

## PARISH APPRENTICES

The Statute of Labourers and Apprentices of 1563 established the law regarding apprentices in general, whereby no person was permitted to carry on any craft or trade in England unless he had served an apprenticeship of at least 7 years. A boy would be apprenticed until he attained the age of 24 and a girl until she was 21 or marriage. The Act was modified many times but remained on the statute book until 1814.

An apprenticeship agreement would be drawn up in duplicate on a single piece of paper or parchment, the two parts executed by the respective parties and witnessed and the two parts then separated by cutting in a wavy or indented line. The respective parties would each retain a part, which, should the validity of the indenture ever be challenged, could be matched perfectly with the irregular cut of the other part. The agreement contained covenants by both parties and recorded the apprentice fee or premium payable. A breach of covenant by a master, such as failing to provide for his apprentice's needs adequately, could cause a complaint to be made to a JP, who could fine the master or send the matter to the Quarter Sessions. Many apprentices were in fact beaten and badly treated but chose to run away rather than complain to the Justices. If an apprentice absented himself or was deemed lazy or stole, a complaint by his master to a JP could result in him being sent to the House of Correction for a minimum of 1 month.

In 1710 stamp duty was levied on apprenticeship indentures and a central register of bindings was maintained, to record the duty paid and details of the parties. This continued until 1811. The registers or Apprentice Books are now held at the Public Record Office, Kew amongst the Inland Revenue records. Duty was payable by the master at the rate of 6d. in the £ (1/- in the £ for any sum over £50) on the premium received for taking on the apprentice. Poor (Parish) apprenticeships were however exempt from the duty. Until 1757 all valid apprenticeships had to be by indenture but after that date any written agreement, provided it was properly stamped, was sufficient. In 1766/7 the maximum age for an apprentice was reduced from 24 to 21 years.

The preparation of indentures involved time and money and by the middle of the eighteenth century apprenticeships in many common trades, such as weaving, were undertaken with minimal documentation. In many trades it was common for sons to be apprenticed to their father or uncle and again the arrangements tended to be somewhat informal. New trades which came into being after the 1563 Act were not covered by the Act.

The binding of an apprentice to a master in another parish conferred, after 40 days, a new legal settlement for the apprentice in the latter parish.

An Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 (the Great Poor Law) enabled Overseers of the Poor, with the consent of two Justices of the Peace, to bind out as an apprentice any child under the age of 16, whose parents they adjudged unable to maintain that child. The payment of a premium of a few pounds to a master was a good investment for the parish, in that it placed on the master the obligation to maintain the child during the term of the apprenticeship. Furthermore, if the parish officers could find a master in another parish to take the child as an apprentice, the child would have no future entitlement to relief in his or her home parish after completing the apprenticeship.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century the establishment of new manufacturing industries in nearby towns brought a demand for cheap child labour. Parish officers were not slow to respond to advertisements for labour if there were suitable children of families, who were a regular burden on the poor rates. There were times however when the demand from tradesmen and factories was insufficient to take up all the pauper children of which the parish officers would have liked to rid themselves. High Littleton, like many other parishes, adopted more extreme measures by imposing on the larger householders and ratepayers an obligation to take an apprentice. Such a scheme, approved by the Vestry, would involve lots being drawn to pair poor children on an "unwanted list" with reluctant masters from a list of large householders. In a lot of cases the children would be apprenticed in husbandry or housewifery, which meant in effect that they became agricultural labourers or house servants. Parents of children taken away by the parish to be apprenticed had little say in the matter and, if they resisted, could find their family's poor relief reduced appropriately. In many cases however parents were more than happy for the parish to take over the problem of finding a job and providing for their child, especially if the master was a kindly local resident.

An Act of 1802 for the Registering of Parish Apprentices obliged Overseers to record details of parish apprenticeships in a book. Prior to this there had been no such obligation, although it made sound sense to have a record, to which reference could be made in the event of a dispute over a former apprentice's legal settlement.

## HIGH LITTLETON PARISH APPRENTICES 1702-1832 & INDEXES

Few actual apprenticeship indentures have survived. Included amongst those found in High Littleton records are two from other parishes that bound pauper children to High Littleton masters.

Information regarding High Littleton Parish Apprentices has been obtained from 5 sources:

1. Actual indentures.
2. List of apprenticeships from 1702 to 1758 in the front of the earliest surviving Poor Book.
3. Register of Apprentices from 1802.
4. Vestry Minutes.
5. Payment of apprentice fees and expenses through Overseers' Accounts.

The various sources noted above provide evidence of some 60 pauper apprentices. Such original documentation as survives has been transcribed in full. In an attempt to ascertain the circumstances which led to the apprenticeship of the children concerned, details of the family and relief received has been noted after each case. It is apparent from the cases where information is readily available that bastardy, death of one or both parents or being part of a large family reliant on poor relief, provided the main reasons for the actions of the parish officers. It has been possible to track a number of individual apprentices to see whether they completed their time, remained in the trade or were otherwise influenced by their apprenticeship. Where the persons concerned stayed in the neighbourhood, this was relatively easy but unfortunately quite a few left the district. Where individuals were involved in Bastardy or Removal cases, the notes may have been abbreviated to avoid undue repetition of details appearing in similar sections to this, which deal with those topics.

An index of Names and Places appears at the end. It should be born in mind that the numbers indexed are case numbers not page numbers and also that the notes have not been indexed.

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1.

**Roger GRAY** was bound apprentice to Daniel TUTHAR of High Littleton, clothier, by indenture dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1702.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

2.

**Samuell SAGE** was bound apprentice to Abraham BRODRIBB of High Littleton, clothier, by indenture dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 1704/5.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

3.

**John BUTT** was bound apprentice to William MERRICKE of Bradford [*on Avon*], weaver, by indenture dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 1718.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note:* The following may be John's parents or less likely John himself:

John BUTT was buried at High Littleton between 1 Nov 1736 and 14 Apr 1837.

Lydia BUTT (died 10 Jan) wife of late deceased John was buried at High Littleton 11 Jan 1740/1]

4.

**Peter CLARKE** was bound apprentice to [*blank*] of [*probably Croscombe*] by indenture dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 1719.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note:* Peter CLARKE married Rebecca [*possibly BISHOP*] and had 3 children [*John, George and one other*] by 1737.

Peter was examined regarding his settlement in 1737, removed to Croscombe by Order dated 5 Aug 1737 and returned to High Littleton again with a Certificate from Croscombe dated 10 Sep 1737.

Peter son of Peter CLARKE & Rebecca bapt. at Paulton 15 Apr 1739. - He was buried at High Littleton 15 Aug 1742.

Ann daughter of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 1 Mar 1740/1.

Peter son of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jun 1743.

Samuel Bishop (born 15 May) son of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at Clutton 20 May 1749. - He was buried at High Littleton 26 Jan 1772.

Thomas (born 31 Mar) son of Peter CLARK & Rebecca bapt. at High Littleton 7 Apr 1751.

Rebecca daughter of Peter CLARK bapt. at High Littleton 13 Mar 1754.

Peter CLARKE was buried at High Littleton 13 Mar 1768.

Rebecca was removed to Croscombe in 1770/1 but returned to High Littleton, whence she was again removed to Croscombe by Order dated 24 Apr 1776.]

5.

**Abraham COOK** was bound apprentice to John AMES of Midsomer Norton, clothier, by indenture dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1725.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

6.

**John CURTIS** was bound apprentice to Richard STEVENS of Langford [*in Churchill*], blacksmith, by indenture dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 1732.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note:* John CURTIS married Jane PURNELL, widow by banns at High Littleton 24 Dec 1743.

Susannah a daughter was born c.1744.

John, wife Jane and daughter Susannah lived in High Littleton under a Certificate from Churchill dated 15 Apr 1745.

Sarah daughter of John CURTIS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jan 1745/6.

William son of John CURTIS & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1751.]

7.

**John JENKINS** was bound apprentice to Thomas HAWKES of Dinniford [*in St. Decumans*], carpenter, by indenture dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 1733.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note:* John JENKINS of Minehead married Mary COTTLE at High Littleton 15 Apr 1744.

John and his wife were removed from High Littleton to St. Decumans by Order dated 17 Jun 1745.

Elizabeth (born 3 Dec) daughter of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 4 Dec 1748.

Sarah daughter of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 17 Feb 1754.

Mary JENKINS was buried at High Littleton 10 Apr 1767.

John JENKINS widower otp married Mary FLOWER spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 1 Aug 1768.

Richard son of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 6 Aug 1799.

Anne daughter of John JENKINS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 10 Feb 1771.

Although no Removal Order has been located John JENKINS & family were carried to Minehead in 1774/5.]

8.

**James NAISH** was bound apprentice to Jacob COLLIER of Stone Easton, taylor, by indenture dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 1733.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

9.

**John EDGELL** was bound apprentice to James EDGELL of Chewmagna, baker, by indenture dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 1733.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

10.

**John HORLER** was bound apprentice to Cornelius TYLER of High Littleton, weaver by indenture dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1736.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

11.

**William LOVE** was bound apprentice to Francis FREEMAN of Hinton [*Charterhouse*], weaver, by indenture dated 25<sup>th</sup> August 1740.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

12.

**Thomas FRANCIS** was bound apprentice to John BOYCE of Hampton [*Bathampton*], fuller, by indenture dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 1742.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note: Thomas' parents*

Thomas FRANCIS the younger of High Littleton married Mary ATWOOD, daughter of Nathaniel ATWOOD, otp at Clutton 5 Mar 1727/8.

Thomas son of Thomas FRANCIS jun'r, Hallatrow, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 7 Feb 1729/30.

Mary daughter of Tho's FRANCIS jun'r, Hallatrow, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 12 Jul 1731. – She married Anthony KIDWELL at High Littleton 3 Mar 1755.

William son of Tho's FRANCES jun'r, Hallatrow, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 12 Aug 1733. See 14 below.

Elizabeth daughter of Thomas & Mary FRANCIS, High Littleton, bapt. at Clutton 21 Mar 1735/6.

John (born Jan 29) son of Thomas FRANCES & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 5 Mar 1737/8. See 21 below.

Henry son of Thomas FRANCES & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 13 Jul 1740.]

13.

**Robert CORNISH** was bound apprentice to James HART of Hinton, weaver, by indenture dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1743.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Printed form of Indenture – Stamped Two Pence.*]

**This Indenture**, made the Twenty fifth Day of March in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth; and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Forty three, WITNESSETH, That Thomas DANDO and Joseph BRODRIBB, Church-Wardens of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset And Thomas DANDO and William VOWLES, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County (one whereof is of the Quorum), whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place **Robert CORNISH**, a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to James HART of Charterhouse Hinton in the sd. County, Weaver, with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of twenty four Years, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided. DURING all which Term the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Business, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently, in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. AND the said James HART for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said Church-Wardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, That the said James HART the said Apprentice in the art or Trade of a Weaver shall and will teach and Instruct or Cause to be taught and Instructed. AND shall and will, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide and allow, unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any way a Charge to the said Parish, or Parishioners of the same, but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners

harmless and indemnified during the said Term. AND at the end of the said Term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all Sorts, good and new (that is to say) a good new Suit for the Holy-Days, and another for the Working-Days. IN WITNESS whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the Day and Year above-written. The Mark of James HART.

Seal'd and deliver'd (being first duly stamp'd) in the Presence of Jos'h DANDO, John DRURY.

We whose Names are subscribed, Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid do (as far as in us Lye) consent to the putting forth of the abovesaid Robert CORNISH Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of the Indenture abovesaid. H. STRACHEY, Rog'r LYDE.

*Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.*

[*Note: Robert's parents*

Robert CORNISH and his wife Sarah had 6 children before being removed from Keynsham to High Littleton by Order dated 3 Feb 1741/2.

Joseph a son was born c.1727/8.

William was born c.1729/30.

Cornelius was born c.1732/3. He was apprenticed out by the parish to Charles WEBB by Indenture dated 28 Dec 1745 (see 18).

Robert was born c.1734/5. See below.

Sarah was born c.1735/6. She was apprenticed out by the parish to William HART by Indenture dated 27 Feb 1744/5 (see 16).

Mary was born c.1740. She was apprenticed out by the parish to Henry WILLIAMS by Indenture dated 10 Mar 1746/7 (see 20).

A Sarah CORNISH started receiving relief in 1776 and was a continuous recipient until her death on 23 Aug 1782. There is no indication that this is Robert's widow Sarah or her daughter of the same name.

Robert

Robert CORNISH became a soldier and married Ann .....

William a son was born c.1769/70.

Elizabeth a daughter was born c.1773/4.

Robert CORNISH and family were removed from High Littleton to Hinton Charterhouse by Order dated 30 Apr 1776.]

#### 14.

**William FRANCES** was bound apprentice to Noah TAD of Hinton, weaver, by indenture dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 1743/4.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note: William son of Tho's FRANCIS jun'r, Hallatrow, bapt. at Chelwood Independent Chapel 12 Aug 1733.*

See 12 above for details of the family.]

#### 15.

**William SHORT** was bound apprentice to John WEST of Timsbury, cordwainer, by indenture dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1744/5.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

#### 16.

**Sarah CORNISH** was bound apprentice to William HART of Priston, [*blank*], by indenture dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 1744/5.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note: Sarah was born c.1735/6 a daughter of Thomas & Sarah CORNISH. See 13 above for details of the family.*]

#### 17.

**Mary HILMAN** was bound apprentice to William HART of Priston, [*blank*], by indenture dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 1745.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note: Mary may have been a child of John HILMAN & Jane CARTER, both of High Littleton, who married at Chewton Mendip 16 Nov 1732.*

John HELMAN (*sic*), died 9 Mar and was buried at High Littleton 11 Mar 1739/60.

Jane HILLMAN was buried at High Littleton 17 Mar 1763.]

#### 18.

**Cornelius CORNISH** was bound apprentice to Charles WEBB of High Littleton, blacksmith, by indenture dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 1745.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note: Cornelius was born c.1732/3 a son of Thomas & Sarah CORNISH. See 13 above for details of the family.*]

19.

**Joseph ISGO** was bound apprentice to George HODGES Esq. of High Littleton by indenture dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 1746.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

20.

**Mary CORNISH** was bound apprentice to Henery WILLIAMS of Freshford, weaver, by indenture dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 1746/7.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[Note: Mary was born c.1740 a daughter of Thomas & Sarah CORNISH. See 13 above for details of the family.]

21.

**John FRANCIS** was bound apprentice to James HART of Hinton, weaver, by indenture dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 1748.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[Note: John (born Jan 29) son of Thomas FRANCES & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 5 Mar 1737/8.

See 12 above for details of the family.

This may be the same John FRANCIS who was removed from High Littleton to Farrington Gurney by Order dated 16 Mar 1764. The latter John married firstly Sarah STICKLER at High Littleton 13 Jul 1761, by whom he had 3 children and secondly Mary WILKINS at High Littleton 27 Mar 1769, by whom he had 6 children.]

22.

**Joseph PURNELL** was bound apprentice to James ROBBINS of Brewton, cordwainer, by indenture dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 1749.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

23.

**Eleanor PARSONS** was bound apprentice to John BISHOP of Chewton Mendip, [blank], by indenture dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 1750.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[Note: Eleanor may have been a so far undiscovered daughter of Richard PARSONS. See 25 below for Richard's details.]

24.

**Catherine PRIDDY** was bound apprentice to James BULL of Bradford, weaver, by indenture dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 1751.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[Note: Catherine's parentage is unclear but she may have been a daughter of Richard PRIDDY. The earliest PRIDDYS living in High Littleton seem to be Richard PRIDDY and his wife Susannah FURCEL, who married in 1737 and had at least 4 children.

Catherine PRIDDY was examined in bastardy in 1757. The child's father was either her Master or his son of the same name.

James Bull a base born child of Catherine PRIDDY by James BULL bapt. at High Littleton 20 Nov 1757.

Catherine had another bastard child by Joseph GAGE, broadweaver of Bruton, on 14 Apr 1763.

Mary base daughter of Catherine PRIDDY bapt. at High Littleton 15 May 1763.

Catherine was removed to High Littleton by Order dated 21 May 1771.

Catherine PRIDDY was buried at High Littleton 29 Mar 1811.]

25.

**Sarah PARSONS** was bound apprentice to John EAMES of Hinton, weaver, by indenture dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 1755.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[Note: Sarah's parents

Richard PARSONS married Sarah .....

Mary daughter of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 8 Feb 1717/8.

Betey (*sic*) daughter of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 3 May 1719.

Sarah daughter of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Dec 1720. – Sarah (died 29 Aug) daughter of Richard PARSONS was buried at High Littleton 31 Aug 1742.

John son of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jul 1722. – He married Ann LOVE at St. Michael's, Bath 14 Nov 1753.

John was Parish Clerk of High Littleton from 1759 to c.1765, when he moved to Bath.

Thomas son of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 31 Oct 1724. – He married Mary .....

Richard son of Richard PARSONS & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1727. – He married Ann ..... at Norwich in 1757.

Sarah (died 1 Jan) wife of Richard PARSONS was buried at High Littleton 4 Jan 1741/2 (see below).

Richard married secondly Mary .....

Sarah (born 24 Jun) daughter of Rich'd PARSONS & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 6 Jul 1746. See below.

Richard PARSONS died in or before 1754.

Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 record 11/6 given to Mary PARSONS at several times and 2/- to Mr LANGFORD for money lent to Mary. Accounts for 1755/6 record on 11 May 2/6 given to Mary PARSONS, 3/- paid to Mr COOPER for Mary, on 31 Aug 2/- paid to Ann DANDO for Mary PARSONS, 1/6 paid further to Mary, 6d. to Ann DANDO for attendance on Mary, 1/- to Mr SKEY for Mary, 1/- given to Mary further, on 26 Oct 6/6 given further to Mary, 1/- for carrying Mary home, 8/- paid to Mary in her illness and 16/- for her funeral expenses.

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Mary wife of late dec'd Rich'd PARSONS was buried at High Littleton 23 Nov 1755.

### Sarah

Sarah was 9 years old when she was apprenticed out a week or so before her mother's death.

Overseers' Accounts for 1755/6 record £5.15. 0 paid to George HODGES Esq'r for the Apprenticing Sarah PARSONS to John EMMINGS (*sic*).

John EAMES, Sarah's Master, was a widower when he married Martha MOPSY, widow, at Hinton Charterhouse in 1758.]

### 26.

Vestry Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1756 agreed to give Mr Tho's GOODWIN of Publoe, Tanner, Two Guineas towards the Cloathing and Binding of **Joseph**, the son of William PURNELL.

[*Note*: Joseph was probably born in Stanton Drew, where his father lived, although he had a legal settlement in High Littleton. His mother's maiden name may have been TAYLOR.

William PURNELL died in 1754/5 but was not buried at High Littleton.

