen to the memory of Cyril was erected in 1966.

### Henry Lloyd Jukes and Ethel Annie Jukes and family

Henry, Ethel and their family were resident in the house on two electoral registers – 1934 and 1935.

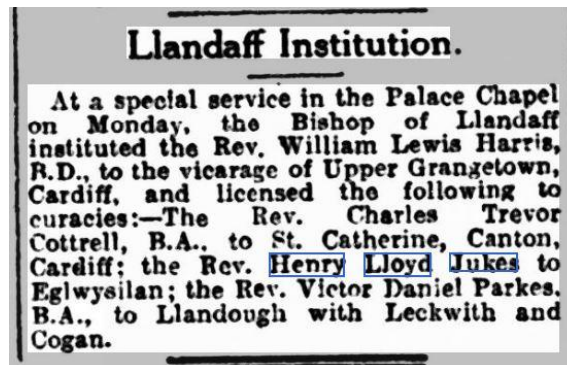
Henry was born in Newark, Northamptonshire, in about 1880. He was the son of Henry Jukes, the vicar of Christ Church, Newark, at that time – who was born in Canada – and his wife Emma.

Henry Lloyd was in Newark on the 1881 census, aged only a year.



They appear not to have had any other children.

In 1929, Henry was appointed to the church at Eglwysilan. This appears to be a community near Blackwood, and part of the Llandaff diocese. He is described as a reverend in this article, so has clearly moved up in the church hierarchy.



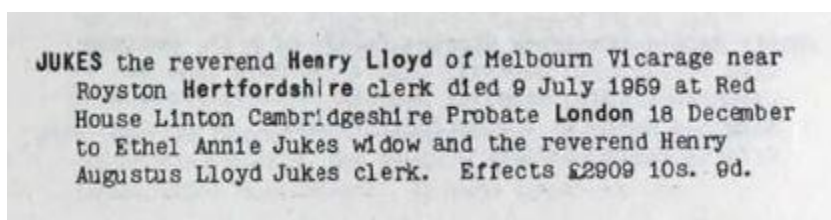
Henry Lloyd Jukes, Ethel Annie Jukes, Henry Augustus Jukes, and Evelyn Ann Harris were resident in the Burton Rectory on the 1934 electoral register. Presumably, Evelyn was a servant or housekeeper, but I can find no further record of her. Another resident, Ronald Elvet Jones, was added in 1935. Ronald appears to have been a trainee clergyman, so possibly served in some capacity in the church too. They have left the rectory before the 1936 electoral register was taken.

The 1939 register has Henry and Ethel at a rectory in Barnstaple, Devon, so this is presumably where he moved to after Burton.

The Rectory.	63.	2	Reed Annie	-	F 9 Apr 40 M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		1	Jukes Henry L	-	M. 12 Nov 49 M	Clerk in Holy Orders
		2	Jukes Ethel, W.	-	F 12 June 49 M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

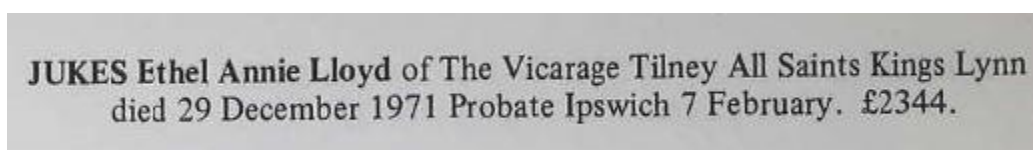
After the second world war, the 1946 telephone directory has him at The Rectory, Bawdrip, near Bridgwater in Somerset, so that's clearly where he went during the war.

Henry died in 1959, described as the reverend of Melbourn, near Royston in Hertfordshire, so he'd clearly moved there after Bawdrip.



His probate record refers to his son Henry Augustus as a reverend too, so his son had followed him and his grandfather into the profession.

Ethel died at a Vicarage near Kings Lynn in Norfolk in 1971. She was probably living there with her son.



### **No-one, but probably Ralph Bryant appointed**

The electoral registers for 1936 and 1937 have no-one listed at Burton Rectory.

It appears that extensive works were going on at the house, as evidenced by a letter and a series of plans held at the archives.

Letter to Hartland Thomas, Chartered and Registered Architects, sent 6 May 1937

*Dear Sir:*

*NETTLETON RECTORY*

*I thank you for your letter of May 4, and I return your Form filled in.*

*This house stands in its own grounds at some distance from the high road and it has a frontage only to the lane up to the church.*

*The drains are 4" and 6" stonewate socketed pipes with I.C. with iron covers and they run to a large cesspit in the garden. There is an interceptor, a Fresh air inlet and No.2,4" vent pipes. Some additional drainage 4" stonewate socketed pipes surrounded by concrete with I.C. is to be put and the 4" V.P. moved up to the head of it.*

*The scheme is to pull down part of the house as shewn to expose an 18" internal stone wall and in this to insert windows. I enclose a sketch shewing these windows.*

*No new walls are to be built and there is to be no additional building except internal alterations as shewn on the plans so I hope I am right to assume you will not require sections to be submitted to you. I have not taken measurements which would enable me to prepare sections.*

*I enclose an index plan shewing the drains and the position of the house with the extent of the grounds indicated by a blue border. The house after demolition is shewn blocked in black.*

*The whole of the works have been approved by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners' architects and will be done to their approval.*

*Yours faithfully*

*P Hartland Thomas*

Plans, submitted that April, show that there were stables beyond the main garden, heading down to behind the pub. These probably still stand and are the coach house – they were part of the property in 1937.

There was evidently some concern about these new windows, as a further letter dated 11 May states that these will be the existing windows from the demolished portion of the building, used again in new positions, and they will therefore be in harmony with the existing building.

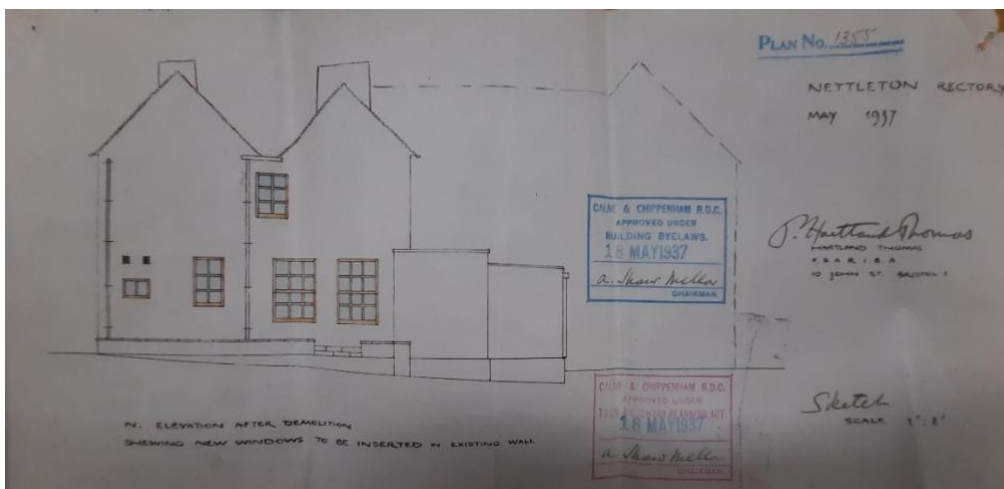
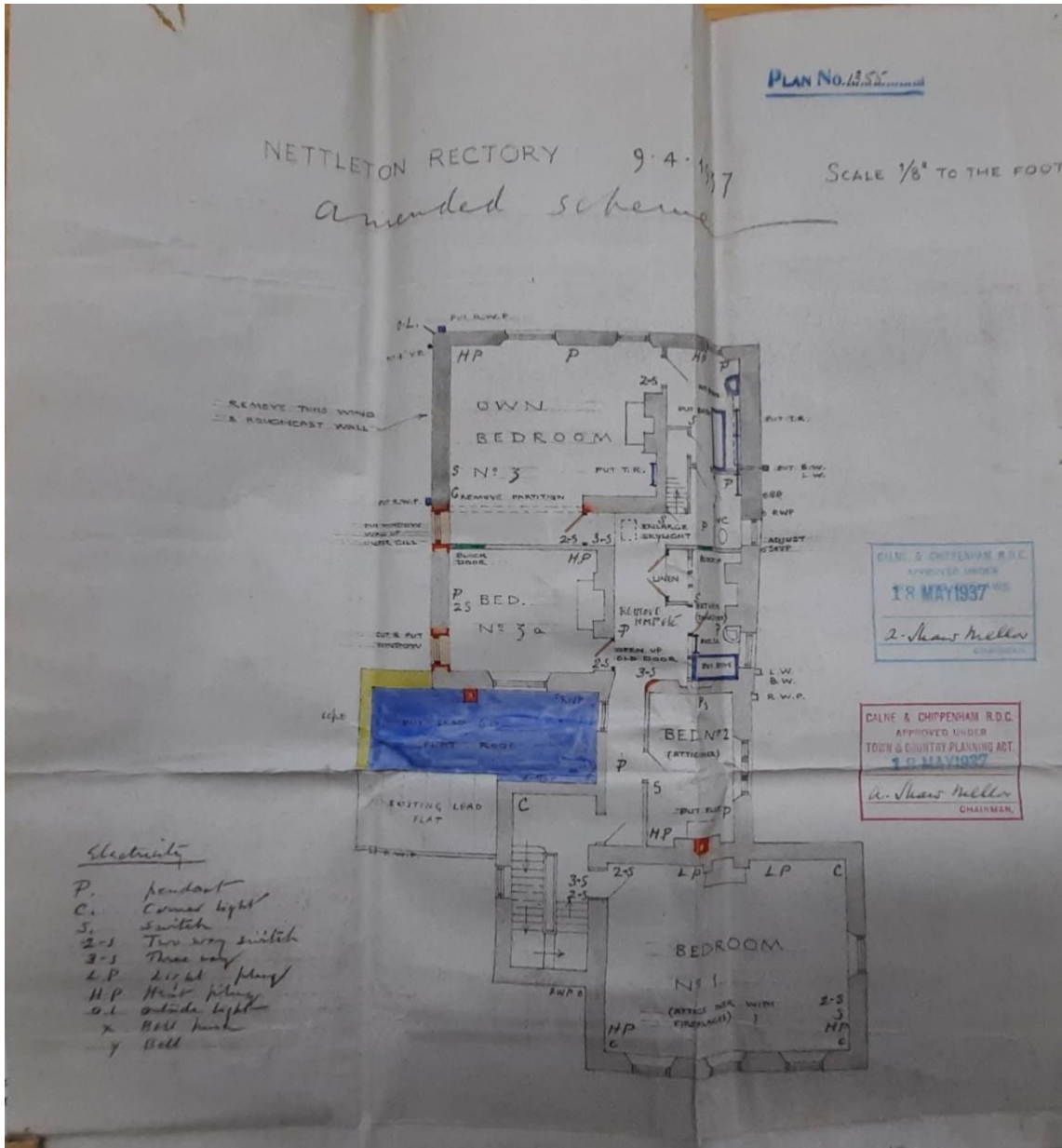
While the work was being completed, the Rev Ralph John Bryant was living at the Fox and Hounds in Acton Turville.

While it gives detailed plans of what was to happen, and did happen, it doesn't say why they wanted it to happen.

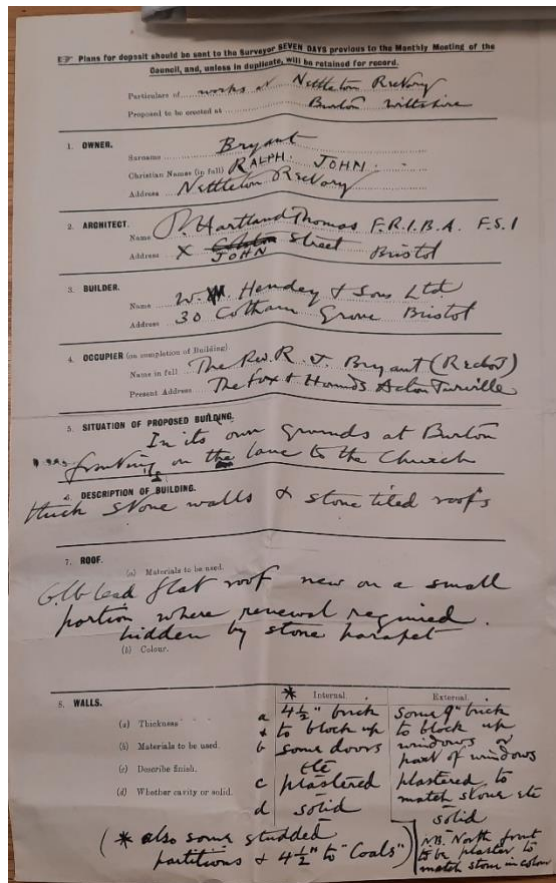
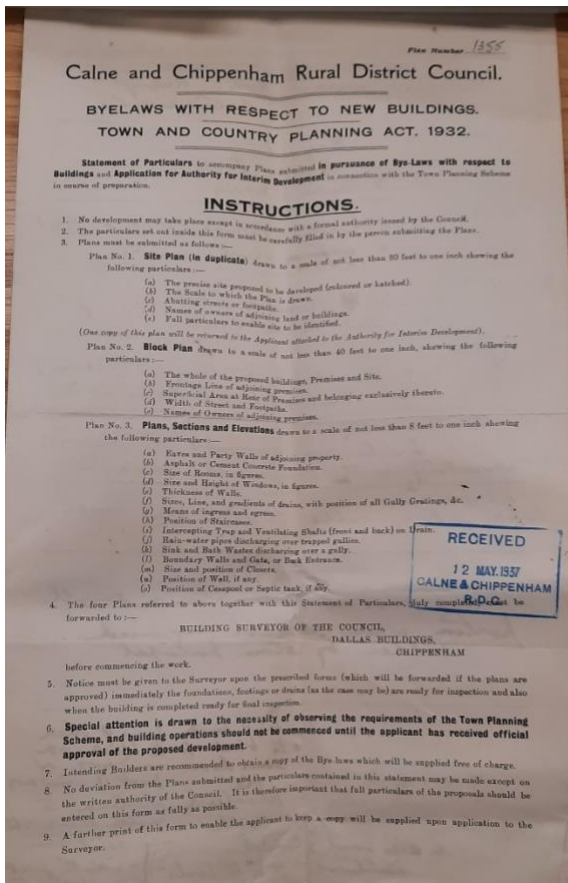
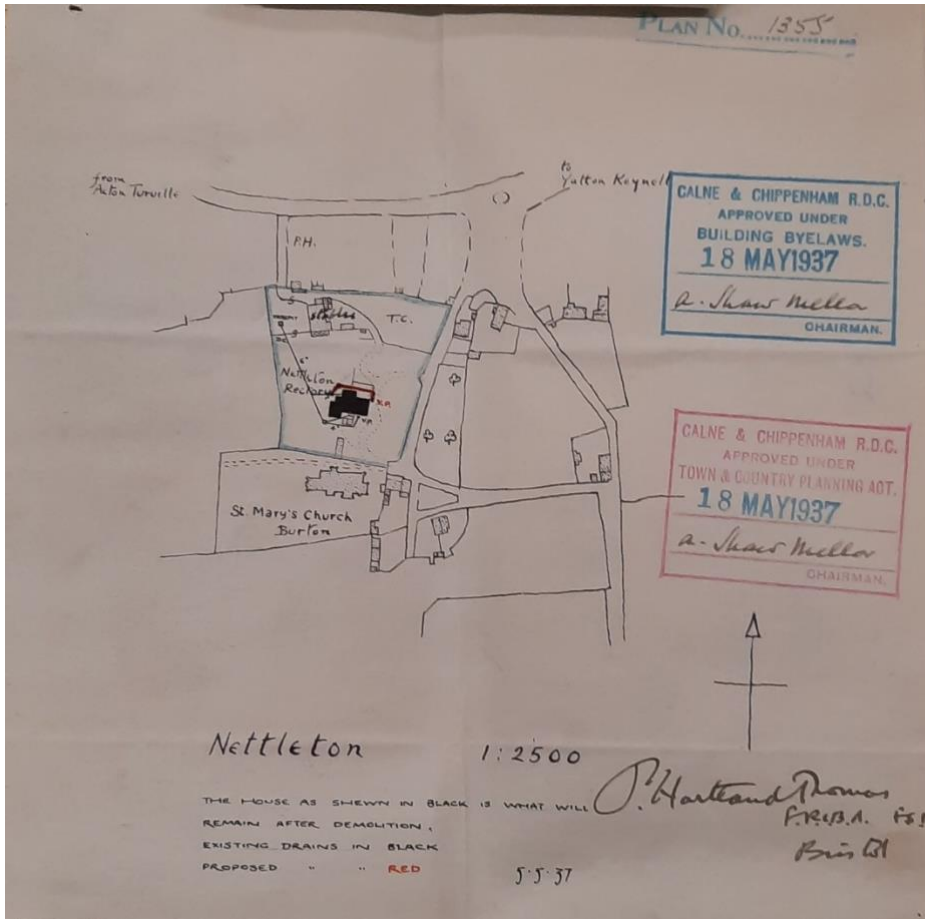
My best guess is that the building was in bad repair, and that the portion that was demolished was deemed not worth saving. This idea is borne out by the fact that the new Reverend did not move straight into the property. We have no other explanation for the work.