Overseers' Accounts for 1754/5 record 16/- paid for Wm. PURNELL's funeral expences.]

### 27.

Vestry Minutes of 6 Jun 1757 agreed to put **Ephraim**, the son of Hannah HUGH, apprentice as soon as convenient opportunity will permit.

[*Note*: Ephraim's parents

Ephraim HUGH married Hannah .....

Job son of Ephraim HUGH & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1747. See 28 below.

Ruth daughter of Ephraim HUGH & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Nov 1747.

Ephraim is assumed to be another son but his baptism has not been found.

Ephraim HUGH the father was dead by 1752/3, when Hannah had a bastard child by John SEILLY. Hannah had another bastard child in 1757/8 (see 30 below), whose father may also have been John SEILLY.

Hannah was a recipient of regular weekly relief following her husband's death and latterly the parish paid her house rent as well.

It is possible that the Vestry confused Ephraim with Job, who was apprenticed the following year, as no evidence has been found to confirm that Ephraim was ever apprenticed.]

### 28.

**Job HEW** (*sic*) was bound apprentice to James TUGGEY of Hinton, weaver, by indenture dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 1758.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/2/1 - List in Poor Book.*

[*Note*: See 27 above for details of Job's parents.

Vestry Minutes of 21 Apr 1758 agreed to put Hannah HUGH's eldest son Apprentice.

Overseers' Accounts for 1758/9 record £3. 3. 0 paid for putting Hannah HUGH's Son Apprentice.]

### 29.

**John BROWNING** was indentured by Chilcompton parish to a High Littleton Master.

[*Printed form of Indenture*]

**This Indenture**, made the Eighteenth Day of May in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four.

**Witnesseth**, That James SALMON, Church-Warden of the Parish of Chilcompton in the County of Somerset **And** Jonathan JAMES, Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place **John BROWNING**, aged Ten years or thereabouts, a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to James DURY of High Littleton, Taylor, with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of Twenty Four Years, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: **During** all which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Businesses, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. **And** the said James DURY for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Church-Warden(s) and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, That the said James DURY the said Apprentice in the Art of a Taylor shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the best Way and Manner he can. **And** shall and will, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. **And** also shall and will provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any Way a Charge to the said Parish, or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term. [*deleted - And at the End of the said Term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all Sorts, Good and New, (that is to say) a good new Suit for the Holidays, and another for the Working-days*]. **In Witness** whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures

interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year above-written. James SALMON, Jonathan JAMES.

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of Will'm CORP, Philip FOY.

**WE** whose Names are hereunto subscribed, Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid, do (as much as in us lies) consent to the putting forth of the said John BROWNING Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Indenture. Jno. ADAMS, Tho's PALMER.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/1.*

[*Note:* John Browning was born c.1753/4, probably at Chilcompton.

John BROWNING (*sic*) otp married Hannah FRAPWELLx otp by banns at High Littleton 15 Oct 1786.

Hannah daughter of Robert FRAPPEL & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 26 Mar 1758.

George son of John & Hannah BROWNING was born c.1787. - He married Mary FEAR at St. Mary Redcliff 25 May 1812.

Ann (Nancy) is assumed to be the eldest daughter. She had bastard children in 1812 and 1814.

Fanny born at High Littleton c.1794/5 was another daughter. She was apprenticed out by the Parish (see 43 below). Fanny married Francis FEAR at St. Paul, Bristol 5 Mar 1822.

Thomas son of John BROWNING & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 25 Oct 1795.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, John BROWNING of Hallatrow (*and many others*) should have 21lb. of flour for the week at a (*subsidised*) price of 3/- per peck and some bacon at 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. for the residue.

Joseph is assumed to be another son. - Joseph BROWNING, an infant, was buried at High Littleton 25 Mar 1798.

Robert is assumed to be another son. - Robert BROWNING was buried at High Littleton 27 Mar 1800.

John BROWNING received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1794, 97 and 1800.

John BROWNING was buried at High Littleton 21 Aug 1803.

Hannah subsequently received relief for Fanny until she was apprenticed out in 1817.

Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 agreed to pay Hannah BROWNING's rent of 6d. p.w. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817 renewed relief of 6d. p.w. to Hannah BROWNING, widow. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 again agreed to pay 6d. p.w. rent for Hannah. On 25 Mar 1819 relief of 6d. p.w. to Han'h BROWNING, Hallatrow was renewed. Payment of 6d. p.w. rent for Hannah was again renewed on 27 Mar 1820, 27 Mar 1821 and 26 Mar 1822 and 1/- per fortnight agreed on 26 Mar 1823.

Hannah BROWNING received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity in 1804, 10, 13, 17, 20 and 1822.

Hannah BROWNING, Hallatrow, age 66, was buried at High Littleton 9 Apr 1824.]

### 30.

Overseers' Accounts for 1767/8 record £8. 8. 0 paid to Benj'n GORDON with **Tho's HUGH** an Apprentice and 4/10 for the Indentures.

*[Printed form of Indenture]*

**This Indenture**, made the Twenty Seventh Day of April in the Seventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven.

**Witnesseth**, That Richard LANGFORD and Cornelius HARRIS, Church-Wardens of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset **And** William SKEY the Young'r and George CLARK, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place **Thomas HUGH**, aged Ten years or thereabouts, a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to Benj'n GORTEN of the Parish of Bradford in the County of Wilts., Broad Weaver, with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of Twenty Four Years, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: **During** all which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Businesses, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. **And** the said Benj'n GORTEN for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Church-Wardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, That the said Benjamin GORTEN the said Apprentice in the Art or Mistery of a Broad Weaver shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the best Way and Manner he can. **And** shall and will, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. **And** also shall and will provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any Way a Charge to the said Parish or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term. [*deleted - And at the End of the said Term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all Sorts, Good and New, (that is to say) a good new Suit for the Holidays, and another for the Working-days*]. **In Witness** whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year above-written. the mark of Benjam'n GORTEN.

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of C. CHANCELLOR, Zep'h BULLOCK.



WE whose Names are hereunto subscribed, Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid, do (as much as in us lies) consent to the putting forth of the said Thomas HUGH Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Indenture. Jas. TOOKER, J.H. COXE.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/1.*

[*Note: Thomas was born c.1757/8 a bastard child of Hannah, widow of Ephraim HUGH. His father was James SEILLY. See 27 above for details of his mother.*

Relief was paid for Thomas in the names of HUGH and SEILLY throughout his childhood. It appears that he was being treated for leprosy in 1765. Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1767 agreed relief of 2/6 p.w. to T. SEILLY but it was noted "pd. 1 week & bound apprentice."]

**31.**

Overseers' Accounts for 1771/2 record 7/- paid to Mr CORP for Indentures & Expences when **Rich'd TUCKER** was bound to James DRURY [*DURY*], £10 to James DRURY with Rich'd TUCKER and £1. 3/- to James DRURY for Rich'd TUCKER's cloaths.

*[Printed form of Indenture]*

**This Indenture**, made the 31st Day of May in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy one.

**Witnesseth**, That Thomas LANSDOWN, Church-Warden of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset **And** George TUCKER and Richard LANGFORD, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place **Richard TUCKER**, a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to James DURY of the sd. Parish, Taylor, with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of Twenty Four Yrs. according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: **During** all which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Businesses, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. **And** the said James DURY for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Church-Warden and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, That the said James DURY the sd. Apprentice in the Art or Mistery of a Taylor shall and will teach and Instruct or cause to be taught and Instructed. **And** shall and will, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. **And** also shall and will provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any Way a Charge to the said Parish or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term. *[deleted - And at the End of the said Term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all Sorts, Good and New, (that is to say) a good new Suit for the Holidays, and another for the Working-days].* **In Witness** whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year above-written. James DURY.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Will'm CORP, W.C. MAUNDER.

WE whose Names are hereunto subscribed, Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid, do (as much as in us lies) consent to the putting forth of the said Rich'd TUCKER Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Indenture. Jas. TOOKER, Jno. ADAMS Jun'r.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/1.*

[*Note: Richard's parents*

Richard TUCKER married Sarah LOKIER of Clutton at High Littleton 16 Aug 1757.

Ann (born 11 Aug) daughter of Rich'd TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 14 Aug 1748.

Hannah daughter of Rich'd TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 28 Oct 1750.

Benjamin son of Richard TUCKER of High Littleton bapt. at Farmborough 17 Mar 1753. – Benjamin son of Richard & Sarah TUCKER was buried at High Littleton 18 Apr 1753.

Mary daughter of Rich'd TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton *[blank]* 1756.

Richard son of Rich'd TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 1 Apr 1759. – He married Sarah DURY (see below).

Elisabeth daughter of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Nov 1761. – Elisabeth TUCKER a child was buried at High Littleton 8 Mar 1767.

Overseers' Accounts for 1762/3 record 5/- paid to Rich'd TUCKER, Benj. TUCKER & John SIMS for looking after the father of a bastard child.

Susanna daughter of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jan 1764. – Susannah TUCKER a child was buried at High Littleton 15 Sep 1765.

Vestry Minutes of 2 Jul 1765 agreed to give Rich'd TUCKER & John FRY 6/- each, they having large familys.

Benjamin son of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 24 Aug 1766. – He married Mary RICHARDSON at High Littleton 10 May 1790.

Minutes of 29 Sep 1766 agreed, in consideration of the dearness of wheat, to buy wheat at a market price and sell it to the poor, who have large familys (*sic*), whose names are underwritten, at 5/6 the bushel, the loss to be paid by a poor rate. The list included Rich'd TUCKER, 4

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pecks pr. week. Accounts for 1766/7 record £2. 0. 6 paid to Richard TUCKER's family in the small pox and 7/- for a coffin & burying Rich'd TUCKER's child [*Elisabeth*]. Accounts for 1768/9 record 18/- to Rich'd TUCKER in the small pox.

John son of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 8 Jan 1769. – He married Mary TUCKER at High Littleton 19 Apr 1802.

Minutes of 12 Apr 1769 agreed to pay Dr PERKINS £4.14. 6 for inoculating John HART, Thomas PICKFORD and Rich'd TUCKER. Accounts for 1770/1 record £1. 1/- paid for Rich'd TUCKER's rent to lady day last, 10/3 to Tho's LANSDOWN for Rich'd TUCKER in his sickness and 16/- for burying Rich'd TUCKER.

Richard TUCKER was buried at High Littleton 30 Jan 1771.

Accounts for 1770/1 record 9 weeks relief at 3/- to Sarah TUCKER. Minutes of 1 Apr 1771 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sarah TUCKER. Accounts for 1771/2 record relief of 3/- for 55 weeks, 3/7½ for things for Sarah TUCKER in her lying in [*no record has been found of a live birth.*], 5/- for Sarah in her sickness and £1.16. 4 for 1 year's rent for her. Minutes of 20 Apr 1772 agreed relief of 2/- p.w. to Sarah TUCKER, which was renewed at the same amount on 12 Apr 1773 & 4 Apr 1774. Accounts for 1772/3 record 51 weeks relief at 2/-, 4/8 to Tho's DUDDEN for 2 pair of shoes for Sarah TUCKER's children & £1.16. 4 for 1 year's house rent for Sarah. Accounts for 1773/4 record relief of 2/- for 51 weeks, 2/- to Sarah TUCKER in her sickness & £1.15/- for 1 year's house rent. Accounts for 1774/5 record 54 weeks relief at 2/- to Sarah TUCKER & £1.15/- for house rent. Minutes of 17 Apr 1775 increased Sarah TUCKER's relief to 3/6 p.w. Accounts for 1775/6 record 51 weeks relief to Sarah at 3/6 & £1.15/- house rent. Minutes of 8 Apr 1776 reduced Sarah TUCKER's relief to 3/- p.w. Accounts for 1776/7 record 51 weeks relief at 3/- to Sarah TUCKER & £1.15/- house rent. Minutes of 31 Mar 1777 agreed Sarah TUCKER's relief at 2/- p.w., which was renewed at the same amount on 20 Apr 1778, 5 Apr 1779 (Sarah to pay her own rent) & 27 Mar 1780. Accounts for 1777/8 record 55 weeks relief at 2/- & £1. 1/- house rent for a year. Accounts for 1778/9 record 50 weeks relief at 2/- to Sarah & £1. 1/- house rent. Accounts for 1779/80 record 51 weeks relief at 2/- to Sarah TUCKER & 1780/1 55 weeks at 2/-. Minutes of 16 Apr 1781 agreed Sarah TUCKER's relief at 1/- p.w., which was continued in minutes of 22 Apr 1782, 21 Apr 1783, 12 Apr 1784 & 28 Mar 1785. Accounts for 1781/2 record relief for 50 weeks at 1/-, 1782/3 55 weeks at 1/-, 1783/4 51 weeks at 1/-, 1784/5 50 weeks at 1/- & 1785/6 55 weeks relief at 1/-. Minutes of 23 Apr 1786 agreed Sarah TUCKER's relief at 6d. p.w., which was renewed at the same amount on 9 Apr 1787, 31 Mar 1788 & 13 Apr 1789. Accounts for 1786/7 record 51 weeks relief at 6d. Minutes of 5 Apr 1790 increased Sarah's relief to 1/- p.w. and it was increased again on 25 Apr 1791 to 1/6 p.w. This was renewed on 9 Apr 1792, 1 Apr 1793, 21 Apr 1794, 6 Apr 1795 and increased to 1/10 on 28 Mar 1796, during the present high price of provisions. Minutes of 17 Apr 1797, 9 Apr 1798, 25 Mar 1799 & 14 Apr 1800 agreed relief of 1/6 p.w. to Sarah. Accounts for 1800/1 record the cost of Sarah TUCKER's funeral expenses.

Sarah TUCKER was buried at High Littleton 18 Jan 1801.

### Richard

At the end of his apprenticeship Richard married his Master's daughter, who was 2 years older than him.

Richard TUCKER otp married Sarah DURYx otp by banns at High Littleton 19 May 1782.

Sarah daughter of James DRURY (*sic*) & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 11 Apr 1756.

Benjamin son of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 16 Oct 1785. It may be him who was buried at High Littleton 14 Dec 1800.

Susannah daughter of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1787. - She married John HOSKINS at High Littleton 8 Jun 1807.

Rich'd son of Rich'd TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 25 Sep 1791. - He was also a tailor and married Mary Anning COBB at Farmborough 24 Jul 1814.

James son of Richard TUCKER & Sarah bapt. at High Littleton 3 Sep 1794. - James TUCKER, High Littleton, age 28, was buried at High Littleton 31 Jan 1823.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, Richard TUCKER of High Littleton (*and many others*) should have 24lbs. of flour for the week at a (*subsidised*) price of 3/- per peck and some bacon at 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. for the residue.

Richard TUCKER received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1793, 96, 99, 1802, 06, 10 (Stephen's Hill), 20 (sen'r), 23 and 1827.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Rd. TUCKER as occupier of a tenement and garden on the east side of High Street (part 211 on map), belonging to Charles MAGGS.

Overseers' Accounts for 1829/30 record relief of 1/6 p.w. to Rich'd TUCKER & wife. This increased to 3/- p.w. for 1830/1 and 1831/2. In 1832/3 3/- was paid for 32 weeks and 4/- for 20 weeks. In 1833/4 4/- was paid for 30 weeks and 5/- for 22 weeks. The latter rate continued throughout 1834/5 but increased to 6/- p.w. for 1835/6, after which Clutton Union assumed responsibility for payment of relief.

Richard TUCKER, High Littleton, age 78, was buried at High Littleton 31 Jul 1836.

Sarah TUCKER, Timsbury, age 81, was buried at High Littleton 27 Nov 1836.]

### 32.

Overseers' Accounts for 1782/3 record £1. 5. 0 paid to Tho's LANSDOWN for put[*t*]ing out Joseph WHIT[*T*]OCK's child [*Elizabeth VATER*].

[*Note*: Elizabeth VATER had a bastard child by Joseph WHITTUCK, yeoman of Ditcheat on 26 Apr 1769.

Elisabeth daughter of Betty VATER bapt. at High Littleton 30 Apr 1769.]

### 33.

Overseers' Accounts for 1783/4 record £1.11. 6 paid to **John FRANCIS** towards putting himself apprentice.

[*Note*: No obvious John FRANCIS has been located.]

### 34.

Overseers' Accounts for 1784/5 record £7 paid to William BULL on putting **William WHITING** Apprentice to him.

[*Note*: William was probably a son of Samuel WHITING or WHITEHEAD (the names were frequently interchanged).

#### William's parents

Samuel WHITEING bach. of High Littleton married Mary GREGORY spin. otp by banns at Paulton 27 Jan 1766.

James son of Sam'l WHITEING & Mary bapt. at Paulton 13 Mar 1766. – He married Martha PALMER at St. James, Bath 1 Nov 1790.

William a son was probably born between 1767 and 1775. – See below.

Samuel another son was probably born between 1767 and 1775. – He married Susannah CREW at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 17 Jul 1797.

Overseers' Accounts for 1775/6 record £3 given to Sam'l WHITEHEAD to go to the Hospital. Accounts for 1776/7 record that £1. 8/- was paid to Sam'l WHITEHEAD in his illness, £2 for his house rent and the £3 hospital money was refunded.

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Christon daughter of Samuel WHITING & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 27 May 1776.  
 Accounts for 1780/1 record £1. 1/- paid in part of Dr FLOWER's bill for Sam'l WHITEHEAD's wife.  
 Hephzebeth (*sic*) daughter of Samuel WHITING & Mary bapt. at Paulton 15 Oct 1780. – Hephzibah WHITING was buried at High Littleton 18 Aug 1796.  
 Ann daughter of Samuel WHITEHEAD (*sic*) & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1784. - Ann WHITING, High Littleton, age 55, was buried at High Littleton 19 Jul 1838.  
 Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, Sam'l WHITEHEAD of High Littleton (*and many others*) should have 21lb. of flour for the week at a (*subsidised*) price of 3/- per peck.  
 Samuel WHITEHEAD (*sic*) received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1797.  
 Samuel WHITING was buried at High Littleton 16 Jun 1799.  
 Widow WHITEHEAD/Mary WHITING received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1799, 1800, 01 and 1804.  
 Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary WHITING. This was renewed on 11 Apr 1803 and 2 Apr 1804 and increased to 1/9 on 10 Jun 1805. Accounts for 1806/7 record 1/9 p.w. relief for the whole year to Mary WHITING. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 agreed relief of 2/- p.w. to Mary. Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 2/- p.w. for 30 weeks to Mary WHITING and the cost of her funeral expenses.  
 Mary WHITING was buried at High Littleton 13 Nov 1808.  
William  
 William son of Samuel & Mary WHITING was buried at Paulton 11 Sep 1785.]

35.

Overseers' Accounts for 1785/6 record £7 paid to Edward ALLEN as an Apprentice Fee with **Joseph DANDO**, £1. 8. 9½ for clothes, 5/5 to SINGER for lodging & boarding him and £1. 4. 6 to Mr PURNELL's bill for drawing indentures etc.