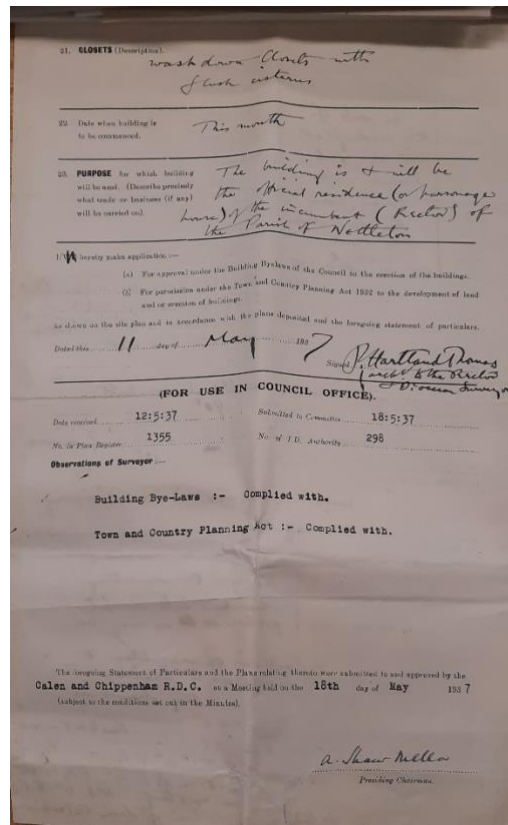
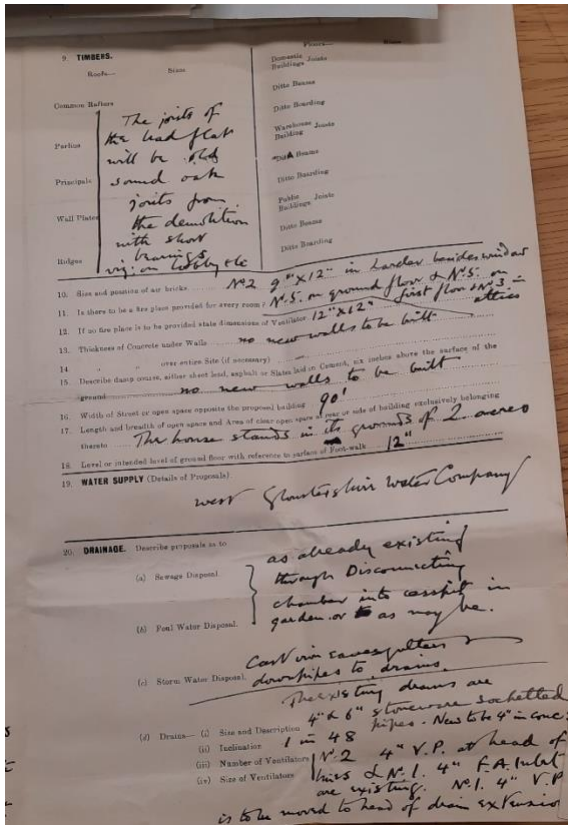












**Ralph John Bryant**

Reverend Ralph John Bryant was resident at the rectory from after the works finished in 1937 through until his retirement and subsequent removal to Swindon at the tail end of 1959. He had two sets of tenants that we know of during that time: Edwin Minty and Judith M Minty were there from 1947 but had left by 1952, and Cyril George Goodchild and Sylvia Goodchild were resident in 1956 and 1957.

There were also a set of evacuees, whose existence we know about because of Ralph's later letter about replacing a sink they'd cracked. And a woman called Elvira appears to have been there in the early days to help him with the parish.

Ralph was born in 1883 in Bristol, to William Henry Bryant – a commercial traveller – and his wife Elizabeth.

No. 173 10/11						
1883.						
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph	William		Blagdon		William
Born	John.	Henry	Bryant.	House	Traveler.	Stiles.
22 <sup>nd</sup> 1883		&		Belvoir Rd.		
No. 174		Elizabeth				
		Jane.				
1883.						

He had at least three siblings, and appears to have been their youngest child.

The 1891 census has the family living in Bristol with a domestic servant, on Belvoir Road. His oldest brother was in training to follow his father into the commercial traveling profession.

149	28	do	1	Sarah Newey	Servant	0	17	General Servant	X	London
				William Servant	Head	17	17	Commercial Traveller		York
				Elizabeth J. do	Wife	17	17			do
				Henry do	Son	17	17	Commercial Clerk	X	do
				Edith A. do	Daughter	14	14	Scholar		do
				Man do	do	14	14	do		do
				Ralph J. do	Son	8	8	do		do
				Samuel Smith	Servant	5	29	General Servant		do
				Harriet M. Rich	Daughter	20	20			Bristol

The family were still in the same property ten years later, on the 1901 census. At this point, Ralph, who was 18, was an apprentice to a stationer in Bristol.

28	Belvoir Rd	1	William Henry Bryant	Head	M	52	Commercial Traveller			R. Philips Bristol
			Elizabeth J. do	Wife	M	49				do
			May Louise do	Daughter	F	21				R. Smith do
			Ralph J. do	Son	M	18	Stationery Apprentice			R. Andrews do
			Samuel Smith	Servant	M	34	General Servant			Bristol do

At some point later he decided to train to become a clergyman, and would have gone to higher education to study theology.

The 1911 census has him boarding in Birmingham, and studying to become a clergyman. This is quite a departure from earlier vicars, who all uniformly studied at Oxbridge. This shows the growing importance of other universities in the later Victorian and Edwardian period.

1	W. Kean	Traveller	Male	67	Married	250	250			London	100
2	Maria	Traveller	Female	66	Married	439	439			London	132
3	John	Traveller	Male	23	Single					London	1
4	Mary	Traveller	Female	35	Married					London	1
5											
6											
7	Ralph John Bryant	Traveller	Male	28	Single					London	131
8	Charles	Traveller	Male	35	Single					London	0 X

He appears to have been based in Birmingham for a good while, perhaps doing lesser church jobs. He takes a trip to Gibraltar in 1932, returning in 1933, and describes himself on the shipping records as a clerk.

Gibraltar	PLYMOUTH	Burns, Emma Louisa	C/o Mrs Kean, Rose,		40	Gibraltar	1
	PLYMOUTH	Burns, Louisa	Farranporth, Cornwall	Student	15	"	1
	LONDON	Borrow, James	"Frampton" London Road	Employee	25	Morocco	
	LONDON	Bowyer, Maude	2 The Vicarage,	H.D.	54	England	1
	LONDON	Burton, Florence	Holford Sq. Kings		50	"	1
	LONDON	Beanland, Albert	35 Charleville Rd.				
	LONDON	Bryant, Ralph John	West Kensington W.14.	Scholar	17	Gibraltar	1
	LONDON	Bryant, Ralph John	46/9 Nightingale Lane	Clerk	49	England	1
			213 Birchfield Rd.				
			BIRMINGHAM				
			3, MOOR LANE				

#1	LONDON	NEWELL KATH MARY	213, BIRCHFIELD RD.	1ST	CLERK	50	
#2	GIBRALTAR	BRYANT RALPH JOHN	BIRMINGHAM				

He came to Burton Rectory around 1935/6, depending on when the Jukes family left. He initially lived in the Fox and Hounds Pub in Acton Turville while the work was going on within his house.

The 1939 register, taken in September that year, has Ralph in the rectory. With him is a woman named Elvine or Elvire Portman, who presumably is his parish helper.

The Rectory	Hattfield	43	1	Bryant Ralph John	M	15 Dec 1892	S Priest	
"	"	"	2	Portman Elvire	F	8 June 1893	M L. C. Helper	ARE = PORTMAN Elvire M.
This record is officially closed.								
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The Rectory	Hattfield	44	1	Massingham Helen	M	15 Feb 1902	M Snarells Company	R.R. De Winton's Ambulance
"	"	"	2	Massingham Helen	F	13 Feb 1904	M Snarells Company	First Aid Worker
"	"	"	3	Schliemann Hans	M	9 Feb 1910	M Sennart	

There are three closed out records that follow, presumably these are of three evacuees as the mass evacuation occurred at the beginning of September and the register was taken at the end of the month. A second residence, also called The Rectory, is given. Presumably this is the stable block/coach house rather than a divided up part of the house.

In the archive there's an inventory and repairs report that dates from 1948. There's a note in this report that a gas cooker in the kitchen belongs to the rector's tenant – this was presumably Judith Minty.

Builder and General Contractor  
House Decorator and Undertaker

Dr. to **WRIGHT & SON**  
BURTON, Near CHIPPENHAM.

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1949

M The Rev R. Bryant  
The Rectory, Nettleton

Estimates Free.

As per estimate	45	10	0
Repairing chimney stacks, roofs			
guttering floors + windows			
Plastering + etc to house			
repairing + painting doors shutters			
+ windows to garage			
repairing entrance doors + summer-			
house painting + etc			
new oak gate + post to orchard	155	4	9
as per estimate, window)	30	0	0
(linked)	<u>230</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>

HARTLAND THOMAS  
Chartered Architect and Surveyor

2, CODRINGTON PLACE  
CLIFTON PARK  
BRISTOL, 8  
TELEPHONE 3447

F. HARTLAND THOMAS, F.R.I.B.A., F.B.I.C.S.  
Surveyor to the Bristol Diocese

13. January 1949.

Dear Mr. Brakespear : ECCLESIASTICAL DILAPIDATIONS MEASURE 1923.  
NETTLETON R.

The Rector has brought in the two bills I enclose and stated that the work has been well done and he wants an inspection and a certificate on the Church Commissioners.

One bill £3.10.0. is paid by him for the removal of ivy from walls and the other bill £190. 14. 9. is due to Messrs. Wright & Son for repairs to the Rectory House and grounds and stabling. There remains to be done the repairs on the glebe estimated approximately at £35.

I enclose a copy of my Quinquennial Report for your use in inspecting the work and issuing a certificate to the Church Commissioners for payment to the Rector and to Wright. The Rector must countersign this certificate. There is not enough money in the account but the Rector states he is in the Church Comms' scheme and will get a grant of two-thirds of the deficit.

It is a pity he has not been able to get the Glebe repairs done yet, but I think the Church Comms. will pay out part of their grant if they are told the builder was pressing for payment.

I should like the Rector to tell me what the Church Comms. pay as he will no doubt apply to the Horfield Trust. Would you tell him so ?

All this should have come to you direct and I told the Rector so, but he asked me to send the papers on to you.

I think he will speak to you about a small matter of a sale to the Calne & Chippenham R.D.C. which was brought up at the last Dilapidation Board meeting. The Rector had engaged my professional services about this but it would be convenient if you dealt with it as you will be on the spot. The Archdeacon said he would be visiting the ~~glebe~~ site.