[*Note:* Joseph was probably a son of John and Jane DANDO.

Joseph's parents

John DANDO otp married Jane MORRISx otp by banns at High Littleton 5 Jan 1766.  
 Hannah daughter of John DANDO & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 22 Jun 1766.  
 Mary daughter of John DANDO & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 17 Apr 1768.  
 Joseph son of John DANDO & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1769.  
 Benjamin son of John DANDO & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 4 Jun 1769.  
 Overseers' Accounts for 1771/2 record a payment of £1. 7. 6 for John DANDO's house rent and burying his wife.  
 Jane wife of John DANDO was buried at Farmborough 19 Feb 1772.  
 Accounts for 1774/5 record 4/- paid to John DANDO in his sickness. Accounts for 1776/7 record 2/- paid to John DANDO's family in want and relief of 3/- p.w. for 16 weeks. Vestry Minutes of 31 Mar 1777 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar for DANDO's children. Accounts for 1777/8 record relief of 3/- for 55 weeks and 3/- for dowlas & making 3 garments for DANDO's children. Minutes of 20 Apr 1778, 5 Apr 1779, 27 Mar 1780 & 16 Apr 1781 renewed relief of 3/- p.w. to DANDO's children. Accounts for 1778/9 record 3/- relief for 50 weeks to John DANDO's children and 5/- given to John DANDO towards his house rent. In 1779/80 relief of 3/- was paid for 51 weeks to John's children and 10/- for DANDO's children to buy them linen. Accounts for 1780/1 record relief of 3/- for 55 weeks for the children and 1781/2 Accounts 3/- for 21 weeks and 2/- for 29 weeks. Minutes of 22 Apr 1782 agreed relief of 2/- p.w. to DANDO's children. Accounts for 1782/3 record relief of 2/- for 55 weeks and in 1783/4 1/- for 51 weeks to DANDO's children. Accounts for 1784/5 record 4/- paid to Jo. PARFITT for DANDO's maid's shoes and 14/1 for 10 ells of dowlas for Ann PURNELL & DANDO's children & making. Accounts for 1785/6 record 5/- paid to John DANDO's daughter to purchase clothes.]

36.

Parish of High Littleton, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1789.

At a Vestry this day held at the usual Place ...[*etc.*]..... a Mode for Binding out the Poor Children was taken into consideration and it was **Agreed** that the whole Parish should be divided into the following Allot(t)ments, as taken from the value affixed to the several Estates by the present Poor Rate.

|        | £                              |      | £      |                                    |     |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|--------|------------------------------------|-----|
| No. 1  | Mr Cornelius HARRIS            | 60   | No. 9  | Mr [ <i>Lawrence</i> ] LANSDOWN    | 38} |
|        |                                |      |        | Mrs HILL                           | 2}  |
| No. 2  | Do.                            | 28}  |        | Jos. CLARK                         | 2}  |
|        | Do. (for his own Estate)       | 5}   |        | Jas. HILL                          | 10} |
|        | John FLOWER                    | 8}   |        | Jno. PARSONS                       | 8}  |
|        | Mr [ <i>William</i> ] SAVAGE   | 9}   |        |                                    |     |
|        | Tho's AMESBURY                 | 10}  | No. 10 | Mr [ <i>Richard</i> ] LANGFORD     | 60  |
| No. 3} | The Ex'tors of G. HODGES Esq'r | 140} | No. 11 | Do.                                | 14} |
| 4}     | Mr [ <i>John</i> ] PURNELL     | 40}  |        | Tho's WEBB, G. DUDDEN              | 36} |
| 5}     |                                |      |        | Ex'ors of J[ <i>ohn</i> ] MOGG     | 5}  |
|        |                                |      |        | Geo. CLARK                         | 5}  |
| No. 6  | Wm. G.-LANGTON Esq'r           | 60   |        |                                    |     |
| No. 7  | Do.                            | 26}  | No. 12 | William DRURY                      | 50} |
|        | Mr John JAMES                  | 32}  |        | Mrs [ <i>Mary</i> ] FLOWER         | 10} |
|        | George DUDDEN                  | 1}   | No. 13 | Mr Geo. JAMES                      | 53} |
|        |                                |      |        | Mr J[ <i>oseph</i> ] BRODRIBB Ma'r | 13} |
| No. 8  | Mr [ <i>William</i> ] SKEY     | 30}  |        |                                    |     |

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|---------------------|-----|--------|---------------------------|-----|
| Mr [Stephen] JORDAN | 15} | No. 14 | Mr [Joseph] BRODRIBB      | 38} |
| J[acob] MOGG Esq'r  | 5}  |        | Ex'rs of Mr [Thomas] READ | 19} |
| Mr T[homas] DUDDEN  | 10} |        |                           |     |

And it was **Agreed** that the Numbers of the above Allot(t)ments and also the Names of the respective Children intended to be placed out as Apprentices shall be written on Slips of Paper, and put into a Hat for the purpose of ascertaining which of the above Allot(t)ments shall receive such Child, and that the first Child Drawn shall be placed with the first Allot(t)ment drawn & to proceed in like manner with the remaining Numbers.

And it was further **Agreed** that, where the Allot(t)m't should be divided between several Persons, the largest proportion of such Allot(t)m't shall take the Apprentice, on being paid by the other Persons forming such Allot(t)'t, their respective Proportions of the Sum of Ten pounds, which is hereby **Agreed** to be the Sum at which such Apprentice shall be taken; Unless the Parties making such Allot(t)m't shall otherwise determine it. And that a Copy of the above Allot(t)m'ts be placed at the Church Door for the inspection and approbation of all Persons interested.

[Sgd] Jacob MOGG, Geo. MOGG, Thomas MOGG, Wm. SKEY, Jno. PURNELL, Rd. LANGFORD, John JAMES, L. LANSDOWN, Joseph BRODRIBB.

[Note: This does not appear to have been implemented at the time. The scheme was resurrected at a Vestry Meeting of 24 Nov 1801 but again was not implemented. It was brought up again on 6 Apr 1807, following which a number of pauper children were apprenticed out.]

**37.**

Vestry Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> April 1793 ordered that Five Children from such Families as shall be thought proper be immediately Apprenticed to the Partners concerned in a Manufactory lately established at Twerton in the County of Somerset, upon the lowest Terms possible and that the Overseers do pay out of the next collection all such Charges as shall be attendant thereon. It was also ordered that the Five Children [*not identified*] be taken from the following Families:

Two from George **SAGES**'s Family (See 38).

Two from John **RAPPS**'s Family (See 39).

One from Mary **ASHMAN**'s Family (See 40).

**38.**

**George SAGE's family** (See 37 above).

[Note: George (born 5 Jan) son of Richard SAGE & Grace bapt. at High Littleton 11 Jan 1756.

At the age of 17 George got Jane PARFITT pregnant and the parish officers were soon after him to do something about it. Overseers' Accounts for 1774/5 record 2/5 paid for Farmer PARSONS's information ag't Geo. SAGE, warrant thereupon & expences.

George SAGEx minor otp married Jane PARFITTx minor otp, with parents' consent, by licence at High Littleton 9 May 1774.

Jane was baptized at High Littleton 22 Mar 1754 a daughter of James PARFETT & Joan. The PARFITT family settled in High Littleton under a Certificate from Camerton dated 28 Dec 1754.

Richard son of George SAGE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 13 Nov 1774.

Accounts for 1774/5 record relief of 1/- to Jane SAGE for 10 weeks. Accounts for 1776/7 record 3/- paid to George SAGE in his lameness. Martha daughter of George SAGE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 14 Sep 1777.

Accounts for 1777/8 record relief of 2/- for 27 weeks to George SAGE's wife, 7/- given to George's family in want, 9/6 to John GULLOCK for 1 quarter's rent due at Michaelmas last for George SAGE's family and 8/- for making Jane SAGE's children's gowns & 16 garments.

Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1778 approved relief of 2/- p.w. to Jane SAGE. Accounts for 1778/9 show this relief was paid for 21 weeks to George SAGE's family. Accounts for 1779/80 record 6/6 paid to George SAGE & family in want.

Ann daughter of George SAGE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 27 Feb 1780.

Accounts for 1780/1 record 3/9 to George SAGE's family in want, £1.12. 7 to George's family in his lameness, 17/6 for Dr HART's bill for Geo. SAGE & Rachel COLLIER and £1.18/- for Geo.'s rent. Accounts for 1781/2 record 16/5 for Geo. SAGE's family in want, 5/- for Tho's FLOWER's expences for carrying Geo. SAGE to the Infirmary & horse hire, 9/- to SAGE's family while in the Infirmary and £2.10/- for George's house rent. Accounts for 1782/3 record relief of 3/- for 1 week and 4/- for 32 weeks to Jane SAGE, 3/- to George SAGE in want, 14/3 paid for 9½ yds. of Kearsy at 1/6 p.y. for George SAGE's children, 5/8½ for making 8 garments, 12/- for 9 ells of Dowlas at 16d. pr. ell, 1/6 for 1½ yds. of sheeting & 2/6 for making 8 shifts. Accounts for 1783/4 record relief of 4/- for 17 weeks to George SAGE's family, 1/- to Jane SAGE in want, 2/- for George SAGE's mittimus, £1. 6.10 for George's expences, 2/- for the Order for getting the money for carrying George SAGE to prison (15/6 was duly reimbursed in the year), 16/6 for the expence at Taunton Sessions, 7/6 for the lend of a horse & other times, 12/3 for George SAGE & children in want and 1/- expences with Geo. SAGE to Justices. 6d. was received from George towards his house rent. Accounts for 1784/5 record 2/- paid to George SAGE in want, 8/4 to George in want and 3/6 paid to Jane SAGE for attending James FIELD & wife in their illness.

Elizabeth daughter of George SAGE & Jane, pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jun 1785. - Betty had a bastard child by George SWIFT in 1807.

Accounts for 1785/6 record 1/6 paid to Jane SAGE for attending Jas. FIELD's wife in her lying in, £1.16. 8 to George SAGE & family at various times and for various purposes, £3. 9. 3 to George SAGE at different times, 2/6 to the midwife for attending G. SAGE's wife, 2/6 to G. SAGE's wife in her lying in and 3/10½ for a shirt for George.

George son of George SAGE & Jane, pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 19 Feb 1786.

Accounts for 1786/7 record £6.16. 7 to Geo. SAGE's family for cloaths & at several times and 6d. for a warrant for G. SAGE & R. VOWLES and 1/- to Geo. SAGE on 4 Apr 1787.

Anna [*Hannah*] daughter of George SAGE & Jane bapt. privately at High Littleton 13 Feb 1790. - Hannah had a bastard child by Edward DURNFORD on 17 May 1810.

James son of George SAGE & Jane, pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Oct 1792. - He married Martha BOLWELL at Walcot on 4 Sep 1820.

Anne daughter of George SAGE & Jane, pauper, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Oct 1792.

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Accounts for 1794/5 record £1. 9.11 laid out for Jane SAGE's daughter to go to service. Minutes of 21 Apr 1794 approved relief of 4/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to George SAGE's family. This was increased to 4/6 p.w. in minutes of 6 Apr 1795.

George appears to have died c.1794 but he was not buried at High Littleton.

William son of George SAGE & Jane bapt. at High Littleton 10 May 1795. – He married Meriel [*Miriam*] WATTS at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol on 30 Nov 1818.

Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, the Overseers had purchased 55 lbs. of bacon, costing 6d. per lb. and this should be sold to Jane SAGE & family (*and many others*) at 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. for the residue. Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved 4/6 p.w. relief in the weekly calendar to Jane SAGE & family. This was renewed on 17 Apr 1797, 9 Apr 1798, 25 Mar 1799 & 14 Apr 1800 at the same amount. Minutes of 6 Apr 1801 approved relief of 5/- p.w. to Jane SAGE in the weekly calendar. On 19 May 1802 relief to Jane SAGE's family was approved at 2/6 p.w. This was renewed on 11 Apr 1803. On 2 Apr 1804 weekly relief to Jane SAGE & family was agreed at 2/-. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Jane SAGE. Accounts for 1805/6 show that relief of 2/- was paid for 6 weeks and 1/- for 45 weeks. In Apr 1805 Jane's relief was again agreed at 1/- and Accounts for 1806/7 show this was paid for the whole year. Accounts for 1808/9, 1809/10, 1810/1, 1811/2 & 1812/3 record that Jane SAGE received relief of 1/- p.w. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Jane SAGE, which was renewed on 18 Apr 1814, when Jane was described as a widow. On 30 Jul 1814 £1.10/- was paid to John HARRISON for 1 year's rent for Jane SAGE due lady day last past, by Order of Monthly Vestry. Minutes of 8 Mar 1815 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Jane SAGE and 2/- for Martha SALMON's child by Jno. CARTER, kept by Jane SAGE. Minutes of 25 Mar 1816 approved relief of 1/- p.w. to Jane but on 16 Jun 1816 it was resolved that Jane SAGE was to have 1/6 p.w. instead of 1/- as hitherto. Accounts for 1816/7 show that she had 1/- for 12 weeks & 1/6 for 40 weeks. Minutes of 25 Mar 1817, 25 Mar 1818, 25 Mar 1819, 27 Mar 1820, 27 Mar 1821 & 26 Mar 1822 renewed relief of 1/6 p.w. to Jane SAGE, widow. On 26 Mar 1823 Jane SAGE's relief was agreed at 3/- per fortnight & increased on 25 Mar 1824 to 3/6 per fortnight. On 30 Mar 1825 Jane's relief was approved at 1/9 p.w. Accounts for 1825/6 show she was paid 1/9 for 42 weeks and 2/- for 10 weeks. The latter rate was paid for 1826/7, 1827/8, 1828/9, 1829/30 and part of 1830/1. Jane's relief was increased to 2/6 p.w. from 9 Nov 1830 and she received this amount for 1831/2, 1832/3, 1834/5 and part of 1835/6, when her relief was reduced to 2/3 p.w.

Jane SAGE received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1793, 96, 1800, 04, 08, 10, 13 and 1816 (widow of Cloud Hill). Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 resolved that Jane SAGE was to have 1 blanket & 1 garment. Jane SAGE, Hallatrow, age 91 (*sic*), was buried at High Littleton 2 Apr 1837.]

### 39.

#### John RAPPS's family [*See 37 above*].

[*Note*: John was born c.1750 and was almost certainly a son of John & Mary RAPPS.

John RAPPSx otp married Martha BEANx otp by banns at High Littleton 29 Nov 1779.

Martha daughter of Thomas BEAN & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 29 Jun 1755.

John son of John RAPS (*sic*) & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 20 Aug 1780.

William son of John RAPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 12 May 1782. – He married Sarah VOWLES at High Littleton 10 Apr 1803.

Thomas son of John RAPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 14 Nov 1784. – He married Mary -----.

James son of John RAPPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 14 Jan 1787. – He married Mary GULLOCK at Farmborough 12 Apr 1823.

Overseers' Accounts for 1787/8 record relief of 6/- for 1 week & 5/- for 5 weeks to John RAPPS jun'r and £2.12. 9 to John RAPPS jun'r in sickness.

Ann daughter of John RAPPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1791. – Ann RAPS was buried at High Littleton 14 Oct 1792.

Uriah son of John RAPPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1791.

Ann daughter of John RAPPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 18 Apr 1794. – Ann RAPPS was buried at High Littleton 31 Aug 1800.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, John RAPPS of High Littleton (*and many others*) should receive 24 lb. of flour for the week at 3/- pr. peck. Furthermore, the Overseers had purchased 55 lbs. of bacon, costing 6d. per lb. and this should be sold to John RAPPS jun'r (*and others*) at 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. for the residue.

Joseph son of John RAPPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 16 Nov 1796. – He married -----.

Hester daughter of John RAPPS & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 31 Mar 1799. – Hester RAPPS an infant was buried at High Littleton 28 Apr 1799.

Martha RAPPS received a blanket & handkerchief from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1794 and 1796. John RAPPS jun'r received similar relief in 1799, 1802, 06, 18 (senior of High Littleton), 21 & 1829.

The 1811 Census finds John RAPPS living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 1 female in the household.

Martha RAPPS, High Littleton, age 58, was buried at High Littleton 12 Dec 1813.

Accounts record on 18 Feb 1818 a payment to old John RAPPS, out of work.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Jno. RAPPS as the occupier of a tenement & garden on the north east side of the High Street (211 on the map), belonging to Andrew JAMES.

Accounts for 1828/9 record relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to John RAPPS but after 14 weeks it stopped. Accounts record from 12 Apr 1831 1/- p.w. to John RAPPS, ill. Over the next 2 years relief was paid regularly at an increasing amount and by October 1833 John was getting 2/- p.w. and a further 1/- p.w. was being paid for looking after him. On 15 Oct 1831 10/- was paid for a pair of shoes for John RAPPS and 4/10 for a flannel shirt. Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 resolved that there should be given to John RAPPS 1 blanket. Accounts record on 4 Dec 1833 a payment of 5/- to the clerk for John RAPPS' funeral.

John RAPPS, High Littleton, age 83, was buried at High Littleton 31 Oct 1833.]

### 40.

#### Mary ASHMAN's family [*See 37 above*].

[*Note*: William AISHMAN (*sic*) married Mary VOWL/EJS at Midsomer Norton 14 Jul 1773.

Richard son of Wm. AISHMAN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 2 Apr 1775. – Richard AISHMAN an infant was buried at High Littleton 2 May 1775.

Anne daughter of William AISHMAN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 17 Nov 1776.

John son of William ASHMAN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 23 Aug 1778. – He married Margery WHITE at High Littleton 10 Feb 1806.

Richard son of William ASHMAN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 21 Jan 1781.

Overseers' Accounts for 1781/2 record 5/- paid to Wm. ASHMAN in want, 10/6 to carry him to the Infirmary, 3 weeks relief to his family at 3/- p.w. and 11 weeks at 3/6 and 6/3 for 1 quarter's house rent.

William ASHMAN died c.1782 but was not buried at High Littleton.

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Vestry Minutes of 22 Apr 1782 approved relief of 3/6 p.w. (& 1/- more from 17 Aug) in the weekly calendar to Widow ASHMAN. Accounts for 1782/3 record 20 weeks paid at 3/6, 35 at 4/6, 11/6 to Mary AISHMAN in her lying in and £2. 2/- for George VOWLES' & widow AISHMAN's 1 year's house rent.

William son of William ASHMAN & Mary bapt. at High Littleton 28 Jul 1782. – He married Grace BOWDITCH at High Littleton 11 Jun 1805.