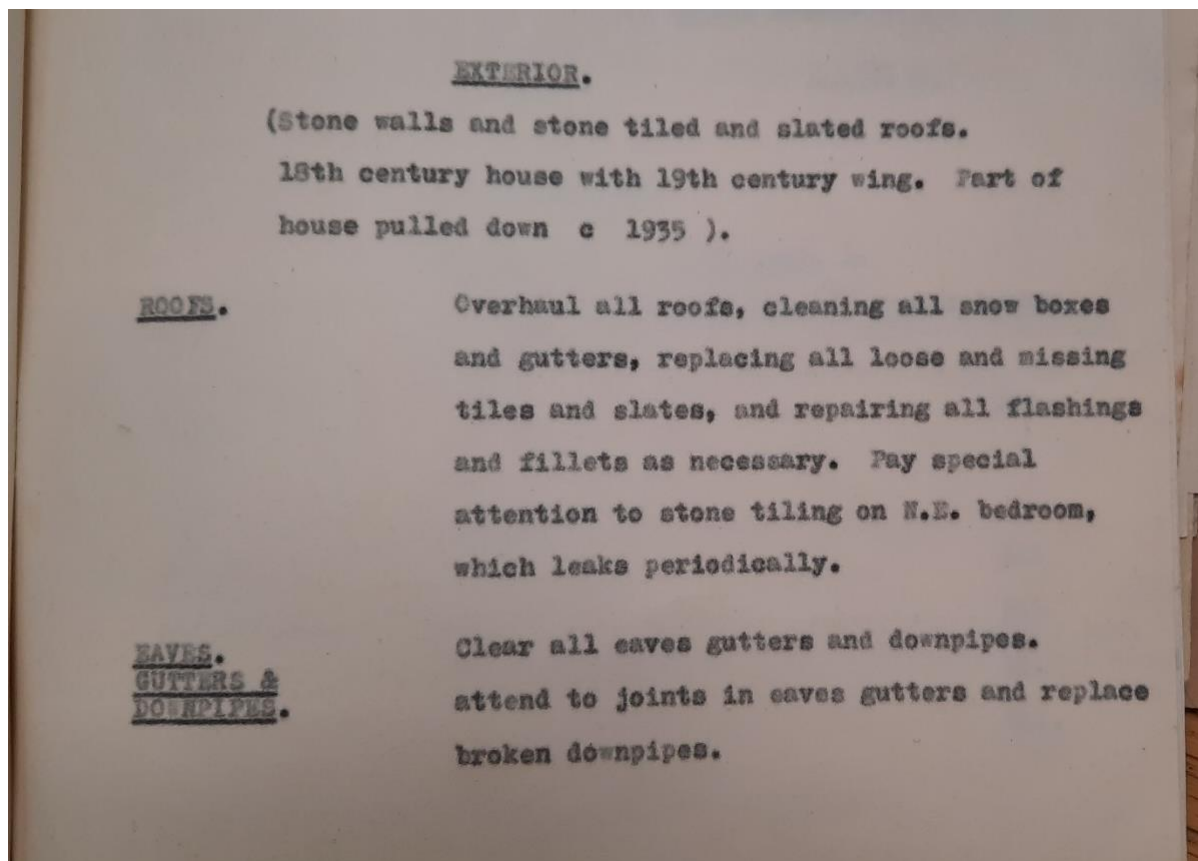
I enclose two copies of the plans and the letters 29. Novr. and 20. Decr. to the Rector.

Yours sincerely,  
*P. Hartland Thomas*

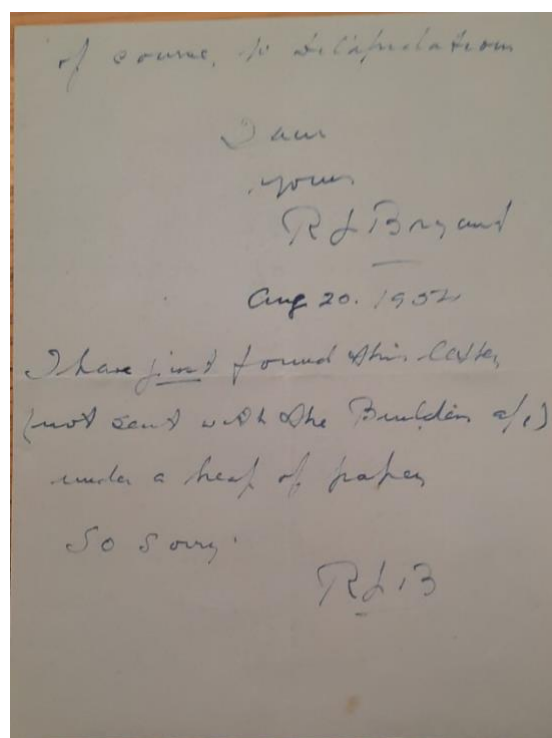
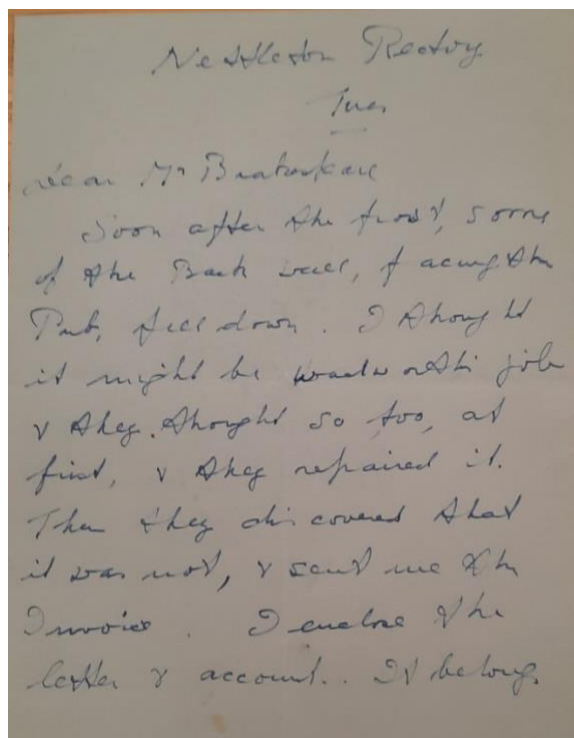
P.S. I have not had the list of  
Surveys ordered so I cannot look  
up my papers for you.

Cawald Brakespear Esq. A.R.I.B.A.

An Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measure from April 1950 has a report on the building, with various tasks needing doing to it. At that time the property included the Rectory House, the Stable Building, the Summer House (in the middle of the lawn), the Garden Walls and Fences, the Wall and Fences of the Glebe Land. There are reports of various damp patches on ceilings and walls, fittings needing repairs etc.



In this report it is noted that the electricity fittings belong to the rector – either he or a previous incumbent had had them put in at his expense, so therefore he owned them not the church.







In a file there's a letter from 1955 written by Ralph, saying his wash basin had been previously cracked by evacuees. It had finally fallen apart and he had replaced it – he was writing to the diocese and wanting the funds back.

Wattleton Rectory  
Bunton  
21.2.55.

Dear Mr. Bradshaw

When you were here about  
the last, I ought to have shown  
you the <sup>new</sup> Washroom Wash Basin  
as you visit sometime before  
you noticed it was cracked  
(by Evacuees) less than  
ago, my shaving jug fell off  
the little shelf & the bottom

of the basin fell clean  
out. (Size of a bread  
plate). I sent to Gardner  
Tonks next day & brought  
another one back, which  
Wright & his son fixed the  
day after. I suppose it is  
a dilapidation? I  
tried to get it out of the  
Eccles. Insurance. But No.  
May I have Wright's Bill  
back?  
Kind regards  
R.E.B.

23 February 1955.

WATTLETON RECTORY.

Dear Mr. Drury,

Mr. Bryant reports that his lavatory basin, long cracked,  
finally broke some weeks ago and has now been repaired. He sends  
the enclosed receipted account which he would like back and asks  
that the basin may be treated as a dilapidation.