Minutes of 21 Apr 1783 approved relief of 4/6 p.w. to Widow ASHMAN. Accounts for 1783/4 show this was paid for 51 weeks together with 11/8 for shifts & making for Widow AISHMAN's family, 4/10 for a sheet for Mary AISHMAN, £1 to Mary VOULS & widow ASHMAN in smallpox and £2. 2/- for George VOWLES' & Widow AISHMAN's house rent. Minutes of 12 Apr 1784 again approved relief of 4/6 p.w. to Widow ASHMAN. Accounts for 1784/5 show this was paid for 50 weeks to the widow AISHMOND, 1/3 to Mary ASHMAN in want and £2. 2/- for Widow ASHMAN's & G. VOWLES's year's house rent. Minutes of 28 Mar 1785 approved relief of 4/6 p.w. to Widow ASHMAN. Accounts for 1785/6 show this was paid for 55 weeks, 4/8 for linen for ASHMAN's children and £2. 2/- for house rent for Widow ASHMAN & G. VOULES. Minutes of 23 Apr 1786 again approved relief of 4/6 p.w. to Widow ASHMAN. Accounts for 1786/7 show payments for 51 weeks to Widow ASHMAN & children, £1.12. 4 for cloaths & blankets for M. ASHMAN's (*sic*) and £2. 2/- for Widow ASHMAN's & G. VOWLES' & wife house rent to lady day. Widow ASHMAN & family's relief of 4/6 p.w. was renewed in Minutes of 9 Apr 1787, 31 Mar 1788, 13 Apr 1789 & 5 Apr 1790. On 25 Apr 1791 relief for Mary AISHMAN's family was agreed at 3/- p.w. This was renewed on 9 Apr 1792 but Accounts for 1792/3 record payments of 3/6 for 26 weeks and 2/3 for 19 weeks. Minutes of 31 Oct 1792 order the Overseer to purchase some Bed Cloaths for Mary ASHMAN of Hallatrow & such clothes for her three sons as he shall think necessary. Mary's weekly relief ceased until Minutes of 6 Apr 1795 approved 1/- p.w. to her. Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, the Overseers had purchased 55 lbs. of bacon, costing 6d. per lb. and this should be sold to Mary ASHMAN & family [*and many others*] in equal proportions or to such of them as may be desirous of having the same, at the rate of 6d. per lb. for the best pieces and 4d. for the residue. Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 agreed Mary ASHMAN's weekly relief at 1/3 during the present high price of provisions. Mary's weekly relief of 1/3 was renewed in Minutes of 17 Apr 1797, 9 Apr 1798, 25 Mar 1799 & 14 Apr 1800. On 6 Apr 1801 Mary ASHMAN's relief was agreed at 2/- p.w. but on 19 May 1802 was reduced to 1/6 p.w. Relief to Mary AISHMAN was renewed at 1/6 p.w. on 11 Apr 1803 & 2 Apr 1804. On 10 Jun 1805 Mary's relief was approved at 1/9 p.w., continued in Apr 1806 and paid throughout 1806/7 at that rate. On 17 Apr 1807 Mary ASHMAN's weekly relief was agreed at 2/- p.w. Accounts for 1808/9 record payments at this rate for the whole year. Accounts for 1809/10 record relief of 2/- for 35 weeks and 2/6 for 20 weeks. It continued at 2/6 p.w. throughout 1810/1, 1811/2, 1812/3 & 1813/4. Minutes of 18 Apr 1814 approved relief on 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Mary AISHMAN, widow. On 28 Mar 1815 Mary's relief was agreed at 2/- p.w. and renewed at that on 25 Mar 1816. Minutes of 3 Nov 1816 agreed that Mary AISHMAN was to have a Pettycoat. On 25 Mar 1817 relief of 2/- p.w. was approved for Mary AISHMAN, widow, Hallatrow. Minutes of 23 Jan 1818 agreed that Mary AISHMAN is to have a Shift. On 25 Mar 1818, 25 Mar 1819 & 27 Mar 1820 Mary's relief was renewed at 2/- p.w. Accounts for 1820/1 record only 4 weeks payments.

Mary ASHMAN, widow of Hallatrow, received 2 shifts & a handkerchief from Mary JONES' Charity in 1793 and blankets etc. in 1796, 1801, 04, 06, 10, 13 and 1817.

Mary ASHMAN, Hallatrow, age 77, was buried at High Littleton 23 Apr 1820.]

### 41.

High Littleton, Nov'r 24th 1801.

At a Vestry holden this Day in the Parish Church of High-Littleton, pursuant to Notice given in such Church, held for the purpose of making a new Rate for the support and maintenance of the Poor of this Parish and also for placing out the Children, of such as receive Relief of the said Parish, Apprentices to the different Estates, and to such persons whose situations and business make them liable to take Apprentices .....

**Resolved** also that, as soon as the new Rate is completed, that the several Children of such as receive Relief of the Parish, be placed out as Apprentices to the respective Estates, and that every Estate, which shall pay Five shillings for a single Rate to the Poor, shall be liable to take one Apprentice, and that where the Estates pay less than that sum for a single Rate, that so many as will make up such payment shall be classed together and the Estate paying the largest proportion shall be obliged to take the Apprentice and the other persons forming the class shall pay their respective proportions of the Sum of Ten pounds, which Sum it is agreed shall be the Sum at which such Apprentices shall be taken.

**Resolved** also that the mode of ascertaining what Children shall be placed to the different Estates, shall be as described in the Order of Vestry made in the Poor Book Dated 15th Dec'r 1789 (*See 35 above*).

[*Note:* Although the new rate was completed, nothing seems to have been done regarding the apprenticing of pauper children.]

### 42.

High Littleton Church, April 6th 1807.

At the Annual Vestry holden this Day in the Parish Church of High Littleton, pursuant to the following Notice given in the Church and affixed to the Church Door the preceding day, Viz't:

"This is to give Notice that a Vestry will be holden in this Church to morrow morning at Eleven o'Clock for the purpose of Binding such Children Apprentices, whose Parents the Churchwardens and Overseers shall judge not able to maintain them; and also ....., when and where all persons interested are requested to attend."

It was **resolved** by the several persons whose Names are hereunto subscribed that the Plan, proposed at a Vestry holden in this place on the 15th Day of December 1789, and particularly set forth in this Book [*See 36 above*], as to the mode of apprenticing the Poor Children, be pursued as soon as possible, and the Overseer is directed to prepare a List of the several Children to be placed out, with their Names, Ages, and other particulars, before Monday next the 13th instant, to which Day this Vestry is adjourned to this place at 11 o'Clock.

[*Sgd*] Jacob MOGG, Rd. LANGFORD, L. LANSDOWN, John BLINMAN, Walter BENNET, Joel KEEL.

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High Littleton Church, 13th April 1807.

At a Vestry holden this Day, in pursuance of an adjournment from the Vestry holden here on Monday last, the Overseer produced the following List of the several Children, whom the Churchwarden and Overseers now think it proper to place out as Apprentices, Viz't.

|                           |   |                   |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 Samuel SNELLING*        | Son of the late Sam'l & Hannah SNELLING         | Aged ab't 12 yrs. |
| 2 Harriet COMER           | Daughter of Tho's & Fanny COMER                 | Aged ab't 9       |
| 3 Sarah Greenland WILKINS | a natural Child of Ann WILKINS (now VATER)      | Ag'd ab't 14      |
| 4 George BATH             | a natural Child of Dinah BATH, Single wom'n     | Ag'd ab't -       |
| 5 Keziah GREEN            | Daughter of the late Isaac & Dinah GREEN, Wid'w | Aged ab't -       |
| 6 George SPARKS           | Son of the late Jas. & Charlotte SPARKS, Wid'w  | Aged ab't -       |
| 7 Jacob SPARKS            | Do.   | Aged ab't 10      |
| 8 Ann BULL                | Daughter of the late Will'm & Martha BULL       | Aged ab't -       |
| 9 David HOOK              | a natural Child of Ann HOOK, Single wom'n       | Aged ab't -       |
| 10 John GREGORY           | Do. Phebe GREGORY, Do.                          | Aged ab't 12      |
| 11 Samuel BULL            | Son of Sam'l & [blank] BULL                     | Aged ab't -       |
| 12 Joyce YOUNG*           | Daughter of the late Jas. & Hannah YOUNG, W'w   | Aged ab't 10      |
| 13 Keziah RUDDOCK*        | nat'l Child of Rebecca RUDDOCK (now BRIMBLE)    | Aged ab't 9       |
| 14 Betty GAGE*            | Daughter of William & Betty GAGE                | Aged abo't 14     |
| 15 Fanny BROWNING         | Daughter of late Jno. & Hannah BROWNING, W'w    | Aged ab't -       |
| 16 Mary BRICE             | Daughter of George & Ann BRICE                  | Aged ab't 15      |
| 17 Betty BRICE            | Do.   | Aged ab't 13      |
| 18 William BRICE*         | Son of Do.                                      | Aged ab't 9       |
| 19 Eliz'th SNELLING       | Dau'r of said Sam'l & Hannah SNELLING, Wid'w    | Aged ab't 10      |
| 20 Isaac GREEN            | Son of said Isaac & Dinah GREEN, Widow          | Aged ab't -       |

*[The 5 children marked \* above were apparently not apprenticed. However, 2 other children, not on the original list, were apprenticed, making 17 in all. The 2 extra children were:*

|                        |  |                      |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <i>Richard GREGORY</i> | <i>Son of Mary GREGORY, Single woman of Litton</i> | <i>Aged ab't 12</i>  |
| <i>George BRICE</i>    | <i>Son of George BRICE</i>                         | <i>Aged ab't 11]</i> |

When it was **resolved** by all the Vestry present that the said Samuel SNELLING, George BATH, George SPARKS, Jacob SPARKS and John GREGORY should, one of them, be placed with each of the following Tradesmen as an Apprentice, Viz't.

Mr William GOULD of Hallatrow, Tanner, Mr Thomas Collier DUDDEN of the same place, Shoe-Maker, Mr James BUSH of High Littleton, Cooper, Mr James HARDING of the same place, Blacksmith, and Mr Henry TUCKER of the same place, Shoe-Maker. And it was farther **Resolved** that, in order to effect the most fair and impartial appointment of the said last mentioned several Children to the several Tradesmen before enumerated, that the Names of such several Children should be written on Slips of Paper and put into one Hat, and the Names of such Tradesmen written on Slips of Paper and put into another Hat, and that the Churchwarden (Mr LANSDOWN) and the Overseer (William BROOK(E)S) should respectively draw a Name from each Hat, when the said several Children were Ballot(t)ed to the several Tradesmen before mentioned in the following manner, Viz't.

|                           |                             |            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| George SPARKS [See 52]    | to Mr William GOULD         | Tanner     |
| George BATH [See 53]      | to Mr Thomas Collier DUDDEN | Shoemaker  |
| Samuel SNELLING* [See 60] | to Mr James BUSH            | Cooper     |
| Jacob SPARKS [See 54]     | to Mr James HARDING         | Blacksmith |
| John GREGORY [See 55]     | to Mr Henry TUCKER          | Shoemaker  |

*[\*Samuel SNELLING was apparently not apprenticed but the following two children were added after the meeting:*

|                                 |                        |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Richard GREGORY [See 56]</i> | <i>to John HEALE</i>   | <i>Thatcher, Farmborough</i> |
| <i>George BRICE [See 58]</i>    | <i>to George WEEKS</i> | <i>Mason ]</i>               |

and the Overseer was **directed** to procure the necessary Indentures and Sums of Money, and to pursue the usual and legal means for placing the said several Children with such several Tradesmen, with all possible expedition. At this Vestry it was also further agreed and **Resolved** that the occupiers for the time being of the several following Houses should be liable to receive, in regular rotation, one Apprentice, and that with every such Apprentice the Sum of Ten Pounds shall be paid to the occupier of the House whose turn or chance it shall happen to be to receive an Apprentice, which sum is to be collected & made up by all the Occupiers of Lands within the Parish, each & every such occupier paying the Sum of Two pence, for every Acre of Land occupied

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for each Apprentice to be put out, into the hands of the Churchwardens and Overseers for the time being, or one of them, who are and is hereby intended to be officially answerable to the occupiers of Houses for such sum, and are hereby directed and required to Tender such Sum to such occupiers with every such Apprentice. The List of Houses hereby considered and declared as now properly and fairly liable to receive each an Apprentice on the Terms before set forth, Viz't.

**In High Littleton**

| <u>Names of Houses</u> | <u>Owner</u>                       | <u>Present Occupiers</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| High Littleton House   | Mrs [ <i>Sarah</i> ] MOGG          | Mrs MOGG                 |
| Church Farm House      | Geo. MOGG Esq're & Bros. etc.      | William JAMES            |
| Rowswell's Farm House  | do.                                | George TUCKER            |
| Kingwell Farm House    | do.                                | Mr Rich'd BROOKE         |
| Broomhill Farm House   | do.                                | Jonah SAGE               |
| Rugburn House          | Wm. Jones BURDETT Esq're           | George MILES             |
| DRURY's Farm House     | Do.                                | William DRURY            |
| Mr LANSDOWN's House    | Mr [ <i>Lawrence</i> ] LANSDOWN    | Mr LANSDOWN              |
| HARDING's House        | do.                                | Jacob MOGG Esq're        |
| Riden's Farm House     | Representatives of late Mrs FLOWER | James BUSH Jun'r         |

**In Hallatrow**

|                      |  |                            |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Miss SKEY's House    | Miss SKEY                              | Miss SKEY                  |
| Mr PURNELL's House   | John PURNELL Esq're                    | Mr Rob't PURNELL           |
| do. Farm House       | do.                                    | James WEEKS                |
| Mr LANGFORD's House  | Mr [ <i>Richard</i> ] LANGFORD         | Mr LANGFORD                |
| do.'s 1st Farm House | do.                                    | Mr [ <i>William</i> ] BATH |
| do.'s 2nd Farm House | do.                                    | Joel KEEL                  |
| HILL's Farm House    | Daniel HILL                            | John STICKLER              |
| Mr BRODRIBB's House  | Mr [ <i>Thomas</i> ] BRODRIBB          | Mr BRODRIBB                |
| Red House            | do.                                    | Nehemiah SAGE              |
| Brick House          | Mr Thomas JAMES                        | George MATTHEWS            |
| Hallatrow Farm       | Wm. GORE LANGTON Esq're                | John BLINMAN               |
| John COOK's House    | John COOK                              | William WEEKS              |
| Mr DUDDEN's House    | Mr Tho's Collier DUDDEN                | James VOKES                |
| JORDAN's House       | Mr LANCASHIRE [ <i>Ja. LANCASTER</i> ] | William GOULD              |

And further, it was **Resolved**, in order to the impartial distribution of the remaining Children amongst the several occupiers of such several Houses as aforesaid, that a similar mode of Ballot(t)ing as that before set forth and pursued with respect to the appointment of the before mentioned several Children to the several Tradesmen as aforesaid, be now adopted, when the several Children were Ballot(t)ed to the several Occupiers of Houses following, Viz't.

|   |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Ann BULL [ <i>See 51</i> ]                | to Mrs MOGG as the occupier of                   | High-Littleton House     |
| Betty GAGE* [ <i>See 61</i> ]             | <i>[actually apprenticed to Will'm JAMES]</i>    |                          |
| Fanny BROWNING [ <i>See 43</i> ]          | to Will'm JAMES as the occupier of               | Church Farm House        |
| Keziah RUDDOCK* [ <i>See 62</i> ]         | to George TUCKER as occupier of                  | Rowswell's Farm House    |
| Eliz'th SNELLING [ <i>See 44</i> ]        | to George MILES as occupier of                   | Rugburn House            |
| Sam'l BULL [ <i>See 45</i> ]              | to William DRURY as occupier of                  | DRURY's Farm House       |
| Betty BRICE [ <i>See 47</i> ]             | to Mr LANSDOWN as occupier of                    | his own House            |
|   | to James BUSH as occupier of                     | Riden's Farm House       |
|   | <i>[actually apprenticed to Rich'd LANGFORD]</i> |                          |
| Sarah Greenland WILKINS [ <i>See 46</i> ] | to Miss SKEY as occupier of                      | her own House            |
| William BRICE* [ <i>See 63</i> ]          | to Mr LANGFORD as occupier of                    | his own House            |
| Joyce YOUNG* [ <i>See 64</i> ]            | to Joel KEEL as occupier of                      | Mr LANGFORD's Farm House |
| Keziah GREEN [ <i>See 59</i> ]            | to Nehemiah SAGE as occupier of                  | Red House                |
|   | <i>[actually apprenticed to Joel KEEL]</i>       |                          |
| Mary BRICE [ <i>See 48</i> ]              | to [ <i>Tho's JAMES</i> ] the occupier of        | the Brick House          |
| David HOOK [ <i>See 49</i> ]              | to William WEEKS as occupier of                  | COOK's Farm House        |

*[\*The above four children were apparently not apprenticed but the following two children were added after the meeting:*



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Harriet COMER [See 50] to John BLINMAN as occupier of Hallatrow Farm  
Isaac GREEN [See 57] to George MILES as occupier of Rugbourne]

and the Churchwarden and Overseer were accordingly **directed** to collect from the respective occupiers of Lands situated in the said Parish, the Sum of Two pence for every Acre for each of such last mentioned Apprentices, and also to procure the several Indentures necessary for Apprenticing such several Children and to exert themselves in every way they can to accomplish legally and finally the object in view.

The further consideration of this business, and also ..... was adjourned to Friday next the 17th Instant to this place, then and there to meet at Ten o'Clock in the morning.

[Sgd] Rd. LANGFORD, Jacob MOGG, L. LANSDOWN, Wm. WEEKS, George TUCKER, The Mark of X Wm. JAMES.

High-Littleton Church, 17th April 1807.

At a Vestry holden here this day in pursuance of an Adjournment from the Vestry of the 13th Instant, it was **resolved** that the resolutions and proceedings, entered into and agreed upon at the said Vestry held the 13th Instant, should be carried into Effect with all possible expedition.

[Sgd] Jacob MOGG, L. LANSDOWN, Wm. WEEKS, George TUCKER, The Mark X of Wm. JAMES.

**43.**

**Fanny BROWNING**, Female, Age -, Parent Hannah BROWNING, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to George TUCKER, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

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[Note: See 29 above for details of Fanny's parents.

Fanny was born at High Littleton c.1794/5, a daughter of John and Hannah BROWNING.

John BROWNING died in March 1803. Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Hannah BROWNING and child [Fanny]. Minutes of 10 Jun 1805 agreed relief of 9d. p.w. to Hannah BROWNING's child. Overseers' Accounts for 1804/5 record relief of 1/6 for 8 weeks and 9d. for 43 weeks. Minutes of [blank] April 1806 approved relief to Han'h BROWN (*sic*)'s child. Accounts for 1805/6 show that 9d. p.w. was paid to Hannah BROWNING's child for the whole year. Relief ceased when Fanny was apprenticed out.

George TUCKER, Fanny's Master farmed at Rosewell Farm.