Yours sincerely,

The Secretary,  
Bristol Diocesan Dilapidations Board,  
23, Great George Street,  
BRISTOL 1.

(Copy to the Rev. R.J. Bryant, for information).

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MEMO. FROM

**WRIGHT & SON,**  
BUILDERS, CARPENTERS, WHEELWRIGHTS  
& UNDERTAKERS. :: MACHINE AGENTS.  
**BURTON, NEAR CHIPPENHAM.**

*Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1946*

To Rev. R. Bryant

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed  
statement of items included in  
estimate.

(glebe) Boiler house roof  
half blown off after estimate  
Estimate was for open end.  
Walls + quins to paddock, churchyard  
& garden, not included  
Walls & quines were pulled down  
by children playing in paddock  
& lawns.

Yours truly  
E. J. Wright

2 March 1959.

NETTLETON RECTORY.

Dear Mr. Bryant,

I am sorry to hear that you have been ill for  
so long but hope that have now made a good recovery. If I  
were living alone I fancy I might prefer a small house in  
Swindon to Nettleton Rectory: it is a property that I shall  
not be sorry to be rid of as surveyor. I note what you say  
about the walls.

With good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

The Rev. R.J. Bryant,  
Nettleton Rectory,  
Burton,  
Wilts.

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Nettleton Tendency  
 Burton.  
 Feb 25. 59

Dear Mr Bratspere

You may be wondering why I haven't written you an end of the year letter! The reason is that I have been very ill since last February, then now only getting over a second illness. As I am 75, this means I am going to retire this Spring, the I had the idea! Last year there were 3 falls of ball, one very long. Since those would have to be repaired I got Wright to put them in

hand & the last one is now repaired. I gather that this house is to be sold, so no painting will be done. I think there is £90 in the fund, so when Wright sends his bill in, shall I send it on to you as usual? Of all places I am going to a new Bungalow, Swindon built by the Church Commissioners & just finished. Quite an adventure!

I hope you are Flu-less.

Yours  
 Rf Bryant

A final letter is in the file from him, in 1959, saying he's been in hospital, and ill for 15 months, and is now based in Swindon. He is worried about repairs, as there are references to three walls having been down for a long time, and that a channel for something was choked with leaves. His departure date was April 9 1959. He says that the maintenance bill, which is included, has various repairs – garage door enlargement, fixing gates, cleaning channels etc. He mentions dilapidation several times, but this appears to be in relation to funds for repairs from the diocese.

1. Highway Cottages opposite walls  
 The Mall  
 May 3. 1959

Dear Mr Bratspere,

You will see from my address my new habitation. The enclosed bill from Wright came yesterday. Last year 1958 was the dilapidation I mentioned & I was in hospital. The 3 walls had been down for some time, & the leak was running down on to the beach through channels being choked with leaves etc. The

cham<sup>ber</sup> & a few to have been supplied since April 9, my departure day, the previous one having been stolen a long time previously. I am not at all well as yet & this place is very cold, but I think I deserve to get well after 15 months illness.

I hope you are well.

Yours  
 Rf Bryant

P.S. I don't know how much there is in dilapidation etc, but I should think a good bit



**BRYANT** the reverend **Ralph John** of 1 Holway Cottages The Mall Swindon Wiltshire clerk died 5 September 1980 at St. Margarets Hospital Stanton Swindon Probate Bristol 7 December to Dudley Norman Latter retired bank official. Effects £8039 19s. 4d.

**Elvire Portmans** appears to have been the London County Council helper, who probably accompanied the evacuees up from London and then remained for a while to make sure they were settled. It makes sense that someone in this position was housed by the local vicar.

There is no England and Wales birth record for her, and her exotic name indicates she may have been born elsewhere.

In the 1960s she lived at Lancaster Gate, in a house of multiple occupation.

She died in 1980, in London.

Name:	Elvire Marie Portmans
Death Age:	87
Birth Date:	8 Jun 1893
Registration Date:	Jul 1980 [Aug 1980] [Sep 1980]
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep
Registration District:	Westminster
Inferred County:	Greater London
Volume:	15
Page:	1718

She's buried at Kensington and Chelsea cemetery.

**Edwin and Judith Minty** were Rev Bryant's tenants for a few years, at the end of the 1940s and into the 1950s. Edwin came from Chippenham, and Judith – nee Hobbs - was his first wife. There was a son from their marriage, who presumably lived at the Rectory with them.

Judith was the daughter of a butcher, as can be seen on the 1939 register, and grew up in Suffolk.

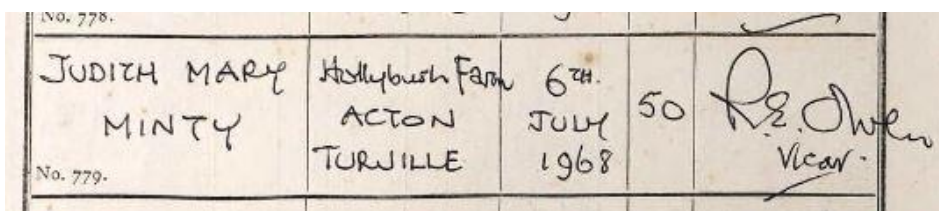
39	20	1	Hobbs Sidney Herbert	M	14 Oct 78	M	Butcher (Manager)
		2	Hobbs Elizabeth B.	F	29 Sep 57	M	Shop assistant and Housewife
		3	Hobbs Judith Minty	F	13 June 18	S.	Business Clerk

This record is officially closed.

She married Edwin in Suffolk in 1944.

Name:	Judith M Hobbs
Registration Date:	Jan 1944 [Feb 1944] [Mar 1944]
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration District:	Sudbury
Inferred County:	Suffolk
Spouse:	Edwin Minty
Volume Number:	6a
Page Number:	451

After 1952, they moved out and went to farm in Acton Turville. Judith died there in 1968, and Edwin remarried.



MINTY Judith Mary of Hollybush Farm Acton Turville Glos  
died 3 July 1968 Administration Gloucester  
24 September. £1961.

**Cyril George Goodchild and Sylvia Goodchild**, nee Simpson, were tenants at the Rectory from 1956 to 1957.

Cyril was born in 1931, and had been brought up in Nettleton. He was at school at the time of the 1939 register, so what he did for a living is elusive. He married Sylvia, who was born in 1929, in Sunderland in 1955. Their rooms at the Rectory were probably their first house together.

After they moved out, they stayed in the area – Cyril's death is registered at Chippenham in 1997, and Sylvia's in 2014.

### **Robert William Edwin Upward, Joan Frances Upward nee Dodimead, and family**

The parish was amalgamated with Littleton Drew at around this time, so the vicar there – Gerald Alfred Hutchison, son of David Hutchison who was an earlier vicar of Burton – did not need the residence that went with the church.

The house was sold at some point after 1960, as it stops being referred to in the records as the Rectory. It took on a new name which wasn't immediately obvious in the records. It was called Bryanston, from some point in the early 1960s.

The existence of the new name is finally evident when a postcode index is added to the electoral register in 1974, which narrows down the possible names of the houses. Then a mistake in the name is made in the 1977 electoral register where the property is called Nettleton Rectory, and then the following year it is back to being Bryanston.

The name "Bryanston" could have been what was given to the Coach House/Stables then this name grew to encompass the Rectory. Or it could have been given to the house from the off.

The name Bryanston travelled with the Upward family. They had been living in a house with that name in 1939, in Mangotsfield, and decided to keep it for their new residence.

William Edwin Robert Upward was born at Ross on Wye in the summer of 1911. His official name was William, but he seems to have always gone with Robert.

Name:	William E R Upward
Mother's Maiden Name:	Dekins
Registration Year:	1911
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep
Registration District:	Ross
Parishes for this Registration District:	<a href="#">View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District</a>
Inferred County:	Herefordshire
Volume:	6a
Page:	866

Joan Frances Dodimead was born in Bristol in 1911, but not baptised until 1914.



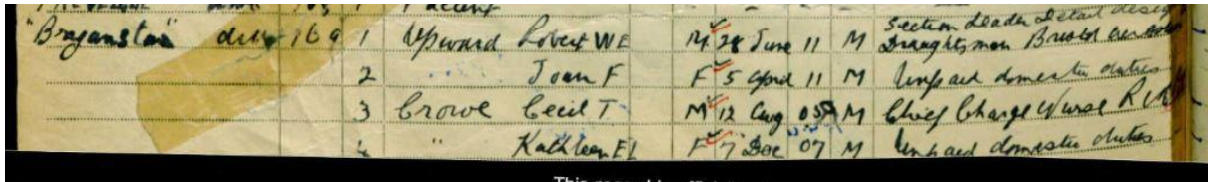
They lived in Fishponds, and the girls of the family appear to have worked at the chocolate factory in Whitehall as packers.

Robert and Joan married in Bristol in 1939.

Name:	Joan F Dodimead
Registration Date:	Apr 1939 [May 1939] [Jun 1939]
Registration Quarter:	Apr-May-Jun
Registration District:	Bristol
Inferred County:	Gloucestershire
Spouse:	<a href="#">Robert W E Upward</a>
Volume Number:	6a
Page Number:	271

In September 1939 they were living in Mangotsfield with another couple – Cecil and Kathleen Crowe. Kathleen was Joan's sister.





It's likely that as a draughtsman, quite possibly for an architect, Robert was in a reserved profession during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and did not have to fight. He may have chosen to, however.

Their daughter Monica F Upward was born in 1943 in Bristol.

Name:	Monica F Upward
Registration Date:	Jan 1943 [Feb 1943] [Mar 1943]
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration District:	Bristol
Inferred County:	Avon
Mother's Maiden Name:	Dodimead
Volume Number:	6a
Page Number:	242

They had a second daughter, Vivienne B Upward, who was born in 1950 in Bristol.

Name:	Vivienne B Upward
Registration Date:	Apr 1950 [May 1950] [Jun 1950]
Registration Quarter:	Apr-May-Jun
Registration District:	Bristol
Inferred County:	Avon
Mother's Maiden Name:	Dodimead
Volume Number:	7b
Page Number:	359

Until at least 1957, they were living in Bryanston in Mangotsfield.

They are resident at Bryanston (the name they gave the old rectory) in Burton in 1961, with Sam Upward. Sam was Robert's father. His mother had died in Bristol in 1959, and Sam moved to Burton with Robert and Joan. He died in 1964, in Nettleton.

Daughter Vivienne married Robert Johnson at Nettleton in 1981.

Name:	Vivianne B Upward
Registration Date:	Apr 1981 [May 1981] [Jun 1981]
Registration Quarter:	Apr-May-Jun
Registration District:	Chippenham
Inferred County:	Wiltshire
Spouse:	Johnson
Volume Number:	23
Page Number:	1590

On the 1982 electoral register, Robert and Joan are given as living at Bryanston, whereas Vivienne and Robert are living at the Old Rectory Coach House, so the properties were still linked at this time.

Joan Upward died in the summer of 1989 at Chippenham.

Robert Upward died in August 1996 at Chippenham, probably still living at Bryanston/Old Rectory.

Vivienne and Robert still owned the property afterwards, and indeed lived in it themselves until at least 1999. They're on the 1999 electoral register as residents, with the Coach House being lived in by another couple. There is an actress called Vivienne Johnson, who appeared in *Are You Being Served*. This is not her. She was apparently a teacher.

Apparently they struggled with the maintenance of the property on their salaries, and decided to sell up.

### **Josephine A and Christopher R Vercoe, and Coco Vercoe**

From an article published in the Telegraph, in 2007, we know the Vercoe family moved into the house around 2000/2001.

Christopher R Vercoe was born in Leicestershire in 1955.

Name:	Christopher R Vercoe
Registration Date:	Oct 1955 [Nov 1955] [Dec 1955]
Registration Quarter:	Oct-Nov-Dec
Registration District:	Leicester
Inferred County:	Leicestershire
Mother's Maiden Name:	Pauson
Volume Number:	3a
Page Number:	667

From his Facebook page, we know he studied at Warwick School, and then went on to St Hild and St Bede college at the University of Durham.

Josephine Anne Dunthorne was born in 1962, in Harrow.

Name:	Josephine A Dunthorne
Registration Date:	Jul 1962 [Aug 1962] [Sep 1962]
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep
Registration District:	Harrow
Inferred County:	Greater London
Mother's Maiden Name:	Crookes
Volume Number:	5f
Page Number:	599

They married in Wandsworth in 1999, which was round about the time their daughter Coco was born.

Name:	Christopher R Vercoe
Registration Date:	1999 [Jul 1999]
Registration District:	Wandsworth
Inferred County:	Greater London
Spouse:	<a href="#">Josephine A Dunthorne</a>
Volume Number:	256
Page Number:	70
Entry Number:	106

Christopher had worked for Terrance Conran, and Josephine was a management consultant. They had previously lived in Balham, London.

They are both given on the electoral register for 2004 as residents of the house.

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Source</u>
Name:	Christopher R Vercoe	Name:	Josephine A Vercoe
Birth Date:	1954-1956	Birth Date:	1960-1962
Residence Date:	2004	Residence Date:	2004
Address:	The Old Rectory, Burton, SN14 7LS	Address:	The Old Rectory, Burton, SN14 7LS
Residence Place:	Chippenham, Wiltshire, England	Residence Place:	Chippenham, Wiltshire, England

As developers, they worked on the house, putting in the swimming pool to the rear and working on the landscaping of the grounds.

In 2007, with Coco being schooled at the Royal High School in Bath, they decided to leave the property and move into Bath itself. The Telegraph produced a piece on revamped rectories around this time, which featured The Old Rectory. The article is behind a paywall, but is available on the Press Reader website.



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ruin. From 1782, Gilbert's Act – named after Thomas Gilbert, the MP who carried it through the House of Commons – allowed clergymen to raise mortgages from a fund called Queen Anne's Bounty, which could then be paid back through their own and future incumbents' income; but the opportunity was not generally taken up until the Victorians set about reforming the Church of England.

By the time of Trollope, clergy were expected to live where they served. Clearly, the modest

Parsonage, dating from 1605,

that the Rev FT Woodward found at Burton, in Wiltshire, was not going to suit a family of 11 daughters. He built a substantial, new wing in 1873, commemorating the date in a tablet with his initials. The diocese sold it to a private owner in the late 1950s. Six years ago, Chris Vercoe and his wife, Josephine, bought the house, having sold their double-fronted home in Balham, south London.