Francis FEAR otp married Fanny BROWNING otp by banns at St. Paul, Bristol 5 Mar 1822.

The 1851 Census finds Francis FEAR, age 56, labourer, born Chew Magna, wife Fanny 56, born High Littleton and children Hugh 25, labourer, Francis 21, labourer, and Sarah 19, all born Chew Magna, living at Knowle, Chew Magna.]

**44.**

**Elizabeth SNELLING**, Female, Age -, Parent Hannah SNELLING, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to William DRURY, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 2 in Register of Apprentices.*

[Note: Elizabeth's parents

Samuel SNELLINGx bach. otp married Hannah GULLICKx spin. otp by banns at Farmborough 24 Oct 1791.

Ann daughter of Samuel SNELLING & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 15 Apr 1792.

Samuel son of Samuel SNELLING & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 9 Oct 1794. – See 60 below.

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, Sam'l SNELLING of High Littleton (*and many others*) should have 18lb. of flour at a (*subsidised*) price of 3/- per peck, until further orders, as an allowance for the week from the date hereof.

Elizabeth daughter of Samuel SNELLING & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 10 Dec 1797.

Samuel SNELLING received a blanket and garment from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1795.

Samuel SNELLING was buried at High Littleton 10 Jul 1799.

Overseers' Accounts for 1799/1800 record 4/6 given to the jurymen for Samuel SNELLING, indicating that there had been an inquest on his death.

Minutes of 6 Apr 1801 approved relief of 5/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Widow SNELLING. Minutes of 19 May 1802 agreed weekly relief of 3/6 to Hannah SNELLING's family. Accounts record on 16 Apr 1803 1/6 paid for beer, moving Hannah SNELLING's goods.

Relief of 3/6 p.w. was renewed on 11 Apr 1803 and 2 Apr 1804 and amended to 2/6 p.w. on 10 Jun 1805. Accounts for 1805/6 record relief of 3/6 for 8 weeks and 2/6 for 43 weeks. Minutes of Apr 1806 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. for Hannah SNELLING's 2 children. Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 1/3 each week for Hannah SNELLING's child. Accounts for 1809/10 record relief of 1/- for 41 weeks and 1/3 for 6 weeks to Hannah SNELLING and 1/3 p.w. for her girl. 1810/1 Accounts record 1/3 p.w. relief to both Hannah and her girl/maid for the year. This was repeated in 1811/2 & 1812/3.

Hannah SNELLING, widow of High Littleton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1800, 04, 06, 08, 10 and 1811.

The 1811 Census finds Hannah SNELLING living in High Littleton with 1 male and 1 other female in the household.

Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 and 18 Apr 1814 approved weekly relief of 1/3 for Hannah SNELLING, widow, alone [*daughter Elizabeth died in June 1814*]. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 agreed 9d. p.w. relief to Hannah SNELLING, which was renewed on 25 Mar 1816 together with 6d. p.w. rent. Relief of 9d. and rent of 6d. was repeated in Minutes of 25 Mar 1817. On 25 Mar 1818 relief to Hannah of 9d. p.w. was renewed but there was no mention of her rent. On 12 Jul 1818 it was agreed that Hannah's weekly pay should be 1/- in lieu of 9d. p.w. Accounts for 1818/9 record 9d. for 16 weeks and 1/- for 36 weeks. On 25 Mar 1819, 27 Mar 1820 & 27 Mar 1821 relief of 1/- p.w. to Han'h SNELLING

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of High Littleton was renewed. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822, 26 Mar 1823 & 25 Mar 1824 approved relief of 2/- per fortnight. Finally, on 30 Mar 1825 Hannah SNELLING's relief was agreed at 1/- p.w.

Hannah SNELLING, High Littleton, age 60, was buried at High Littleton 15 Jan 1826.

Accounts for 1825/6 record the cost of her burial at parish expense.

Elizabeth

William DRURY, Elizabeth's Master, farmed at what was later Southover in High Littleton. Elizabeth died without completing her apprenticeship.

Elizabeth SNELLING, High Littleton, age 16, was buried at High Littleton 12 Jun 1814.]

### 45.

**Samuel BULL**, Male, Age -, Parent Samuel BULL deceased, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Laurence LANSDOWN, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 3 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note: Samuel's parents*

Samuel BULL otp married Joyce COTTLEx otp at Midsomer Norton 5 Jan 1788 [*possibly 1789 intended - entry between Nov & 21 Dec 1788*].

James son of Samuel & Joyce BULL bapt. at Midsomer Norton 18 Oct 1789. – James BULL a child was buried at Midsomer Norton 22 Dec 1789.

James son of Samuel & Joice BULL bapt. at Midsomer Norton 19 Jan 1791. – He married Elizabeth RAPPS (nee BULL) at Clutton 23 Jul 1827.

Jno. son of Samuel & Joyce BULL bapt. at Midsomer Norton 28 Mar 1793. – John BULL, High Littleton, age 25, was buried at High Littleton 12 Apr 1818.

Samuel son of Samuel & Joyce BULL bapt. at Midsomer Norton 12 Jun 1795. – He married Eleanor DANDO (see below).

Samuel BULL the father died c.1795/6.

Widow BULL of Midsomer Norton received a blanket from Marty JONES' Charity at Xmas 1796.

Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record relief of 2/6 paid to Samuel BULL's widow. Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Sam'l BULL's widow. On 17 Apr 1797 relief of 2/6 p.w. was renewed and Sam'l's widow is referred to as at Mid'r Norton.

Joyce BULL died in 1797.

Accounts record on 22 Jul 1797 6/- relief paid to Sam'l BULL's children at Midsomer Norton, after the death of their mother. On 9 Apr 1798 relief of 6/- p.w. in the weekly calendar was approved for Sam'l BULL's 3 children. Relief to S. BULL's 3 children was reduced to 5/- p.w. on 25 Apr 1799 and renewed at 5/- on 14 Apr 1800 and 6 Apr 1801. On 19 May 1802 relief of 3/- p.w. was approved for Sam'l BULL's 2 children. The amount was left blank in Minutes of 11 Apr 1803 but on 2 Apr 1804 was again confirmed at 3/- p.w. for two children. On 10 Jun 1805 relief of 1/6 p.w. was approved for Samuel BULL's child. Accounts for 1805/6 record 3/- p.w. relief for 8 weeks and 1/6 for 43 weeks. Accounts for 1806/7 record 1/6 p.w. paid to Sam'l BULL's boy for the whole year.

Samuel

Laurence LANSDOWN, Samuel's Master lived at Lansdown Villa, near where the CO-OP now stands. His tallow chandlery business operated from there and he also owned what is now called Cottage Farm. Samuel BULL continued to work in LANSDOWN's chandlery business after completing his apprenticeship.

Samuel BULL bach. otp married Eleanor DANDOX spin. of Midsomer Norton by banns at High Littleton 29 Mar 1819.

Ellen (or Eleanor) was baptized at High Littleton 14 Oct 1798, daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth DANDO.

Eliza daughter of Samuel & Ellen BULL, High Littleton, chandler, bapt. at High Littleton 12 Sep 1819.

Minutes of 25 Jun 1820 agreed that Sam'l BULL's child should be allowed 1/6 pr. week, he being unable to work by having his back broken several months since and his weekly pay from his Club being shortened (or reduced) to 4/- pr. week. Minutes of 27 Mar 1821 approved 1/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for Sam'l BULL's child. Minutes of 26 Mar 1822 agreed relief of 5/- per fortnight to Sam'l BULL, which was renewed on 26 Mar 1823 and 25 Mar 1824 (for Samuel BULL, wife & child) at the same amount and again on 30 Mar 1825 at 2/6 p.w.

Tryphena another daughter was born c.1831. – She married George WILLCOX at High Littleton 14 Feb 1852.

The 1825 survey of High Littleton records Sam'l BULL as occupier of a newly erected tenement and part of a garden owned by Joseph HART (No. 187h on the map).

Samuel BULL, chandler of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1820, 21, 22 (Mr LANSDOWN's servant), 24, 26 and 1829.

Accounts record that Samuel continued to receive 2/6 p.w. relief from 1826/7 until 42 weeks into 1832/3, when it was reduced to 3/6 p.w. It continued at this rate until 1836, when Clutton Union assumed responsibility for payment of poor relief.

The 1841 Census finds Samuel BULL, age 43, dependent, Ellen 40 and Triphena 6, living in High Littleton.

Minutes of a meeting of 21 Dec 1842, to discuss the excessive amounts being paid to paupers by Clutton Union, recommended that Samuel BULL's relief should be reduced from 5/- to 4/- p.w.

Samuel BULL, High Littleton, age 50, was buried at High Littleton 12 Feb 1846.

Ellen BULL received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1848, 52 and 1854.

The 1851 census finds Ellen BULL, widow, age 52, works in the fields, born High Littleton, Sarah CHIVERS, widow, lodger, age 69, pauper, born High Littleton and Charlotte DOWLING, widow, lodger, age 75, pauper, born Farmborough, living in High Littleton. Tryphena, age 18, under nurse, born High Littleton was a live-in servant at High Littleton House.

Ellen BULL, High Littleton, age 50, was buried at High Littleton 21 Oct 1854.]

### 46.

**Sarah Greenland WILKINS**, Female, Age -, Parent Ann VATER, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Miss Jane SKEY, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

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[*Note: Sarah was born in High Littleton on 5 Aug 1792. Her father was Richard GREENLAND, a married man from High Littleton.*

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Sarah Greenland natural daughter of Ann WILKINS bapt. at High Littleton 2 Sep 1792.  
She was the subject of a Bastardy Order dated 13 Nov 1792. Her mother subsequently married John VATER.  
Jane SKEY, Sarah's Mistress lived at Hallatrow Cottage, now called The Grange.  
It was possibly the same Sarah WILKINS who had 3 bastard children, viz:  
Mary Ann daughter of David HOOK & Sarah WILKINS, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Aug 1820.  
Harriet base born daughter of Sarah WILKINS, Temple Cloud, by Joseph NEWBERY, Axminster, Devon, labourer, bapt. at Cameley 1 Aug 1824.  
Maria (born April 1828) base born daughter of Sarah WILKINS, Temple Cloud, by Jonathan ROBSON, bapt. at Cameley 31 Jul 1831.]

### 47.

**Elizabeth BRICE**, Female, Age -, Parent George BRICE, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Richard LANGFORD, Gentleman, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 6 in Register of Apprentices.*

*Entry No. 4 in the Register of Apprentices originally recorded the apprenticeship of Elizabeth BRICE, Age 13, to James BUSH Jun'r. This was deleted.*

[*Note: Elizabeth's parents*

George BRICE otp married Ann HIGGINSx otp by banns at High Littleton 20 Nov 1791.

Mary daughter of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 13 May 1792. – She married John COTTEL, widower of Radstock, at High Littleton 22 May 1825. See 48 below.

Betty daughter of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 27 Apr 1794. – She married Richard CLUETT (see below).

Vestry Minutes of 27 Jul 1795 resolved that, arising from the high cost of provisions, George BRICE of High Littleton (*and many others*) should have 18lb. of flour at a (*subsidised*) price of 3/- per peck, until further orders, as an allowance for the week from the date hereof.

Anne daughter of George BRICE & Anne bapt. at High Littleton 31 Jan 1796.

George son of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 18 Feb 1798. – He married Elizabeth BOX at Midsomer Norton 16 Jun 1821. See 58 below.

William son of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 23 Mar 1800. – He married Sarah EVANS at High Littleton 8 Aug 1825.

Lois [*Louisa*] daughter of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 17 Mar 1805. – She married James EVANS at High Littleton 7 Aug 1826.

Sarah daughter of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 12 Jun 1808. – She married John DURY at High Littleton 6 Aug 1826.

The 1811 Census finds George BRICE living in Hallatrow with 2 other males and 4 females in the household.

Overseers' Accounts record on 7 Feb 1825 3/- paid to George BRICE's wife, her husband having left her and on 21 Mar 10/- to her to go to her husband in the Forest of Dean.

Ann BRICE, High Littleton, age 67, was buried at High Littleton 28 Apr 1831.

George BRICE received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1795, 97, 99, 1802, 06, 10, 21 (George BRICE sen'r, coal miner of High Littleton), 24, 27, 39 & 1842. In applying in 1831 he was said to be of Farmborough.

George BRICE widower married Susannah WHITING widower at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol 16 Oct 1831. Her maiden name was CREW.

The 1841 Census finds George BRICE, age 74, miner and Susan 67, living at Barrow Hill, Farmborough.

George BRICE, Farmborough, age 88, was buried at High Littleton 9 Dec 1850.

The 1851 Census surprisingly finds Susannah (head of the house), widow, age 77, born Timsbury, recorded under her first husband's surname of WHITING. Living with her at Clutton Hill, Farmborough was her son William WHITING 46, coal miner, born High Littleton and his wife Frances 45, born Clutton.

Susanna BRICE, Clutton, age 80, was buried at High Littleton 4 Feb 1853.

Elizabeth

Richard LANGFORD, Elizabeth's Master, was a solicitor, who lived at Montvale, Hallatrow.

Richard CLUETT bach. otp married Elizabeth BRICE spin. otp by banns at St. Mary, Redcliff, Bristol 19 Nov 1826.

Richard was born in Wincanton c.1799 and was a mason by trade. He and Elizabeth had 2 children in 1827 and 1829, one of whom died young. After their marriage they lived at The Batch, High Littleton until the 1840s, when they moved to New Road, Farmborough.

After becoming chargeable, Richard and Betty were removed from High Littleton to Wincanton by Order dated 8 Nov 1859.]

### 48.

**Mary BRICE**, Female, Age 15, Parent George BRICE, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Thomas JAMES, Gentleman, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 7 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note: See 47 above for details of Mary's parents.*

Thomas JAMES, Mary's Master, lived at Brick House, Hallatrow, now called Meadow Lea.

John COTTEL wid'r of Radstock married Mary BRICE spin. otp by licence at High Littleton 22 May 1825.

They are believed to have had at least 3 children.

The 1851 Census finds Mary COTTLE (who is assumed to be Mary BRICE), age 58, John 25, Celena 20 and Charles 18, living in Radstock.]

### 49.

**David HOOK**, Male, Age -, Parent Ann HOOK, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to William WEEKS, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 8 in Register of Apprentices.*

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[*Note*: David was the fourth of five bastard children of Ann HOOK, all by different men. He was born on 5 Jul 1796 the son of James STICKLER. He was the subject of a Bastardy Order dated 6 Sep 1796.

David son of Ann HOOK bapt. at High Littleton 6 Nov 1796.

William WEEKS, David's Master, farmed at Tennis Court Farm, Hallatrow.

David fathered a bastard child by Sarah WILKINS in 1820.

Mary Ann daughter of David HOOK & Sarah WILKINS, Hallatrow, bapt. at High Littleton 13 Aug 1820.

David married firstly Harriet BROWN at Timsbury 15 Feb 1824 and they had 10 children there. During his working life David was a labourer, servant at Timsbury Rectory, collier and finally a watchman at the coal works.

In April 1844 David was involved in a fight with 22 years old James CHALLENGER of Clutton, which resulted in the latter's death.

Harriet HOOK, Timsbury, age 52, was buried at Timsbury 15 Feb 1855.

David married secondly Miriam -----, who was born in Heytesbury, Wilts. c.1794.

They were both living in Timsbury in 1871.]

### 50.

**Harriett COMER**, Female, Age -, Parents Tho's & Frances COMER, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to John BLINMAN, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 9 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note*: Harriett's parents

Thomas COMER of Farrington Gurney married Frances HANNY otp by banns at East Harptree 10 Sep 1795.

Wm. son of Tho's & Fanny COMER bapt. at Farrington Gurney 17 Jul 1796.

Mary dau. of Tho's & Fanny COMER bapt. at Farrington Gurney 10 Sep 1797.

Harriott dau. of Thomas COOMER & Mary (*sic*) bapt. at High Littleton 9 Dec 1798. – She married William PICKFORD (see below).

Hannah dau. of Thomas COMER & Frances bapt. at High Littleton 28 Jun 1801.

Thomas COMER received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1798.

Thomas COMER died c.1802 but was not buried at High Littleton.

Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar to Faney (*sic*) COMER. Relief of 2/6 p.w. for Fanny COMER's 2 children was renewed on 11 Apr 1803, 2 Apr 1804, 10 Jun 1805 and Apr 1806. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 agreed relief to F. COMER's child at 1/3 p.w. Overseers' Accounts for 1807/8 record that 2/6 was paid for 22 weeks and 1/3 for 33 weeks. Accounts for 1808/9 record relief of 1/3 p.w. to Faney COMER's child for the whole year. The same arrangements pertained through 1809/10 and 1810/1.

Minutes of 16 Jun 1816 resolved that Fanny COOMER & her mother was to quit the house (*one of the parish poor houses*), where they are at present, to make room for Abigail LOVE & Ann HOOK.

Fanny COMER's children received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1802 and Fanny herself received similar charity in 1804, 10 (of Hallatrow), 13 and 21 (widow of Temple Cloud).

Rich'd BOX otp married Frances COMBER widow otp by banns at Cameley 8 Apr 1822.

Harriott

John BLINMAN, Harriett's Master, farmed at Hallatrow Farm (later called Manor Farm).

William PICKFORD otp married Harriott COMBER otp by banns at Cameley 3 Nov 1822.

They had at least 3 children.

The 1851 Census finds William PICKFORD, age 50, labourer, born Clutton, wife Harriet 50, born High Littleton and children Hannah PERRY, 26, soldier's wife, born Cameley, Patience 16, born Clutton and Martha L. 12, born Clutton, living in Cameley parish.]

### 51.

**Ann BULL**, Female, Age 15, Parents Wm. & Martha BULL, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to William JAMES, farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 10 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note*: Ann's parents

William BULL otp married Martha HOLLY, sojourner, by banns at Paulton 13 Apr 1783.

Mary daughter of Wm. BULL & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 7 Sep 1783.

Betty daughter of Wm. BULL & Martha bapt. at High Littleton 27 Feb 1786.

James a son was born at Paulton c.1792/3.

Ann a daughter was born in the 1790s.

William BULL received a blanket & garment from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1794.

William BULL was buried at High Littleton 19 Jun 1795.

Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 5/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to William BULL's widow (at Paulton). This was renewed on 17 Apr 1787 at 4/6 p.w. Minutes of 9 Apr 1798 approved relief of 4/- p.w. for Wm. BULL's children. This was reduced to 3/6 p.w. on 25 Mar 1799 but raised again to 4/- on 14 Apr 1800. On 6 Apr 1801 relief of 6/6 p.w. was approved for Martha BULL, widow. On 19 May 1802 relief of 3/- p.w. was granted to Martha BULL's family and renewed on 11 Apr 1803, without recording an amount. On 2 Apr 1804 relief of 3/- p.w. to Martha BULL's family was again agreed but reduced on 10 Jun 1805 to 2/- p.w. Overseers' Accounts for 1805/6 record relief for 8 weeks at 3/- and 43 weeks at 2/-. Accounts for 1806/7 record the payment of 2/- relief for 26 weeks and 1/- for 25 weeks for Martha BULL's child.

Widow BULL at Paulton received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1796, 1801 (Martha BULL, widow of Cloud Hill), 04, 10 and 1813.

The 1811 Census finds Martha BULL living in High Littleton with 2 other females in the household.

Accounts for 1812/3 record the resumption of regular relief of 1/6 p.w. to Martha BULL. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Martha BULL, which was renewed on 18 Apr 1814. Accounts record on 2 Oct 1814 8/3 spent on 6 yds. Hessens @16d. p.yd. & thread 3d. for Martha BULL, by order of Monthly Vestry. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 granted Martha BULL, widow, 1/3 p.w. relief. This was reduced to 1/- p.w. in minutes of 25 Mar 1816. Accounts for 1816/7 record 1/3 for 20 weeks and 1/- for 32 weeks. On 25 Mar 1817 Martha

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BULL, widow of High Littleton, was granted 1/6 p.w. relief, which was renewed on 25 Mar 1818 and 25 Mar 1819. Accounts for 1819/20 record payments for 48 weeks followed by "dead" and £1 towards the funeral expenses of Martha BULL, who died Wednesday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. (Feb).

Martha BULL, Farmborough, age 60, was buried at High Littleton 20 Feb 1820.

Ann

William JAMES, Ann's Master farmed at Church Farm.]

### 52.

**George SPARKS**, Male, Age -, Parents Jas. & C. SPARKS, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Laur. LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to William GOOLD, Tanner, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting. *SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 11 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note: George's parents*

James SPARKS married Charlotte ---- and had 2 children, Thomas (c.1783-1811) and Betty (c.1784-1788), before being removed from Farrington Gurney to High Littleton by Order dated 21 Jun 1785. In High Littleton three more children were baptized, Elizabeth 1792, Jacob 1797 and George 1802. James SPARKS died in 1802 and his widow Charlotte had a bastard child William c.1804. Charlotte was in receipt of relief from the time of James' death until she died in 1816.

George

George son of James SPARKS & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802.

It seems improbable that George would have been apprenticed at the age of 5, so one assumes he was born before 1802.

William GOULD, George's Master, operated as a tanner in Hallatrow, next door to the house now called Osmunda.

Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Dec 1807 a payment of £1. 7/- for clothes for George SPARKS, when put apprentice.

Accounts record on 2 Feb 1813 a payment for a summons and warrant against Jacob and George SPARKS for an assault on Dinah BATH. This is followed by the cost of a special warrant for them both (they not appearing to the summons warrant) for assault against Dinah BATH and for breaking the windows and leadwork in the house where their mother lives. On 16 Feb are expenses for 2 men to watch over them, taking them to Old Down and 7/6 to Tho's MILES for the cost of two oaths administered against J. & G. SPARKS and writing a letter of recommendation to the Regulating Captain at the Port of Bristol to put the 2 boys on board ship. On 17 Feb are 19/- expenses paid for taking J. & G. SPARKS to Bristol to get them on board a ship and 10/- to Charlotte SPARKS for the 2 boys.]

### 53.

**George BATH**, Male, Age -, Parent Dinah BATH, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers James LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Tho's C. DUDDEN, Cordwainer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £2. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting. *SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 12 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note: George BATH was born c.1799 one of three bastard children of Dinah [Diana] BATH. His father was Robert HAWKINS.*

Dinah BATH was a recipient of weekly relief for her children. Relief for George ceased when he was apprenticed but resumed in the following year and continued to September 1812, suggesting that he did not last long with Thomas DUDDEN. George subsequently became a coal miner.

George BATH otp married Mary CLEAR (*sic*) otp by banns at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol 30 May 1830.

Mary (nee JONES) was formerly the wife of James CLARE, whom she married in 1821 after having a bastard child (James JONES) by him. Following James CLARE's death Mary had a bastard child, probably by George BATH.

George illegitimate son of Mary CLARE, Paulton, bapt. at Paulton 9 Mar 1828.

Elizabeth a daughter was born c.1831.

Hepzebeth (born at Farmborough 16 Feb 1834) dau. of George BATH & Mary (formerly JONES), Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Frome Primitive Methodist Chapel 11 Mar 1834.

Sarah Ann dau. of George & Mary BATH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Mar 1837. - Sarah Ann BATH, High Littleton, age 6, buried at High Littleton 20 Apr 1843.

Henry son of George & Mary BATH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 7 Apr 1839.

The 1841 Census finds George BATH, age 45, coal miner, Mary 40, James JONES 20, coal miner, George 13, Elizabeth 10, Hephzeba 7, Sarah 4 and Henry 2, living in High Littleton.

John son of George & Mary BATH, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 8 Aug 1841.

George BATH, coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity on many occasions between 1833 and 1849.]

### 54.

**Jacob SPARKS**, Male, Age 10, Parent Ja. & Charlotte SPARKS, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Lawrence LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to James HARDING, Blacksmith, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £2. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting. *SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 13 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note: See 52 above for details of Jacob's parents.*

Jacob son of James SPARKS & Charlotte bapt. at High Littleton 21 Aug 1797.

Overseers' Accounts record on 19 Dec 1807 £1. 8. 1 paid for clothes for Jacob SPARKS, when put apprentice.

It seems unlikely that Jacob completed his apprenticeship, judging by the trouble he got into. Accounts record a payment on 3 Mar 1812 for a special warrant for Jacob SPARKS for beating and ill using his mother. In 1813 he and his brother George were summoned for an assault on Dinah BATH but ignored the summons, resulting in a special warrant being issued for the assault and also breaking the windows of the house where his mother lived. Jacob and his brother were later taken to Bristol to be put on board a ship [*more details under 52 above*].

Vestry Minutes of 11 Aug 1816 ordered that Jacob SPARKS should be apprehended for idleness and laying about in stables & outhouses. Accounts record on 24 Aug the cost of a summons and warrant against Jacob SPARKS and on 3 Sep 1816 expenses in apprehending and taking him, expenses to James MOORE for warding over him 2 days and 1 night and to James BUSH, the tithing man, for taking him from Old Down to Shepton Mallet Gaol. Accounts record on 21 Mar 1818 a payment to Jacob SPARKS, very ill and in fever (been ill for 3 weeks), living with Tho's CLARK, coal miner, at Camerton.

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Jacob SPARKS, sojourner, married Elizabeth WILCOX, sojourner, by banns at Camerton 3 Apr 1820.

The 1851 Census finds Jacob SPARKS, widower, age 57, born High Littleton, living at Camerton in the house of his married daughter Charlotte 28 and son in law Sambo(r)n FRAPWELL 24, coal miner, both born Camerton.]

### 55.

**John GREGORY**, Male, Age 12, Parent Phoebe GREGORY, High Littleton was bound apprentice by Overseers Lawrence LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Henry TUCKER, Cordwainer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £2. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 14 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note:* John GREGORY was born in High Littleton on 30 Nov 1794, a bastard child of Phoebe GREGORY and John BRITTEN, cordwainer of Paulton. He was the subject of a Bastardy Order dated 3 Feb 1795.

John son of Phebe GREGORY bapt. at High Littleton 1 Feb 1795.

Phoebe received weekly relief for John up to the time of his apprenticeship. She married James BROCK, cordwainer, at High Littleton on 25 Dec 1811 and died in 1820.

It seems unlikely that John completed his apprenticeship with Henry TUCKER as no mention was made of it in a statement of 1848. John became a miner and lived much of his life in Paulton.

John GREGORY bach. otp married Peninah WATTS spin. otp by banns at Paulton 15 May 1820.

John a son was born c.1821-26.

Phoebe dau. of John & Peninah GREGORY, Paulton, collier, bapt. at Paulton 12 Sep 1824.

Matilda a daughter was born c.1833/4.

Minutes of 26 May 1826 recorded that, as John GREGORY is in a state of insanity and no immediate prospect of recovery, it is ordered that he be sent as a parish pauper to Dr FOX's at Brislington. John was an inmate there for 4 months. In about 1830 John and family were placed in one of the parish poor houses at Stephen's Hill, where they remained for 4 years. Minutes of 2 Dec 1831 agreed to give John GREGORY and family 1 blanket, 1 garment and filling for his bed. Overseers Accounts record on 30 Aug 1838 the cost of taking John GREGORY, a lunatic, to Box Asylum [*Dr LANGWORTHY's*] and a guard. There he remained until the end of May 1839.

John GREGORY, coal miner of Paulton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Christmas 1830, 1837 and 1840.

The 1841 Census finds John GREGORY, age 45, labourer, Peninah 45, John 15, coal miner, Phoebe 10 and Matilda 7, living in Paulton.

Minutes of 21 Dec 1842, reviewing the excessive relief being paid by Clutton Union, resolved that John GREGORY's relief of 1/- p.w. should be stopped, as he has constant work on the road at High Littleton and his daughter can work.

After another bout of insanity John was again removed from Paulton to Dr LANGWORTHY's in Dec 1847 and remained at Box until 1 Apr 1848, when he was transferred to Wells Asylum. His history notes at Wells say that he was illegitimate, knew nothing of his parents, was married at 23, had 2 children (*sic*), couldn't read or write and never attended any place of worship. His conduct was quiet. In June he was noted as having become very stout; his weight on admission was 147 lbs. He was discharged on 1 Jul 1848 in good health and spirits, leaving in the care of the parish officer. During the times John was in an asylum his wife Peninah was relieved at the expense of High Littleton parish.

John and Peninah GREGORY were removed from Paulton to High Littleton by Order dated 5 Dec 1848 but soon returned.

Peninah GREGORY, Paulton, age 60, was buried at Paulton 14 Jul 1850.

The 1851 Census finds John GREGORY, widower, age 61, pauper, coal miner, born Paulton, lodging in the house of John SAVAGE 51, coal miner and family, at New Town, Paulton.

John ended his days in Clutton Union Workhouse, where the Register records John GREGORY, High Littleton, age 68, died 5 Nov 1856.

John GREGORY, Union House, age 68, was buried at High Littleton 8 Nov 1856.]

### 56.

**Richard GREGORY**, Male, Age 12, Parent Mary GREGORY, Litton was bound apprentice by Overseers Lawrence LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to John HEALE, Thatcher, Farmborow, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £2. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 15 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note:* Richard GREGORY was born in High Littleton on 20 May 1795, a bastard child of Mary GREGORY and Joseph QUARMAN, servant man of High Littleton. He was the subject of a Bastardy Order dated 30 Jun 1795.

Richard son of Mary GREGORY bapt. at High Littleton 19 Jun 1795.

Mary received regular weekly relief for Richard up to the time of his apprenticeship.

Richard did not complete his apprenticeship. Overseers' accounts record on 26 Jun 1813 the cost of a summons warrant for James (*sic*) HEAL, thatcher, about his apprentice Richard GREGORY. On 13 Jul were costs for cancelling the indentures between John HALE (*sic*), thatcher, and Richard GREGORY, with his discharge.]

### 57.

**Isaac GREEN**, Male, Age -, Parents [*blank*], was bound apprentice by Overseers Lawrence LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to George MILES, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 16 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note:* Isaac's parents

Isaac GREENx married Dinah MERCHANT x by banns at Priston 24 Jun 1793.

Isaac son of Isaac GREEN & Dinah bapt. at High Littleton 20 Mar 1803.

Keziah was a daughter. See 59 below.

There were also 2 other children.

Isaac GREEN received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1801.

Isaac GREEN [*the father*] was buried at High Littleton 5 Jun 1803.

Dinah GREEN received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity in 1804. Vestry Minutes of 2 Apr 1804 approved relief of 5/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Widow GREEN & family. This was renewed on 10 Jun 1805. Minutes of Apr 1806 and Overseers' Accounts for 1806/7 record the same relief to Widow GREEN's 4 children. Minutes of 17 Apr 1807 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. for Dinah GREEN's

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children. Accounts for 1807/8 record payments of 5/- for 7 weeks, 3/9 for 12 weeks, 2/6 for 4 weeks and 1/3 for 32 weeks. Accounts for 1808/9, 1809/10 and 1810/1 record relief of 1/3 p.w. for each year to Diana/Dina GREEN's child. Accounts for 1811/2 refer to Dianah GREEN's children and record relief of 1/6 for 8 weeks and 3/- for 41 weeks.

Dinah married for the second time the day after her children Isaac and Keziah were apprenticed. Having "lost" 2 children she went on to have two more.

Robert HOLLOWAY x otp married Dinah GREEN x otp by banns at High Littleton 19 May 1807.

Robert's first wife Sarah (nee YOUNG) was buried at High Littleton 23 Jul 1806.

Elizabeth daughter of Robert HOLLOWAY & Dinah bapt. at High Littleton 30 Aug 1812. She was probably born a few years before 1812 as she had a bastard child by James WADHAM on 14 Jan 1825.

Eliza daughter of Robert HOLLOWAY & Dinah bapt. at High Littleton 22 Sep 1811.

The 1811 Census finds Rob't HOLLOWAY living in High Littleton with 1 other male and 3 females in the household.

Accounts for 1812/3 record relief of 3/- p.w. for the whole year to Rob't HOLLOWAY's 2 children. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 approved relief of 3/- p.w. to Rob't's 2 children. This was reduced on 18 Apr 1814 to 2/6 p.w. and 1/6 p.w. on 28 Mar 1815 and paid for the whole of 1815/6. Minutes of 9 Aug 1818 report that Rob't HOLLOWAY demanded a sum of money, viz't 20/-, for the keep of his son in law [*step son*] Isaac GREEN and attendance on him while ill for 6 weeks, when at the same time he was ill only 14 days; his demand was not complied with; he then threatened to go away and leave his own children to the parish. Robert was given some relief but minutes of 24 Jan 1819 agreed that Rob't HOLLOWAY's pay of 2/6 p.w. should be taken up and that he is capable of some kind of work. Robert appears to have carried out his threat, for minutes of 25 Mar 1819 resolved that Thomas FLOWER, Acting Overseer, do summons Rob't HOLLOWAY before the Magistrates, for him to shew cause why he have left his wife and two children. Minutes of 27 Mar 1820 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. to Rob't HOLLOWAY's 2 children (9d each). On 30 Apr it was agreed that Rob't HOLLOWAY's two children should have 1/- each p.w. in lieu of 9d. each as was agreed at Lady day Vestry. Accounts for 1820/1 record relief of 1/6 for 4 weeks and 2/- for 48 weeks.

Robert HOLLOWAY, Hallatrow, age 79, was buried at High Littleton 4 Jun 1823.

Robert HOLLOWAY received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1804, 08, 13 (High Littleton) and 1818 (Hallatrow). Dinah HOLLOWAY, widow of Hallatrow, received similar charity in 1824.

Accounts record on 21 Mar 1825 a payment of 6/- for carriage of Dina HOLLOWAY's goods. Accounts for 1832/3 record relief of 2/- for 6 weeks and 2/6 for 40 weeks to Dinah HOLLOWAY. Weekly relief of 2/6 continued throughout 1833/4, 1834/5 and 1835/6, after which time Clutton Union assumed responsibility for payment.

The 1841 Census finds Dina HOLLOWAY, age 69, living in John ROBINS' household in Hallatrow.

Dinah HOLLOWAY, Hallatrow, age 75, was buried at High Littleton 1 Jun 1843.

George MILES, Isaac's Master farmed at Rugbourne Farm.]

### 58.

**George BRICE**, Male, Age 11, Parents [*blank*], was bound apprentice by Overseers Lawrence LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to George WEEKS, Mason, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £2. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 17 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note*: See 47 above for details of George's parents.

George son of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 18 Feb 1798.

George BRICE married Elizabeth BOX at Midsomer Norton 16 Jun 1821.

Ellen daughter of George & Elizabeth BRICE, Radstock, coal miner, bapt. at Radstock 25 Feb 1822.

Eleanor daughter of George & Elizabeth BRICE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Feb 1824.

Ann daughter of George & Elizabeth BRICE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 1 Feb 1824.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records James DRURY as owner and George BRICE as occupier of a tenement and bit of garden (2 perches) on the north east corner of High St. and Rotcombe Lane (209b on the map).

Harriet a daughter was born c.1827/8.

Maria daughter of George & Elizabeth BRICE Clutton, collier, bapt. at Clutton 8 May 1831.

John (born Littleton 19 Dec 1833) son of George PRICE (*sic*) & Elizabeth (formerly BOX), Littleton, coale miner, bapt. at Frome Primitive Methodist Chapel 13 Jan 1834.

Sarah daughter of George & Elizabeth BRICE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 6 May 1838.

George BRICE (son of Geo.), coal miner of Sion Place, received blankets from Mary JONES' Charity in 1831, 34, 36, 38, 41 and 1844.

The 1841 Census finds George BRICE, age 40, coal miner, Elizabeth 40, Ann 15, Harriet 13, Maria 10, Jonah [*John*] 7 and Sarah 3, living in High Littleton.

Elizabeth BRICE, High Littleton, age 45, was buried at High Littleton 18 Nov 1842.

The 1851 Census finds George BRICE, age 52, widower, ag. lab., born Hallatrow, lodging in the house of Elizabeth PURNELL at New Town, Paulton.

George ended his days in the workhouse. Clutton Union Workhouse Register records that George BRICE, age 77, High Littleton, died 29 May 1869.

George BRICE, Clutton Union Workhouse, age 70, was buried at High Littleton 2 Jun 1869.]

### 59.

**Keziah GREEN**, Female, Age -, Parents [*blank*] was bound apprentice by Overseers Lawrence LANSDOWN and Wm. WEEKS to Joel KEEL, Farmer, High Littleton, by indenture dated 18 May 1807. Term - until 21 years of age or marriage. Fee £10. Jas. TOOKER and Wm. BINGHAM Magistrates assenting.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 18 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note*: See 57 above for details of Keziah's parents.

Joel KEEL, Keziah's Master, farmed at Ivy House Farm, Hallatrow.]

**60.**

Although it was agreed that **Samuel SNELLING** should be apprenticed to James BUSH, cooper of High Littleton (see Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 in 42 above), the parties seem to have changed their minds.

[*Note:* Samuel son of Samuel SNELLING & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 9 Oct 1794. See 44 above for details of Samuel's parents.

Samuel worked as a coal miner and never married.

The 1851 Census finds Samuel SNELLING, unmarried, pauper, coal miner, born High Littleton, lodging with Mary WALTER and family at Rotcombe, High Littleton.

Samuel SNELLING, High Littleton, age 67, was buried at High Littleton 3 Mar 1861.]

**61.**

Although it was agreed that **Betty GAGE** should be apprenticed to William JAMES of Church Farm (see Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 in 42 above), the parties seem to have changed their minds.