Their daughter, Coco, had just been born and they were looking for a family home, as well as a project: Mr Vercoe used to work for Terence Conran, while Mrs Vercoe, a man-



**God's green earth: Chris, Josephine and Coco Vercoe at The Old Rectory, in Burton, Wiltshire, a relatively modest parsonage that dates from 1605, with a substantial new wing that was added in the late 19th century. It is for sale at £1.75 million**

agement consultant, is a keen gardener. As you pull into the driveway, the seven-bedroom house, with square-towered, warmstone church in the background, appears spruce but authentic. So people –

there are quite a lot of them – who come looking for the vicar find a surprise.

Vicars cannot afford to divide their gardens into compartments with drystone walls and fountains. Indoors, clerical gloom has been banished by white floors, blonde wood and sparse furniture.

"There is not a curtain in the house. We have repaired or remade shutters in every room," says Mr Vercoe. "We have also removed ceilings that had been lowered to save heat. There used to be just eight radiators; there are now 39." However, with Coco, now

nearly seven, at school in Bath, the Vercoes have decided to relocate there.

Pugin Hall, Rampisham, a Grade I-listed house in Dorset also offered by Savills, does not rejoice in the name of Old Rectory, yet that is what it is. The Church authorities did not permit the use of any clerical term in the rechristening. It was built by the great AWN Pugin in 1846-47. As a Catholic convert, he worked little for the established Church: most of his domestic commissions were country houses for Catholic grandees.

However, the rector of Ramp-

The family are still living in Bath, on Mount Beacon, and running several companies. They are also developing properties there too. Coco Vercoe, at the time of writing, attends University of Cambridge.

### **Andrew Steele-Smith and family**

Andrew Steele-Smith bought the Old Rectory from the Vercoe family in 2007.



He was born in Sydney, Australia, in 1967, and worked as an investment banker. He acquired various companies while working as a banker, including Great British Coffee Company.

He is married to Rachel, whose maiden name was Steele – so their shared surname may be an amalgamation of the two. Their son Dean Andrew Steele-Smith was born in Norfolk in 1995, and their daughter Kaytlyn Amanda Steele-Smith was born in Crawley, Sussex, in 1998.

In 2012, he was the subject of a campaign by a former employee attempting to discredit him.

**The Mail**

## Boss scuppers bitter internet troll -- at a cost of £150,000

Crime

17 Jun 2012 By Nick Constable

A WEALTHY internet entrepreneur who suffered a terrifying three-year cyber-stalking attack – forcing him to flee his home for three months – has finally won a High Court order to stop the harassment after police refused to intervene.

Andie Steele-Smith discovered his online identity had

been hijacked in an attempt to brand him a fraudster and destroy his businesses.

The sophisticated and sinister 'troll' campaign started in 2008 and was reported to police. They said there was not enough evidence to prosecute and advised Mr Steele-Smith, 44, married to Rachel, 37, to begin a civil action.

After spending £150,000 on legal and internet professionals, he has obtained a High Court order against Jim Morrison, 62, a former employee at Direct Traffic Media.

Mr Morrison, whose work contract had been terminated by Mr Steele-Smith, is banned from ever contacting him or posting anything about him

on the internet. He has obtained a High Court order against Jim Morrison, 62, a former employee at Direct Traffic Media.

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on the internet. He had targeted friends, suppliers and clients of Mr Steele-Smith, directing them to more than 100 websites he set up under his former employer's name and containing a string of allegations.

Chillingly, one post revealed the type of shoes Mr Steele-Smith bought for a friend's



**'SLOW DEATH': Andie and Rachel Steele-Smith and Jim Morrison, left**

funeral. Another displayed the logo of toy shop Hamleys after he had taken his daughter there.

In the most frightening incident, Mr Steele-Smith claims a red laser pencil light – like those on rifle sights – appeared on his chest as he stood at the window of his £1.75million home near Bath.

'To have someone invade your life via the internet is outrageous,' said Mr Steele-Smith, who took his family to Northern Ireland for three months in a bid to escape the attacks. 'I still don't know how he did it. I changed passwords and

service providers but he infiltrated every part of my life. They describe stalking as murder in slow motion and I was suffering a slow and painful death.'

Only when he sought a High Court injunction did the stalking end. Mr Morrison said last night: 'There is a bigger story. I am not a cyber stalker.'

Wiltshire Police said they had made 'extensive inquiries' but the Crown Prosecution Service had decided it did 'not meet the threshold for criminal proceedings'.

He owned properties in Bristol, Portishead, London, and Northern Ireland, as well as the Old Rectory.

He visited Cape Town in 2012, and eventually moved there to become a gang pastor and work with disadvantaged communities.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2020/may/coronavirus-gangs-pastor-cape-town-south-africa-hillsong.html>

<https://www.brightvibes.com/1724/en/coronavirus-sparks-unprecedented-gangland-truce-in-south-africa>

He currently lives in Cape Town, South Africa.

His Linked-In page says:

*Andie has had a successful career in investment banking, corporate turnarounds and advising, mentoring and investing in companies in Europe, the United States, Australia and Africa.*

*Unconventional and passionate Andie, is skilled in financial re-engineering, structured investments and the rescue of failing businesses. He has the ability to see extraordinary unrealised potential within physical and intellectual assets or teams and has a proven ability to coach, lead and inspire those teams to unlock and realize that potential.*

*Andie is an ambitious and confident social entrepreneur and has acted as strategic and/or corporate advisor to a number of highly successful public and private companies and educational institutions, including the likes of:*

- NTT
- RAB Capital
- MTN
- Dimension Data
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Norton Gold Fields
- National Australia Bank
- Gloria Jeans Coffee
- Freshtel
- Praise International
- Seeley International

- *The Cornerstone Institute; and*
- *The Trinity Grammar School Council.*

*Specialties:*

- *Social Entrepreneurship*
- *Corporate Advisory*
- *Serial Entrepreneur*
- *Private Equity*
- *Entrepreneur Mentorship*
- *Leadership Development*

*Market Sector / Investment Focus:*

- *Mining & Natural Resources*
- *Renewables / Sustainability*
- *Roll-ups / Market Aggregations*
- *Viticulture and Agriculture*
- *Disruptive Technologies / e-Commerce and Fulfilment*
- *Medical Devices and Primary Health / Healthcare*

At some point after 2012, the house was repossessed by the bank as payments were not being met. Andie is on the electoral register of company directors for all his properties in the UK until 2018, so it may have been around then.

The house was empty by 2015, and had been rented prior to that. Andrew's internet trail suggests that he moved to South Africa in c2015. It may be that after the case in the High Court he moved house to avoid his former employee further.

### **Alastair McKee and family**

Alastair, who originally comes from a Northern Irish background but grew up in England, bought the Old Rectory in June 2018. At the time of writing, he is managing director for One 77 Mortgages, in Chippenham.

He lives there with his family.

Alastair says: "By the time I bought it the place was a total wreck, it had been neglected and had not had any money spent on it and zero maintenance. As a result, I had to completely renovate it including 46 new windows, 6 sets of new doors, new roof, floors up, ceilings down, rewire, replumb, and so on."

He has no intention of moving from the property.