[*Note:* Betty's parents

William GAGEx otp married Betty COLLEARx otp by banns at High Littleton 22 Feb 1792.

Mercy daughter of Wm. GAGE & Martha [*?Betty intended*] bapt. at High Littleton 20 May 1793.

Overseers' Accounts for 1795/6 record 2/- p.w. relief for 26 weeks paid to Betty, the wife of William GAGE who went as substitute in the Militia for Dr PHILLOT's servant at Stanton Prior. Vestry Minutes of 28 Mar 1796 approved relief of 2/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to Betty GAGE (Stanton Prior).

Betty daughter of William GAGE & Betty bapt. at High Littleton 6 Nov 1796 (see below).

Mary was another daughter. – Mary GAGE an infant was buried at High Littleton 25 Nov 1805.

Betty's relief was increased to 3/- p.w. on 17 Apr 1797, 4/- on 9 Apr 1798, renewed at 4/- on 25 Mar 1799 & reduced to 3/- p.w. on 14 Apr 1800. Minutes of 6 Apr 1801 agreed relief of 4/- p.w. for Betty GAGE's 2 children, which was reduced to 2/6 on 19 May 1802.

Accounts record on 23 Nov 1805 15/- paid for the funeral of Betty GAGE's child [*Mary*]. Accounts for 1806/7 record 1/- p.w. relief for the year to Betty GAGE's child [*presumably Betty*].

The 1811 Census finds Wm. GAGE living in High Littleton with 2 females in the household.

Elizabeth GAGE, High Littleton, age 62, was buried at High Littleton 16 Oct 1833.

William GAGE received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1796, 1804, 18 (Cumbrom Lane, Farmbro'), 21, 29 and 1838.

Betty GAGE received similar relief in 1800 and 1810.

The 1825 Survey of High Littleton records Wm. GAGE as the occupier of a small tenement (1 perch), owned by Widow BUSH, on the north-east corner of High Street and Rotcombe Lane (209d on the map).

The 1841 Census finds William GAGE, age 69, coal miner, living in High Littleton. His brother in law Abraham COLLIER 66, labourer was living with him.

William GAGE, High Littleton, age 73, was buried at High Littleton 24 Feb 1845.

Betty

James MAGGSx otp married Elizabeth GAGEx otp by banns at High Littleton 17 Apr 1814.

Elizabeth MAGGS, High Littleton, age 18, was buried at High Littleton 14 Dec 1814.

James MAGGS subsequently married Martha GAGE at Cameley 10 Apr 1815 and had 8 children.]

**62.**

Although it was agreed that **Keziah RUDDOCK** should be apprenticed to George MILES of Rugbourne Farm (see Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 in 42 above), the parties seem to have changed their minds.

[*Note:* Kezia daughter of Rebekah RUDDICK was baptized at High Littleton 25 Mar 1798. A Bastardy Order on John BRIMBLE was made in c. May 1802 and one assumes that he was Kezia's father.

Rebecca subsequently married John BRIMBLE of High Littleton at Farrington Gurney 13 Mar 1803 and had more children.

John BRIMBLE served in the Supplementary Militia for several years up to 1813 and the BRIMBLE family were regular recipients of poor relief during that period.]

**63.**

Although it was agreed that **William BRICE** should be apprenticed to Richard LANGFORD of Hallatrow (see Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 in 42 above), the parties seem to have changed their minds.

[*Note:* See 47 above for details of William's parents.

William son of George BRICE & Ann bapt. at High Littleton 23 Mar 1800.

William BRICEx otp married Sarah EVANSx otp by banns at High Littleton 8 Aug 1825.

George son of William & Sarah BRICE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 25 Dec 1825.

Mark son of William & Sarah BRICE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 27 Jan 1828. Mark was killed in the Hayeswood Coalworks disaster at Timsbury in Feb 1845, along with 10 others including his uncle James EVANS. – Mark BRICE, Farmborough, age 17, was buried at High Littleton 29 Oct 1845.

Ann daughter of William & Sarah BRICE, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Mar 1831. – She married John EVANS at High Littleton 25 Dec 1851.

John son of William & Sarah BRICE, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 3 May 1835. – He married Ellen CARTER at High Littleton 28 Mar 1861.

Charles son of William & Sarah BRICE, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 6 May 1838. – Charles BRICE, New Rd. Farmborough (died in Clutton Workhouse), age 70, was buried at High Littleton 16 Jun 1905.

The 1841 Census finds Wm. BRICE, age 40, coal miner, Sarah 35, Geo. 14, Mark 12, Ann 10, John 6 and Charles 3, living in Scumbum Lane, Farmborough.

Martha daughter of William & Sarah BRICE, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Jan 1842. – She married George Alfred MAGGS at High Littleton 17 Apr 1862.

Mary daughter of William & Sarah BRICE, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 16 Jan 1842. – She married John CLEAVES at High Littleton 5 Aug 1861.

William another son was born at Farmborough c. 1847/8. – He married Eliza RAPPS at St. Augustine, Bristol 30 Aug 1873.



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The 1851 Census finds William BRICE, age 50, coal miner, born High Littleton, wife Sarah 45, born High Littleton and children Ann 20, born High Littleton, John 15, Charles 13, Martha 9, Mary 9 & William 3, all born Farmborough, living in Combrom (*sic*) Lane, Farmborough.

The 1871 Census finds William BRICE, age 71, pauper, wife Sarah 68, pauper & unmarried son Charles 35, coal miner, living in Farmborough.

William BRICE, coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1831, 34, 36, 39, 41 and 1852.

William BRICE, Scumbrum, Farmborough, age 74, was buried at High Littleton 15 Feb 1874.

The 1881 census finds Sarah BRICE, widow, age 76, annuitant & unmarried son Charles 45, coal miner, still living in Scumbrum.]

### 64.

Although it was agreed that **Joyce YOUNG** should be apprenticed to Joel KEEL, farmer of Hallatrow (see Minutes of 13 Apr 1807 in 42 above), the parties seem to have changed their minds.

[*Note: Joyce's parents*

James YOUNG otp married Hannah HODGES otp by banns at Temple, Bristol 18 Oct 1795.

Joyce daughter of James YOUNG & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 17 Nov 1796. – Joyce YOUNG an infant was buried at High Littleton 21 Aug 1797.

Joyce daughter of James YOUNG & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 19 Aug 1798.

Sarah daughter of James YOUNG & Hannah bapt. at High Littleton 28 Sep 1802.

James YOUNG died c.1802 but was not buried at High Littleton.

James YOUNG received a blanket from Mary JONES' Charity at Xmas 1798. Hannah received similar charity in 1804, 08, 15 (widow at Pensford) and 1822.

Overseers' Accounts record on 2 Apr 1802 1/- paid to Wm. VOKES for the carriage of H. YOUNG's goods. Vestry Minutes of 19 May 1802 approved relief of 2/6 p.w. in the weekly calendar for Hannah YOUNG's 2 children. This was renewed on 11 Apr 1803 & 2 Apr 1804 and increased to 3/- for Hannah YOUNG's children on 10 Jun 1805. Accounts for 1806/7 record relief of 3/- p.w. for the 2 children for the whole year. Accounts for 1808/9, 1809/10, 1810/1 & 1811/2 record relief of 1/9 p.w. for 1 child. Minutes of 20 Apr 1813 agreed to pay Hannah YOUNG's rent (Pensford) at 6d. p.w. This was continued on 18 Apr 1814, when Hannah was described as widow, Pensford. Accounts record on 30 Aug 1814 £1 paid to Hannah YOUNG to buy a proper change of clothing for her daughter Sarah, who is going to live with a pastry cook at Bristol. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815, 25 Mar 1816 & 25 Mar 1817 continued Hannah's rent of 6d. p.w. Accounts record on 29 Nov 1817 a payment to Hannah YOUNG, very ill at Pensford. Minutes of 25 Mar 1818 again agreed to pay Hannah's rent at Pensford. Accounts for 1818/9 show that 6d. was paid for 6 weeks only. Accounts record on 4 Mar 1820 2/- paid to Sarah YOUNG, daughter of Hannah YOUNG at Pensford, very ill. Accounts record on 22 Mar 1830 a payment to Mr WILLMOT for Hannah YOUNG's relief, being 52 weeks at 2/-. Accounts for 1830/1 record relief of 2/- p.w. to Hannah YOUNG and for 1831/2 2/6 for 8 weeks.]

### 65.

**Jno. BLANNING**, Male, Age 10, Parents George & Hannah BLANNING, High Littleton, was bound apprentice by Lawrence LANSDOWN, Churchwarden and P.E. SCOBELL Esq. & Rich'd BROOK, Overseers, to \*William WEEKS, Blacksmith, Chewton Mendip, by indenture dated 24 Aug 1811. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £5. J.C. HIPPISEY and Jn. KINGSMILL Magistrates assenting.

\* Died in the Summer of 1816 & the apprentice was placed with Messrs Wm. EVANS & Thomas HOLE of Timsbury, Blacksmiths & Engineers, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1817, until he was of age.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 19 in Register of Apprentices.*

[*Note: John's parents*

George BLANNING otp married Hannah HORTON otp by banns at Cameley 30 Apr 1801.

Edward HORTON was a member of Hallatrow & Chew Quaker Meeting and it was a source of great embarrassment to him that his daughter Hannah, who was also a member, should choose to marry someone who was not a Friend. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting relate the attempts by the Quakers to discourage the affair.

At the North Somerset Monthly Meeting on 28.4.1800 at Chew (*attended by Edward HORTON*), the meeting, being informed that Hannah HORTON is likely to be married contrary to the rules of our Society, appoints Wm. EDDINGTON to unite with the Friends who may be appointed by the Women's Meeting, to pay her a visit. At Claverham on 26.5.1800 the Friends (Wm. EDDINGTON, Betty NORRIS & Ann GREGORY) appointed to pay a visit to Hannah HORTON have brought in the following report, viz. Agreeable to appointment we have paid a visit to Hannah HORTON, who acknowledges herself engaged to marry a person not in religious profession with us and repeatedly said she did not desire Friends to take any further trouble about her. We endeavoured to impress her mind with the inconsistency of such a step, which did not appear to us to have the desired effect. At Bath on 27.4.1801 (*attended by Edward HORTON*) Wm. EDDINGTON reports that himself with one of the Friends appointed by the Women's Meeting have paid another visit to Hannah HORTON, who still persists in her intention of marrying contrary to the rules of the Society. At Claverham on 25.5.1801 Wm. EDDINGTON reports that Hannah BLANNING, late HORTON, is now married contrary to the rules of our Society. Her case is referred to the consideration of the next meeting and Robert WILLMOTT is desired to inform her that, as she has rejected the repeated advice of this Meeting, it will become incumbent on Friends to disunite her from our Society, unless she has anything satisfactory to offer against it. At Claverham on 29.6.1801 Rob't WILLMOTT reports that he informed Han'h BLANNING (late HORTON) of the intention of this Meeting, who had nothing satisfactory to object against it. We therefore appoint Will'm EDDINGTON and Rob't GREGORY to draw up a Testimony of Disunity against her and bring to next meeting. At Chew on 27.7.1801 (*attended by Edward HORTON*) the Friends appointed have brought a Testimony of disunion against Hannah BLANNING (late HORTON), which being read & approved, is delivered to Robert WILLMOTT to hand her a copy thereof & place the original in the chest. At Claverham on 31.8.1801 Rob't WILLMOTT reports that he delivered Hannah BLANNING a copy of the Testimony of Disunion against her & that the original is placed in the chest.

John (age 23) son of George & Hannah BLANNING, Paulton, shopkeeper, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 24 Oct 1824.

Edward (age 17) son of George & Hannah BLANNON (*sic*), labourer, High Littleton, bapt. at High Littleton 23 Apr 1820. – He married Maria KNOWEL at Paulton 30 Dec 1830.

Mary [*born before 1809*] daughter of George & Hannah BLANNING, High Littleton, labourer, bapt. at Chewton Mendip 10 Jul 1825.

George BLANNING was described as a shopkeeper of High Littleton in a bond dated 28 Jan 1804 given to Mr Jacob MOGG to secure a loan of £20 on interest.

Hannah BLANNIN (*sic*) of High Littleton, wife of Geo. BLANNIN, died 27 Feb, was buried at the Quaker burial ground, Hallatrow, age 35, 5 Mar 1809 (N.B. Not a member of our Society).

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Overseers' Accounts record on 12 Jul 1809 £2. 2/- paid to WHITEHEAD for keep of BLANIN's children, on 17 Jul 14/6 to WHITEHEAD for the keep of George BLANNING's child and on 30 Oct £1. 1/- to Peter WEEKS for George's children. Similar payments were made to WEEKS after this. Accounts for 1810/1 record 6/- p.w. to Hester WEEKS for the whole year for keeping BLANNING's children. In 1811/2 6/- was paid for 18 weeks for George BLANNING's 2 children and 3/- for 31 weeks for 1 child. Accounts for 1812/3 record relief of 3/- each week for George BLANNING's boy. Vestry Minutes of 20 Apr 1814 approved relief of 3/- p.w. in the weekly calendar to George BLANNING's boy. Accounts record on 15 May 1814 12/- cash paid to Peter WEEKS and 1 month's pay for G. BLANNING's son at 3/- p.w. to the 7<sup>th</sup> instant; in future to pay him 2/- p.w. by order of Monthly Vestry. Minutes of 28 Mar 1815 approved relief of 1/6 p.w. for George BLANNING's son Edw'd with Peter WEEKS. Accounts for 1815/6 show this was paid for 26 weeks only. Edward HORTON died in 1815 and left a will dated 12 Oct 1809, in which he referred to his 3 grandchildren John, Edward and Mary, children of his late daughter Hannah BLANNING.

### John

Accounts record on 27 Aug 1811 £5 paid to Wm. WEEKS, blacksmith, apprentice fee with John BLANNING.

John BLANNING (*sic*) otp married Ann SHILDREN otp by banns at Farrington Gurney 9 Dec 1823.

John son of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 17 Oct 1824. – John BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 3 months, was buried at Farrington Gurney 21 Dec 1824.

William son of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 15 Jan 1826.

Hannah Horton daughter of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 8 Mar 1829.

George son of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 9 Sep 1832.

James born 1834 was probably another son. – James BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 9 months, was buried at Farrington Gurney 9 Jan 1835.

Ann daughter of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 30 Oct 1836. – Anne BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 10 months, was buried at Farrington Gurney 7 Jul 1837.

James son of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 4 Aug 1839. – James BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 7 months, was buried at Farrington Gurney 2 Feb 1840.

The 1841 Census finds John BLANNING, age 35, blacksmith, Ann 35, William 15, Hannah 12 and George 9, living in Farrington Gurney.

Mary Ann daughter of John & Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, blacksmith, bapt. at Farrington Gurney 15 Jun 1845. – Mary Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 23, was buried at Farrington Gurney 2 Feb 1869.

The 1851 census finds John BLANNING, age 50, blacksmith, born Chewton Mendip, wife Ann 47, born Litton, son George 18, blacksmith and Mary Ann 5, both born Farrington, living in Farrington Gurney.

Colliery records show that John BLANNING, smith, age 55, was killed at Farrington Pit on 26 Feb 1856.

John BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 56, was buried at Farrington Gurney 3 Mar 1856.

The 1861 Census finds Ann BLANNING, widow, age 58, nurse, born Litton, living alone at Pity Lane, Farrington Gurney.

Ann BLANNING, Farrington Gurney, age 63, was buried at Farrington Gurney 1 Jul 1867.]

### High Littleton Church, March 25th 1817.

At the Annual Vestry holden this day in the Parish Church of High Littleton, and from thence adjourned to the House of Mr Thomas FLOWER, the Deputy Overseer, at Hallatrow. ....

**Resolved** that the Overseer do prepare a List of the several Estates and persons liable to take Apprentices and of all such children who are of a sufficient age to put to such Estates and persons and that he calls a special Vestry for the purpose of allotting such apprentices to the different persons and Estates, to be holden at the Parish Church on Monday the 22nd of Apr. next at 12 o'Clock at Noon.

[*Sgd*] Richard LANGFORD, Jacob MOGG, P. Edward SCOBELL, T.C. DUDDEN, Tho's JAMES, James BOULTER, Jonas WEEKS, Joel KEEL.

### 66.

#### High Littleton Church, April 22nd 1817.

At a Vestry holden this day in the Parish Church of High Littleton, and from thence adjourned to the house of Jacob MOGG Esq're, in consequence of the following Notice, Viz't:

"High Littleton, April 20th 1817. This is to give Notice that a Vestry will be holden in this Church on Tuesday next the 22nd of April instant at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of putting out such Children Apprentices to the several occupiers of Houses and Lands as are situated within the Parish of High Littleton in the County, as the Law directs, when all persons whom it may concern are requested to attend, by order of the general Vestry, Thomas FLOWER, Deputy Overseer."

It was **resolved** by a large majority of the persons attending such Vestry, that it was not expedient to put out apprentices.

[*Sgd*] Tho's FLOWER.

### 67.

**Henry SALMON**, Male, Age 11, Parent Martha BEES, wife of Samuel BEES of Clutton – late Martha SALMON, Clutton, was bound apprentice by Thomas Collier DUDDEN & George TUCKER, Churchwardens and James BUSH jun'r & Tho's FLOWER, Overseers, to Peter Edward SCOBELL, Doctor of Medicine, High Littleton, by indenture dated 20 Jul 1819. Term - until 21 years of age. Fee £2. Wm. Coxeter JAMES and Tho's WILLIAMS Magistrates assenting.

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County of Somerset.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the parish of High Littleton in the said County.

Whereas **Henry SALMON**, aged about 11 years, a poor child of the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, illegitimate son of Martha BEES, Wife of Samuel BEES of Clutton in the said County, Labourer, late Martha SALMON, Singlewoman, proposed to be bound an Apprentice to Peter Edward SCOBELL of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Doctor of Medicine, hath been brought before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County; and we have enquired into the propriety of binding the said Henry SALMON apprentice to the said Peter Edward SCOBELL; And thereupon we do order and declare that the said Peter Edward SCOBELL is a fit person to whom the said Henry SALMON may be properly bound as an Apprentice; and that the said Churchwardens and Overseers of High Littleton shall be at liberty to bind the said (the said – *repeated*) Henry SALMON apprentice accordingly. In pursuance of the Act of Parliament of the 56<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty King Geo. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cap. 139 to regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices. Given under our hands and seals this Twentieth day of July 1819. Wm. Coxeter JAMES, Tho's WILLIAMS.  
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2

[*Printed form of Indenture*] – (Burrows & Wason, Typ. Shepton Mallet.)

**This Indenture, made the Twentieth day of July** in the Fifty Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen. WHEREAS under and by Virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King GEORGE the Third, intituled "An Act to regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices," William Coxeter JAMES Esquire and Thomas WILLIAMS, Clerk, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the County of Somerset, by Writing under their Hands and Seals bearing Date the Twentieth Day of July instant, have made an Order for binding out **Henry SALMON**, a poor Boy, of the Age of Eleven Years, and belonging to the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, an apprentice to Peter Edward SCOBELL of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Doctor of Medicine.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That in pursuance of such Order, Thomas Collier DUDDEN and George TUCKER, Churchwardens of the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid and James BUSH the Younger and Thomas FLOWER, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, HAVE put and placed, and by these Presents DO put and place the said Henry SALMON Apprentice to the said Peter Edward SCOBELL, with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of Twenty one Years, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: DURING all which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful businesses according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. AND the said Peter Edward SCOBELL for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors for the Time being, by these Presents, That he the said Peter Edward SCOBELL the said Apprentice in the Business of Husbandry shall and will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, in the best Way and Manner that he can in Consideration of Two Pounds Paid to Peter Edward SCOBELL by Thomas Collier DUDDEN and George TUCKER, Church-Wardens and James BUSH the Younger and Thomas FLOWER, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton. AND shall and will during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice: (PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said last-mentioned Covenant on the said Peter Edward SCOBELL, his Executors and Administrators, to be done and performed, shall continue and be in Force for no longer Time than Three Calendar Months next after the Death of the said Peter Edward SCOBELL in Case the said Peter Edward SCOBELL shall happen to die during the Continuance of such apprenticeship, according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for the further Regulation of Parish Apprentices;) And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any Way a Charge to the said Parish of High Littleton or Parishioners of the same: but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties aforesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. P. Edward SCOBELL.

We the undersigned, Justices of the Peace named and described in this INDENTURE, (whereof one is of the Quorum,) Do consent to and allow of this Indenture of Apprenticeship, according to the Intent and Meaning of the several Statutes in that case made and provided. Wm. Coxeter JAMES, Tho's WILLIAMS.

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[*Note:* Henry base son of Martha SALMON bapt. at High Littleton 13 Mar 1808. His father was John PURDELL.

Henry's mother gave birth to other bastard children in 1803 (died young or still born) and 1812, before getting pregnant again in 1814. This time the person responsible, Samuel BEES, was persuaded to marry her at High Littleton on 25 Jan 1815. Martha received relief for Henry up to the time of her marriage. Her husband would not take on Martha's daughter, born in 1812, who was then fostered out. However he agreed to take Henry after the parish provided him with new clothes and continued paying relief for the boy. In April 1819 Martha went to

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the Justices at Old Down to complain that the parish had reduced Henry's relief by 1/- p.w. There it was determined that the boy was to be found employment or to pay him as usual at 2/3 p.w. This led to Henry being apprenticed to P. Edward SCOBELL. Edward SCOBELL lived at Hallatrow Cottage (The Grange) and was the local doctor. Overseers' Accounts record on 4 Aug 1819 the payment of £2 consideration to Dr SCOBELL for Henry SALMON put as apprentice to him.]

### 68.

This Indenture Witnesseth That **Henry NOTT** by and with the Consent and Approbation of John NOTT of Newton Saint Loe, his Father and of the Reverend Peter GUNNING of Newton Saint Loe in the County of Somerset, testified by their executing these Presents, doth put himself Apprentice to Joseph LANSDOWN of the Parish of High Littleton in the aforesaid County (Cordwainer), to learn his Art and with him after the Manner of an Apprentice, to serve from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto the full end and Term until he shall attain the Age of Twenty one Years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended, during which Term the said Apprentice his Master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful Commands every where gladly do, he shall do no damage to his said Master nor see to be done of others but to his Power shall tell or forthwith give Warning to his said Master of the same, he shall not waste the Goods of his said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any, he shall not commit fornication nor Contract Matrimony within the said Term, he shall not play at Cards or Dice Tables or any other unlawful games, whereby his said Master may have any loss with his own Goods or others during the said Term without licence of his said Master, he shall neither buy nor sell, he shall not haunt Taverns or Play Houses nor absent himself from his said Master's service Day or Night unlawfully but in all things as a faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said Joseph LANSDOWN in Consideration of the Premises and also in Consideration of the Sum of Twelve Pounds to him in Hand now paid by the said Peter GUNNING, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and also in Consideration of the further Sum of Eight Pounds to be paid on the Eighth day of July one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one, if the said Henry NOTT shall be then in the service of the said Joseph LANSDOWN, his said Apprentice in the Art of a Cordwainer which he useth, by the best means that he can shall teach and Instruct or cause to be taught or Instructed, Finding unto the said Apprentice sufficient Meat, Drink, Clothing, Washing, Lodging and all other necessaries during the said Term. And for the true Performance of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the other by these Presents. In Witness whereof the Parties above named to these Indentures have put their Hands and Seals the Eighth day of July and in the First Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord William the Fourth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith and in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty [one]. Henry NOTT, The Mark X of John NOTT, Joseph LANSDOWN, Peter GUNNING.  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the within named parties in the Presence of Thomas HARRILL, Schoolmaster, Newton St. Loe.

[Reverse] – Received on the Day of the Date of the within written Indenture of and from the within named Peter GUNNING the Sum of Twelve Pounds, being the Sum within mentioned to be paid by him to me. £12 – Joseph LANSDOWN.

I hereby acknowledge to have received the within named Eight Pounds agreeable to the within Expressed in the Body of the Indenture, July the Eighth one Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty one. Joseph LANSDOWN.  
Witness'd T. HARRILL.

The above and within writing is an Exact Copy of an Indenture between the Parish of Newton St. Loe and Joseph LANSDOWN of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and Henry NOTT his apprentice, the Original is deposited in the Church Chest of Newton Parish.

*SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/1.*

[Note: This is a case of a Newton St. Loe boy being apprenticed to a High Littleton Master. Little is known of Henry NOTT but he is probably the Henry NOTT, age 35, with Hannah 27, living at Newton St. Loe at the time of the 1851 Census. John NOTT, age 61, was also living in Newton St. Loe then.

Henry NOTT could not have served much of this apprenticeship with Joseph LANSDOWN as the latter died less than a year later.

Joseph Radford LANSDOWN a son of Samuel LANSDOWN & his wife Mary RADFORD was baptized at High Littleton 10 Feb 1805. He married Caroline SMITH at Clutton 16 Apr 1828 and had 3 children (one of whom died young). He died, age 28, and was buried at High Littleton 3 Jun 1832. Caroline received regular weekly relief from High Littleton parish from 1832 until 1836, when Clutton Union assumed responsibility for payment. By 1841 she was the wife of Samuel VATER, coal miner (whose first wife died in 1838), and living in High Littleton with her 2 daughters and Samuel's family. Caroline died, age 44, in January 1842.]

### 69.

June 1st 1832.

At a Select Vestry held this day in the Parish Church of High Littleton after legal Notice being given, It was **resolved** that the undersigned do consent and agree that the sum of £12 be given on part of the Parish of High Littleton, toward apprenticing William BROOKS, son of Geo. BROOKS of this Parish, & that the said Geo. BROOK[S] do agree to pay the sum of £8, to James MOOR of this Parish residing at Hallatrow, which making

the Sum of £20, and that the said James MOOR do agree to maintain, lodge & Cloth him until the said Will'm BROOKS is 21 Years of age.

[Sgd] The mark of James MOOR x, The mark of Geo. BROOKS x.

Rich'd COX, Tho's C. DUDDEN, George SPREAT, Wm. WEYMOUTH, Hugh JAMES, Ed. DOWLING, Tho's HARRISON, James STICKLAND, Overseers, Jno. BEAK, John BLINMAN, Churchwardens.

**William BROOKS**, Male, Age 15, Parents Geo. BROOKS & [blank] BROOKS, Kingwell, High Littleton, was bound apprentice by Jno. BEAK & Jno. BLINMAN, Churchwardens and Thomas HARRISON & James STICKLAND, Overseers, to James & Nancy MOORE, Cordwainer, Hallatrow, by indenture dated 26 Jun [1832]. Term – 6 years. Fee £12. [blank] Magistrates assenting.  
SRO D/P/lit.h. 13/6/2 – No. 21 in Register of Apprentices.

[Printed form of Indenture]

**This Indenture**, made the Twenty Sixth Day of June in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Fourth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty two. WHEREAS under and by Virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled “An Act for regulating the binding of Parish Apprentices,” William Coxeter JAMES and George Treweeke SCOBELL, Esquires, two of his Majesty’s Justices of the Peace of and for the County of Somerset, by Writing under their Hands and Seals bearing Date the twenty sixth Day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty two have made an order for binding out **William BROOKS**, a poor Boy, of the Age of Fifteen Years, and belonging to the Parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, an Apprentice to James MOOR of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Cordwainer.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That in pursuance of such Order, John BEAK and John BLINMAN, Churchwardens of the Parish of High Littleton and Thomas HARRISON and James STICKLAND, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton, HAVE put and placed, and by these Presents DO put and place the said William BROOKS Apprentice to the said James MOOR, with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of Twenty One Years, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: DURING all which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Businesses according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. AND the said James MOOR for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors for the Time being, by these Presents, That he the said James MOOR the said Apprentice in the Art or Business of a Cordwainer shall and will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, in the best Way and Manner that he can in consideration of the Sum of Twelve Pounds of lawful British Money in hand now paid by the said Thomas HARRISON and James STICKLAND And also for and in consideration of the further Sum of Eight Pounds of lawful Money aforesaid to be paid by George BROOKS, father of the said William BROOKS, on or before this day Twelve Month. And shall and will during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice: (PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said last-mentioned Covenant on the said James MOOR his Executors and Administrators, to be done and performed, shall continue and be in Force for no longer Time than Three Calendar Months next after the Death of the said James MOOR in Case the said James MOOR shall happen to die during the Continuance of such Apprenticeship, according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, “An Act for the further Regulation of Parish Apprentices;) And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any Way a Charge to the said Parish of High Littleton or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties aforesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above-written. George BROOKS X, William BROOKS X, James MOOR X, John BEAK, Tho’s HARRISON, John BLINMAN, Jas. STRICKLAND (*sic*).

We the undersigned, Justices of the Peace of the named and described in this Indenture, (whereof one is of the Quorum,) Do consent to and allow of this Indenture of Apprenticeship, according to the Intent and Meaning of the several Statutes in that Case made and provided. G.T. SCOBELL, Wm. C. JAMES.

[Reverse] Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the within named, Jno. BEAK, John BLINMAN (Church-wardens), James STICKLAND, Thomas HARRISON (Overseers), Will’m BROOKS, George BROOKS & James MOOR in the presence of me Thomas HARRISON.

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May 14<sup>th</sup> 1835. Received of Wm. MAGGS, Assistant Overseer of the Parish of High Littleton the Sum of 2£, Being the Whole amount due to me on the premium to be paid by George BROOKS. The Mark X of Jas. MOORE.

*Document in High Littleton Vestry August 2000.*

[*Note: William's parents*

George BROOKSx otp married Mary VEALx [*? FIELD intended, in view of 2 children's names*] spin. otp by banns at High Littleton 4 Jun 1816.

William son of George & Mary BROOKS, Kingwell, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 27 May 1817. – He married Harriet PARFITT (see below).

Mercy daughter of George & Mary BROOKS, High Littleton, collier, bapt. at High Littleton 21 May 1820.

Eliza daughter of George & Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 22 May 1822. – She married James MAGGS at High Littleton 13 Feb 1843.

Melinda daughter of George & Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 17 Oct 1824.

Charlotte daughter of George & Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 22 Oct 1826. – Charlotte BROOKS, Farmborough, age 15, was buried at High Littleton 19 Sep 1841.

Eleanor a daughter was born c.1827/8.

John Field son of George & Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, collier, bapt. at Farmborough 22 Apr 1832.

George son of George & Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 18 Mar 1835.

Ann Field daughter of George & Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, coal miner, bapt. at Farmborough 13 Jan 1839.

Mary BROOKS, Farmborough, age 42, was buried at High Littleton 23 Jun 1839.

The 1841 Census finds George BROOKS, age 44, coal miner, Mercy 22, Eliza 19, Malinda (*sic*) 17, Charlotte 15, Ellenor 13, John 9 and Ann 2, living in Scumbrum Lane, Farmborough.

George BROOKS (son of Wm.), coal miner of High Littleton, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1821, 24, 26, 32, 35, 38, 40, 43 (j'r, Kingwell) and 1845.

The 1851 Census finds George BROOKS, age 53, widower, coal miner, born High Littleton, John 18, coal miner, born Farmborough and Ann 12, born Farmborough, lodging with James MAGGS 30, coal miner and wife Eliza 29, in High Littleton.

George BROOKS, Hallatrow, age 51, was buried at High Littleton 12 Jul 1851.

William

Overseers' Accounts record on 20 Aug 1832 £12.11. 6 paid for apprenticing Wm. BROOK (*sic*) to J. MOOR (including indentures).

William duly completed his apprenticeship and subsequently went into business as a cordwainer and later started Hallatrow Post Office, which remained in the family for over 75 years.

William BROOKS, full age, bachelor, shoe maker, High Littleton, son of George BROOKS, collier, married Harriet PARFITT, full age, spinster, High Littleton, daughter of Richard TUCKER, tailor, by banns at High Littleton 10 May 1840 (witnesses George BROOKSx, Eliza BROOKSx, James CHIVERS).

From the information given it would appear that Harriet's father was the 20 year old son of Richard & Sarah TUCKER of High Littleton, who married in 1814, lived in Temple Cloud and died in 1820.

The 1841 Census finds William BROOKS, age 25, cordwainer and Harriet 30, living in Hallatrow.

Sarah Ann daughter of William & Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 2 Jan 1842. – Sarah Ann BROOK, the Post Office, Hallatrow, age 77, was buried at High Littleton 12 Dec 1919.

Henrietta daughter of William & Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 6 Aug 1843. – Henrietta BROOK (*sic*), Hallatrow, age 2 months, was buried at High Littleton 9 Sep 1843.

Born 30<sup>th</sup> October 1844 at Hallatrow, Nimrod, Boy, *father* William BROOKS, *mother* Harriett BROOKS, formerly PARFITT, Shoe Maker, *informant* Harriett BROOKS, Mother, Hallatrow, *registered* 31<sup>st</sup> of October 1844 (Birth Certificate).

Nimrod son of William & Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 10 Nov 1844. – He married firstly Nanney NOY at the Register Office, Clutton 4 Jan 1877 and secondly Fanny Maria WHITTOCK at the Register Office, Alverstoke, co. Southampton, 23 May 1904.

Albert William son of William & Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 14 Feb 1847. – Albert William BROOKS, Hallatrow, age 15 months, was buried at High Littleton 22 Apr 1848.

Henrietta daughter of William & Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, shoe maker, bapt. at High Littleton 18 Mar 1849. – She married William POOLEY at the Register Office, Clutton 26 May 1891.

The 1851 Census finds William BROOKS, age 34, cordwainer and letter receiver, born High Littleton, wife Harriett 40, born Stanton Wick [1861 & 71 *Censuses say Stanton Drew but 1881 Stanton Wick*] and children Sarah 9, Nimrod 6 and Henrietta 2, all born High Littleton, living in Hallatrow [*Woodview Cottages*].

Born 12<sup>th</sup> June 1853 Hallatrow, [*unnamed*], Girl, *father* William BROOKS, *mother* Harriett BROOKS, formerly PARFITT, Shoe Maker, *informant* Wm. BROOKS, Father, Hallatrow, *registered* 16<sup>th</sup> June 1853 (Birth Certificate).

Celia daughter of William & Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, letter carrier, bapt. at High Littleton 26 Jun 1853. – Celia BROOKS, Hallatrow, age 67, was buried at High Littleton 10 Oct 1920.

The 1861 Census finds William BROOKS, age 43, shoe maker, wife Harriet 50, born Stanton Drew and children Sarah A. 19, Nimrod 16, ag. lab., Henrietta 12, scholar and Celia 7, scholar, all born Hallatrow, living at the Post Office, Hallatrow.

In about 1860 John Usticke SCOBELL of Montvale, Hallatrow became a Plymouth Brethren and provided a chapel in his grounds for their use. He set about recruiting his servants and Hallatrow residents to his beliefs and the BROOKS family were amongst his earliest converts.

Kelly's Directory for 1861 lists William BROOKS, shoemaker and sub-postmaster, Hallatrow Post Office. He was similarly listed in successive Directories.

The 1871 Census finds William BROOKS, age 53, shoe maker, wife Harriet 60, born Stanton Drew, and children Sarah Ann 29, Nimrod 26 and Celia 17 living at the Post Office. Henrietta 22, needlewoman, was living as a servant with the SCOBELLs at Montvale, where Nanny NOY, Nimrod's future wife, was the cook.

William BROOKS j'r, shoemaker of Hallatrow, received blankets etc. from Mary JONES' Charity in 1843, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 66, 70 (William & Harriet BROOKS, postmaster, Hallatrow) and 1872.

The 1881 Census finds William BROOKS, age 63, shoe maker, wife Harriet 70, born Stanton Wick, daughters Sarah A. 38 and Celia 27 and Nimrod's son Albert W. 2, born High Littleton, living at Hallatrow Post Office. Henrietta BROOKS 32, housemaid, was living in the household of solicitor James R. BRAMBLE at 2 Apsley Road, Clifton.

Harriet BROOKS, Hallatrow, age 79, was buried at High Littleton 20 Mar 1890.

The 1891 Census finds William BROOKS, age 78, widower, postmaster, daughters S. Ann 47, Henrietta 40, Celia 36 and grandson Albert W. 12, still at Hallatrow Post Office.

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William BROOKS, Hallatrow Post Office, age 79, was buried at High Littleton 19 Aug 1896.

A stone behind the Church in the old Churchyard records the memory of William BROOKS of Hallatrow Post Office, who died August 16<sup>th</sup> 1896, aged 79 and his wife Harriet, who died March 16<sup>th</sup> 1890, aged 79.

The Post Office was a family business and after William's death Celia BROOKS officially became sub-postmistress with her elder sister helping her. Nimrod too, worked as a postman for a time in 1904, having previously served the SCOBELLS as gardener and coachman.

Another stone in the new Churchyard records the memory of Sarah Ann BROOKS of Hallatrow Post Office, who died 8 Dec 1919, her sister Celia BROOKS, who died 13 Oct 1920 and William POOLEY, son of W. and H. POOLEY, killed in action in East Africa 1 Jan 1919, in his 25<sup>th</sup> year.

After Celia's death in 1920, John Richard Uren BROOKS, a son of Nimrod, took over as sub-postmaster. The BROOKS' gave up the Post Office in about 1928, when it was transferred from Woodview Cottages to its present position in Wells Road.

Henrietta POOLEY was the last of William BROOKS' children to die on 11 May 1939. Like the rest of the family she was buried at High Littleton by a member of the Brethren.]

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